

Bethesda Life-Line

Worship Services

Sunday 9:00 AM

Service of Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday 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.



April 7 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

April 14 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

April 18 Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM
Communion

April 19 Good Friday 9:00 AM

April 21 Easter Worship 8:30 & 10:00 AM
Communion

April 28 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 AM
Communion

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

Two services start back up on Easter Sunday

April 28 Junk Bingo, 2:00, bring appetizer to share.



2019

The Memory Garden is taking paver orders until Mother's Day. You may order an engraved paver to honor anyone special (living or deceased.) A large paver is \$35, a small paver costs \$25. Order forms can be found in the narthex. Return completed forms to Val Benton or place in the office Memory Garden mailbox.

We are no longer able to use the email address: blcmalmo@frontiernet.net

Please use this new email address: blcmalmo@gmail.com

Sunday School classes began Sunday, March 3rd at 10:15am for children ages 4-12. If you know of families in the area who would be interested or if you want to help, contact Laury Nyberg, Pastor James, Darlene Christensen or the office.

Operation Christmas Child collection item for the April collection will be small toys such as balls, jump ropes, dolls, cars, trucks, and any other toys that will fit in a shoe box.



Watch for Easter Lily Signup sheet!



From the Pastor

Blessings to you this month!
... and what a busy month it is.
This next month covers a lot of
theological ground as we move
from the reflective, penitential

season of Lent to the drama of Holy Week to the celebratory day and season of Easter. The transition from the darker days of Lent and Good Friday into the light of Easter morning is always a bit tricky, though it helps that we are literally gaining additional hours of daylight as winter moves into spring. Be grateful – Christians in the southern hemisphere don't have these kinds of visual aids.

The transition from winter to spring also helps us understand this concept that from death comes life, as our world grows ever greener in spring. But it is still a challenge at times. Sacrifice – now that we can understand a bit better. Something that seems more like a trade. Jesus gave up his life, and we gained ours. We know all kinds of stories of people who have given their lives to save others.

We also remember the opposite – those who seem to forget that life is a precious gift and just seem to throw it away recklessly. Maybe our minds go first to those the mountain climbers that scale sheer rock walls without ropes or Evel Knievel on his motorcycle, but our faith offers a different warning. Jesus taught that a selfish life focused on storing up earthly things and on our own sense of importance and self-righteousness is not how we honor God's gift of life. We are called to live lives that share God's love with others and all of God's creation. Improving the world does benefit us in some way, as we do live in the world, but a life of service is very often a sacrificial life.

That isn't to say that we are all called to sacrifice ourselves in some dramatic, jump-on-the-grenade kind of scenario. There are many ways to give of ourselves and take on the burdens of others. I think of the missionaries we support, Dara and Chad, who have dedicated their lives to serving and walking beside a community far from the home of their birth. They face all kinds of challenges to share God's love in that place. But they do experience great joys as well. Which goes to the point that not every sacrifice

needs to feel like a sacrifice. At least, not all the time. Christian service is not measured on a scale where the more horrible we feel, the better job we are doing. God's plan, as far as I can tell, is not that the world should wallow in sorrow 24/7; something we should remember during this time of Lent and Holy Week.

Jesus gave up his life for us, endured torture and a shameful death on the cross. But I don't think the point was to create some kind of monumental guilt trip that Jesus could use to browbeat the world into submission for all of eternity. I am thankful that the line "I did this for you, so you better be grateful and feel pretty awful that you made me do this" does not appear anywhere in the Gospels.

Jesus willingly goes to the cross because "God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life" and because nothing in all of creation "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

In Lent and Holy Week, we will take moments to be quiet, to be reflective, to be penitent, and to be sorrowful. But that is because God calls us to love one another, and sometimes love requires us to be quiet and reflective and penitent and sorrowful. But while loving others, as Christ loved us, means that sometimes we will be called to push ourselves beyond our comfort zones and to not just comfort those who are suffering, but to take on some measure of suffering ourselves that is not God's ultimate goal. And sometimes sacrifice results in our deaths, but death is not the ultimate goal either. Life is. Love is. That is the message of Easter.

So, indulge in the rhythms of this busy time in our church year. Don't just speed through to the happy ending, but don't get stuck in the difficult and dark parts either. Light will come. Snow will melt. New green life will shoot from cold, hard ground. It just takes time, so slow down and enjoy the process. Every moment may not be filled with joy, but, in every moment, God is with us.

Yours in Christ, Pastor James Muske



Minutes of March 18, 2019, Council Meeting

In attendance: Mary Braun, Jenny Schuett, Ron Haglund, Sherry Whipple, Dorothy Munding, Cheryl Malotky, Pastor James Muske and Judie Birk.

The meeting was called to order by council vice president Jenny Schuett.
Pastor James gave opening Devotions.

Secretary's Report:

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the February meeting by Sherry Whipple, seconded by Cheryl Malotky and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial view and current month activity for February was presented by Mary Braun. Motion was made by Ron Haglund to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Sherry Whipple and passed.

Pastor's Report: (Feb. 19 to March 18, 2019)

- Held our first Movie & Pizza night. Thanks to all who helped make it possible! We will be hosting another one on Mar 31. As noted before, we purchased a year-long movie license, so keep thinking of ways to use this license.
- Attended the Nuts & Bolts meeting this last Saturday in Cloquet.
- Lead worship services at Aicota and Aitkin Health Services on Feb. 28, so it was nice to connect with some of our folks and others. Also made 3 other visits this month.
- Funeral for Francis Berge on April 6. Also agreed to lead a wedding up in McGregor on April 27. Pastor Erika met with them before, but since she has taken a new call up in Cook, I agreed to fill in for her.
- Lent has begun again, and I am on the preaching circuit. I was at First in Aitkin last week and have an off week before heading to Salem in Deerwood on the 27th.
- Continued to meet with the synod committees (Together Here and the Bishop Election Comm) I am on. Thankfully one of them held an online meeting, so I was saved an extra trip to Duluth during a snowstorm.

Old Business:

Update on Stewardship Committee – Mary gave an update from the Stewardship committee. See report below.

Update 100th Anniversary Celebration August 2019 — Planning is going well, with successful Movie Pizza event. March 31st we will have our second Movie/Pizza event showing Hugo. Also planning for a Junk BINGO event on April 28. Pastor created a fundraising letter that committee reviewed and will run by council at next meeting. A few other suggestions from council were Pancake breakfast, garage sale and coordinate with Lions Club's Car Show in September.

Update Isle School Paw Pantry - The Pantry is well stocked, thank you!

Update Isle Area Food Shelf - A need for cereals and individual packets of oatmeal.

Update on Church Property Insurance - Both Church Mutual and North Star Mutual (Oberfeld Insurance) will present quotes in April. Current policy expires 04/21/2019.

Discuss Bank Note pay down. Stewardship Committee to determine and let council know by April council meeting.

Where Are we at on Update of Church Roster — About 25 letters have been sent out.

Secretaries Event at Camp Onomia April 1-2, 2019 — Jenny and Mary plan to attend.

New Business:

Do We Need an Education Committee for the Sunday school which started March 3rd, 2019 — M&E will discuss at their April meeting.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship & Finance:

Discussion of in-house audit status

Mary B sent out questionnaire Monday March 4th to committees to get Process/Procedure forms completed. She will give one month for committees to discuss/complete and return before sending a reminder email.

Review of Finance Statements

Council suggested that we paying \$7,000 towards Parish mortgage which would allow full payment to be made at the end of pledge commitments which ends in March of 2020. Would save \$350ish in interest.

Attendees agreed that we would like the full Stewardship committee thoughts

There is \$10k lower for General Offerings – is this a trend?

A few budgets have gone over budget already – will this continue?

At the half way point of our 2019 Budget the Total numbers are still healthy

Next Meeting: 10:00am - Monday, April 8, 2019

Respectfully submitted: Donna

Motion was made to adjourn by Mary Braun, seconded by Ron Haglund, and passed.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be April 16 at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judie Birk,
Council secretary.

2019 TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund	FEBRUARY	YTD
Actual	\$14,751	\$108,139
Budgeted	\$16,379	\$98,275
 EXPENSE		
Actual	\$14,307	\$93,475
Budgeted	\$16,192	\$98,411
 Over/Short		
	\$444	\$14,664

Thank you

Thank you friends of Bethesda Lutheran for your kind words and prayers during my recent hospital stay and home recovery. I enjoyed the cards and gifts. A special thanks to Evie and Ron Richter for getting me to the Hospital and for care following. Thanks to those who made offers to help in anyway. Also, thanks to my granddaughter, Becky, for leaving Snow Hearts and Love Messages in my Snowbanks! Speaking of snowbanks, a special thank you to Dennis and Luci Liljenquist for plowing my yard as smooth as any Ballroom Floor (Pastor James sure did notice). I plan to use my Classical Music (Recovery CD's) to Waltz my way back to wellness.
Sincerely, Lois Johnson



The Choir Season is Ready to Start Again!

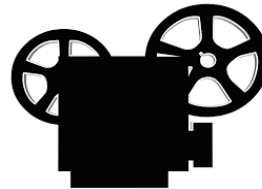
We are not planning on starting until after Easter, as many of our snowbirds will be back yet. I am busy looking at new and old music to get the music scheduled for the whole season. Here is my plan for late April Practice and May Practice and singing dates.



We will start the Choir Season with the first Practice on Wed. April 24th at 6:00 pm and Praise Team at 7. The May schedule will be Wed. night practice on, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th at 6:00 pm and Praise Team to follow at 7:00 pm. The choir will be singing on Sunday May 5th & May 19th at 8:30 am & beginning of the 10:00 service. We will start out with songs we have sung before and work on new songs.

If you love to sing and want to come and try out the choir, all are welcome!! We always love to see new faces! Here's to another great year of singing Praises to our Lord in song!! Hope to see all of you soon!!

Sheila Penoyer



Attention Committee Chairpersons

Do you have a movie or training film that viewing may benefit your committee's work? Bethesda now has a license to legally show movies at church. It's an annual subscription, so let's get our money's worth out of our subscription. Movies can be shown using a DVD player or streaming from the internet. Bethesda does have an Amazon Prime subscription including movies and TV programs. If you have any questions, contact Pastor James.



Help! We need Coffee Servers for April, May and June.

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

Join the fun! Support our Centennial Activities in 2019

Each month you have the opportunity to win a fabulous prize by purchasing a \$1 chance, while also decorating the fellowship hall.

All funds raised will be used for our Centennial Celebration on August 11, 2019.

Our theme for April will be "Spring/Easter". The prize for April is a 35 inch by 11 inch Hardanger table runner. The winner will be drawn the last Sunday of the month during Fellowship hour after worship service.

We hope you participate each month for a chance to win a different prize each month. Thank you for your support. *Need not be present to win.*



It is time for the annual Bethesda Jelly making again. The date has been set for Monday, May 6th. So mark your calendars and more information will follow. Sign-up sheets will be out in mid-April. Plan to come and join in the fun. No experience needed.



As **spring cleaning** gets under way, Lions clubs are asking people to donate their used hearing aids to the Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Program. To donate used hearing aids, carefully wrap them and place in the basket for Lions hearing aid or eyeglass in the Narthex. Any questions contact Dick Stebbins



Newsletter Articles

Please have your articles for the Newline in by April 20th. The email address is billnews@juno.com or put your article in the Newsletter box in the hallway.

Lent Services

April 3 Pastor Doug Larson
 5:30pm Potluck 6:30pm Service
 April 10 Pastor James Muske
 5:30pm Potluck 6:30pm Service

EASTER SCHEDULE



April 14 Palm Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
April 18 Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM
April 19 Good Friday Worship 9:00 AM
April 5 Easter Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00AM
 Coffee between services

Usher Reminder

With Communion every Sunday, ushers need to make sure 3 people are helping with communion. Call Skip or Lynn Hanson with any questions.



Join us on Thursdays at 12:30 to play 500!
 Join in on the fun! **Potluck On the 2nd Thursday ONLY at noon**
Double Pinochle is at 1:00 on Mondays

Raindrops tumble to the ground
 'cause God directs them to come down.
 Little seeds sprout from the ground
 'cause God directs them up, not down.
 Tender roots sink in the ground
 'cause God directs them to go down.
 Pretty flowers will be found
 where raindrops tumbled to the ground.



—MaryAnn Sundby

Activities & Events

April 2019

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

Ushers by Skip & Lynn Hansen



April
 7* & 14* **9:00**
 Don&Donna Mhyre
 21* 8:30 10:00
 Skip&Lynne Hansen Chuck&Elsa
 Carlson
 28* Judy Wozney, Darrell Kelly
 Shirley Moe

April 1 Tom & Gloria Christensen
 April 11 Richard & Judy Seifert
 April 14 Keith & Dorothy Mundinger
 April 24 Dennis & Lynne Meidlinger
 April 27 Wayne & Janice Olson

Check list in office for when to light the Christ Candle*

Don't forget the blessing boxes the first Sunday of every month!!

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Altar Care by Dianne Jones

April Gina Rosa, Dianne Jones



Coffee Servers by WELCA

April
 7 Wayne&Janice Olson, Ron&Carol Hass
 14 Steve&Melody Lackner, Winnie Z.
 21
 28

BirthDay Bonanza!

April 1 Ted Jaszczak
 April 3 Scott Fox
 April 4 Shirley Gosselin
 April 4 Beverly Swenson
 April 6 Marilee Swenson
 April 8 Lee Forrester
 April 9 Barry Ansell
 April 9 Patti Bradash
 April 9 Renee Hanson
 April 10 Betty Wagner
 April 11 Richard Southworth
 April 15 Jim Magedanz
 April 15 Pamela Norlander
 April 16 Warren Rolek
 April 20 Lyla Dooley
 April 20 Lois Johnson
 April 20 Curtis Lindberg
 April 21 Michelle Elias
 April 21 Donna Metteer
 April 23 Paige Dressely
 April 24 Marty Dressely
 April 24 Dale Petersen
 April 25 Mark Korngable
 April 25 Audrey Kullberg
 April 25 Lucille Liljenquist
 April 26 Valerie Benton
 April 26 Craig Bradash
 April 27 Joyce Keil
 April 28 Kristine Grap
 April 29 Ron Keil
 April 30 Gina Rosa

Greeters Lynne Meidlinger

April
 7 Bev Wedig, Winnie Z.
 14 Jerry, Pat Becker
 21 Sylvia Tapelt, Nicole Dzubay
 28 Del, Diane Jones



April 2019

Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1:00 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	2 12:00-2 Pastor Text Study	3 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Stickers 5:30 Potluck 6:30 Lent Worship	4 12:30 Fun Timers Cards	5 10:00 Bones Builders	6 1:00 Funeral Francess Berge
7 9:00 Worship Communion 10:15 Sunday School 10:30 Praise team practice	8 9:00 Womens Devotions 1:00 Stewardship 1:00 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	9 9:00 Quilters 12:00-2 Pastor Text Study	10 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Stickers 5:30 Potluck 6:30 Lent Worship	11 8-12NE Synod Women's Spring Garthering 12:30 Fun Timers Cards	12 10:00 Bones Builders	13
14 9:00 Worship Communion 10:15 Sunday School 10:30 Praise team practice Palm Sunday	15 1:00 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	16 12:00-2 Pastor Text Study 1:30 Council mtg	17 8-12 WIC 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Stickers	18 8:00 R.o.m.e.o. 12:30 Fun Timers Cards 6:30 Maundy Thursday service Communion	19 9:00 Good Friday Service 10:00 Bones Builders	20 Newline Deadline
21 8:30 & 10:00 Worship Communion 10:15 Sunday School Easter Sunday	22 10:00 Centennial meeting 1:00 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	23 9:00 Quilters 12:00-2 Pastor Text Study	24 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Stickers 6:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Praise Team practice	25 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 12:30 Fun Timers	26 10:00 Bones Builders	27
28 8:30 & 10:00 Worship Communion 10:15 Sunday School 2:00 Junk Bingo (Bring an appetizer to share)	29 1:00 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	30 9:00 Quilters 12:00-2 Pastor Text Study				

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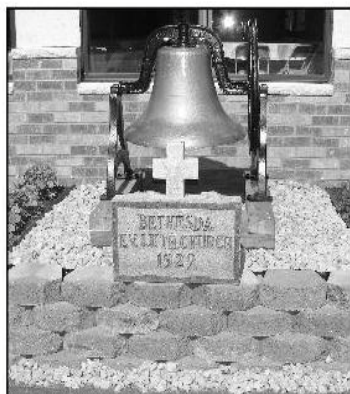
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