

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.



July 2 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 AM
Communion

July 9 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 AM

July 16 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 AM
Communion

July 23 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 AM

July 30 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

Upcoming Events

July 1 Veggie Stand Opens

July 4 Glen parade and Bethesda float!

July 29 - Beef and Corn Feed

COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

Please consider serving on your church council for the upcoming fiscal year. We will need 4 - 5 new council members beginning in Oct and we'd ask you to consider if this is your time to serve Please contact Pastor Terry or any of the current council members with questions, or to let them know of your interest to serve.



2017

Veggie Stand Opens

July welcomes the return of the "Veggie Stand" at Bethesda. Our success greatly relies on help we receive from the generous Bethesda family. We will have our jellies, syrup. Corn and baked treats. We need your help in the bakery department. Anything you can share is appreciated by our customers. Also, come join us on Saturdays to help out and meet great people.



Beef and Corn Feed

Our yearly corn feed is set for Saturday, July 29th. 4:30 - 7:00 Please come and support this years corn feed! **REMEMBER** all the corn you can eat along with the fixings -beans -coleslaw-beef sandwich and dessert along with coffee and lemonade
Adults \$10
Kids under 10 \$5

The corn will be the sweetest of the season. We need your help to make this successful. Would you please sign up to help serve and clean up if you are available on this day? As they say, "Many hands make a light load." Invite your friends and relatives, and let's make this a successful venture



From the Interim Pastor

Planes, Trains & Automobiles to Holden Village!

It's an adventure to get there and it's a blessing to be there! Holden Village is a Retreat Center in the Cascade

Mountains of the State of Washington. Eleven miles up and into the mountains from Lake Chelan, Holden Village welcomes groups and individuals from all over the world.

This Swiss Chalet style Village was the home of Copper Miners and their families who worked for the Holden Mining Co. during the 1940's. When the Village was abandoned due to the cost of mining and the low market value of copper, the rights to the Village were sold to The Church and Holden Village Retreat Center was born – a Retreat Center for the whole Church!

Our group will be at Holden August 27 – September 1, 2017 (Sunday thru Friday, 5 nights and 6 days). Just to get to Holden is a two day journey filled with adventure! You can travel by plane, train or automobile! Details and discussions will be made at an information and planning meeting soon. July 9th at 11:30am at church.

Group rates for adults are \$325 (\$65/day). Group rates for youth, ages 6-17, are \$230 (\$46/day). Children 5 and under are FREE! Non group rates for adults are \$400. We need 15 registered guests to qualify as a group. Sign up soon! Our group is limited to 30 persons. You do not need to be a member of Bethesda to go on this trip!

To register please make a \$100 deposit for each person over 5 years of age. Checks are to be made to: Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo. Please return the registration form below along with your deposit on or before July 19, 2017.

Planes, trains and automobiles to Holden Village! It's a vacation you will treasure for a life time! Check out Holden's website at: <http://www.holdenvillage.org> for lots of detailed information.

Hope you can go!
Pastor Terry Frovik, Interim

Holden Village Registration, August 27 – September 1, 2017

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

of Adults: _____ # of Youth (6-17): _____

Please return this form with \$100 deposit per person by July 19, 2017. Please make checks payable to: Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo. Thank You!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS Patti Smith's mother will turn 101 years old next week. She loves getting cards. Brighten her day! Send her a birthday card: Elma Lepej, c/o Woodhaven Care Center, 510 W 7th- #17, Ellinwood, KS 67526

CAPITAL APPEAL CLOSURE



As I see my role in the Capital Funds Appeal coming to a close, I would like to take one last opportunity to issue my heartfelt thanks to my Bethesda family for their

support of the new parish house project and to provide a breakdown of the funds contributed.

The late Dale Siems kick-started the process with a contribution of \$30,000 in September of 2016. The Congregation's matching donations before we started the Capital Appeal on March 1, 2017 was: \$22,052. A few months later, he pulled me aside after church service one Sunday to say, "You know, God has blessed me so freely...I want you to know that I'm giving you another \$30,000 from the sale of my house." (He was at that time moving towards entering an assisted living facility.) This impossibly generous donation from Dale's pragmatic, grace-filled soul thus totaled \$60,000 and got us off to an astounding start. He inspired many others in the congregation, myself included.

In response to letters of appeal, many members have made 3-year pledge commitments to the cause. These pledges often involve great sacrifice on the part of those giving but Bethesda's membership responded in stellar fashion... their collective pledges and special one-time gifts to date has a grand total of \$120,030! These funds will save us an incredible amount in mortgage costs.

We also have members who chose to contribute via the monthly Blessing Box. Some continue this support by donating in their weekly envelopes, designating the parish house fund on the "Other" entry line. These contributions may be anonymous, but they do not go unnoticed. Their total is \$2,202 at this point in time.

All these wonderful gifts are incredibly important as they provide the bedrock of our monthly mortgage payment.

Several last minute reminders... we do appreciate the honoring of monthly pledges in a timely fashion in order to make our bank payments possible. And please keep in mind that you can still donate a special gift or make a pledge at any time in the future. These funds will be used ONLY for the parish house needs (deck, landscape, finishing the

basement etc...) All in all, current congregation participation stands at about 40% which is above average for an appeal.

I feel that the Spirit is prompting me to be painfully honest in closing. Old Bethesda up the road was the church of my childhood...and I was dead set against the building of this new church we worship in today. I wouldn't contribute to it monetarily, nor did I lift a finger to help. Thankfully, the Lord eventually brought this hardheaded Irish woman around. I now see everything changes in order to grow and evolve...and that nothing should be allowed to disrupt our fellowship with one another. And how I've grown to love this building!

On that note, I apologize again for any missteps I made in this appeal effort. Any wrongs were honest mistakes and part of my learning process. Thanks again to all who contributed in any way to this appeal. God's blessings to you all, forever and ever...Amen! --Val Benton---



Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo

Minutes of June 20, 2017 Council Meeting

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

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 May meeting by Lee Forrester, seconded by Melody Lackner, and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial view and current month activity for May was presented by Randy Tofteland for Mary Braun. May was a good month of giving. Randy encouraged the council to keep track of financials. Motion was made by Craig Kullberg to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Tom Christenson and passed.

Pastor's Report:

VBS is going great this week and has been living up to what people have told him about this week!

Meeting two Sundays ago on continuing to prepare for the Reformation 500 ecumenical celebration on Oct. 15 at First Lutheran in Aitkin. Pastor Terry encouraged the council to have an educational committee for planning VBS, cross-generational Sunday school, etc... anything that falls in the educational bucket. Holden Village (A retreat center in Washington State) has openings August 27 — September 1. Pastor Terry asked permission to take a group for anyone that is interested! He will put something in the July newsletter.

- **Worship Services:** Sunday Services 10, Sermons 11, Occasional Services 2, Holy Communion 4 (Administered Privately 3), Funerals 2 (Dale Siems and Lloyd Lilenthal)
- **Meetings:** 8, Consultations 3
- **Visitations:** Home visits 3, non-member visit 0, Hospital 5, Health Care Centers 6
- **Classes Taught:** Bible Study 10
- **Special Events:** Heartland Conference, First Lutheran, Brainerd, May 18; Memorial Day Services (Malmo and Lakeside), May 28; Visit with Bishop Tom Aitken, NE MN Synod, Duluth with Randy Tofteland, George Smith and Val Benton Synodically Authorized Ministers as, (SAM and Lay Preacher Workshops)

Old Business:

Update on Capital Appeal — The appeal has come to close and a letter of gratitude and a full summary of the outcome of appeal will be sent to the congregation.

Parsonage Construction Update – Lee Forrester reported that construction has started and walls to the basement have been poured. Mechanicals and drain tile are expected to be completed this week. Excavation will then be done and the house will be ready to come!

Parsonage Celebration Sunday Aug 6 Update – Randy discussed the upcoming celebration and groups have been given assignment. Suggested the building parsonage committee give tours that day. Pastor Terry will take the lead on the service along with the band Dakota Rose.

New Business:

Building Improvement Recommendations – Facilities Improvement Cash Analysis report:

All committees were asked to give their input on facility improvements that they would like to suggest. Randy reported a short list of what's needed but the final list will be given to the Strategic Planning Committee. Randy took us through our cash flow that's designated to improvements. W&M suggested improvements in the Sanctuary for speaker improvement, painting and banners. Randy gave us some cost estimates. The

Property Committee suggested new windows (several need to be replaced), a video camera from the Sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall (helpful for overflow). Another suggestion is acoustic panels for the Fellowship Hall to help with sound. Pastor Terry suggested looking into a consult from a Liturgical design profession. They could help to what we want the public to see when they come into our church. Something that reflects the spirit of Bethesda!

2017/18 Budget Cycle

Mary Vukelich joined us to discuss the 2017/18 budget. All committees should have submitted their suggested budgets. Council recommended a similar budget from last year, but to budget the parsonage pledges separately so they can be tracked closely.

Call Committee Status – The Ministry Site Profile has been completed and submitted to the synod.

Council Member Recruitment – Socialize need for new council members. There are four and possibly five open positions.

Council reviewed the Priority Tracking List. Judie Birk asked to add discussion of web site criteria.

Review Council Article for July Newsletter — Randy presented a letter from the council to be sent out in the July newsletter. This was approved.

July Meeting Topics:

Council Priorities for remainder of fiscal 2017

Committee Reports:

Mission & Evangelism:

Will meet after VBS week.

Property Committee:

June 2017 report:

- Discussed sound abatement in Fellowship Hall with Randy Tofteland. Property Committee agreed to put up panels.
- Property Committee will remove old organ speakers.
- In process of putting identification labels on chairs and tables.
- Five replacement windows to be ordered when approved by Council.
- Window frames being varnished.
- Thanks to all who help to mow lawns. Thanks to Sam Samuelson for spraying weeds (no more yellow dots on the lawn) and Thanks to Tom Forester for maintaining the church's lawn mowers.

Worship & Music:

Members Present: Pastor Terry, Randy Tofteland, Carol Bakken, Tom Christensen, Paula Spetz, Pat Kullberg, Julie Swaggert

The meeting was held on June 1 and begins with an opening prayer by Pastor Terry. Paula and Carol updated the committee that letters have gone out to area churches soliciting the idea for a special music exchange between churches, but there has been no inquires to date. They will continue to monitor the interest from other churches while promoting the idea for members of Bethesda to share special music during our Sunday services. The committee confirmed that a band by the name of Dakota Road has been chosen to participate in a celebration service on August 6. There will be one service that Sunday and it will be held in the fellowship hall. Following the worship service there will be an open house at the parsonage and a light meal. The primary purpose of this event is to celebrate the completion of the parsonage and the congregation's generosity. Celebration and gratitude will be the theme of our morning worship service and the spirit of the day, and Pastor Terry has agreed to work with Dakota Road on the order of worship for the day. Pat Kullberg and Julie Swaggert will lead the advertising campaign for the event, Paula Spetz & Sharon Whipple will oversee the selection and purchase of food & Wally Swenson and Carol Bakken will oversee logistics like set up and tear down. It was agreed that we would plan for 200 people with a food budget of \$350. The committee then reviewed and discussed the input that was received regarding upgrades and redecorating thoughts for the sanctuary. After reviewing all the information it was agreed that the Worship and Music Committee would recommend to the council to proceed with an estimate from Stewart Sound Systems to replace the existing speaker in the sanctuary with a new speaker and sub-woofer. It was also agreed to recommend to the council and building committee to replace the old organ speakers that are no longer used, paint the front and back walls of the sanctuary, review what items in the front of the church could be removed and purchase 4 new banners to hang in the sanctuary during the different seasons of the church. These recommendations will be made to the council at the upcoming June council meeting. Following a discussion of meeting topics for the July committee meeting and the reciting of the Lord's Prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.
The next council meeting will be July 17 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judie Birk, council secretary.

MAY 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund	MONTH	YTD
Income Actual	\$42,061	\$329,295
Income Budgeted	\$16,333	\$147,000
Expense Actual	\$128,042	\$263,324
Expense Budgeted	\$13,793	\$124,137
Over/(Short)	(\$85,981)	\$65,971



4TH OF JULY PARADE

Need Help

Let me know if you who would like volunteer to walk in the 4th of July parade to pass out candy and post cards about our church. We need volunteers please see me. Carolyn Morris

USHERS Just a reminder to check for any instructions on the wall by the acolytes and please be sure to do a headcount and mark it down on the calendar in the office by the file cabinet.
Thanks Skip & Lynn Hansen

Join the team!



Sign up to mow the church lawn!



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 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.



July 2017

Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7:30 Veggie Stand
2 8:30 & 10:00 Worship & Communion	3 1:00 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	4 Happy 4th of July	5 8:30 Womens Bible Study 9:30 Stitches 6:00 Choir 7:00 Praise team	6 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 10:30 W & M 12:30 Fun Timers 6:00 Bells	7 10:00 Bones	8 7:30 Veggie Stand 1-4 Footcare
9 8:30 & 10:00 Worship	10 8:00 Kitchen clean up 1:00 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA &	11 9:00 Quilters 10-12 Pastor text study 3:30 Adult Bible Study	12 8:30 Womens Bible Study 9:30 Stitches 6:00 Choir 7:00 Praise Team	13 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 12:30 Fun Timers 6:00 Bells	14 10:00 Bones	15 7:30 Veggie Stand
16 8:30 & 10:00 Worship & Communion Father's Day	17 1:00 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	18 9:00 Crafters 5:30 Council	19 8-12 WIC 8:30 Womens Bible Study 9:30 Stitches 6:00 Choir 7:00 Praise Team	20 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 12:30 Fun Timers 6:00 Bells Newsline Deadline	21 10:00 Bones	22 7:30 Veggie Stand
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30 8:30 & 10:00 Worship	31 1:00 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg					

Activities & Events

July 2017

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

Ushers

by Skip & Lynn Hansen

8:30 10:00

July 2	Rich, Marge Nelson	Darrell Kelly
July 9	Rich, Marge Nelson	Ron Haglunds
July 16	Chuck, Elsa Carlson	Darrell Kelly
July 23	Chuck, Elsa Carlson	Ron Haglunds
July 30	Lee, Barb Forester	Marilyn Andrews
Aug. 6&13	Wayne, Janice Olsen	Barry Ansell
Aug. 20-27	Nancy Hansen, Lynn Hansen	Dick, Sue Stebbins

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

July 2	Winnie Zahradka	Kathy Carlson
July 9	Sheila Penoyer	Sheila Penoyer
July 16	Char Berg	Carolyn Morris
July 23	Sandy Pullen	Kathy Berland
July 30	Jeannine Bruesewitz	Laury Nyberg

Altar Care by Dianne Jones

July -Elsa and Chuck Carlson

August -Marge Nelson and Joni Mehlop



Coffee Servers by WELCA

July 2	Shirley Gosselin, Del & Dianne Jones
July 9	
July 16	Judy Wuorio, Ray, Mike & Barbara
July 23	
July 30	

Greeters Lynne Meidlinger

July 2	Kathy, Maynard Berland
July 9	Jerry, Carolyn Morris
July 16	Keith, Dawn Keller
July 23	Lee, Barb Forrester
July 30	George, Patti Smith



5-Jul	Wally & Bev Swenson
7-Jul	Harold & Ardis Kendall
10-Jul	Ken & Patti Wanous
12-Jul	Marvin & Theresa Berry
16-Jul	Ron & Jan Aho
16-Jul	Lee & Barb Forrester
18-Jul	Jerry & Pat Becker
21-Jul	Randy & Winnie Zahradka
23-Jul	Jerry & Carolyn Morris
25-Jul	Gene & Sherry Whipple
29-Jul	Kirk & Marilee Swenson
30-Jul	Dale & Glenice Peterson



July

1-Jul	Dennis Meidlinger
4-Jul	Mike Parson
5-Jul	Harold Kendall
6-Jul	Joanne Danielson
7-Jul	Jerome Schewe
8-Jul	Penny Sjoquist
9-Jul	Darrell Kelly
10-Jul	Donna Myhre
11-Jul	Barb Bray
11-Jul	Randy Tofteland
14-Jul	David Lundahl
16-Jul	Alene Lowe
18-Jul	Paul Meleen
21-Jul	Ron Heins
21-Jul	Craig Kullberg
22-Jul	Kathy Carlson
23-Jul	Sandi Elwood
24-Jul	Frank Dressely
24-Jul	Keith Munding
25-Jul	Ken Elwood
27-Jul	Marilyn Elling
27-Jul	Linda Haugli d
27-Jul	Joanne Mehlop
27-Jul	Annie Johnson
29-Jul	Cindy Persson

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