Bethesda Life-Line

Worship Services*
Sunday 8:30 & 10:00
Service of Holy Communion is celebrated on the First and Third Sundays of each month.

Coffee fellowship is held in the fellowship room following the Sunday Worship service. All are invited to share in conversation and warm fellowship.



May 7...Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 AM Communion

May 14 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 AM

May 21 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 AM

Communion

May 28 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 AM

Bethesda Mission Statement:

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all

The Loan Closet

Bethesda's Loan Closet has medical equipment such as walkers, crutches, commodes, toilet risers, wheelchairs, etc that is available to members who want to borrow them on a short term basis. If you have medical equipment that is in a good workable condition that you would like to donate or if you need to borrow a piece of equipment contact the Parish Nurses.



2017

Camp Onomia

Camp Onomia is one of the five charities that we supported the year with our "Local Benevolence Fund". Their Mission Statement is "Camp Onomia offers a life changing experience which invites all people to encounter Christ through Creation and Community". This camp was born in 1949 by an association of Lutheran congregations desiring to establish "a place to set apart" for Christian nurture and study. The founding name was American Lutheran Memorial Camp.

Camp Onomia is located on the shores of Lake Shakopee and surrounded by Kathio State Park. The camp offers wonder filled programs that nurture faith and equip kids and adults with tools they will need for life's journey, they have summer and seasonal programs and events for children and youth and families and adults. You can visit their web site at "Camp Onomia". Submitted by Carolyn Morris

www.blcmalmo.org

Bethesda's new and updated web site now live! Listen to the gospel and sermon for the week, view Sunday digital bulletins, and find a form for prayer requests, recent events, and more! Check us out today, and bookmark this site to your favorites!





From the Interim Pastor

HAPPY EASTER!

It's Spring! We have emerged from the cold, sharp edges of ice with its dark pall into the soft, sunbathed green of Spring! "CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!"

Faces from places have come home to give new life to familiar spaces. Ah, re-birth and Spring seeks to make a poet out of a preacher! I have often quoted a portion of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem. "It is not always May" He writes: "Enjoy thy youth, it shall not stay. For lo, it is not always May". (You may want to read the entire poem at http://www.potw.org/archive/potw335.html) Through this past winter, the church has not been dormant! Consider: while we faced our fate with "Ashes to Ashes" over our Baptismal cross on Ash Wednesday, we embarked also on a Lenten Journey of discovery and review of our Reformation Roots. October 31, 2017 will be the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. So we actually discussed Martin Luther's Small Catechism in worship on Sunday mornings. As we probed and questioned deep theological themes like "justification by God's grace through faith alone", the Holy Spirit poked and prodded the quiet and faithful. They spoke up loudly in their giving to the Parsonage Capital Fund Appeal! At last count, we have achieved in one time gifts and three year pledges over 80% of our \$200,000.00 goal!! Wow!!! (Imagine the interest payments we have saved so far!) We are still hoping for 100% participation as we continue our commitment to provide a new parsonage for our new pastor and family. Alongside this good news, there is more! We recently learned that ten members have volunteered to serve on the Call Committee! Thanks be to God for leaders who will interview, nominate and introduce our New Pastor! Yes, it is Spring!

"CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!" See you in worship! Pastor Terry



Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo Minutes of April 18, 2017 Council Meeting <u>In attendance:</u> Randy Tofteland, Mary Braun, Lee Forrester, Craig Kullberg, Melody Lackner, Pastor Terry Frovik, Ron Mehlhop, and Tom Christenson.

The meeting was called to order by council president, Randy Tofteland.

Pastor Terry Frovik gave opening Devotions.

Secretary's Report:

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the March meeting by Lee Forrester, seconded by Ron Mehlhop, and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial view and current month activity for March was presented by Mary Braun. Motion was made by Craig Kullberg to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Melody Lackner and passed.

Pastor's Report:

Worship Services: Sundays 4, Sermons 6, Lenten Midweek 4, Holy Communion 2 (Administered Privately 3)

Meetings: 8, Consultations 1

Visitations: Home visits 2 Hospital 4, Health

Care Centers 2

Classes Taught: Bible Study 6,

Special Events

"The Cry of the Whole Congregation" by Walt Wangerin Jr.

Foot Washing on Maundy Thursday Nail Pounding on Good Friday Vacation Days Taken: 3

Old Business:

Update on Capital Appeal —Mary

Thank you letters sent by Val

Approximately \$170,000 of \$200,000 has been given or pledged

Only 20% of giving family units have contributed Letter drafted to send to all who have not yet given or pledged

Parsonage Mortgage Details — Randy & Mary No early pay off fees

Loan payments won't start until after construction is done

Parsonage Construction – delivery, inspection & subs Waiting for road restrictions to lift to move old parsonage out

Building Committee members will inspect house once the house arrives in Grand Rapids

Barry Ansell has volunteered to be our general contractor

Call Committee Plans – Steve Lackner Committe members present: Pat Becker, Dick Pullen, Lee Forrester, Carolyn Morris, Steve Lackner, and Ron Melhop (council liaison).

We reviewed the names of the volunteers for the call

committee, and all agreed that it is a good slate of candidates and want to proceed with this group. We agreed that we would publish the names of the volunteers in the May newsletter and the bulletins of 4/23 and 4/30. At the same time we would inform the congregation that after the May 7th service, during coffee, we will ask for a show of hands by the congregation to accept the volunteers. We feel there is no need for a secret ballot.

Website Roll Out and Next Steps – Our updated website went live Saturday before Easter. Now to keep it updated and engaging. A few ideas. Put a notice in the Sunday bulletins and in the newsletter with the address big and bold along with some of the items people can find on the site, i.e. listen to the gospel and sermon for the week, digital bulletins available, prayer requests etc. Would also like for people to submit information for the web site and how they can do that.

New Business:

Property Insurance Renewal – Randy, Tom & Ron Reduce Property Insurance coverage to better reflect local values

Organ Motion – Randy on behalf of W&M Committee
Depose of the organ per the recommendation of the Worship and Music committee.

Motion was made by Mary Braun and seconded by Melody Lackner to accept the recommendation of the Worship and Music committee to dispose of the organ via sale or donation.

Summer Engagement Event – Randy on behalf of W&M Com.

Open House for Parsonage Grand Opening with music, service and nourishment.

Saturday Night and/or Sunday event (Garms Family not available for Sunday Services)

Malmo Area Lions Solicitation

Approved by council to participate

Mission Statement – Pastor Terry

Revisit it to be a Mission statement instead of a vision. Now or with new Pastor?

Priority Tracking for remainder of 2017 - All

Committee Reports:

Worship and Music Committee Minutes

Members Present: Randy Tofteland, Carol Bakken, Tom Christensen, Jim Christensen, Paula Spetz, Wally Swenson, Sharon Whipple

The meeting was held on April 6 and begin with an opening prayer by Randy. A discussion was held again regarding the open Chairperson role. Randy has agreed to remain the interim Chairperson while we continue to socialize the need for a Chairperson for this committee.

A discussion was held regarding developing a process that encourages special music at Sunday services. Carol and Paula agreed to work on a process for this that they will recommend to the committee in the May meeting. Feedback on the new sanctuary decorating is very positive and the committee will discuss further redecorating ideas in future meetings. A discussion was held and it was agreed that it's time to invite the Gideon's to an upcoming service and hold a free will offering to support them. With the upcoming synod conference the committee discussed the need for pulpit backup for Pastor Terry. The committee decided we will cover this with a parishioner instead of spending the money required for a pulpit supply. The committee held a long discussion regarding the need to provide an engaging 2017 congregational and community event. It was decided to pursue bringing in a music group to lead a Sunday morning service followed up with a parsonage open house and fellowship celebration. Randy & Tom will discuss this with the council at the upcoming April meeting. Jim Christensen made a motion to sell or give away the organ that was removed from the sanctuary. This was seconded by Sharon Whipple and after further discussion the motion was amended to include that any proceeds received from the sale of the organ would be used towards the parsonage, or if the organ was given away that it be given to a church if at all possible. This motion passed and will be presented to the council. A motion was also made my Carol Bakken to allow Jim Christensen to work with our Pastor to select the monthly hymns for worship services. This was seconded by Paula Spetz. In discussion of this motion it was concluded that this will allow the committee to use its time on much more important matters other than the time to select individual hymns. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was then adjourned after praying the Lord's Prayer.

Stewardship & Finance

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

APRIL 13, 2017

Committee will continue to monitor the envelop giving for the next two months to see if giving total increased once snow birds returned. As of the end of March we were approximately \$13,000.00 behind projected income

Discussion on the Vocational Scholarship - Pat Becker will have conversation with Pat and Jane Humphreys on future direction of the scholarship

We would like to have council discuss facility needs you see for the next 5 year period. If possible, to rank order these needs or possible needs. We feel this list is important for a new council and also will help stewardship/finance in looking at budget needs for the next few years.

We request that council representatives to their respective committees notify committees that S&F would like committee budget recommendations by June 5, 2017. S&F will work on the budget during June and July and have it ready for the August Council meeting. History tells us that when a church gets a new pastor. new people will come to check out the church and the new pastor. We feel it is very important that there is something in place to welcome, identify and follow up with new people. This will be a wonderful opportunity to encourage new membership but we believe it needs to be more than greeters on Sunday morning. Who would be responsible for drawing up plan and implementing?? Discussion on Time and Talent inventory...Mary Vukelich will bring back some ideas for the next meeting. Sharing of our gifts and talents will take a new approach and possibly involve small group table talks. Recommendations and discussion on the Parsonage loan:

As of our April meeting there is a total of \$109,899.00 in donations and advanced gifts. (\$52,284.00 donations before capital appeal and \$57,615.00 advance gifts) We recommend that the following money also be used toward the parsonage from the Statement of Financial Position.

Fund 280 Facility/Property \$9,456.00 Fund 290 Parsonage \$1,129.00 Fund 241 Memorial Unrestricted \$4,457.00 This would give a total of \$124,941.00 to go immediately toward the loan/parsonage.

Our recommendation again is that \$10,000.00 be kept in the Facility/Property 280 fund.

In May, we will know if more advanced gifts were received and have a more accurate account of what monthly pledges will be. We may have a recommendation that some of the cash reserves could go to the parsonage loan. We do not recommend using any of the cash reserves at this time.

We talked about expenses that could possibly exceed the \$200,000.00 cost for the parsonage. Since these would not be known until the actual erection of the parsonage, it is our consensus that any overage be brought to the congregation so they would know why there are additional costs. Monitoring of these expenses will be important as they will probably need to be paid from cash reserves.

Our next meeting will be May 11 at noon.

Motion was made to adjourn by Mary Braun, seconded by Tom Christensen, and passed.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be May 16, 2017 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Braun for Judie Birk, council secretary.

Excerpt from Monthly Treasurer's Report TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund	March	YTD
Income Actual	\$44,630	\$216,880
Income Budgeted	\$16,333	\$114,333
Expense Actual	\$19,855	\$121,032
Expense Budgeted	\$13,793	\$96,551
Over/(Short)	\$24,775	\$95,848

Thank you

Thank you for helping us celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. Thank you for all the beautiful cards, notes and gifts. We really appreciated those who helped our family in the kitchen. **Thank you**, **Thank you!** We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Love you all, Wayne & Janice Olson.



FROM ELCA PASTOR TO BENEDICTINE NUN

Everyone is invited to meet Sister Dorene King, Director of the McCabe Renewal Center in Duluth, MN

In recognition of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, we have invited Sister Dorene to share her journey from an ELCA Pastor to a Benedictine nun. We met this energetic woman in Duluth last fall, and she intrigued us with just bits and pieces of her story. She will also be sharing her hopes and vision for our future combined faith journey, acknowledging our differences but thankful for all that unites us. There will be a time for questions.

Refreshments will be served. NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY. There will be no charge for this event, however free will donations will be accepted.

WHEN: Saturday, May 6, 2017

TIME: 1:00 PM

WHERE: First Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

107 2nd Street SE...Aitkin, MN

If you have any questions you may contact Deb Clark at 927-3243 or Linda Hommes at 549-3221.

Calling All Crafters

Our crafter's work season for the upcoming Oct. 28, 2017 Holiday Bazaar will begin on Tues, May 16th from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Anyone interested in joining us to work on projects is invited to attend. We usually meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month. We meet in the church fellowship hall. Some materials for projects and some ideas will be provided. Crafters are encouraged to bring their own projects to work on as well. We are often short on new ideas, so bring ideas, samples or projects you have heard about or seen since last year's bazaar. We need FEWER pot holders, dish towels, dish cloths, scarves, ornaments, and MORE deer antlers, turkey feathers, grouse feathers, white pumpkins, traditional scrubbies, dryer balls, Swiffer covers, wreaths, bittersweet, garden art items, kitchen cutting boards & grapevine 4-6 inch balls for bird nest making materials. Questions? Call Char Berg @ 320-684-

Crafters will meet on the following dates: Any changes will be in the Sunday bulletins.
May 16 June 6,27 July 18 Aug 1,15
Sept 5,19 Oct 3,17



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Veggie Stand Opens

Don't forget the Veggie Stand opens on Saturday May 27th. Then we open again on July 1st and every Saturday until Labor Day. Donations of any kind will

be greatly appreciated. Pies, cookies, bars, breads, etc. Also needed are perennials if you are thinning out or dividing some of your own. Please attach a label to the perennials. The stand opens at 7:30 AM. Hope to see you there bright and early. All proceeds go to the Benevolence fund.

Jelly Making 2017

The date for our annual jelly making has been set for Monday, May 8th beginning at 8 AM. Many hands are needed so please come and help out. No experience is needed. Just come and join in the fun.

Hope to see many of you there

Hope to see many of you there on Monday, May 11th at 8 AM.

THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE is

pleased to announce that we have reviewed and approved a group of volunteers to form a Call Committee in the search for our new pastor. We are blessed with 9 great volunteers and look forward to them representing our congregation during this upcoming process. The 9 volunteers are:

Ron Haglund Darlene Christensen
Carolyn Morris Steve Lackner
Karen Carron Ron Melhop
George Smith Mary Braun
Julie Swaggert

The next step in the process is for the congregation to approve the list of volunteers. On May 7th at coffee, we will ask the congregation to approve this list of volunteers. Please plan on attending that meeting to meet the volunteers and pray for a speedy and successful mission.

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS!

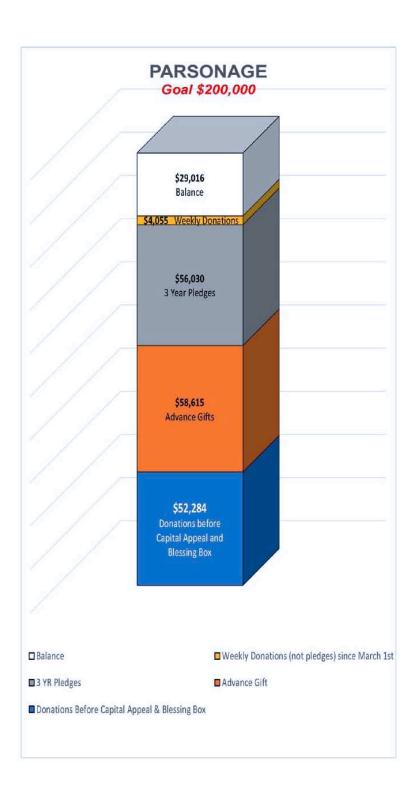
Men & Women on Tuesday evening at 7 pm. Also Women only Wednesday morning at 8:30 am. Come and share your questions and convictions as we explore the dynamic New Testament Scriptures of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Each session will cover about seven chapters from May2 – June 14. Be good to your spiritual curiosities and allow the Word to grow deeper in your daily walk of faith. We will read some and talk a lot! This class meets Tuesday evening at 7 pm and Wednesday morning at 8:30 am. Come when you can! You are welcome! Pastor Terry



• "If you have a mom, there is nowhere you are likely to go where a prayer has not already been."

—Robert Brault

CAPITAL FUNDS APPEAL 2017 PARSONAGE BUILDING



Our Parsonage Fund Drive has so far generated a little over \$170,000...leaving us with just about \$29,000 to raise.

Thank you to all who have donated in any way to the cause; you continue to display the generous nature, willingness to sacrifice and joyful spirit of giving that are the hallmarks of every Bethesda undertaking.

For those who are still considering a pledge/donation, you will soon receive a final mailing on which you can mark a "Yes," "Maybe, in the future," or "No" box. By returning this form promptly, you will help us to close the books on this great effort. It will also mean fewer phone calls for our wonderful volunteer follow-up phone committee!

Chairing this drive has been interesting, fun and a true learning experience. I wish to thank everyone for their kind help, input and support.

Val Benton



May 2017 Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1:00 Pinochle 1:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	2 10-12 Pastor text study 7:00pm Bible Study (men & women)	3 8:30 Bible Study 9-12 Crafters 9:30 Stitchers 2:00 Staff mtg 6:00 Catechism 6:00 Choir 7:00 Praise Team	4 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 10:30 W & Music 12:30 Fun Timers	5 10:00 Bones	6 Foot care 1-4
7 8:30 & 10:00 Worship & Communion 9:30 call committee vote 10:00 Confirmation	8:00 Jelly Making 1:00 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	9:00 Quilters 10-12 Pastor text study 1:30 4H 7:00pm Bible Study (men & women)	10 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 Stitchers 2:00 Staff mtg 6:00 Catechism 6:00 Choir	11 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 12:30 Fun Timers	12 10:00 Bones	13 Fishing Opener
14 8:30 & 10:00 Worship New Members Mothers Day	15 1:00 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	16 10-12 Pastor text study 5:30 Council 7:00pm Bible Study (men & women)	17 8-12 WIC 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 Stitchers 2:00 Staff mtg 6:00 Choir 6:00 Catechism 7:00 Praise Team	18 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 12:30 Fun Timers	19 10:00 Bones	20 Newsline Deadline
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Activities & Events

May 2017

If anyone is unable to fulfill an assignment below, please find your own substitute or notify the coordinator

<u>Ushers</u> 1	by Skip & Lynn Hansen		
	8:30	10:00	
May 7 & 14	Wayne, Janice Olson	Barry, Donna Ansell	
May 21 & 28	Winnie Z. Judy Wozney	Ron Haglunds	

Check list in office for when to Light the Christ Candle
Don't forget the blessing boxes the first Sunday of every
month!! If anyone is interested in ushering please contact Skip
or Lynn

Lectors	8:30 (Paula Spetz)	10:00
May 7	Carolyn Morris	Laury Nyberg
May 14	Val Benton	Darlene Christensen
May 21	Char Berg	Patti Honnold
May 28	Lynn Hanson	Congregation

Greeters	Lynne Meidlinger
May 7	Del, Dianne Jones
May 14	Bev Wedig, Marilyn Andrews
May 21	Bruce G., Carol S.
May 28	Wayne, Janice Olson

Altar Care by Dianne Jones May.... Barb and Lee Forrester



May 1	Neil & Myra Honl
May 5	David & Linda Lundahl
May 8	Les & Jean Bolke
May 10	Richard & Sue Stebbins
May 13	Richard & Marjorie Nelson
May 24	Merrill & Patti Honnold
May 24	Ron & Joyce Keil
May 24	Sheldon & Lisa Stay
May 25	Russell & Deborah Riggs

Coffee Servers	by WELCA	
May 7		
May 14	9	
May 21		
May 28		



May

JYLLEY					
May	1	Kyle	Lagerstrom		
May	2	Thomas	Westerlund		
May	4	Reily	Lagerstrom		
May	4	Marjorie	Nelson		
May	5	Jonathan	Mickelson		
May	7	Alvin	Turner		
May	8	Char Berg	Dick Nelson		
May	8	Jeannine	Bruesewitz		
May	11	Janice Feyo	Wayne Olson		
May	12	Donna Ansell	Gerald Morris		
May	13	Jeanne Anderson	Jamie Trotter		
May	15	Thomas	Christensen		
May	16	Ellen Burman			
May	17	Janice	Olson		
May	21	Laurina	Tofteland		
May	22	Marilyn	Andrews		
May	22	Ray	Piispanen		
May	24	Kris	Fredrick		
May	26	Edith	Gorham		
May	27	Cody Stallmach	Ellee Johnson		
May	28	Richard	Hansen		
May	29	Lee	Krueger		
May	29	Gaylard	Westerlund		
May	30	Michael	Brucciani		
May	31	Theresa Berry	Gale Rolek		

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