

Bethesda Life-Line

Worship Services*

Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 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.



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

Aug 11 Sunday Worship Communion 10:00 AM

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

Aug 25 Sunday Worship Communion 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

Aug 11, 2019

One service only 10:00,

10-11 a.m. Service in Fellowship Hall

11:00 Dedication of the stained-glass window

Noon-1:00 Pig Roast starts

1-4:00 Praise Bands/singing groups.

Games & activities planned for kids & adults.

Hope you can join us! Sunday August 11th!



2019

Bethesda's 100th Anniversary

Celebrating 100 Years!

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo has been celebrating their centennial all year long with monthly raffles and events. The **BIG celebration is August 11, 2019** at Bethesda beginning with a service at 10 a.m. followed by the dedication of the commemorative Stain Glass window. There will then be a pig roast dinner with fixings for a free-will donation. A Praise Fest with several Praise bands in the area along with others will entertain us after the meal. We will have games and refreshments too. Please consider celebrating with our little community of Bethesda.

Annual Meeting

The date and time for our Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, September 22, 2019. We will have one service that day starting at 9:00 a.m. with meeting follow service.

All committee chairpersons are requested to have their annual reports in to Judie Birk by August 31, 2019.



From the Pastor

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The Mission Statement of

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmö

One of my favorite movies growing up was *Back to the Future*. I still watch the whole trilogy at least once a year. Doc Brown and Marty McFly’s time traveling adventures in a shiny, stainless steel DeLorean. I was also a fan of the equally cheesy TV show *Quantum Leap*, where scientist Sam Beckett “leaped” into the bodies of one person after another trying to fix mistakes in the past – “striving to put right what once went wrong,” the opening credits explained.

Fixing or messing up the past (or using the future for some gain) always seems to be the main source of drama in time travel stories. Rarely is it used for something as boring as education or enlightenment or even just tourism. Nope, either something has gone wrong or it quickly does go wrong and people long for a second (or third or fourth or...) chance to get things right.

This August is the month of Bethesda’s big centennial celebration – 100 years of ministry in our little corner of Minnesota. Of course, we have been celebrating our centennial all year and will continue to do so on into December, but August 11 is the “Big Day” that we have been planning and building towards for well over a year.

Not only will that day be time of worship, music, and good food, it will also be a day filled with memories, shared by those that wish to step up to the mic and simply among all the various conversations at tables. Remembrances of people, some still with us and some who have passed on, stories of weddings and baptisms and funerals and confirmations and building projects and snowstorms and thunderstorms and mosquitoes galore.

The memories shared, I hope, will mostly be of the warm and cherished variety. All the fights, the mistakes, all the endless committee and council meetings will probably not be paid too much mind, if only out of a sense of politeness. There may be some wrongs we wish to go back and make right, some second chances we would like to take, but your

pastor drives a Toyota, not a DeLorean, and time travel is still only within the realm of science fiction.

But perhaps it is also the case that many fights we fought and stands that we took no longer seem so important. Maybe we have forgotten them or maybe we have even – gasp – changed our mind. It is possible. Even for a Lutheran.

Maybe we realized, given a little time and perspective that many of our arguments flare up over issues that are not central to our core values and the kind of life that God calls us to lead. There are some debates that need to be had and some fights that need to be fought. Not all argument is bad. Faithful, loving people should wrestle with difficult questions about how we are to best live in community, serve one another, and advocate God’s justice, but, if we are honest with ourselves, we manage to get ourselves into a lot of dumb squabbles. I am not sure Doc Brown would bother gassing up the DeLorean for many of the mistakes we come to regret.

Mission statements, like our current one listed above, can certainly be edited or replaced over time, but it is good for us to take time and affirm what values we hold and allow to shape how we live out God’s love in our world. Because a church, even one celebrating its 100th anniversary, is a community that should care as much about the present and future as it does about the past.

Finances are important, membership and worship attendance is important, finding people to mow the lawn is important, but beyond all the practical considerations, we need to regularly ask ourselves – are we **living and serving through faith**, are we **acting with love and kindness**, are we **giving hope and support to all**? Are we a church, empowered by the Spirit and sent out in mission, or are we just a nice social club?

So let’s give thanks this month to God and for all of God’s disciples that have brought us this far... and let’s give thanks for the God that will move us on into the future, not in a DeLorean, but through the ordinary, messy, one-day-at-a-time, blessed lives that we lead here in Malmö, MN or wherever we rest our head.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor James Muske

2019 TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund	JUNE	YTD
Income Actual	\$32,043	\$224,801
Income Budgeted	\$16,788	\$163,998
Expense Actual	\$16,053	\$180,959
Expense Budgeted	\$16,272	\$163,418
Over/(Short)	\$15,990	\$43,842

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo

Minutes of July 15, 2019, Council Meeting

In attendance: George Smith, Mary Braun, Jenny Schuett, Ron Haglund, Sherry Whipple, Dorothy Mundinger, Pastor James Muske and Judie Birk.

The meeting was called to order by council president George Smith. Pastor James gave opening Devotions.

Secretary's Report:

Changes to the June minutes were the date of the meeting was June 17 and both the Property and Personnel Committees made the recommendation to the custodial position. Motion was made to accept the minutes of the June meeting with changes by Mary Braun, seconded by Jenny Schuett, and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial view and current month activity for June was presented by Mary Braun. The budget was reviewed. A motion was made by Mary Braun for next year's multi-media expansion to show \$6,000 as income and \$7,000 as a proposed expense (with the understanding that the Worship & Music committee would be working on fundraising events during the year to reach the \$14,000 total needed for the project), seconded by Sherry Whipple and passed. Another motion regarding the ELCA Synod Benevolence giving to be changed from 5% to 6% with the hope to increase 1% a year until we reach 10% was made by Mary Braun, seconded by Jenny Schuett and passed. Motion was made by Sherry Whipple to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Dorothy Mundinger and passed.

Pastor's Report: (June 17 to July 15, 2019)

We had another wonderful year of VBS this last month. So many thanks to all those who helped out and all the kids and families that participated. I had a good time teaching the Bible Study with my trusty assistant Val.

Helped lead a Blanket Exercise up in Brainerd for the first in a series of workshops/speakers/videos organized by the Together Here synod team on which I serve. This month's session will be a video on the Doctrine of Discovery (Tuesday, July 23, 2019) and next month. The August 27 session will be a discussion on Lutheran history in connection with native peoples. All the meetings will be held at Trinity

Lutheran Church in Brainerd, 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

As noted before, I would like to see if there is any interest to get a group of folks to go to the Mille Lacs Band Powwow this year, August 16-18.

Bishop Tom will be here to preach on Sunday, August 18. Anything special we want to do?

Last week I led worship services at Blackrock and Golden Horizons. Next Thursday afternoon I will lead worship at Aicota and Aitkin Health Services.

The Aitkin area pastors have been enjoying the summer pastor exchange. On July 28 I will be at Bethlehem and Pastor Rebecca will be here. Aug 25 I will be at First in Aitkin and Pastor Mike will be here. We have also been discussing a joint "God's Work, Our Hands" date on Saturday, September 7. We could meet together at the beginning for a brief prayer service (Maria Chapel near the Ripple Lake public access was suggested) and then break out to several locations for service opportunities. Is there a particular service opportunity we would like to host?

This month I am also writing articles for the Mille Lacs Messenger, as part of their regular clergy columns. I will try not to embarrass us – ha!

Centennial committee is going full steam ahead for our August 11 celebration, and been busy with the usual assortment of committee work.

Going to meet with Pastor Kate again on Wednesday to continue firming up plans to combine our Confirmation classes this fall. They like to kick off the year with a party at a member's lake home, usually mid to late August.

I haven't taken much vacation time or continuing ed time yet this year, so I will try to be better about finding a few days here and there and I will also look at my calendar for some kind of lengthier vacation this fall or even late August.

Old Business:

Isle Area Food Shelf – gathering July 25th where they unload the truck at noon and need 4-5 people to count and pack. People come in from 4-6:30 pm to pick up. If you would like to volunteer 2-3 hours, once a month, please call George at (620) 786-4865.

We set a tentative date for October 20 for Council & Committee Chairs to meet at Camp Onomia for a day retreat.

Worship and Music proposal for a Church Projection System was discussed.

Centennial committee report — Judie Birk reported that planning is going well. We are receiving donations from the fundraising letter request. The stained glass window is done but is being framed. Advertising and flyers will be posted. Help will be needed on Saturday for setup.

Dorothy asked if Pastor had contacted the two graduates about picking up their quilts from the church. He needs to contact them yet.

Ron Haglund asked about putting lights up for the helicopter pad. George said he would ask Lee.

New Business:

Donna Ansell from Stewardship presented to council some of the budget concerns (see committee report below). Council reviewed changes and gave recommendations.

Lions Club asked if they could put up a banner at the end of the driveway to advertise their car show, which will be held in our parking lot on September 21st. The Lions have their own insurance, which covers any project they have. The council agreed this would be fine.

Our church is on a fiscal year (September-August) rather than a calendar year. The synod had started out that way but they are now on a calendar year. It would be easier to go with a calendar year with an annual meeting in early October. Council agreed it should be discussed at the annual meeting.

Annual meeting topics: A motion to move the annual meeting date to September 22nd to give more time to get reports done (there are 5 weekends in September this year) was made by Sherry Whipple and seconded by Dorothy and passed.

We need one council member for a three-year period. A sample ballot will be in the newsletter for September.

Any changes to our present mission statement will be put in an upcoming newsletter and then discussed at our October council retreat.

Mary made a motion to accept Property's suggestion to replace the roof on the parsonage garage. Seconded by Dorothy and passed.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship & Finance Committee

Personnel recommended all the salaries except the Pastors. Regarding the technology we strongly recommend that a presentation and information be provided in how the system would be implemented, how it would work, and that there would be a person in charge for accountability and that person would more than likely need a salary which would further increase budget.

We strongly agree that envelope giving will go down because there have been no new members added and we are losing members

Worship and music reported that they would earn \$6000 in fund raising. To show good faith those efforts may need to be started before the system would be purchased. Stewardship is not against the technology but many questions need to be answered. Our responsibility is to ensure that the church financial picture is understood and to point out concerns regarding the financial viability of the church.

Stewardship is meeting in early August to finalize a proposed budget based upon your concerns and thoughts in moving forward.

Property Committee:

Committee discussed John Deere tractor given by a member and decided we did not need it at this time as our tractors are running good and we don't have storage space. We'd like permission to replace the roof on the parsonage garage. Low bid was approximately \$1,300. We'd like to do that this summer.

Ant problem was addressed by having Central Pest Control spray inside and out for infestation.

Sewage clean out pipe repaired and put at ground level.

Service for dishwasher will be early this week. They will repair and service dishwasher.

The facing on the east side of the church will be repaired before the Celebration.

Brush removal will be done before Celebration.

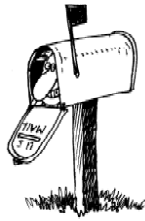
Submitted by Lee Forrester & Darrell Kelly

Motion was made to adjourn by Jenny Schuett, seconded by Ron Haglund, and passed.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be August 19 at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judie Birk, council secretary.



Thank you

THANK YOU

For all the prayers, calls, cards and concern. It has greatly helped me in my recovery.

Judy Wozney

Bethesda Church family, thank you for all the nice cards, get-well wishes and prayers. Special thanks to Darlene Christensen for all your help. I am now living at Aicota Assisted Living.

Marlyn Eklund

Listen to past Sundays Service on this link.

<http://blcmalmo.org/category/sermons/>



Mark your calendar for the WELCA meeting on Wednesday, August 14th at 9:30. See you there



Help! We need Coffee Servers for August

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.

We need card players!

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 11:30 on Mondays



The Crafter schedule for the 9:00 am meetings in the church fellowship hall is as follows:

August 6, 20

September 3, 10

October 1, 15

The bazaar is Saturday, October 26th. For more information, call Char Berg @320-684-2102.

USHERS NEEDED if you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Skip or Lynn Hansen 320 684-2842 or hansenlynn@yahoo.com



LAWN MOWERS NEEDED: If you enjoy the outdoors, we have an opportunity for you. Please sign up to help mow the church lawn. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Training on use of mowers is available if needed. Contact Lee Forrester.

WORSHIP WITH THE BISHOP

Bishop Tom Aitken will be leading our worship services on Sunday, August 18, 2019. He is unable to attend our Centennial Service on the 11th, so he will join us the following Sunday. Let's make a good showing to welcome him that day!

Veggie is Open

August welcomes 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. And of course, your fresh veggies from your gardens. Anything you can share is appreciated by our customers. Also, come join us on Saturdays to help and meet great people.



Activities & Events

August 2019

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

Ushers

by Skip & Lynn Hansen

August 8:30 10:00
*4 & 11 Don, Donna Mhyre Barry Ansells

18 & 25 Skip, Lynn Hansen Haglunds

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

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

Usher Reminder

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

Altar Care by Dianne Jones

August Sylvia Tapelt and Kathy Larson
Sept. Judy Wuorio and Dianne

Recycling

August & Sept. Elsa and Chuck Carlson
October Dianne and Del Jones
November JoAnn and Ron Haglund
December Dianne and Del Jones



Coffee Servers by WELCA

August
4
11 100th Celebration!
18 Church Council
25



Greeters Lynne Meidlinger

August
4 Marge Garbo, Paula Spetz
11 Lee, Barb Forester
18 Del, Dianne Jones
25 Keith, Dawn Kellen



Aug	8	Roy & Shirley Gosselin
Aug	13	Troy & Laury Nyberg
Aug	13	Ron & Evelyn Richter
Aug	16	Curtis & Susan Lindberg
Aug	20	Richard & Karen Carron
Aug	21	Mike & Sherri Lofgren
Aug	22	Greg & Donna Westerlund
Aug	23	Keith & Dawn Kellen
Aug	26	Charlie & Sylvia Tapelt



Aug	1	Bonnie Mickelson
Aug	1	Sandra Skow
Aug	3	Barbara Westerlund
Aug	4	Susan Stebbins
Aug	7	Zachary Simonson,
Aug	7	Kenneth Skogquist
Aug	8	Emily Trotter
Aug	9	Vicki Magedanz
Aug	11	Roy Berg, Sherri Lofgren
Aug	12	Ronald Haglund
Aug	17	Marylyn Hass
Aug	18	Nancy Hansen
Aug	19	Richard Stebbins
Aug	20	Sophia Westerlund
Aug	21	Richard Nelson, Sheldon Stay
Aug	22	Cheryl Malotky
Aug	23	Myra Honl, Dianne Jones
Aug	23	Dianne Sandberg
Aug	26	Barbara Forrester
Aug	27	Charles Anderson
Aug	27	Donald Myhre, Judith Seifert
Aug	28	Dan Persson
Aug	29	Linda Southworth
Aug	30	Stacy Westerlund
Aug	31	Karen Timmers



August 2019

Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:30 Fun timers!	2 10:00 Bones Builders	3 8:00-11 Veggie Stand
4 8:30 & 10:00 Worship Communion	5 10:00 Property 11:30 Pinochle 1:00 Stewardship 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	6 9:00 Crafters 12:00-2 Pastor Text Study	7 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Stitches 10:00 Centennial 5:30 Jamboree Practice 6:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Praise team	8 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 12:00 Pot luck & Fun timers!	9 10:00 Bones Builders	10 8:00 Veggie Stand
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