

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.



June 4 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 AM
Communion

June 11 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 AM

June 18 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 AM
Communion

June 25 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

**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL**
the week of June 19 -23

We need volunteers



BEEF & CORN FEED



The date is July 29 and the time is 4:30 to 7:00 pm

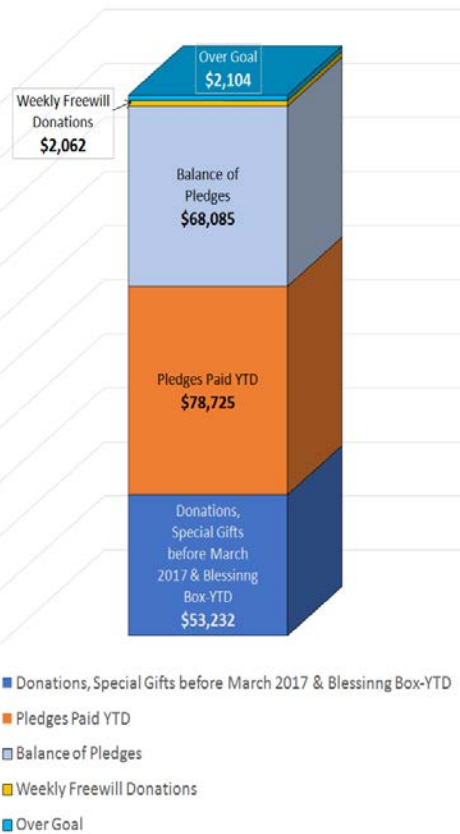


VBS Mission Project-Each kid attending VBS will be packing a shoebox for Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child. Items needed include washcloths, bar soap, combs, toothbrushes, jewelry/hair fasteners, t-shirts, hats, socks, dolls, balls, cars, jump ropes, crayons, colored pencils, pencils/sharpeners, erasers, pens, scissors, small notebooks, construction paper, solar calculators or other small gifts. No liquids, toothpaste or candy. We have enough stuffed animals, but need empty shoeboxes. Items can be brought to the box in the Fellowship Hall.

CAPITAL FUNDS APPEAL

We have reached our goal of \$200,000 towards our new Parsonage.

Parsonage Goal
\$200,000



Just about two-thirds of the money is currently in the bank, but we are still depending on your pledges over the next three years to fulfill our obligations for payment to the bank.

Any additional funds received towards the parsonage will be used for various projects such as land-scaping, and furnishings.

A sincere "Thank You", to all of you who have made pledges or have contributed to this amazing project.

The Capital Appeal Fund

Drive would not have come to fruition without the guidance of Val Benton. Thank you Val!

Calling a Pastor

From the Interim Pastor



I hope the following reflection on my Call experiences will help you see that the work of the Holy Spirit and the will of the prospective pastor are both operative in this exciting, mysterious adventure – the Call

Process – an interactive prayerful discernment time of discovery and decision.

- First Call – fresh out of Seminary, hand picked by the Senior Pastor (to be his Associate) who was also the Vice President of the Minnesota Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. I basically said “Thank you, Holy Spirit!”
- Second Call – After nearly four years as an Associate, I interviewed for a Call to a congregation in a small town on the edge of the Twin Cities second ring of suburbs. Both the congregation and town were growing and optimistic for their future. The interview was a slam dunk! I felt inspired to serve them after their long-standing pastor of 17 years recently retired. This was really my first Call experience. It felt very affirming.
- Third Call – After nearly seven years, I was looking for a Call to the Metro Area, maybe too soon (our daughter was six years old and my wife was hoping to locate closer to her parents in the city). I was actively pursued by a parish in Florida. I did not accept the Call, for a number of reasons. Then, I nearly took a career change Call to become a Chaplain in the Air Force (declined, understandably not supported by wife and daughter). Interviewed by congregation in Duluth. Neither they nor I were interested in further conversation. After about six months, I accepted a Call to a congregation near Lake Minnetonka that ended up being a “shoe that just didn't fit”. I left them without a Call after three and a half years. My marriage was falling apart and I felt confused and angry. My Bishop asked me to serve a little country church as a supply pastor for a few weeks. I continued to serve them as a Called Interim for five and a half years on a part time basis while completing my Doctor of Ministry Degree at Luther Seminary, St. Paul.

- Fifth Call – I interviewed to serve as an Associate Pastor for a first ring suburban parish. The interview clicked and I accepted. I served as their Associate for six years when I was Called Senior Pastor and served them for another twelve years (having been divorced twice during that Call)
- Sixth Call – with one more Call before retirement, I interviewed at a parish in South Minneapolis, the home congregation of my wife, Pauline. I didn't get the Call, but I got her! The Holy Spirit was working overtime! After our wedding, I did accept a Call as an Interim Associate pastor to a large parish in Windom, MN. It was a conflicted parish and my peace-making nature helped them move through their issues. I was Called to the Lead Pastor position after a year and retired after four years.
- Seventh and last Call – Gary Grant, Wally Swenson and Craig Kullberg invited me to consider serving Bethesda as your Interim. The Holy Spirit made it work. It's been the right thing for me to do. I pray, Holy Spirit, for the right pastor to be Called as Bethesda's next new pastor.

Pastor Terry Frovik, Interim

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School hours will be 9:00-11:30am
Mon-Fri, June 19-23, 2017.

Please invite grandkids or neighbors. Planning for the theme "Created by God, Built for a Purpose" is underway, adult and teen helpers are needed. If you cannot attend that week there are some decorating jobs ahead of time. Please contact Dianne Jones or Joanne Stueven if you can help in anyway.



Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo
Minutes of May 16, 2017 Council Meeting

In attendance: Randy Tofteland, Mary Braun, Lee Forrester, Craig Kullberg, Pastor Terry Frovik, Tom Christenson and Judie Birk.

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

Secretary's Report:

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the April meeting by Craig Kullberg, seconded by Lee Forrester, and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial view and current month activity for April was presented by Mary Braun. Motion was made by Lee Forrester to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Tom Christenson and passed.

Pastor's Report:

Worship Services: Sundays 6, Sermons 6, Holy Communion 2 (Administered Privately 7), Funerals 2, Baptisms 1

Meetings: 13, Consultations 3

Visitations: Home visits 5, non-member visit 1, Hospital 6, Health Care Centers 2

Classes Taught: Bible Study 14

Special Events: NE MN Synod Assembly, Confirmation Service, Affirmed Call Committee, New Members received. Pastor thanks Chuck and Elsa for representing us at the recent synod.

Old Business:

Update on Capital Appeal – Mary Braun gave an update on the capital appeal. As of Monday, we are \$2,000 plus over our goal. Any gifts received that are above our goal will be used for the parsonage, i.e. deck, landscaping, future maintenance, etc. An updated graph will be in the June newsletter.

Parsonage Construction Update – Lee Forrester reported on the parsonage construction. The building is pulled off the foundation and is waiting to be moved. Excavation of the basement and the rest of the project will kick off soon. The house will be shipped next week to Grand Rapids. The building committee will also be looking for appliance sales.

Parsonage Payment – Cash &/or Loan — Craig Kullberg proposed to the council that we pay cash for the remaining balance of the house. We would then begin to draw on the line of credit for the remainder of the building project. Council was in agreement.

Organ Offer — We have an offer for \$500 on the organ. A motion was made by Tom Christenson to accept that offer by the council and seconded by Mary Braun and passed.

Summer Engagement Event – Randy Tofteland, on behalf of W&M Committee, brought the suggestion of doing a celebration event in early August, on a Sunday morning with an outside music group, followed by a parsonage open house, along with picnic. Council gives their support!

New Business:

S&F Committee report and recommendation — The

council discussed the recommendation from the Stewardship and Finance Committee regarding the trade school scholarship that is on the church books. (see RECOMMENDATIONS below in S&F report) After discussion, a motion was made by Mary Braun to accept the committee's recommendation and Tom Christenson seconded and it passed.

2017/18 Budget including facilities plan — New budget worksheets will be distributed to all committee chairs. The Stewardship and Finance Committee has asked all committees to consider long term needs of the church as part of the budget process and submit those ideas along with the budget worksheets. The budget worksheets and long term planning ideas are due June 5. **Blessing Box** — (see RECOMMENDATIONS below in S&F report) The council is in favor of their suggestion. **Glen Parade** – Jerry Morris came to the council to ask for funds for supporting Bethesda's involvement at the Glen 4th of July Parade. He is requesting help with the costs of banners, candy, decorations, and advertising to promote the church. Council said this would fall under the Mission and Evangelism committee. Judie Birk will approach the M&E committee to discuss using the advertising dollars in our current budget for this purpose. **Review Priority Tracking List** – The council reviewed the list.

June Newsletter Article Items from Council – Lee Forrester plans to write something on the Loan Closet for borrowing church stuff.

April Meeting Topics:

Council Priorities for remainder of fiscal 2017

Committee Reports:

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE COMMITTEE – 5/11/17

After conversations with the donor of the vocational trade scholarship, it is recommended that the entire amount of the scholarship be turned over to either the Aitkin Scholarship Fund or whatever entity seems appropriate. Contact will have to be made with Edward Jones, the Aitkin Scholarship Fund and probably again with the donor on how to proceed.

Discussion was held on the collection of Time and Talent led by Mary Vukelich. We felt it was very important that when new members fill out the Time and Talent sheet that they be contacted personally. Mary V. will contact the present members that will be joining this month as they have filled out a Time and Talent survey. We feel it is important that new members be welcomed into the activities of the church as soon as possible. Committee will hold further discussion in the next two months.

Committees are to turn in their budget request forms to stewardship by June 5. Stewardship will work on the 2017-18 budget over the next couple of months and the

council will have our recommendations in August.
RECOMMENDATION; Starting June 1 we recommend that for the months of June, July and August the Blessing Box be used to help support local benevolence. We further recommend that the bulletin on the first Sunday reflect such. Local benevolence for this fiscal year includes: Camp Onomia, BLCM Fund, Christmas Joy, Aitkin Social Services and True Friends Camp at McGregor. Stewardship will make a further recommendation for the Blessing Box for next fiscal year.
 Our next meeting will be Wed., June 7 at 1:00. Mary Vukelich will chair the meeting. Submitted by Pat Becker

Mission & Evangelism:

Mission and Evangelism meeting notes - May 3, 2017

Members Present: Pastor Terry Frovik, Sandy Pullen, Sue Samuelson, Judie Birk, Joanne Stueven and council guest Randy Tofteland.

1. Coffee sales are down so we will not order anymore of the Equal Exchange Coffee.
2. Our team will keep in contact with the Area Lutheran Church Consultation as a means of sharing ideas and concerns in our faith community. There is a possibility that sharing staff would be a goal.
3. Our budget suggestions will be given to Stewardship & Finance by June 5, 2017.
 - Discontinue the \$300 for exchange coffee
 - Continue \$100 for Confirmation
 - Continue \$1000 for Vacation Bible School
 - Increase advertising to \$1000
 - Youth and Family, (possible youth trip). The families will be contacted and encouraged to consider sending Dale and /or Joey to the youth gathering in Galveston TX July 2018. Students in grades 9-12 are invited to attend.
 - Evangelism training, (train members for home visits). Pastor Terry is looking into the cost of this type training.
4. Our team plans to share the current list of benevolence recipients and ask for input or suggestions for changes by the start of the next fiscal year. We plan to provide information about the organizations and invite them to tell their story.
5. With Mary Braun's help our committee will attempt to clarify who qualifies as voting members under possible constitution changes.
6. Hospitality to families during funerals is more convenient and welcoming in the fellowship area. During large funerals, the area may need to be set up for food after the family enters the church. A long-range plan could include an upgrade in privacy room dividers.
7. Judie has a draft of post card size advertisement to help share our information in the community. We plan to have cards available for spring and summer community events. Submitted by Joanne Stueven

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT May 2017

- Lawn Mowing Sign-up Sheet
- Spring Cleaning Date is Wednesday, May 24, at 10
- Mail Box Repaired • Church Property Loan Process
- Label Tables and Chairs

Worship and Music Committee:

Worship and Music Committee Minutes
 Members Present: Pastor Terry, Randy Tofteland, Carol Bakken, Tom Christensen, Jim Christensen, Paula Spetz, Pat Kullberg, Sharon Whipple, Julie Swaggert
 The meeting was held on April 6 and begin with an opening prayer by Pastor Terry. Paula and Carol shared a recommended process to encourage more special music at worship services that includes a letter that will go out to local churches encouraging an exchange of music talent between churches. They will also communicate in upcoming bulletins and newsletters how the congregation can sign up to do special music or have a family member or friend do special music at services. Lastly they will follow up with the church secretaries to develop a calendar process on how to schedule these performances. The committee discussed that the organ will soon be marketed for sale. The committee will discuss the level of interest in the organ at the June meeting if the organ hasn't sold by then. The committee held a long discussion regarding a summer celebration service and the challenges it is having finding a cost effective music group. Some new ideas surfaced that the committee will pursue. The committee decided it was time to survey the congregation on the likes and dislikes of Sunday worship music. Jim and Carol will develop a process for the survey and share results at the June meeting. A discussion was held regarding the 2017/18 budget and as part of that a subcommittee will work on developing a list of future possible upgrades to the sanctuary that will include technology and decorating. The results of this work will be shared at the June meeting.
 The next council meeting will be June 20, 2017 at 5:30pm.
 Respectfully submitted by Judie Birk, council secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund	April	YTD
Income Actual	\$73,264	\$290,144
Income Budgeted	\$16,333	\$130,667
Expense Actual	\$17,161	\$138,193
Expense Budgeted	\$13,793	\$110,344
Over/(Short)	\$56,103	\$151,951

PROPERTY USE PROCEDURES



Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo offers the loan of equipment (chairs, tables, coffee pots, roasters, etc.) for personal use. This offer is given to

members and associate members only. Any church activity would take precedence. Please sign out equipment on the Church Property Sign-Out Sheet in the office and check for activities on the calendar.

Equipment must be returned clean and in working condition. The 42 chairs located in the west side of the garage should be used first. Do not take chairs or tables from the Fellowship Hall without getting permission from the church office.

Lee Forrester Property Committee



Help! We need Coffee Servers for June and July.

Please sign up so we may continue to have coffee in between the services, the sign up sheet is now on a board mounted in fellowship hall. We hope everyone serves at least once a year if not twice.

Join the team! Sign up to mow the church lawn!



Join us on Thursdays at 12:30 to play 500 or dominoes! Join in on the fun and potluck!

Double Pinochle has started at 1:00 p.m. at church on Monday's. It is great fun! If you want to learn how to play, we'll be happy to teach you how.

Community Picnic

Malmo Area Lions have organized a Free Community Picnic at Lakeside Community Center on Hwy 18 in Malmo for Wed. June 21st at 5pm for meal, kids games, informational booths and demonstrations (K9 unit, squad car, fire truck, snowmobile groomer, Mounted police, EMT's) Then music at 6pm from Bethesda choir, bible camp students, praise choir and maybe more. Instead of Bethesda donating money we will be looking at our members to donate cookies or bars toward the meal. (Any extra will come back to the church for Sunday coffee or be sold with money going to Veggie stand) Have any cookies/bars at the

church Wed. June 20th and thank you for anyone who can help. Any questions please call or talk to Sharon Whipple 218-390-0525

2017 NE MN SYNOD CONFERENCE REPORT

Chuck and I would like to thank Bethesda for the opportunity and the privilege to attend the 2017 Synod Assembly of the ELCA. We learned about all the wonderful things the ELCA is doing.



Bethesda placed third in the "Holy Cow" award for donating to World Hunger. Be Proud, Bethesda!! There were so many wonderful speeches and listening to Bishop Aitkin's sermons was a great experience. Proceeds from the quilts and The Marketplace totaled over \$24,000.00. Thank you, Darlene Christensen, who supplied many gift baskets and bags and also the quilters. The Bethesda quilt brought in \$100. 00. We attended a workshop on PV for Phebe. Phebe is a total charity hospital, it costs nothing to be treated there. It was built in 1921. Diesel generators were their only source of electricity. These of course would occasionally break down. Through the work of two wonderful women their situation was called to the attention of RREAL which is a company of providing solar power. Through many generous donations and grants they have been able to supply the hospital with four solar panels which was recently installed. Phebe is now a 160 bed major hospital. The solar panels help supply electricity but is not nearly enough.

They are still having to use the diesel generators especially at night when there is no solar power. So there is still much to do. They would like to bring 3 or 4 individuals here for solar power training, but now there might be a problem with obtaining visas. So they may need to look at alternative ways. Also a smaller hospital in the vicinity has asked to be next for solar power. AND IT ALL STARTED WITH THE POWER OF TWO WOMEN. See what you can do Bethesda women! Thank You, Chuck and Elsa Carlson

WELCA Meeting – May 17, 2017

Chairwoman, Sandy Pullen, opened the meeting with 16 members present. Refreshments were served by Jeannine & Sandy.

Devotions were given by Sandy. The purpose statement was read by members.

Secretary's report for the April mtg. did not appear in the May newsletter, so 2 months of reports will be in the June newsletter.

Treasurer's report was given with a bal. on hand of \$9,606.56. Motion by Elsa to accept the report, second by Judy F. Motion passed.

Old business:

WELCA bazaar funds will be used to buy roving to make dryer balls for the bazaar.

The 2017 Summer Gathering is June 8 & 9.

WELCA will pay for registration for anyone attending.

Char Berg made a motion to buy the Fellowship Hall window blinds from Hershfields & go with the pull up blinds. Second by Sue S. Motion passed.

New business:

Sue S. has ordered sample table clothes to be considered before placing an order for new ones. She also has a quote of \$760.21 to order needed kitchen supplies. Motion by Cheri J & second by Marilyn to order the supplies. Motion passed.

Joanne S went over the plans & needs for June 19-23 VBS.

Sandy reported on the OCC (Mille Lacs Operation Connect) project. A box to collect hygiene products is in the Fellowship Hall. Last year over 1,000 people were served through OCC. A motion was made by Barb F & seconded by Cheri J to give \$500 to the project to be spent on needed products. More workers are needed to work large funerals. More will be added according to expected sizes of groups served. Packets containing mayo & mustard will be used instead of the bottled products. Kitchen cleanup is scheduled for July 10th at 8 A.M.

Next mtg. is in Aug. Servers are Lynn M & Judy F. The meeting closed with members saying the Lord's Prayer. Char Berg, Secretary.

Inspirational Vision

Charley Boswell, a former University of Alabama football star with hopes of a professional baseball career, lost his eyesight in World War II. But that did not stop him. He went on to become the National Blind Golf Champion 17 times. He was quoted as saying, "I never count what I've lost. I only count what I have left."



The Village of Hope in Zambia is one of five charities that Bethesda supports with our World Benevolence Fund. The Village of Hope was founded in 2007 by US missionaries Benedict and Kathleen Schwarz when they purchased 230 acres of open land in central Zambia with the vision to rescue and care for orphaned and vulnerable children, seeking economic sustainability, to the Glory of God. Zambia is one of the poorest countries in the world with 89% unemployment and almost 2 million orphans (due to the HIV/AIDS crisis). Thanks to countless volunteers and church support coupled with outstanding leadership, donations and loving orphan care, the Village of Hope in 2017 is a shining star in a poverty-ravaged country.

Today, the Village of Hope includes 68 orphaned Children: living in caring loving households. 550 children: receiving a Christian education at School of Hope. 38 buildings have been constructed. 110 employees who help support over 800 family members. Businesses including a truck stop, market, construction, tailoring Hope Community Church, Food security via farming, clean water

The Village of Hope in Zambia(AKCLI) is unique in that they are dedicated to becoming financially sustainable by starting and managing medium-sized businesses to support their village and school in addition to the help of funds brought in by donors.

Bethesda member Julie Swaggert will be making her 3rd trip to Zambia in August (as part of a team from Zion Lutheran in Buffalo, MN) and will be helping lead efforts to begin the Hope College of Education. Look for pictures and information about the Village of Hope on the bulletin board. You can visit their website at <http://www.akcli-voh.org> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/VillagesofHopeZambia/about/>

WELCA Meeting – April 19, 2017

Chairwoman, Sandy Pullen, opened the meeting with 15 members present. Refreshments were served by Char & Sue.

Devotions were given by Sandy.

The secy's report was accepted as written in the March Lifeline.

Dianne gave the treasurer's report with a bal. on hand of \$8,739.57. Cheri made a motion to accept the report. Second by Jan O. Passed.

A suggestion was made to write an article for the local newspapers listing the former bazaar money distributions.

Elsa reported on the updated funeral calling list.

A motion was made by Elsa and seconded by Sue to buy needed kitchen supplies plus a 30 cup coffee maker. Motion passed.

We are still working on getting an estimate for window blinds in the fellowship hall. Arty will call for estimates.

Char gave out crafter schedules for the 2017 year.

Char made a motion to give the quilters \$500 for quilting supplies.

Second by Pat Becker. Motion passed.

Vacation Bible school is June 19-23.

June 8-9 is the Grand Rapids Summer Gathering.

Motion by Pat B & 2nd by Lynn M to set aside \$700 for sending members to the Gathering. Motion passed.

The Operation Christmas box is already in the fellowship hall. A list of items needed for children is on the box.

The BLC website is up & running.

The next WELCA mtg. will be May 17th. Jeannine & Sandy will serve refreshments.

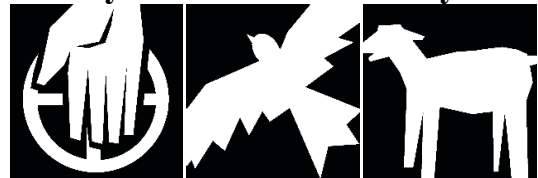
Mtg. was adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Char Berg, secy.

What matters most?

When you are in the final days of your life, what will you want? Will you hug that college degree in the walnut frame? Will you ask to be carried to the garage so you can sit in your car? Will you find comfort in rereading your financial statement? Of course not. What will matter then will be people. If relationships will matter most then, shouldn't they matter most now?

—Max Lucado, A Love Worth Giving

Symbols for the Trinity



The liturgical calendar calls [the Sunday after Pentecost] “Trinity Sunday” — a day set aside to “celebrate” the unique triune character of our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Symbols for the Trinity include a circle inscribed within an equilateral triangle. Actually, during the first eight centuries of Christian art, the image of the triangle for the Trinity was not widespread — although on one of the gravestones in the catacombs there is a triangle in which the monogram of the name of Christ was placed.

The three persons were often represented in art, but they were shown separately. The first time they seem to have been placed together was in the fourth century, and that representation consisted of “the Hand, the Lamb and the Dove,” which is said no longer to exist. —Homiletics



Happy Father's Day June 18th What is a father?

Being a male species does not make a man a father, for a dad is a special blend of hero; disciplinarian; a friend; someone to look up to; someone to model ... someone with a touch of the “mother” in him; someone who is big enough to say, “The fault was mine” ... someone who lives the kind of life that makes you want to say, “I, too, shall follow Him!”

—Dr. Alton Kaul



Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo is interested in a Special Music Exchange program between local churches.

It is our vision for churches to experience each other's musical talents.

Our hope would be to incorporate a one to three piece selection of music to bring together your musical talents into our Sunday worship services.

Due to financial constraints, we will not be able to pay your expenses for performing at this event, but we do offer the exchange of one or our two adult choirs to perform in exchange.

Please contact the church for complete details.

Yours sincerely, Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo
Worship & Music Committee

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