

Bethesda Life-Line

Worship Services*

Bethesda now has a YouTube channel!
Please check out last week's service
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLmC3CDJctE>), as well as on our Facebook page.



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

November Sunday Worship: YouTube or Facebook

Upcoming Events

Weekly bulletins and services available at
<http://blcmalmo.org/>

UPCOMING DATES

- Nov. 1 Daylight Savings time ends
- Nov. 9 Veterans breakfast by Malmo Lions
- Nov. 29 First Sunday of Advent

Annual Congregational meeting will be Sunday, December 6th

SNOWBIRDS Before you leave to head to warmer climates please let Mary in the office. Know your forwarding address and the dates you will be gone (Telephone No./e-mail too?) so that we may get your newsletters and any other information to you.



2020



Veterans pancake breakfast and bake sale by the Malmo area lions on November 14th, 7:30-11 a.m. \$5 per plate, veterans are free. Will be held at Bethesda church parking lot.

It will be a drive thru meal egg bake and fruit, please pre order by calling the church, veterans are free \$5, for everyone else.

We will have a bake sale in the parking lot that day and you can pick up your pre order of pasties. They will be \$5 each. There are the regular meat ones or fruit (apple blueberry and cherry). We will take drive thru for the meal if they don't preorder, while supplies last.

FOLDING CHAIRS NEED A NEW HOME

The Property Committee has started Spring Cleaning early this year. They would like to give away the



old brown metal folding chairs (that came from the old church) that are in the garage. There are approximately 30 of the chairs, along with four 8' folding

tables. If anyone wants these chairs or tables, or know of some organization that could use them, contact the church office. **They're FREE!**



From the Pastor

Since Pastor was on vacation, and didn't get a chance to write an article, we have included the below article from the Northeast Synod.

Rev. Amy Odgren Installed as NE MN Synod Bishop

October 17, 2020 Walker, Minnesota — The Rev. Amy Odgren was installed as bishop of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at a service on Saturday held at Hope Lutheran Church, Walker. She is the fourth bishop of the synod and succeeds Bishop Thomas Aitken who is retiring after serving two six-year terms. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton presided and preached. Other participants included The Rev. Matt McWaters, pastor of Hope Lutheran, ELCA Bishops Thomas Aitken, Regina Hassanally, and Laurie Skow-Anderson, and the Rt. Rev. Craig Loya, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.

Bishop Odgren previously served as Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission for the Northeastern Minnesota Synod. Ordained in 2001, she is a graduate of Warburg Theological Seminary, one of seven ELCA seminaries, and she completed a B.A. in education and psychology at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota. Bishop Odgren also served as Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission for the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, and as pastor of Spirit Lutheran and First Lutheran, Eau Claire, and Bridge of Life Lutheran, Holmen, all in Wisconsin.

Concerning her role as bishop, Bishop Odgren said “I see our principal challenge as engaging this culture as evangelists who share the gospel of Jesus in ways that will make a difference in the world. I think a bishop needs to listen extensively, pray often, and be bold to move the vision of the kingdom forward. And through this all, I trust in God’s resurrecting grace that keeps working and setting us free to love and serve.”



The Northeastern Minnesota Synod is one of six ELCA synods in Minnesota and 65 nationwide. Comprised of 130 ELCA congregations with about 55,000 members, it is one of the largest ELCA synods geographically, stretching from Princeton in the south to International Falls in the north, Brainerd in the west to Hovland in the northeast. Bishops are elected to six-year terms and may serve two terms.

Also, here is an article from Lee Ann M. Pomrenke who is an interim pastor in the Saint Paul Area Synod. She blogs at leeannpomrenke.com, and her first book, Embodied: Clergy Women and the Solidarity of a Mothering God, is forthcoming in fall 2020 from Church Publishing, Inc.

What happens in childhood doesn't stay in childhood. I've been thinking about this a lot lately, as my husband and I improvise a school routine for our children at home, host church services online and answer every question with “not until the coronavirus time is over.” I have questions too. Will our children be shaped by this extraordinary time, as the Silent Generation was formed by the Great Depression? Will the church of their adulthood be significantly changed because of this experience?

When we finally resume regular activities, will we still consider online worship (at whatever time is convenient) to be as “real” as gathering in person? Is it? Will our children’s generation have a new openness to other worship styles and even languages because of our online churchhopping?

In this moment, the body of Christ is visibly, experientially universal. I hope against hope that this pandemic and all that follows will not shape the church to be myopic, absorbed with finances and focused on reproducing for ourselves what we could have gotten from others. But that’s a big question mark at this point. The financial crises of workers laid off or furloughed from closed restaurants, tourism businesses, schools, childcare and other services will be clarifying. Congregations that did not have a two-month cushion of savings will have to make painful decisions. Is the church going to be about self-preservation or giving up our lives for the sake of others? This will be the Holy Spirit’s time to shine. We can depend on the Spirit doing new things we could never have foreseen. I pray the church wants to go where she blows.

2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD*</u>
Income Actual	\$10,102	\$10,102
Income Budgeted	\$12,942	\$12,942
Expense Actual	\$11,251	\$11,251
Expense Budgeted	\$13,317	\$13,317
Over/(Short)	(\$1,148)	\$(375)

*Abridged Year (From Sept-Dec 2020)



Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo

Minutes of October 19, 2020 Council Meeting

In attendance: In attendance: Judie Birk, Mary Braun, Cheryl Malotky, Dorothy Mundinger, Pastor James Muske, Dennis Hennesey, Sherry Whipple, and George Smith

The meeting was called to order by council president George Smith.

George Smith gave opening Devotions.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Financial view and current month activity for September was presented by Mary Braun. There is a concern about offerings that are down due to Covid. Dennis noted that November is Stewardship month. There is a "Simply Giving" form on our web site and we want to encourage people to give online or to drop off offerings at church and to say "Hello" to our church! A reminder in the November newsletter along with a form will be done by Mary. Motion was made by Dennis Hennesey to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Dorothy Mundinger and passed.

Pastor's Report: No pastor report as Pastor James was on vacation.

Old Business

- Should we Transfer Some Savings to Receive a Higher Return on our Money? It was

suggested that we wait until after the election to decide. And we may need to take out of savings for expenses.

- Offerings are a Concern and Need to be addressed in some manner. November is Stewardship month.
- Questions/Concerns about October 25th Church Service. There will be about 50 chairs set up seven feet apart. A procedure has been set up to follow Covid-19 guidelines from the synod.
- New council members? Please consider. Many meetings are now done via Zoom, so you don't need to leave your house.
- Update on TV's for fellowship hall. TVs are here and installed. Pastor will hook up adapter when he returns from vacation so they will be ready for Sunday's service.
- Annual Meeting Update. 2021 Calendar Year Budget? Reports and budgets are due later in October. We are exploring ways to handle the year-end annual meeting.

New Business

- Committee Reports for Council. Not many committees are meeting. Mission and Evangelism met today.
- Property Committee Storage Concerns. George and Dennis met with Lee about storage clutter. Council agreed to possibly donate or remove some of the old chairs, wheelchairs, walkers, etc. that are in storage.
- Mary asked that we renew our subscription to "Living Lutheran" and it was agreed to do so.

Committee Reports:

Mission & Evangelism

Meeting notes October 19, 2020

Members present: Judie Birk, Sue Samuelson, Joanne Stueven

This is the first attempt to have a meeting in 2020. We have kept in touch on line during this unusual year.

Our benevolence dollars designated to 5 local and 5 global organizations have been given out for the year. There are some suggestions coming in to add to or change these organizations. Since there is a procedure where we ask for input from committees and members before deciding where benevolence go, we will not make any changes at this time.

Last November and December, we completed the World Hunger Drive and displayed alternative Christmas giving from ELCA, Heifer Christmas Project, and Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry. We took suggestions from church members and gave families food and gas gift cards called the Caring and Sharing Gift Card Program. This year the church displays will not be available. Perhaps we can give to websites for the organizations and members can make donations if they wish. Suggestions for needy families will also be handled on line.

Our committee participated in God's Work our Hands Sunday by cleaning the beach again this year. Thanks to those who helped.

Our efforts to advertise will be part of the Trunk or Treat Event this year. The bags that were purchased for 4th of July will be part of Bethesda's Trick or Treat table on Oct 31 from 3-6. Children will get a bag with a small pumpkin and school supplies. Adults will get a Bethesda mug with a packet of hot chocolate. We will have card tables available for church members who participate in trunk or treat. It has been suggested that treats be pre packed and easy for children to reach without actually reaching into someone's car. Judie is planning to advertise in the local paper and on line.

We discussed our budget — leaving most amounts the same because of all the unknowns this coming year. Submitted by: Joanne Stueven

Motion was made to adjourn by Dennis, seconded by Mary, and passed.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next council meeting will be November 16 at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted by Judie Birk, council secretary.



Please send your new lists (greeters, ushers etc.) for 2021 in the office, by the 20th of November! Email them to the Newline, blnews@juno.com or put in the office box.



BETHESDA QUILTERS need donations of clean used mattress pads and blankets to make Lutheran World Relief quilts. Please leave in the Fellowship Hall by the Quilter's Door. Many Thanks.

You can still donate to WELCA's No-Bazaar Donation fund that supports their many worthy missions. You can send your checks to Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo, 21590 State Hwy 47, Isle 56342. Please write the checks to "Bethesda WELCA".

"Jelly Book" — A recipe book of the jellies made by the Bethesda women is available for \$5. Contact the church office if interested.



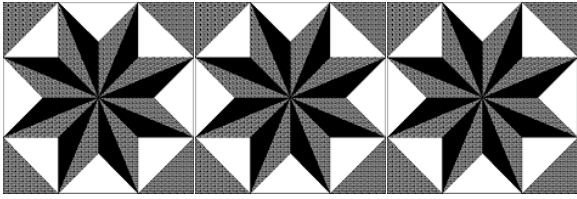
Women's Devotion: Monday, November 9th, 9:00am, in the Fellowship Hall. Discussions based on the Gather Magazine. Mask-up and bring your own beverage.



*Thank you to the Bethesda Ladies that helped clean up the Memory Garden!
More hands make less work!*



Jerry and I are so grateful for all the beautiful cards, the delicious goodies, the uplifting calls, and especially all your prayers. We are staying positive and anxious to see all of you again. Bless you all and thanx a million. Carolyn & Jerry Morris



Camp Onomia Quilt Auction will be a live auction meeting on Zoom on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020 starting at 1:00pm.
 Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84449855130>
 Meeting ID: 844 4985 5130
 Pre-bidding will be available via a link on the Camp Onomia website.
 Never participated in a virtual auction? Not to worry! Frequently asked questions and help with registering for the auction will be available on the cap website.
<https://www.camponomia.org/special-events>

STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Covid-19 has affected all of us in one way or another. Most certainly we miss our weekly in person worship service with our church family. We know that we can worship together via YouTube.com every Sunday, and we have enjoyed a few Parking Lot worship services this summer, but it's just not the same. Even though we are staying home and staying safe, it's beginning to get tiresome. Please know that you can call the church to visit with us or call to request a CD copy of the service (for those of you who don't have WiFi abilities).

The church may be closed to worship in, but we still have expenses that need to be met monthly. We will be starting a new calendar year budget effective January 2021 and need your help to meet our expenses. Included with this month's Newsletter is a "Simply Giving" form so you can turn your weekly/monthly donations into an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings accounts, or via a credit card (this is a good way to earn points or miles on your credit card!). You can also go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BLCMalmo/>) and look

for the "Donate" button below the image of the church. 100% of your Facebook donations go to the church, Facebook does not charge a fee to process non-profit donations.

If you're not comfortable with electronic giving, you can mail your donations, or stop by the church during office hours (we would love to see your masked faces!) and drop off your donation and visit a little while, let us know how you're doing. Office hours are Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri from 11:00am-3:00pm.

You can always call us to arrange a time to visit with us if you need. Also, your 2021 envelopes will be available in December for pick up at the church.

We are all in this together, and together we will all get through this. We may be ready to be done with Covid-19, but Covid-19 isn't done with us yet.

Galatians 6:9 - And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Please remember to mail in your offerings or donate online from our Facebook page. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/BLCMalmo> and click on



the donate button below the cover photo. Click and donate online. We thank members for their continual Church Offerings needed to cover Church expenses.

• *“Look forward and be hopeful, look backward and be thankful, look down and be helpful, look up and be humble.”*

—Unknown

Happy Thanksgiving



Activities & Events

November 2020

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

Ushers

by Skip & Lynn Hansen

Nov. 1

Nov. 8

Nov. 15

Nov. 22

Nov. 29

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

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



Nov	12	Dianne & Del Jones
Nov	19	Nancy & Doug Hansen
Nov	26	Joan & Rollie Halvorson

Altar Care by Dianne Jones

November... Kathy Larson and Karen Elias (Elsa for help)

December... Barb Forrester and Dianne Jones



Recycling – Lee & Barb Forrester

Greeters



Lynne Meidlinger

Nov. 1

Nov. 8

Nov. 15

Nov. 22

Nov. 29

Nov	1	Steve Long
Nov	2	JoAnn Haglund
Nov	5	Jenny Schuett
Nov	6	David Tousignant
Nov	7	Phillip Bray
Nov	8	Dick Pullen
Nov	8	Sylvia Tapelt
Nov	10	Jon Knudsen
Nov	14	Drake Thole
Nov	15	Kathy Berland
Nov	16	Joan Petersen
Nov	18	Karen Miller
Nov	18	Carol Schlottman
Nov	21	Dawn Dressely
Nov	22	Glenda Berry
Nov	22	Barbara Macioch
Nov	24	Ron Mehlhop
Nov	26	Evelyn Richter
Nov	27	Doris Reinhard
Nov	27	Mary Swanson
Nov	28	Michael Macioch
Nov	28	Susan Samuelson
Nov	29	Laurie Simonson





November 2020

Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Facebook or YouTube service</i>	2 <i>7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg</i>	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Facebook or YouTube service</i>	9 <i>9:00 Women's Devotional Bible study</i> <i>7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg</i>	10	11 	12	13	14 <i>Lions Drive Thru Veter- an's Breakfast 7:30am-11am</i>
15 <i>Facebook or YouTube service</i>	16 <i>7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>Newsline Deadline</i>	21
22 <i>Facebook or YouTube service</i>	23 <i>10:00 Council meeting</i> <i>7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg</i>	24	25	26 	27	28
29 <i>Facebook or YouTube service</i>	30 <i>7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg</i>					

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Council President	George Smith	(320) 537-1020
Vice President	Dennis Hennessy	(651) 247-2283
Parish Nurse	Darlene Christensen	(320) 279-0097
Parish Nurse	Kathy Berland	(218) 838-6181

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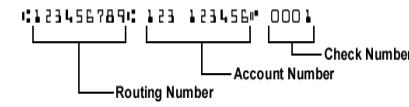
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All articles due on or before the 20th of the month

AUTHORIZATION FORM

Name of the organization: **Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE	
Effective date of authorization: ____/____/____ Type of authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation			
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