

Bethesda Life-Line

Worship Services*

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



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

September 1 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

September 8 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

September 15 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
No Communion

September 22 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

September 29 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

Upcoming Events

September 4 Let's go Fishing
September 8 Gods Work Our Hands
September 16 Council Meeting
September 22 Pancake Breakfast

Happy Labor Day September 2!



All Kids Can Learn, Int. Village of Hope Zambia

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VILLAGE OF HOPE IN JANUARY 2025

Each person going on the trip in January will bring one suitcase full (up to 50 lbs.) of supplies needed at the Village of Hope. Below is a list of items that have been requested for us to bring. If you can help supply some of these items, it would be greatly appreciated.

- Sharpie Permanent Markers – All colors
- EXPO Dry Erase Markers, all colors, but especially black. (Expo is the preferred brand)
- Composition Books (the ones that often have black & white covers)
- Card Stock – Colorful
- Construction Paper – Colorful

There is a tuff tote in the Fellowship Hall for you to leave the supplies in. Thank you in advance!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

There will be a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 22, following our regular worship service.

This will be a "Free Will Donation" event to raise money for the Village of Hope Zambia trip in January 2025.

LET'S GO FISHING!

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmö is offering a Nature Tour with Master Naturalist. Sept 4th, departure at 4 PM. Meet at Lum Park dock on Rice Lake. 2-hour Pontoon Ride down Mississippi, arrive 20 minutes prior to departure time. Sign-up sheet in Narthex or see David Brown for additional details.

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo

8/19/24

Attendees: Dean Malotky, Mary Braun, Gray Sjerven, Dick Stebbins, Donna Ansell, Darlene Christensen, Joanne Steuven, Sylvia Tapelt

The meeting was called to order and Darlene Christensen gave the opening prayer.

Secretary's Report

Motion was made to accept the minuetts from July's council meeting by Mary Braun and 2nd by Dick Stebbins and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial view and current month activity for July was presented by Mary Braun. Motion made by Dick Stebbins, 2nd by Darlene Christensen to accept and passed.

Pastor Progress

Worked on surveys with transition team for moving on with pastor call process. Looking for volunteers for the call committee.

Old Business

Removed Pastor's name from checking account. Brenda Sjerven was added as authorized signature to the checking account. Exit interview with Pastor was completed. Julie has arranged Pulpit Supply personnel for every Sunday in August and September, currently working on October.

New Business:

Property committee update: Parsonage clean-up is scheduled for August 27 at 10:00am. Carpet to be cleaned in Parsonage by the end of August. Water softener at parsonage on hold till needed. Working on the gopher problem. There are mice in the craft room and all craft items will be put in covered containers after the Fall Bazaar. Tuck pointing is complete. Freon was added to air conditioners. A cross with an additional 2 smaller crosses will stand upright at end of parking lot by memorial garden. There is 1 person interested in shed at parsonage. Snow removal will be modified in some areas by using a snow blower. Gary Sjerven will use his snow blower. Disposal of concrete slabs from horseshoe pit. The area has added black dirt and

been seeded. Brown shed needs painting.

Internet service at parsonage has been put on pause till needed.

We served 147 at the Corn Feed.

Next council meeting is Monday September 16th at 10:00 am.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mary Braun 2nd by Dean Malotky and was passed. Adjourn-Lord's prayer

Submitted by Sylvia Tapelt

2024 TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<i>(Envelope Giving)</i>		
Income Actual	\$ 10,758	\$ 91,987
Budget	\$ 11,500	\$ 80,500
<u>All Funds</u>		
Total Income Actual	\$ 15,072	\$129,149
Total Income Budget	\$ 12,442	\$ 87,092
Expenses Actual	\$ 17,643	\$105,723
Expenses Budget	\$ 12,995	\$ 90,966
Over/(Short)	(\$ 2,571)	\$ 23,426



Crafty Mondays!

Join us to work on crafts for our Holiday Bazaar on the following Mondays from 9-11 am, Sept. 16 & 30; Oct. 7. A few of these dates will be workshops where we will work on specific items. The bazaar is on Oct. 26 this year.



ELECTRONIC GIVING It is safe, it is easy and it is 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-content/uploads/2021/05/Simply-Giving-Form.pdf>

WELCA Meeting August 21, 2024

Chairwoman Penny Sjoquist opened the meeting with 12 members present. Jeannine led devotions. The purpose and mission statements were read. The secretary's May 15 report printed in the Life-Line was approved. Dianne gave the treasurer's report with a balance on hand of \$8,584.38. Motion by Darlene C., second by Elsa C. to accept report. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Instead of replacing the kitchen stove, Gary has reported that the stove has been repaired.
- WIC (Women Infants Children) tabled until next month when Sandy Pullen can report how we can continue to assist with their needs.
- Thanks to all who helped make the Corn Feed successful. 147 meals were served. Discussion of where monies could be used in kitchen improvements.

NEW BUSINESS:

- South Aitkin Responders need support. They don't get funded, and it takes \$6,000 to equip each responder. Motion made by Elsa C. and second by Jenny S. to give them \$500. Motion approved.
- Motion made by Jeannine B. to send \$300 each to the Isle and Garrison Food Shelves and the Isle Elementary Food Shelf. Jan Olson second and the motion passed.
- Darlene Christensen handed out a list of projects and Thrivent members for possible Thrivent grants. Members are able to receive \$250 twice a year from Thrivent. One project will be buying batting for Bethesda's quilters.
- The Fall Gathering will be at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Baxter on October 5. Those going will carpool. Further information as to time we leave will be given when program is available.
- Diaper Day for Global Health Ministries is being held at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker. Their goal is 1,000 diapers for 500 newborn kits for the 2025 Summer Gathering. Darlene Christensen will get Bethesda's In Kind newborn kits program

together in the spring. Last spring our WELCA made 71 kits for the 2024 Summer Gathering.

- Jeannine B. will check to see if WELCA could conduct a service for "Bold Women's Sunday" on the first Sunday in November a "Thank Offering Service of the Word".
- Election of Officers: Char Berg will continue as secretary for another year. Dianne Jones will also continue as treasurer for another year. We are still in need of co-chairs for the next year. Penny Sjoquist will get an agenda ready for the September meeting, but will not continue to chair through the year. We want to thank Penny and Linda Southworth for their work as co-chairs this past year.
- The Craft Room has more yarn than they can use at the present time. Linda Southworth will take some to make projects for the bazaar and LuAnn Gordon will take some to the One More Time 2 Thrift Store to sell.

God's Work Our Hands

The ELCA encourages us to consider a special project to honor Gods Work Our Hands on the first Sunday in September. It has been our tradition to clean the beach near Reddy Creek.

Perhaps the closed roads have limited the beach use for part of the summer. Let's see if anyone has time for a beach walk and/ or pick up around the parking area Sunday September 8 about 11:30. (after a church coffee meeting). See Joanne Stueven of Mission and Evangelism Committee if you are interested.



**Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering is
October 5th at Lord of Life in Brainerd.**

WELCA is the women's ministry organization of the ELCA. If you are a woman sitting in the pew at Bethesda Lutheran, you are already a part of WELCA. You are a woman of the ELCA. You are welcome to everything that is happening in our activities, projects and meetings. Come join us. There is room at the table for you.

PASTOR SEARCH UPDATES !

We started the search with a zoom meeting with Sharon Willams of the ELCA Synod. She gave us a handbook of suggestions on how to proceed to call a new pastor. In the meantime, she is looking for an interim pastor to be with us full or part time until we have new pastor.

Julie Swaggert will continue to try to find individuals to come each Sunday through October. (or longer?) The council is serving as the Transition Team and will be collecting information the Call Committee needs to complete the application.

As part of the process church members will be asked to complete 2 surveys at a coffee table discussion after church on September 8, 2024.

The survey is included in this newsletter and anyone who can't attend on Sept 8 is encouraged to complete the survey and send it to the church office by Sept 8.

Please consider serving on the Call Committee! Julie Swaggert would love to have volunteers as 5 members and 2 alternates are required to proceed.

We will have a Congregational Meeting on September 8, after our survey discussions to vote in 5 members to be our Call Committee.

We thank you for your prayers and support as we continue our search for a pastor.
Bethesda's Church Council



Celebrate Grandparents Day Sept. 8th

Several sociological factors are affecting grandparents' role. Because families are spread out geographically, "long-distance grand parenting" is now common. On the other end of the spectrum, many grandparents are actually raising their grandchildren. Despite modern-day challenges and changes, grandparents are more important than ever for providing kids with a sense of history and heritage. Whether through social media and Skype or special outings and storytelling, the older generation has a variety of avenues for connecting with grandkids. In the process, grandparents can share their Christian faith. "One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4, NIV)

Ministry Task **S E R V E Y**

The Call Committee will be asked to select 5 tasks that the congregation considers important in searching for a new minister.



Please circle 5 that you consider important.

- Small Group Ministry
- Conflict Management
- Teaching (instruction that helps grow faith)
- Build a sense of community.
- Communication/ Media/ Technology
- Mission and Evangelism (reaching out to unchurched people in community)
- Administration (leadership in church management)
- Pastoral care and Visitations/ Senior Ministry
- Music/ Worship/ Arts (support music or art programs)
- Preaching / Worship services
- Strategic Mission Planning (help develop a long-term plan)

Thank you

Thanks to all who helped serve, husk corn, clean-up, and work for the corn feed!! We served 147 people! It was an immense success!



FOOD SHELF DONATIONS are needed. Nonperishable items can be left in boxes in the Narthex. Please check the expiration dates.

Activities & Events

September 2024

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

Ushers by Gary & Brenda Sjervin

Sept. 1 Janice Olson & Sherry Whipple
Sept. 8 Barry & Donna Ansell
Sept. 15 Barry & Donna Ansell
Sept. 22 Lee & Barb Forrester
Sept. 29 Gary & Brenda Sjervin

GREETERS by Gary & Brenda Sjervin

Sept. 1 Gary, Brenda Sjervin
Sept. 8 Julie Swaggert, Dennis Hennessy
Sept. 15 Del, Dianne Jones
Sept. 22 Julie Swaggert; Dennis Hennessy
Sept. 29 Wally; Bev Swenson

Altar Care Dianne Jones

September Barb and Patti
October Sylvia and Cheryl

Sunday Hospitality

Sept. 1 Jeannine Bruesewitz
Sept. 8 Bob & Kat Carlson, Don & Donna Myhre
Sept. 15 Wayne & Janice Olson, Winnie Zahradka,
Penny Sjoquist
Sept. 22 **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** for Zambia
Sept. 29



Sept. 3 Laurina & Randy Tofteland
Sept. 4 Joan & Dennis Petersen
Sept. 7 Donna; Barry Ansell
Sept. 8 Kathryn & Robert Carlson
Sept. 8 Melody & Steve Lackner
Sept. 13 Sara & Steven Lebens
Sept. 15 JoAnn & Ron Haglund
Sept. 20 Nicole & Ian Dzubay
Sept. 26 Darlene & James Christensen
Sept. 27 Arty & Ron Heins



Sept. 1 Charles Follmer
Sept. 1 Neda Vossen
Sept. 2 Darlene Meinert
Sept. 3 Ronald Aho
Sept. 3 Dolores Block
Sept. 4 Norm McGibbon
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 Elizabeth Brown
Sept. 16 Minnie Gilbert
Sept. 17 Mallory Hanson
Sept. 17 Merrily Jones
Sept. 17 Julie Swaggert
Sept. 19 Steve Lackner
Sept. 23 Larry Pantsari
Sept. 24 Greg Westerlund
Sept. 26 Melody Lackner
Sept. 26 Douglas Penoyer
Sept. 26 Brian Simonson
Sept. 27 Samantha Rassier



MEMORY GARDEN

Come sit and enjoy the peace and quiet while you meditate. Bring a friend and pack a lunch to view the flowers. You will see monarch butterflies and a cardinal flying around. The water fountain is up and running. Let us use this beautiful place on the church grounds.



September 2024

Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Worship Communion	2 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg Labor Day	3 9:00 Chair Yoga 4:00 Bells 5:30 Choir 6:30 Praise team	4 9:00 Women's Bible Study	5 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga	6	7
8 God's Work Our Hands 9:00 Worship Communion Survey Discussion & Congregational Meeting	9 9:00 Women's Gather 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	10 9:00 Chair Yoga 9:00 Quilters 4:00 Bells 5:30 Choir 6:30 Praise team	11 9:00 Women's Bible Study	12 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga	13	14
15 9:00 Worship No Communion	16 9:00 Crafters 10:00 Council mtg 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	17 9:00 Chair Yoga 4:00 Bells 5:30 Choir 6:30 Praise team	18 9-4:00 WIC 9:00 Women's Bible Study 10:00 WELCA Meeting	19 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga	20 Newsline Deadline	21 <i>Autum Equinox Celebration 4:-6:00 pm</i>
22 9:00 Worship Communion Pancake Breakfast	23 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	24 9:00 Chair Yoga 9:00 Quilters Noon-Healthy Habits Meeting 4:00 Bells 5:30 Choir 6:30 Praise team	25 9:00 Women's Bible Study	26 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga	27	28
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Autumn & Equinox

Autumn Equinox - Celebrate with a Taste of Fall September 21st - 4-6 pm at Bethesda

Join us as we welcome the enchanting season of fall by celebrating the Autumn Equinox. We gather the bounties of the fall harvest with wines paired by wine pairing expert, Shari Blubard. This event begins with a welcoming wine and appetizers at our beautiful Memory Garden area at Bethesda and then continues to the gardens by the church for the dinner.

(or indoors if too windy or cold)

Invite your friends to show the beauty of our church.

Tickets are \$35 and are limited to 40 people. For tickets, call the church office.

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