

Bethesda Life-Line

Worship Services*

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



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

Oct. 2 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

Oct. 9 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

Oct. 16 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

Oct. 26 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

Oct. 30 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

Upcoming Events

Oct. 11 Flu Shots 1:00-4:00

Oct. 24-25 Lefse making 8:00am

Oct. 29th Bethesda Holiday Bazaar

Bethesda Annual Meeting

is the First Sunday in December.

Committee Reports are due by mid to end of October.

October

2022



Bazaar Update

If you've been busy working on projects for the bazaar, now is the time to get them in so we can price them. However, we are accepting items up to the Friday before. We will have crafters on the 10th of October to finish up projects.

The week of October 24th begins with Lefse at 8 am on both Monday and Tuesday. Tables will be set up on Thursday and set-up for the bazaar will start on Friday at 8 am. You can bring in items (crafts and bake goods) at that time. Reminder that each church family is asked to donate 6 dozen Christmas cookies for the cookie walk.



Get your 'Boo' on! Join us for the 5th annual Trunk or Treat at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo on Sunday, October 30th, from 2-4 p.m. We will be outside in the parking lot. So, start thinking of ways to decorate your trunk or car.



From the Pastor
Pastor James is on sabbatical

Below article taken from:
<https://pastorresources.com/>

When we read what Jesus says about loving our enemies, it can be tempting to soften his words. Can we take this another way? Maybe he didn't mean it! Unfortunately, he's pretty clear.

In Matthew 5:43-48, Jesus says to love our enemies and to pray for those who persecute us. Jesus does this himself. He doesn't pray for his enemies to be destroyed; he prays, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). Christ died for us "while we were still sinners" (Romans 5:8).

In the Luke account, we're told that God "is kind to the ungrateful and the evil" (6:35, ESV). We're meant to be merciful, just like God.

In the above passages, we're instructed that we should treat our enemies with love, goodness, blessings, prayers; that we should treat them as we wish we were treated; that they should receive kindness and mercy.

If you want to see Christians failing to obey Jesus' instructions on this topic, go online and share a political opinion.

Or a theological opinion. I've seen pastors directly oppose the teachings of Christ in the way they engage on social media with "enemies." A few months ago, I saw someone whose header image on Facebook was about the "Beauty of God's Love," but they were ranting about a politician and using words I couldn't repeat in church. Because they saw this politician as their enemy.

I've seen Christians say they won't pray for their president—whether Obama or Trump or Biden—because they see him as an enemy. But what did Jesus say we should do? Jesus said to *love our enemies*. We will have them; we do have them. And not just in politics.

Who opposes us because of what we believe?

Who is hostile because of our theology? Too often we sharpen our knives and go after those folks instead of following Jesus' clear instruction in the Scriptures: Love them. Bless them. Pray for them. Be kind to them. Show mercy to them.

Here are a few things I'm doing to try to love my enemies better:

*Being aware of my own emotions. If I'm watching the news and it makes me angry or hateful toward someone—yes, even toward my enemy—I need to recognize that this news source is moving me away from Jesus and pushing me away from Christ like living.

*Asking myself after interactions with my enemies, "Was I loving? Was I kind? Was I merciful?"

*Making a prayer list of those who oppose me, then praying for *their good*, not their destruction.

Scripture tells us that enmity, hatred, arguments and strife, fits of anger, rivalry, dissension, division. . . these are all evidence of an ungodly life. The fruit of the Spirit in our lives is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The journey to love requires us to follow in the footsteps of Christ, and to learn how to love those who oppose us. . . inside and outside the church.



Matt Mikalatos is the author of *Journey to Love*, and lives in the Portland, Oregon, area with his wife and three daughters.

2022 TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<i>(Envelope Giving)</i>		
Income Actual	\$ 7,693	\$ 95,721
Budget Actual	\$11,667	\$ 93,333
<u>All Funds</u>		
Total Income Actual	\$10,618	\$135,124
Total Income Budget	\$12,454	\$ 99,633
Expenses Actual	\$12,264	\$134,014
Expenses Budget	\$12,657	\$101,254
Over/(Short)	(\$1,646)	\$ 1,110

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo

Minutes of September 19, 2022 Council Meeting

In attendance: Mary Braun, Cheryl Malotky, Dick Stebbins, Joanne Stueven, and Sherry Whipple.

Via Zoom: Dennis Hennessy, Darlene Christensen

The meeting was called to order by council president Dennis Hennessy. Dennis gave the opening prayer.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Financial view and current month activity for August was presented by Mary Braun. Some concern was noted about the amount of monthly giving. August's General Offering was down 50% from projected monthly giving. YTD General Offerings are up by 2.4% from budget projections. Stewardship & Finance committee will address this at their quarterly meeting at the end of September. Motion was made by Sherry Whipple to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Cheryl Malotky and passed.

Old Business

- Repair of wooden topper for digital sign is complete. Installation to be scheduled.
- The "Remember Project" an Aitkin County Care dementia awareness program will be presented on Tuesday, September 20th from 10:00-Noon.
- Digital Sign personalized plates for the appreciation plaque are here, and Gary is working on assembling a plaque to mount on the leg of the sign. We will display in the Narthex prior to mounting on the leg of the sign. A big thank you to all who contributed.

New Business

- A Notification Email System was discussed and considered as a timely way of mass communication to our members. Further discussion will take place once Pastor has returned from Sabbatical.
- It was decided that the Property committee will discuss the Memory Garden with paver stones. Information regarding a vendor for the engraving on

the pavers was given to the council rep for the property committee.

- We have scheduled a Flu/Covid shot clinic at Bethesda on October 11th from 1-4pm thru Aitkin County Health services.
- Solar Panel Project – Property committee has assembled much information regarding implementing this project and will be presented at the annual meeting in December, 2022.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Cheryl Malotky and seconded by Dick Stebbins and passed.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be October 17 at 10 am.

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



Cookies Needed!

Each church family is asked to donate 6 dozen **Christmas cookies** for the cookie walk. Please bring them to the kitchen by Fri., Oct. 28", between 8:00am to 4:00 PM.



THANK YOU FOR THE BLESSINGS

Jerry and I found this little church behind Malmo market back in 1990 and for the next thirty plus years we were blessed not only with God's word but with friendship, laughter, joy and memories too numerous to count. But my life is taking another turn. On October 4 I will be moving back to Milaca.

Opportunities come our way sometimes and the little voice on my shoulder said, "This is the time." But no matter what changes take place in our life, the memories are stored away and become a living part of who we are.

How does one say "thank you" to all that Bethesda Lutheran has meant over these years. There are no words that I can find to express my gratitude and love for the friendship and the blessings that have been poured into my life.

THANK YOU for being a part of my journey.

A special thank you to the over 40 women that have been a part of my Bible study over the years. What started as a request by our interim pastor back in 1998 became one of my greatest joys and gifts of faith. Thank you for sending me off with laughter, great pizza, and prayers.

My door will always be open, so if you are traveling through Milaca or just out for an afternoon drive, please stop for a visit. My new address is 1280 4th Ave NW Milaca MN 56353. It is just down the road from Malmo! May God's love continue to grow in the hearts of Bethesda.

Blessings to all, Pat Becker

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!

CHOIR NEWS

The Choir has been busy working on music, some old favorites, and some that we haven't sang in a while.



The choir will be singing on Oct. 2nd, "Worthy of the Calling", then I will be gone on a vacation with family the Sunday of Oct. 16th. The choir will be singing again on October 30th, Hallelujah By and By. If you know of anyone that would like to do any special music on the 16th of October, just let Jim Christenson or I know. The choir is working on songs all the way into Dec. right now but will start practicing a new Cantata that I have ordered starting on November 1st. The plan is to have the choir practice Sunday Service songs from 5:15 to 5:30, and then we will start practicing the Cantata around 5:30.

If there is anyone that would like to sing in the Cantata come to practice on Tuesday Nov 1st at 5:30ish and join us in learning the Cantata. I found an easy Cantata called "Christ Has Come" - An Advent Celebration. The Cantata will be presented on Dec. 17th at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to come and sing in the Cantata!! Hope to see you there!

The Praise Team was not able to do our Sept. Service in the Garden but are planning on doing some of the fun songs we had planned for the Garden Service and will be throwing in a little Polka along with them. Come and join the Praise Team on Oct. 9th for a fun filled service with some old favorites!! It will be great fun!! We are looking forward to seeing you all there!!

Sheila Penoyer/Choir Director



Check out photo's on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/BLCMalmo/>

Check out Bethesda's web site to view Sunday digital bulletins, links to our Live Stream Services, submit prayer requests, find recent events and more! Check us out today and bookmark this site to your favorites! www.blcmalmo.org



Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo Bazaar 2022

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo will be hosting their annual Holiday Bazaar on October 29th from 9am to 1 pm. The Bazaar is

hosted by the Women of ELCA (WELCA) and is a major fundraiser for local ministries in the Aitkin area. Some of these include the Aitkin, Isle and Garrison Food Shelf, Elementary school meals for Aitkin and Isle, Aitkin County CARE, Hope Lodge, Teen Challenge, Pearl Crisis Center and many more.

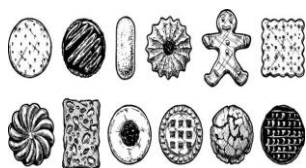
We have an abundance of gift ideas for yourself and others. Quilts, hand-crafted items, jewelry, and soaps are just to name a few of the unique gift items. There's cookies in the Cookie Walk and yummy bake sale items. Stop and enjoy lunch with our famous

creamy turkey sandwiches, chips, bar and drink (and we have it To Go too!). And who knows, an elf may show up and sell you a chance for our Biggest Raffle Yet!

Biggest Raffle Yet We have many amazing items for our raffle this year. A beautiful queen size quilt, Old World Santa, hardanger, pottery, Saguaro Cactus Walking Stick, and more. On the backside of this page is a sheet of raffle tickets (Qty 10-make as many copies as you want). You can include the tickets and money in the envelope provided for the Bazaar donations or drop them off at the church. Please write the checks to Bethesda WELCA. Items will be on display at the church or check our web site or Facebook page to view the items. Drawing will be on Saturday at 1 pm. Additional raffle tickets will be available in the office or by email. Contact the church office if you want raffle tickets mailed or emailed to you. Contact information: Phone: 320 684-2123 or [email: blcmalmo@gmail.com](mailto:blcmalmo@gmail.com)

Cookie Walk

We are asking for donations of 6 dozen holiday cookies for the cookie walk.



Lefse

What would our bazaar be without its lefse! Lefse making days are 8 am Monday, Oct. 24 and Tuesday, Oct. 25. Please sign up to work and bring some lefse dough.

Bake Sale Items With cooler weather, it's time to start baking for the Bake Sale portion of our Bazaar. We welcome candies, breads, pies, and all the sweetness you can dream of! There will be caramel Wrapping on Tuesday, Oct. 25 after lefse.

Crafts If you have some crafts you want to donate to the Bazaar, we welcome them! Items can be dropped off October 10th which is the last Monday we will meet to finish up crafts and mark items. If you bring items on Friday, Oct. 28th in the morning, we will need to mark and price items.

Bazaar Set-up Tables will be set up on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 3:30 p.m. Craft/Cookie Walk/Quilt/Bake

Sale items will be set up on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m.

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/bethesdalutheranchurch> malmomn, or visit our website at:

www.blcmalmo.org



The Loan Closet

Bethesda's Loan Closet has medical equipment such as walkers, crutches, commodes, toilet risers, wheelchairs, etc that is available to members who want to borrow them on a short term basis.

If you have medical equipment that is in a good workable condition that you would like to donate or if you need to borrow a piece of equipment, contact the Parish Nurses.

Sabbatical Substitute Preachers

We have found substitute preachers for all the Sundays during Pastor James' Sabbatical. Rick Gabriel, a SAM (Synodically Authorized Minister), from Wahkon, and Pastor Kate Mensing (previous minister at First Lutheran Church in Isle) will provide most of the coverage.

Pastor Jess Olson, currently serving half-time at Bethany in Onamia, has agreed to be our primary pastoral support for visitations, calls, and any potential funerals. Darlene and Jess will plan joint visits to start. She plans to have office hours here on Mondays.

On October 2nd, we will have Dee Hillstrom, SAM, to preach and give us updates on Chad & Dara in Mozambique. Dee is Dara's mother.

October

2 Dee Hillstrom – 17th Sunday after Pentecost
9 Rick Gabriel – 18th Sunday after Pentecost
16 Pastor Kate – 19th Sunday after Pentecost
23 Rick Gabriel – 20th Sunday after Pentecost
30 Pastor Kate – 21st Sunday after Pentecost



Veggie Stand 2022 Thanks Everyone!!

Labor Day weekend was the final Saturday Veggie Stand for the 2022 season. Monies that were raised during the season goes for local benevolence causes.

We need to acknowledge everyone who have been the faithful staff who ordered corn and did much of the baking.

Also, a very huge Thank You to the regular bakers who donate wonderful baked goods each Saturday morning. Although, the fresh produce season is short a special thanks to the gardeners who share plants and vegetables. Many regular customers count on the great Jelly provided by WELCA jelly makers. In addition to good food there is a chance for conversation and a cup of coffee.

Keeping the Veggie Stand operating is a real challenge to Bethesda Members. Anyone with suggestions as to how to organize this valuable community outreach program please share.

Electronic giving doesn't take vacations



Are you traveling during the coming year? Bethesda Lutheran relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis.

Just pick up an authorization form in the narthex or talk to our financial secretary.

It is simple and easy..



CELEBRATE WORLD FOOD DAY

with Rick Steves. Join ELCA World Hunger for a celebration of World Food Day with Rick Steves and special guest Mark Jansen, CEO of Blue Diamond Almonds. This event will be streamed online, so you can celebrate with ELCA World Hunger wherever you are! Join the celebration on Oct. 16 at 4 p.m. Central time. Registration is not required; simply visit the ELCA's Facebook or YouTube page to attend. Can't stream it live? The recording will be available on Facebook and YouTube after the event is over.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo is continuing a Grief Support Group on Tuesdays, from 3:30-4:30pm. 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 at your first meeting.



Join us on Mondays at 11:30 to play Double Pinochle!



Help! We need Coffee Servers for October and November

If you don't want to serve, please think about bringing treats for the freezer so others can serve.



A Program of TRELIS™

The Remember Project is a community of professional theatre artists that believes in building a more dementia-capable community by using the arts.

The Remember Project is series of one act plays presented via Zoom at several local locations. Events last two-hours that includes a one-act play performed by professional actors who bring to life real issues connected to the care, diagnosis, and experience of dementia and how relationships can be tested in unexpected ways.

Following the performance, audience members at each location take part in a facilitated conversation about the themes, metaphors, and impact of memory loss depicted in the plays. We also explore and discuss our own experiences.

On Tuesday, September 20th Bethesda was a host site for the first one-act play, “Fortune Cookies” by Bonnie Dudovitz. The play presented Mona, who has a great idea! This vibrant octogenarian is determined to be the first to know if her recall is slipping beyond what can be considered normal age-related memory loss. An unexpected visit from her son reveals that she has cooked up a way to help herself and others be on the lookout for the early signs of dementia. She bakes fortune cookies with simple questions (not fortunes) to help her remember things.

The project was brought to us by Aitkin County Health and Human Services, and we will

continue to participate in the future one-act play events. The events are free, and you are encouraged to sign up for the events, but walk-ins are welcomed.

At this time, we are not sure when the next event will be, but we will be participating and will announce it as soon as we know when it will be.

2022
Bethesda Lutheran Church
of Malmo

Holiday Bazaar

Unique
Gift Ideas!

Sat., Oct. 29
9a.m.-1 p.m.

21590 State Hwy. 47 • Isle, MN 56342

- Cookie Walk
- Bake Sale
- Lefsa Sales
- Crafts
- Quilts
- Raffle
- Lunch Counter
- Reduced Price Area

VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER ACCEPTED

Bethesda will have a Flu and bivalent COVID boosters clinic at the church. Tuesday, October 11th from 1-4. Watch for more info.



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

Activities & Events

October 2022

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

Ushers by Gary & Brenda Sjervin

Oct 2: Gary & Brenda Sjervin
 Oct 9: The Vukelich Family
 Oct 16: Lee & Barb Forrester
 Oct 23: Barry & Donna Ansell
 Oct 30: Chuck & Elsa Carlson

Altar Care Dianne Jones

October.....Elsa Carlson and Cheryl Malotky
 November...Linda Southworth and Sylvia Tapelt
 December... Barb Forrester and Dianne Jones
 Altar Care could use a few more people to help prepare for communion. Please let Dianne Jones know if you are interested.

Sunday Hospitality

Oct 2: Susan Samuelson
 Oct 9: Meidlingers & Myhres
 Oct 16:
 Oct 23: **Volunteers**
 Oct 30: **Needed**



Greeters

by Gary & Brenda Sjervin

Oct 2: Susan Samuelson
 Oct 9: The Vukelich Family
 Oct 16: Carolyn Morris
 Oct 23: Gary & Brenda Sjervin
 Oct 30: Julie Swaggert



ANNIVERSARY

Oct. 4 Kathy & Maynard Berland
 Oct. 8 Lyla & Raymond Dooley
 Oct. 9 Renee & Dean Hanson
 Oct. 10 Janet & David Tousignant
 Oct. 16 Joanne & Wayne Danielson
 Oct. 25 Donna & Donald Myhre
 Oct. 28 Kathy & George Larson



Oct.	1	Kayman Lebens
Oct.	1	Susan Lindberg
Oct.	2	Shirley Eklund
Oct.	4	Lucinda Mickelson
Oct.	4	Susan Modrow
Oct.	6	Sheila Penoyer
Oct.	9	Cheryl Johnson
Oct.	9	Mary Kramer
Oct.	10	Garrett Westerlund
Oct.	11	Sandy Carlson
Oct.	12	Kenneth Wanous
Oct.	14	Mary Jane Anderson
Oct.	16	Andrew Modrow
Oct.	16	Dawn Wersal
Oct.	17	Jim Metteer
Oct.	17	Laurie Westerlund
Oct.	19	Jeff Johnson
Oct.	22	Joseph Simonson
Oct.	23	Cynthia Manning
Oct.	24	Myron Bipes
Oct.	24	Sam Hanson
Oct.	25	Richard Grip
Oct.	25	Joshua Thole
Oct.	27	Kelly Liljenquist
Oct.	29	Patricia Becker
Oct.	29	Brenda Sjervin
Oct.	30	Chayton Cottier-Vossen



October 2022

Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Worship Communion	3 9:00 Women's Dev 11:30 Cards 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	4 3:30 Grief Share 4:00 Bells 5:30 Choir 6:30 Praise choir	5 9:00 Women's Bible Study 10:00 WELCA	6 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s	7	8
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