

Bethesda Life-Line

Worship Services*

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



(<https://www.youtube.com/BethesdaLutheranChurchMalmMN/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

April 3 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

April 6 Lenten Worship 5:30 PM

April 10 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

April 17 Easter Sunday Worship
8:30 & 10:00 AM
Communion

April 24 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

Upcoming Events

April 17 Easter

June 20-24, 2022-Vacation Bible school



2022

Lent Continues on Wednesday

April 6, is the last Wednesday service. We will invite everyone to worship will be held at 5:30pm. This is an opportune time to practice those Christian disciplines like prayer, Bible Study, meditation and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
Please join us!

EASTER SCHEDULE



April 10 Palm Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

April 14 Maundy Thursday 5:30 PM

April 15 Good Friday Worship 9:00 AM

April 17 Easter Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00AM

SAVE THE DATE !!!

JUNE 20-24 , 2022 Vacation Bible School

If you are lucky enough to know children ages 4-12 invite them to the best week of summer. You can have your Grandkids vacation with you that week and they will always remember their time with you!!

It is the BEST! There will be fun packed classes each morning and lots of chances to do fun things in and around the lake each afternoon. Please confirm the date with your families when you see them this Easter season.





From the Pastor

Greetings, fellow disciples of Christ!

This month marks that time in the church calendar when we make that incredible shift from Lent to Holy Week to Easter. That powerful

theological transition of dark to light, death to rebirth, despair to joy. Like Christmas, this is a time when our worship becomes saturated with extra symbols and rituals... not to mention the scent of a few dozen Easter lilies.

But among all our liturgical blessings, music is that which so often works most profoundly to stir our souls. Sure, Christmas music gets all the attention, but there is something in that transition that even Christmas can't match. To sing "Were You There" on Good Friday and then, only a few days later, belt out "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" on Easter morning, even if you dozed off during the rest of the service, it would communicate something deeply profound about the Good News of Jesus Christ.

For example, take the Lenten hymn "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" written by Paul Gerhardt, some 400 years ago: "Our Savior answered from his heart/ that he would take the burden: / "My Father's will is my command; / I'll do as I am bidden." / Oh, wondrous love! Oh, loving might! / To right what mortals cannot right / the Son was sent from heaven. / What love, O Love, who came to save / by loving even to the grave / until the stone was riven."

And then find yourself on Easter morning, in another of Gerhardt's hymns, "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness": "Awake, my heart, with gladness, / see what today is done; / now, after gloom and sadness, / comes forth the glorious sun. / My Savior there was laid / where our bed must be made / when, as on wings in flight, / we soar to realms of light."

Modern hymn writers also make good use of such creation language. Mary Louise Bringle's very Lenten sounding hymn, "As The Winter Days Grow Longer," offers this poignant sentiment: "As the vines burst into blossom, / fragrant in the morning

air, / lifting spirits with their sweetness, / luring hearts to thankful prayer— / Lenten people, here we gather, / seeking lives refreshed from sin. / God who blesses earth with springtime, / bloom within our hearts again!"

So too in "Earth, Earth, Awake!" by Herman Stuempfle: "Winter is past; the night is gone! Alleluia! / Christ's light, triumphant, brings the dawn! Alleluia! / Creation spreads its springtime bloom! Alleluia! / Life bursts like flame from death's cold tomb! Alleluia!"

We continue to be blessed by the musical gifts of composers and hymn writers, old and new. Offering that magical combination of music and lyrics that helps us understand, deep within us, Christ's victory of life over death. So we sing of that victory, we sing of the light of dawn that dispels the gloom, and sing of new life that springs forth from the cold ground.

And we cling to that hope that even when we are weighed down by grief and worry, when we cannot even imagine forming words of praise and thanksgiving in our mouths, that just as Christ was raised from the dead, within us a new song might arise – rising deep in our lungs, flowing over our tongues, past our lips, and out into the world, to mingle and share with the voices of others. May that song be sung again this Easter.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor James Muske

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia!



**Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo
Minutes of March 21, 2022 Council Meeting**

In attendance: Dennis Hennessy, Mary Braun, Cheryl Malotky, Pastor James Muske, Dick Stebbins, Joanne Stueven, Sharon Whipple.

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 February meeting by Sherry Whipple and seconded by Dick Stebbins and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial view and current month activity for February was presented by Mary Braun. It was suggested that the Blessing Box income for the next couple of months go towards the Digital Sign along with an appeal for donations towards this approved purchase. We currently have \$4,995 accrued for the installation costs due upon delivery in May and a balance of \$21,201 left to pay on the sign. Motion was made by Dick Stebbins to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Sherry Whipple and passed.

Pastor's Report - February 21 to March 21, 2022

Here are some highlights from the past month:

Worship planning – Lent and Holy Week

Pastor exchange going well so far. Also participating in the Isle Good Friday Cantata again this year.

End of Life series continues, many thanks to Mary Vukelich and others on the Adult Ed planning team, Mary will also host upcoming Mental Health First Aid.

Helped organize and run Movie and Game days on Sunday afternoons.

Continue to work with the synod's Together Here ministry, as well as helping our synod's EcoFaith team with planning for their online summit this Saturday.

Pastoral care visitations and contacts for the past few weeks include 3 in-person visits and approximately 12 phone calls.

Took 3 sick days this past month. Took a half day of

continuing ed this last month for an online seminar. Will attend Synod Assembly next month (April 29-May 1), will need pastoral coverage.

Considering attending preaching conference in Denver in May, since I haven't used much of my continuing ed time. Would likely combine with vacation time.

Also looking at a Sabbatical grant application that is due April 27. But, if it goes through, it wouldn't be applicable until 2023. Yours in Christ, Pastor James

Committee Reports

MLEC grant that was applied for towards electronic sign was denied because they do not donate towards advertising.

Solar Energy grants are available and committee members will be informed of grants available. The committee will need to confirm the cost to install solar at the church and electricity needed.

Old Business

Outcome of Movie & Pizza event on March 13th (17 attended – raised \$90)

Payroll assistant – hired to do payroll only, Mary will continue processing the accounting bills and expenses.

Digital Sign is scheduled for delivery in May. Jody Steward will be coordinating delivery and installation. Malmo Lions would like to purchase the old sign. Mary will look up cost of the old sign and with approval will quote a price to Sherry.

New Business

Game Night planned for Sunday, March 27 from 2-4pm.

Update Aitkin County Public Health Memorandum of Understanding

Lion's request for Parking Lot use for Car Show on July 23, 2022

Update authorized signers on bank account: add Dennis Hennessy, remove George Smith & Ron Melhop.

VP Assignment – table until next month.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dick Stebbins and seconded by Sherry Whipple and passed.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be April 18 at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Braun for Judie Birk, council secretary.

2022 TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>General Fund</u> <i>(Envelope Giving)</i>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income Actual	\$10,640	\$28,349
Budget Actual	\$11,667	\$23,333
All Funds		
Total Income Actual	\$13,304	\$ 34,342
Total Income Budget	\$12,454	\$ 24,908
Expenses Actual	\$12,452	\$ 50,856
Expenses Budget	\$12,640	\$ 25,281
Over/(Short)	\$ 852	(\$16,514)



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



END OF LIFE SERIES AT
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MALMO
Healthcare Directives

Join us on April 20 at 11:00am for our Advance Health Care Directives seminar. Sessions are about 40 minutes long with questions following. Bring your own bag lunch. Our address is 21590 State Hwy. 47, Isle, MN 56342. Email Church office at blcmalmo@gmail.com if you are interested in attending virtually as we will live stream these sessions. The live stream You Tube address is: www.youtube.com/c/BethesdaLutheranChurchMalmomn. If you have any questions, call the church office at 320-684-2123.

PRAYER SHAWLS We are in need of more Prayer Shawls to be knitted or crocheted. There are kits with yarn and instructions available in the nurse's office or from Darlene.



ISLE COMMUNITY LENTEN CANTATA
You are invited to join Isle Community Lenten Choir and participate in an enriching musical and spiritual experience. First Rehearsal

Feb. 27th at Faith Lutheran Church in Isle. Registration begins at 2:15pm, rehearsals 2:30-4:00pm Sundays in Lent. Performance on Good Friday, April 15, 2022, at 7:30pm. See poster in Narthex for more information.

FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING at Bethesda - like us on Facebook, view live streaming worship services on Sunday mornings on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/bethesdalutheranchurchmalmomn>, or visit our website at: www.blcmalmo.org



Can't make it to church? Watch it live. Missed last week? Catch up by watching the recording. Go to YouTube enter Bethesda Lutheran Church - Malmo, MN Scroll thru and search for the date you are looking for. Click on play. It's that easy!

USHERS & GREETERS NEEDED We need ushers and greeters. If you can volunteer for one of these positions, please contact Jim Christensen at 320 279-0692 or jimdarl@hotmail.com

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Please sign up so we may continue to enjoy coffee & fellowship after service. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board mounted in fellowship hall next to the serving window.

EASTER LILIES are on sale Sundays during coffee time. Signup sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall and the price is \$15. They will be on sale until Palm Sunday. Buy one as a memorial to loved ones and to decorate the church for Easter.





Heartland Conference

Heartland Conference
Spring Gathering
Saturday, April 9, 2022
Zion Lutheran Church in
Milaca 245 Central Ave
South

Registration 9:00-10:00 \$8.00 includes lunch

Greetings Sister in Christ,

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

This is the theme for our Spring Gathering. Mark your calendar to save the date. Registration is from 9:00 to 10:00. The coffee and treats will be served by women from Emmanuel Lutheran in Bock. Come spend some time connecting and catching up with friends you know and those you have yet to meet. We will have time for fellowship.

Pastor Sarah Larson will open the Gathering with a communion service at 10:00. Our speaker will be from Pearl Crisis Center in Milaca.

This year we will not have a Silent Auction. Please remember to bring the offerings from your unit and your personal offering. The unit offerings can be in one envelope but need to be separate checks designated on the notation line. Half of the Gathering Offering will go to Pearl Crisis Center and the other half to Church wide. The Love Offering goes to leadership training and for Women in Seminary Education or WISE. The Synod gave six WISE scholarships this last year. Pastor Sarah Larson is a former recipient of that scholarship. The Penny Offering this year will be given to Central Lakes Community College Food Pantry where 40% of the students experience a shortage of food. Offering baskets will be available as you enter the sanctuary. We will have a brief business meeting and installation. The women of Zion will serve lunch before we head back to our individual lives. Come and bring a friend.

Our Summer Convention is a Sugar Lake Lodge June 6-8. "Make a Place at the Table" is the theme. Registration forms are in the Northeastern Lights.

Sign up to help with registration/hostess. There will be a truck for quilts and toiletry kits for LSS.

We need younger women to engage in ministry. Women between the age of 18-45 that are not currently participating can be chosen for a scholarship to our June gathering. That form is page 8 in the February 2022 issue of Northeastern Lights. Please send the application form to me. If you need a copy of the form call or text me.

Blessings, Jeannine Bruesewitz 320-630-4785 djbruesew@gmail.com



GIVE NOW FOR EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE

Ways you can give:

1. Contribute using your regular offering envelopes. Designate as: "Eastern Europe Crisis". We will forward the funds to Lutheran Disaster Response for distribution.
2. By Mail - *Make checks payable to "Lutheran Disaster Response". Write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on your check's memo line and send to:*
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**
3. Give by phone at 800-638-3522 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CT)
4. Give online at:
<https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response>

Activities & Events

April 2022

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

Ushers Jim Christensen

April 3: Wayne & Janice Olson
 April 10: Vukelich Family
 April 17: Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins
 April 23: Barry & Donna Ansell
 May 1: Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

Altar Care Dianne Jones
 April, Elsa and Dianne

Recycling

Greeters Lynne Meidlinger

April 3: Denny & Lynn Meidlinger
 April 10: Wayne & Janice Olson
 April 17: Dennis Hennessy & Julie Swaggert
 April 23: Don & Donna Myhre
 May 1: Barry & Donna Ansell



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



April 1	Ted Jaszczak
April 4	Shirley Gosselin
April 4	Bev Swenson
April 6	Marilee Swenson
April 8	Lee Forrester
April 9	Barry Ansell
April 9	Patti Bradash
April 9	Renee Hanson
April 15	Jim Magedanz
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	Luci Liljenquist
April 26	Val Benton
April 26	Craig Bradash
April 27	Joyce Keil
April 28	Kristine Grap
April 29	Ron Keil
April 30	Gina Rosa



April 2022

Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 Worship Communion	4 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	5	6 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Worship	7 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s	8	9 Heartland Conference Milaca
10 9:00 Worship Communion Palm Sunday 	11 10:00 Women's Devotional Bible study 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	12 9:00 Quilters	13 9:00 Women's Bible Study	14 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s Maundy Thursday service 5:30 Worship Communion	15 Good Friday Service 9:00 Worship Community Cantata 7:30pm at Faith Lutheran in Isle	16
17 8:30 Worship 10:00 Worship Communion Easter Sunday	18 10:00 Council mtg 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	19	20 9:00 Women's Bible Study 11:00 Preparing for End of Life Seminar Newsline Deadline	21 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s	22	23
24 9:00 Worship Communion	25 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	26 9:00 Quilters	27 9:00 Women's Bible Study	28 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s	29 Synod Assembly Brainerd	30 Synod Assembly Brainerd

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