

# Bethesda Life-Line

## Worship Services\*

Bethesda now has a YouTube channel! Please check out last week's service

(<https://www.youtube.com/c/BethesdaLutheranChurchMalmomn/videos>), 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 7 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM  
Communion**

**November 14 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM  
Communion**

**November 21 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM  
Communion**

**November 28 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM  
Communion**

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 7 Daylight Savings time ends



Nov. 13 Veterans Breakfast, Malmo Lions

Nov. 28 First Sunday of Advent

Dec. 5 Annual Congregational meeting

Dec. 19 Cantata



**ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS** are due by November 16th for our annual meeting on December 5th following our regular worship service. Please email to: Judie Birk [jimjudiebirk@gmail.com](mailto:jimjudiebirk@gmail.com).

### Operation Christmas Child

On Sunday, November 14th the Sunday school kids, youth and any adults will have the opportunity to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We have enough supplies and money to pack and send at least 20 boxes. The boxes will be packed at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. If you are interested in helping with or donating to this project, contact Darlene Christensen.

**Veterans Pancake breakfast** and bake sale by the Malmo area Lions on November 13h, egg bake fresh fruit muffins, coffee hot choc or milk to go available \$10 veterans eat free 8am to 10am at Bethesda Church.



**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. If you can't find Mary, just leave a note on the secretary's desk with the pertinent information. **THANK YOU!**



**From the Pastor**

*“Don’t do anything only to get ahead. Don’t do it because you are proud. Instead, be free of pride. Think of others as better than yourselves. None of you should look out just for your own good. You should also look out for the good of others. You should think in the same way Christ Jesus does.”*  
 (Philippians 2:3–5)

Concluding my reflections on those who serve on behalf of others, even in the face of their own suffering and loss, I would like to lift up the truth tellers of our world. In the Bible, the prophets frequently faced retribution, whether from rulers or the general public. Of course, for those of us not receiving our instructions from a burning bush, figuring out the truth can be a bit of a challenge. The best modern day truth tellers tend to be those that are also great listeners. They listen, they study, they reflect, and they may have had some profound personal experience that set them on their path. In recent years, September 30 has become a day for difficult truth telling. It has become a day of remembrance for generations of Native Americans that suffered from the legacy of boarding schools in our country and Canada.

A painful chapter in our history as Americans and one that has not been well known outside of native communities. For years, our government, with support from Christian churches, forcibly removed native children from their homes and punished them if they spoke their language. Even after forcible removal ended, many schools still treated native language and culture as something undesirable. This remembrance is also referred to as “Orange Shirt Day” (I was encouraged to see a photo of many

Onamia school staff and students wearing orange last week). Orange Shirt Day is largely credited to a woman named Phyllis Webstad. As a child, Phyllis was heartbroken when her orange shirt, a gift from her grandmother, was taken from her upon arriving at a Canadian mission school in 1973. In her words: “The color orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn’t matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. All of us little children were crying and no one cared.”

As Christians, one of the most powerful blessings we can bestow is to simply listen. The last two years have only added to the challenges we face and perhaps we wonder what difference we could make. We may not be scientists or policy experts, but most of us can manage to sit still for a little while and be a listening ear for someone in need. We may not all be blessed with a prophetic voice, but we can at least give the gift of our time and our compassion.

For more information on Boarding Schools, I would recommend U of MN professor Brenda Child’s book *Boarding School Seasons*.

**2021 TREASURER'S REPORT**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<i>(Envelope Giving)</i>		
Income Actual	\$ 8,259	\$108,019
Budget Actual	\$11,333	\$102,000
 <u>All Funds</u>		
Total Income Actual	\$11,519	\$157,076
Total Income Budget	\$12,446	\$112,013
 Expenses Actual	\$13,613	\$130,407
Expenses Budget	\$12,502	\$112,530
 Over/(Short)	\$ (2,094)	\$ 25,670



We're thankful for you!

## **Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo**

Minutes of Oct. 11, 2021 Council Meeting

In attendance: Mary Braun, Ron Haglund, Joanne Stueven, Karen Carron, Pastor James Muske, Cheryl Malotky, Sharon Whipple, Judie Birk and Dennis Hennessy.

The meeting was called to order by council president Dennis Hennessy

Pastor James 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. Motion was made by Sherry Whipple to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Cheryl Malotky and passed. Sherry Whipple made a motion to create a dedicated reserved account for VBS, seconded by Cheryl Malotky and passed.

### **Pastor's Report** *(September 20 to October 11, 2021)*

Here are some highlights from the past few weeks: Attended the online Fall Theological conference. I need to be better about taking Continuing Ed time, so it was good to have a couple days, even if virtually. Helped assemble this year's Native American Sunday materials and online worship service for our Synod and Together Here Ministries.

Men's and women's bible study groups will begin new books soon. I have also reached out to Mission & Evangelism to schedule a round table on Adult Education classes and other opportunities.

Hosted an Animal Blessing – pets and their owners did well!

Completed my turn writing articles for the Koinonia column in the Mille Lacs Messenger.

Pastoral care visitations and contacts for the past few weeks include 2 in-person visits and approximately 12 phone calls.

My vacation starts tomorrow. Pastor Kate Mensing has agreed to fill in on Sunday, October 17. Pastor Becca Hinz will provide any emergency pastoral care coverage.

### **Old Business**

**Outreach activities** - Greif Support Group will begin

Oct. 26. Council encourages everyone to get the word out to our community of this service we offer. An article will be submitted to the local newspapers.

### **Volunteers needed for Greeters, Ushers,**

**Hospitality** — it was noted that Pastor to mention this in the announcements. It will also be on the Time & Talent survey coming out in January.

**New Member recruitment** — Pastor will contact a few new visitors to our church when he returns from vacation. Web site needs to list the 9 am Sunday service.

### **New Business**

**Faith Practices Survey** — Mary has passed out surveys to people at church last Sunday. The rest of the surveys will be mailed out this week. Council will review survey at the next council meeting. Surveys are due Nov. 7th.

**Budget Request Forms** — Committees are asked to submit their budget requests.

Committee reports for the Annual Report will be due on Nov. 16th

**Live Stream approval** — Mary Braun made a motion to approve the expenditure of the live streaming. Cheryl Malotky seconded and passed. Time & Talent Survey coming out in January

### **Committee Reports:**

**Stewardship Committee** — Attendants: Donna Ansell, Mary Braun & Barb Forrester  
The Stewardship & Finance committee met to discuss annual budget request for calendar year 2021.

- Audit was reviewed and accepted.
- Budget worksheets for each committee will be handed out to the committee's inboxes by Friday, October 8. We will need each committee to fill them out and return them by October 31<sup>st</sup> so Stewardship committee can review them and present to the Council meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Annual Committee reports are due to Judie Birk by October 31<sup>st</sup> so she can assemble them for our annual congregational meeting which will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2021.
- Discussion was held regarding the "Statement of Financial Position". Liabilities vs Actual totals are confusing. Mary will contact Software Company regarding this.
- Abridged version of bulletin will now be utilized due to text on the screen. Should result in savings on the costs of copy paper.

- Cost of Sundays and Seasons (a web-based software that accesses texts and readings for the worship service) should be charged to Worship Supplies not Administration costs.
- Stewardship will be issuing a new Time and Talent survey to go out the beginning of the New Year. Stewardship Committee will meet again on November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss budget requests.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Braun

### Property Committee

Attendees: Dave Stueven, Don Myhre, Dick Pullen, Darrell Kelly, Dianne Jones, Dennis Hennessy (Council Rep), Gary Sjerven (Janitor/Maintenance), and Lee Forrester.

Winter clean-up is set for Monday, October 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

- Tasks include cleaning windows.
  - Cutting limbs on edge of property.
  - Cleaning Memory Garden Fountain
  - Removing stump in lawn.
  - Kitchen door handle repair and west entry door need new sweep. Gary Sjerven to handle.
  - Discussed changing propane vendor for cost savings.
  - Discussed having parking lot cracks repaired and sealed, likely in the spring.
  - Signpost replacement in spring. Recommend using I-Beam steel instead of square steel to save cost.
  - Will have furnaces inspected and serviced for winter. Lee Forrester to handle.
  - Updated Property budget for coming year.
- Submitted by Lee Forrester, Co-Chair

Motion was made to adjourn by Sherry Whipple and seconded by Cheryl Malotky and passed.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
The next council meeting will be November 15 at 10 am.

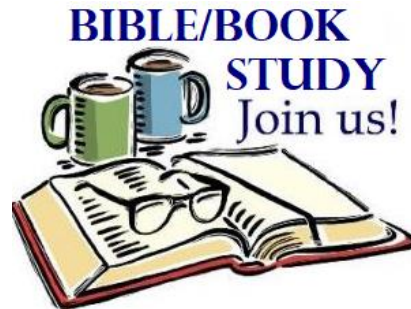
Respectfully submitted by Judie Birk, council secretary.



**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Carol Bakken, Audrey Bistodeau, Ted & Ruth Jaszczak, Cliff Roberts.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING** It's safe, it's easy and it's convenient. Never have to remember your check or envelope on Sunday mornings. There are "Simply Giving" forms available in the Narthex and online at: [http://blcmalmo.org/WP2016/wp-](http://blcmalmo.org/WP2016/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Simply-Giving-Form.pdf)

[content/uploads/2021/05/Simply-Giving-Form.pdf](http://blcmalmo.org/WP2016/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Simply-Giving-Form.pdf) If you like the idea of "dropping" your envelope in the offering plate on Sundays, you can place your empty envelope in the plate with the words "Simply Giving" on your envelope. If you have questions on how to fill out the form, talk with Mary in the office.



**NOW IS A GOOD TIME JOIN OUR MEN'S or WOMEN'S BIBLE & BOOK STUDY GROUPS** – The men's and women's bible/book studies will be starting new books

the last week of October. Women meet on Wednesdays at 9:00am. The title of the new book is "An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith". Men meet on Thursdays at 8:00am. The title of their new book is: "Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life". Just show up, no pre-registration needed.

### Parish Nurse Ministry **PARISH NURSE NOTES**



Bethesda Outreach Ministry Volunteers are needed to help with reaching out to members who are homebound or who haven't been able to return to regular worship services. It's important for them to know their Bethesda family cares about them. If you are willing to make at least a monthly phone call to one or more people or would like to be on a visitation team, contact Darlene or the church office.



**KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.**

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our supply of Prayer Shawls has become depleted over the past months and we are currently in need of more shawls being knitted or crocheted. If you are able to make one, contact Darlene or pick up a kit complete with yarn and instructions in the Parish Nurse office.

# STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

“What does stewardship look like in our lives today?” Unfortunately, many associate the idea of stewardship with sermons they have heard about church budgets and building programs. A better way to look at it is: It’s where the concepts of faith, work and economics intersect.

Here are four important principles about biblical stewardship might help us understand:

## 1. The principle of ownership.

In the beginning of Genesis, God creates everything and puts Adam in the Garden to work it and to take care of it. It is clear that man was created to work, and that work is the stewardship of all of the creation that God has given him.

This is the fundamental principle of biblical stewardship. God owns everything, we are simply managers or administrators acting on his behalf.

Therefore, stewardship expresses our obligation regarding the administration of everything God has placed under our control, which is all encompassing. Stewardship is the commitment of oneself and possessions to God’s service.

Echoing Deuteronomy 8:17, we might say: “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But Deuteronomy 8:18 counsels us to think otherwise: “Remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.”

## 2. The principle of responsibility.

We are called as God’s stewards to manage that which belongs to God. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything he owns as his stewards, we are responsible to manage his holdings well and according to his desires and purposes.

## 3. The principle of accountability.

A steward is one who manages the possessions of another. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities, and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care.

Like the servants in the Parable of the Talents, we will be called to give an account of how we have administered everything we have been given, including our time, money, abilities, information,

wisdom, relationships, and authority.

We will all give account to the rightful owner as to how well we managed the things he has entrusted to us.

## 4. The principle of reward.

In Colossians 3:23-24 Paul writes: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

We all should long to hear the master say what he exclaims in Matthew 25:21: “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”

As Christians in the 21st century, we need to embrace this larger biblical view of stewardship, which goes beyond church budgets or building projects, though important; it connects everything we do with what God is doing in the world.

Our stewardship of creation involves the caretaking of the environment and animals as well as our families and communities. Being a good steward in this world is one way of expressing our love for God and our gratitude to Him.



## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo will be starting a Grief Support Group on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, from 4:00-6:00pm. The sessions will run every Tuesday for 12-13 weeks. Anyone interested can simply show up. You are not required to attend all session but are urged to. Free will donation accepted but not required. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required. Call the church office to register or register the at your first meeting.

# Activities & Events

November 2021

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

**Ushers**      Jim Christensen

- Nov. 7 - 9:00 - Barry & Donna Ansell
- Nov. 14 - 9:00 - Wayne & Janice Olson
- Nov. 21 - 9:00 - Darrell Kelly & Winnie Zahradka
- Nov. 28 - 9:00 - George Larson & Dick Stebbins

**Altar Care** Dianne Jones

- October....Sylvia Tapelt and Dianne Jones
- November...Barb Forrester and Karen Elias
- December... Winnie Zahradka and Dianne Jones



- Nov. 12      Dianne & Del Jones
- Nov. 26      Joan & Rollie Halvorson

**Recycling**



**Greeters**      Jim Christensen

- November 7 - Winnie Zahradka & Merrily Jones
- November 14 - Sherry Whipple & Darlene Christensen
- November 21 - Chuck & Elsa Carlson
- November 28 - Julie Swaggert & Nancy Hansen



**Hospitality**

- November 7 - Joanne & Dave Stueven; Mary Braun
- November 14 - Char & Roy Berg; Pat Becker
- November 21 -
- November 28 -

**Help! We need Coffee Servers!**



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.



- Nov. 1      Steve Long
- Nov. 2      JoAnn Haglund
- Nov. 5      Jennifer Schuett
- Nov. 6      Avery Nelson
- Nov. 6      David Tousignant
- Nov. 7      Phillip Bray
- Nov. 8      Richard Pullen
- Nov. 8      Sylvia Tapelt
- Nov. 10      Jon Knudsen
- Nov. 14      Drake Thole
- Nov. 15      Kathleen 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      Ronald 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 2021

## Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><i>1</i></p> <p>11:30 Pinochle</p> <p>7:00 p.m AA &amp; Alamon mg</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>4-6:00 Grief Support Group</p> <p>5:30 Choir practice</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>9:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s</p> <p>3:30 Bells</p>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<p><i>7</i></p> <p>9:00 Worship Communion</p> <p><b>Daylight savings time ends</b></p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>9:00 Women's Devotional Bible study</p> <p>11:30 Pinochle</p> <p>7:00 p.m AA &amp; Alamon mg</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>9:00 Quilters</p> <p>4-6:00 Grief Support Group</p> <p>5:30 Choir practice</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>9:00 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 Quilters</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s</p> <p>3:30 Bells</p> <p><b>Veterans Day</b></p>	<i>12</i>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>8-10 Lion's Veteran's Breakfast</p>
<p><i>14</i></p> <p>9:00 Worship Communion</p> <p>Operation Christmas Child</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>10:00 Council mtg</p> <p>11:30 Pinochle</p> <p>7:00 p.m AA &amp; Alamon mg</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>4-6:00 Grief Support Group</p> <p>5:30 Choir practice</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>9:00 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>9-4:00 WIC</p> <p>10:00 WELCA</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s</p> <p>3:30 Bells</p>	<i>19</i>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p><b>Newsline Deadline</b></p>
<p><i>21</i></p> <p>9:00 Worship Communion</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>11:30 Pinochle</p> <p>7:00 p.m AA &amp; Alamon mg</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>9:00 Quilters</p> <p>4-6:00 Grief Support Group</p> <p>5:30 Choir practice</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>9:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p><b>Happy Thanksgiving</b></p> 	<p><i>26</i></p> <p><b>Aitkin Fish house parade</b></p>	<i>27</i>
<p><i>28</i></p> <p>9:00 Worship Communion</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>11:30 Pinochle</p> <p>7:00 p.m AA &amp; Alamon mg</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>4-6:00 Grief Support Group</p> <p>5:30 Choir practice</p>				

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All articles due on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month