

Bethesda Life-Line

Worship Services*

Bethesda now has a YouTube channel! Please check out our live stream services at:



<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

Sept. 4 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

Sept. 11 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Outdoor Worship
Communion

Sept. 18 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

Sept. 25 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

Upcoming Events

Sept. 3 Last Veggie Stand for the season

October 29th Bethesda Holiday Bazaar

Bethesda Annual Meeting

is the First Sunday in December.

Committee Reports are due by mid to end of October.


September

2022



Veggie Stand Ends Sept. 3rd!

September marks the end of the season for the “Veggie Stand” at Bethesda. Our success greatly relies on help we receive from the generous Bethesda family. We will have our jellies, veggies, 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 Saturday, 8:00-11:00 a.m. to help out and meet great people.



Crafters Update

Crafters continue to build inventory of new and exciting crafts for the bazaar this year. If you are working on some cool things at home, that’s great. If you would like to join us at crafters, we will be meeting September 12th and 26th. There is always something to glue, poke, stitch or even iron! Also, being its harvest time, think of making an extra jar or two of that salsa, sauce, pickles, etc. to share at the bake sale area of our bazaar. Remember, mark your calendar for October 29th for the Holiday Bazaar.



From the Pastor

While Pastor James is on Sabbatical, Dennis Hennessy, Council President will fill in this month.

Greetings to all. I hope that your summer has brought many lasting memories for all of you and more to come as Labor Day holiday approaches.

Pastor James started his sabbatical the beginning of August and will be returning the beginning of November. We have been blessed with several very capable individuals to minister to us in his absence and remind us that we are one body. I want to thank Julie Swaggert for her work in obtaining such a wonderful group to minister to us and wish Pastor James a restorative sabbatical.

We find ourselves in a time when many of our fellow countrymen would rather fight rather than have a civil conversation with one another. It seems the attitude has become “my way or the highway” and we forget that we all have the same rights and have a right to their own opinion and way of life. Let us have those difficult conversations and listen to each other to better understand and appreciate the other people’s point of view.

Let us remember that Jesus did not live by the sword and warned against the use of it, “Those that live by the sword will die by the sword” (Matthew 26:52). To be a follower of Jesus requires us to be imitators of Him. In AA I was warned that putting anyone on a pedestal would be a problem. All people have feet of sand and will eventually fail which could lead back to the bottle, or potentially down a destructive path.

Walking in the light that Jesus gives shows us a path to Him and salvation. It is not an easy path or without difficulty or challenges but at the end there is a reward. Not a worldly reward but one that will never tarnish and no one can touch. It is given to us by God and not man, so we have a choice to make, man or God. Limited riches or unlimited riches. Temporary happiness or eternal happiness.

Starting on September 6th I will again be doing a Grief Share Group times, dates and other information will be in upcoming church bulletins.

May God bless and keep you.
Dennis Hennessy, council president

2022 TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>General Fund</u> <i>(Envelope Giving)</i>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income Actual	\$ 11,725	\$ 88,208
Budget Actual	\$11,667	\$ 81,667
<u>All Funds</u>		
Total Income Actual	\$29,357	\$124,474
Total Income Budget	\$12,454	\$ 87,179
Expenses Actual	\$15,962	\$121,749
Expenses Budget	\$12,657	\$ 88,597
Over/(Short)	\$13,395	\$ 2,725

**Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo
Minutes of August 15, 2022, Council Meeting**

In attendance: Dennis Hennessy, Mary Braun, Darlene Christensen, Dick Stebbins, Sherry Whipple, Joanne Stueven, and Judie Birk

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

Treasurer's Report:

Financial view and current month activity for July was presented by Mary Braun. She let us know that the digital sign along with its installation is now paid off. Motion was made by Sherry Whipple to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Darlene Christensen and passed.

Old Business

Digital Sign up and running. (Jody Steward is waiting for replacement parts as needed for damage in shipping. All repairs will be paid by Sign Company). A licensed electrician is still needed for final installation.
Updated authorized signers on bank account is done. However, Dennis needs to go sign on the savings account.
Summer worship schedule – will continue with one service.
New Sign has been insured for \$25,000. Mary is just waiting for invoice.

New Business

- Bethesda volunteered for the “Remember Project” - Aitkin County Care dementia awareness program

The Remember Project is a series of three one act plays that will be presented over the next 6-9 months. Bethesda will host. Our commitment is to share the one-act play via Zoom meetings in the Fellowship Hall. We have requested that people sign up for this event, so we know how many to expect. The first date will be Tuesday, September 20th 10 a.m. - noon. There will be a "Training Program" in late August or early September for the facilities hosting the program.

- Digital Sign Appreciation Plaque. Council approved plaque for names that donated over \$100.
- Solar Panel Update — Dick Stebbins reported that the Property Committee is meeting on Wednesday and will discuss possibilities of adding solar panels. Council suggested that Dick bring to the next council meeting more information on the benefits of solar panels here at Bethesda. It was also suggested maybe some of the solar companies would have a video explaining this that could be shown to the congregation.
- "Quiet Time" — Darlene asked that we introduce 'a time of reflection' prior to the beginning of our Sunday service. Council agreed it was a good idea and will be incorporated soon.
- Explanation of colors and symbols of our church — Darlene brought to the council that the congregation should understand the difference of the colors and symbols (i.e. Christ Candle). It was suggested an article be put in the newsletter and to also mention any special colors/symbolism in the bulletin on particular Sundays.

Committee Reports

Worship and Music Committee Meeting Notes

The Worship and Music Committee met after choir on July 19th. Sheila Penoyer, Jim Christenson, Pastor James and Julie Swaggert were present.

The following topics were discussed:

Supply Pastors have been arranged during Pastor James' sabbatical (Aug.-Oct)

Services will continue to be live streamed and recorded each week.

Hymns, music and readings for August have been selected by Pastor, Jim and Sheila and will be recorded and noted.

Using the "Sundays and Seasons" book, the committee will work with the supply Pastors to

complete the hymns and readings for September and October.

Sheila presented the Choir, Praise Band and Bells schedules for August and September.

We discussed a possible outdoor service for September 11th led by the Praise Team

We will continue to meet as a committee after choir as needed this fall as all members are in choir!

Julie Swaggert, Worship and Music Committee Chair

Parish Nurses Meeting Notes

Parish Nurse Visits were made to 5 members at Aicota Health Care Center with 3 receiving communion. Four phone contacts were made. Two additional members are trained to give home communion and are now ready to begin visiting. Darlene will meet with Pastor Jess and go on the first home visits with her. Two prayer shawls were given out.

A blood pressure screening will be offered on Sunday, August 21st after the worship service.

Darlene Christensen, Parish Nurse

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mary Braun and seconded by Dick Stebbins, and passed.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be Sept. 19 at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted by Judie Birk, council secretary.

Thank you to all that worked at the Bethesda Corn feed! We had a great turnout, and the corn was the best ever!



SUMMER LAWN MOWING

Please enjoy the outdoors and sign up to help mow the church lawn. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

FIND OUT WHAT'S

HAPPENING at Bethesda - like us on Facebook, view live streaming worship services on Sunday mornings on our YouTube channel

www.youtube.com/c/bethesdalutheranchurchmalmomn or visit our website at: www.blcmalmo.org



USHERS & GREETERS NEEDED We need ushers and greeters. If you can volunteer for one of these positions, please contact Gary Sjerven at 651-231-6556 or gsjerven@msn.com

Check out photo's on our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/BLCMalmo/>

Check out Bethesda's web site to view Sunday digital bulletins, with links to our livestream services. Find or submit prayer requests, recent events and more! Check us out today, and bookmark this site to your favorites! 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 Hilstrom to preach and give us updates on Chad & Dara in Mozambique. Dee is Dara's mother.

September

4 Pastor Kate – 13th Sunday after Pentecost
11 Rick Gabriel – 14th Sunday after Pentecost
18 Rick Gabriel – 15th Sunday after Pentecost
25 Pastor Kate – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

October

2 Dee Hilstrom – 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

What Is the Christ Candle?*

The "Christ Candle" is the large white candle that symbolizes the coming of Christ to lighten the darkness of the world. It is especially appropriate for festival days, as a way of giving visual emphasis to the festival being celebrated and represents the work of Christ to us, our light in the darkness through his birth, life, death, and resurrection.



The Christ Candle is generally lit from Easter thru the first Sunday of Pentecost. Other notable events are Holy Trinity, Transfiguration, Reformation, and Christ the King Sundays. Also, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Baptism of our Lord and the First and Second Sundays of Christmas.

The Christ Candle is similar to the Paschal candle, which is the large white candle in the middle of the Advent wreath. Each Sunday of Advent a new candle is lighted to mark time. The third candle is rose or pink, which is meant to remind us to rejoice. On the fourth Sunday of Advent, all four candles are lighted. Then, on Christmas Eve the Christ Candle is lighted along with all four Advent candles.

Other notable days to lite the Christ Candle are Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter along with Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals.

(* <https://anglicancompass.com/christ-candle/>)



CHRIST'S MONOGRAM

The symbol is an ancient monogram for Christ (or Christogram), derived from the first three letters of "Jesus" in Greek: iota - eta - sigma.

LITURGICAL COLORS

Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. This was not always the case. For the first

thousand years of the church's history, little thought was given to liturgical color. White vestments were most common, with more elaborate garments and paraments (of whatever color) reserved for important festivals. The 12th through 16th centuries brought localized experiments with liturgical color, but no standard practices prevailed until 1570, when the Roman Catholic Church established a normative sequence of colors to accompany the church calendar. Calvinists in the 16th century eschewed these rubrics, however, preferring black vestments. The past two centuries have seen a resurgence in the use of liturgical colors, propelled by a new appreciation for the aesthetic dimensions of worship.



Northeastern Minnesota Synod ELCA Offices are Moving

The Synod Office building is Sold and the Synod Office is Moving!

It is with gratitude and a bit of concern regarding the unknown that we (Synod Council and staff) share that the Synod office building has been sold and we expect to be in a different location in 2023! The sense of gratefulness stems from ease in selling the building and the market conditions in which it was sold. The buyer is allowing us to stay until the end of the year or until we have moved into a new space. The unknown concern stems from now somewhat quickly determining the best configuration of office space for doing the work of supporting our Synod churches and leadership while maintaining the staff's cohesion we have been blessed with.

We have reached out to other synods who have reconfigured office space in this era because working remotely at times better serves leaders and congregations. We are discussing potential plans with our leadership and praying faithfully as we proceed.

Pastor Rollie reached out to churches in Duluth, Hermantown, and Cloquet asking about space to share and rent. To date, we have heard from seven of them. Pastor Rollie and I will tour and visit them soon. The goal is to have a decision made regarding the move by early fall.









Additionally, we are cleaning out the current space we occupy. What a job! The lower storage area even contained an abundance of items from the previous owner. Check out the items photographed below for treasures you may want or need. Our 'ask' is that you pick it up as promptly as possible and if you are inspired to offer a donation for your new treasure, we will gladly take it to offset our moving expenses.

Through this time, we feel the Spirit's trusting hand guiding the way. And we give thanks -- God is Good, all the time!

If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact the Synod office 218-724-4424 or email info@nemnsynod.org

Together in Christ –
Bishop Amy Odgren

LITURGICAL COLORS AND THEIR MEANING:

GREEN:	RED:	WHITE:	VIOLET:
 <p>Used during Ordinary Time it means hope</p>  	 <p>Used on Feasts associated with the Lord's passion, the Holy Spirit and Feasts of martyrs. It represents blood, fire, God's love, martyrdom, and Jesus' Passion.</p> 	 <p>Used during the seasons of Christmas and Easter, and Feasts of the Lord (besides those of His passion), and for Feasts of Mary, angels, saints who were not martyrs and nuptial masses, it represents innocence, light, triumph and innocence.</p>	 <p>Used in the seasons of Advent and Lent as well as for funerals. It means penance and humility.</p> 



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

Activities & Events

September 2022

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

Ushers by Gary & Brenda Sjervin

Sept 4: Lee & Barb Forrester
 Sept 11: The Vukelich Family
 Sept 18: Barry & Donna Ansell
 Sept 25: Chuck & Elsa Carlson

Altar Care Dianne Jones
 September Patti Smith 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

Sept 4:
 Sept 11:
 Sept 18:
 Sept 25:

Need Volunteers!



Greeters by Gary & Brenda Sjervin

Sept 4: Sharron Whipple
 Sept 11: The Vukelich Family
 Sept 18: Del & Dianne Jones
 Sept 25: Carolyn Morris



Sept 3 Laurina & Randy Tofteland
 Sept 4 Joan & Dennis Petersen
 Sept 7 Donna & Barry Ansell
 Sept 8 Kathy & Robert Carlson
 Sept 8 Melody & Steve Lackner
 Sept 13 Sara & Steven Lebens
 Sept 15 JoAnn & Ron Haglund
 Sept 20 Nicole & Ian Dzubay
 Sept 25 Karen & Joseph Timmers
 Sept 26 Darlene & Jim Christensen
 Sept 27 Arty & Ron Heins
 Sept 29 Val & Elwin Benton



Sept 4 Lynne Meidlinger
 Sept 6 Patty Wanous
 Sept 7 Chuck Carlson
 Sept 10 Dorothy Munding
 Sept 12 Ian Dzubay
 Sept 13 Jeff Fredrick
 Sept 14 Dawn Kellen
 Sept 15 Gene Miller
 Sept 15 Kirk Swenson
 Sept 16 Minnie Gilbert
 Sept 17 Mallory Hanson
 Sept 17 Julie Swaggert
 Sept 19 Steve Lackner
 Sept 24 Greg Westerlund
 Sept 26 Melody Lackner
 Sept 26 Doug Penoyer
 Sept 26 Brian Simonson
 Sept 27 Samantha Rassier



Blessings for
 Pastor John Ansell,
 son of members
 Barry and Donna
 Ansell, on his
 installation as the
 new pastor at
 Salem Lutheran
 Church in
 Hermantown, MN!



September 2022

Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s	2	3 8:00 Last Veggie Stand
4 9:00 Worship Communion	5 Labor Day 11:30 Cards 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	6 9:00 Women's Dev 4:00 Bells 5:30 Choir 6:30 Praise choir	7 9:00 Women's Bible Study	8 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s	9	10
11 9:00 Worship Communion Outdoor Worship weather permit- ting	12 9:00 Crafters 11:30 Cards	13 9:00 Quilters 4:00 Bells 5:30 Choir 6:30 Praise choir	14 9:00 Women's Bible Study	15 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s	16	17
18 9:00 Worship Communion	19 10:00 Council mtg 11:30 Cards 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	20 4:00 Bells 5:30 Choir 6:30 Praise choir Newsline Deadline	21 9-4:00 WIC 9:00 Women's Bible Study 10:00 WELCA	22 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s	23	24 Women of the ELCA Heart- land Fall Con- ference
25 9:00 Worship Communion	26 9:00 Crafters 11:30 Cards 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	27 9:00 Quilters 4:00 Bells 5:30 Choir 6:30 Praise choir	28 9:00 Women's Bible Study	29	30	

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