

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

November 3 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
No Communion

November 10 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

November 17 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

November 24 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

Upcoming Events

November 3 Daylight Savings time ends
November 18 Council Meeting

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Looking for someone to Job-Shadow the Church Secretary position as a backup for Mary and to cover when she goes to Village of Hope in Zambia in January, from the 15-29, 2025.

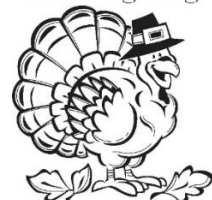
As our secretary, you will be asked to answer phones and handle some of our staff members' clerical tasks. This can include typing, copying, printing, and managing office supplies. This is a paid position. Contact Mary if you're available to cover for her and for a more complete job description.



Veterans Day

November 11

**Happy
Thanksgiving**



November 28



Churchwide Thankoffering Service

November 3rd Thankoffering Service

Thankoffering is a time-honored tradition in Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Services are mainly celebrated in the fall, to give thanks for God’s faithfulness at harvest time. On this day, women throughout the organization gather to give thanks for what God has done and is doing in our lives throughout the year. These offerings support the churchwide ministry of the organization to multiply the mission work of the church.

November 3rd will be a Thankoffering service led by the women of Bethesda. The Blessing Box offering is to support ministries focused on global sharing, leadership development and faith in daily life through Katie’s Fund.

Jennifer Hockenbery is the interim executive director of Women of the ELCA. Her goals in her interim role include creating spaces for listening to participants and leaders in WELCA as well as working with the staff and board to create a strategic plan for a strong, healthy, financially sustainable WELCA that will meet the needs and support the dreams of current members while building outreach to even more women who could find support and inspiration through the organization.



Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo Minutes for October 21, 2024, Council Meeting

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

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

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting from September by Mary Braun and 2nd by Darlene Christensen. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial view and current month activity for September was presented by Mary Braun. A motion was made by Dick Stebbins and 2nd by Dean Malotky to accept and was passed.

Budget Request forms are due November 3rd, all committee chairs were e-mailed and a copy in their inboxes.

The final installment payment from Dick Grippe’s trust fund was received. Thank you to the family for these gifts.

Committee Updates

Call Committee

The call committee chair David Brown gave an update on progress. The Ministry Site Profile was approved with some changes. David will submit the forms.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

MEETING NOTES: 10/22/24

We met after choir to discuss several items:

Members present: Sheila P., Jim C., Sherry W., Julie S.

1. Jim and Sheila continue to work on hymn selections for services. November is done and they will be working on December.
2. All services (including Christmas Eve) have

Pastoral coverage up to December 29th.

3. The Cantata will be on December 15th. We will not have a supply Pastor that day.

Sheila, Jim and Darlene will work on the service content and details. The Cantata will take the place of a sermon.

4. Jim C. will contact John Koziol (fabulous musician who has been to Bethesda numerous times) to see if he would be available to provide music for the December 29th service.

The service would be Christmas music, hymns and singing based.

5. We worked on developing our yearly budget and talked about some of our work from the 2024 year.

6. The August picnic and sing along held in August was a huge success. We will have another picnic and sing along next summer!

7. We will look at doing another raffle basket - perhaps in December.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm

Old Business

Julie Swaggert has arranged Pulpit Supply personnel for every Sunday in October thru December. On November 3rd and December 15th, we will have a lay person and there will be no communion.

There will be an afternoon worship service on Christmas Eve and no service on Christmas day since we were unable to find a Pastor.

The internet service was reinstated at the parsonage due the visiting pastor's using the parsonage.

New Business: Property Committee update. Trees need to be trimmed, and brush cleaned up and chipped. The shed at the parsonage will be torn down and removed on 10/31 and taken to dump. The fountain is shut down, cleaned and winterized for the season. Electrical outlets in kitchen repaired. Fire inspection passed. Stove Hood in the kitchen is OK. Nature trail clean-up will be discussed at one of our services. Craft room items will be put in plastic containers after the bazaar. Fire alarms are to be installed in November. Front door automatic openers are burning out and need to be turned off when doors are locked. The heat will be turned down at the parsonage and turned up when needed.

Another scholarship for Emilie Vukelich was approved.

Upgrade Cannon copier. Currently renting copier for \$115.00/month plus usage. Upgrade rental would be

\$107/month plus usage. Usage is running approximately 4400 copies per month at \$0.012/copy (\$52.80/month) A motion was made to do the upgrade by Donna Ansell and 2nd by Mary Braun and passed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mary Braun 2nd by Dick Stebbins and passed.

Adjourn-Lord's prayer.

Submitted by Sylvia Tapelt

2024 TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<i>(Envelope Giving)</i>		
Income Actual	\$ 9,1760	\$ 108,742
Budget	\$ 11,500	\$ 103,500
<u>All Funds</u>		
Total Income Actual	\$ 18,461	\$ 157,817
Total Income Budget	\$ 12,442	\$ 111,975
Expenses Actual	\$ 10,925	\$129,413
Expenses Budget	\$ 12,995	\$116,956
Over/(Short)	\$ 7,536	\$ 28,404

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>

Thank you

Thank you for the many gifts of food, money, calls, cards, letters, visits to our home & other memorials in memory of Roy. You truly are a loving church body. Roy loved living here & watching the big lake daily.

Char Berg & Family





Parish Nurse Notes Visitation Team

Since Pastor James left, our visitation team has continued to visit, make phone calls and bring communion to shut ins and those living in assisted livings and nursing homes on a monthly basis. Each month there are between 10-15 people to contact, and it would be beneficial to have others join them. They often visit in teams of 2 or 3. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, contact Darlene Christensen, Wally Swenson, Carolyn Morris or Kat Carlson.

Soup and Cookie Ministry

The Visitation team brings soup and/or cookies when they visit members in their homes. If you make soup or cookies and have extra you can leave a container of soup or a bag of six cookies in the freezer in the kitchen pantry. They are appreciated by those that receive them.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

are due by November 3rd for our annual meeting on Sunday, December 1st following our regular worship service. Please email to: blcmalmo@gmail.com with your committee reports.

BUDGET REQUEST FORMS are in committee "In Boxes" to be completed by November 3, 2024, and return to "Stewardship In-Box" in Office.



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.

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!

TASTE OF FALL EVENT



Great Food, Great People and Fine Wine as Bethesda hosted a Taste of Fall wine and food pairing event. Everyone enjoyed different wines paired with fabulous food! Proceeds will go towards improving our nature trail and memory garden.

A special thanks to our wine pairing expert Shari Blubard for all her hard work, Judie Birk for her creativity transforming the Fellowship Hall into a "Fine Dining" area and all the kitchen help who worked hard pouring wines and delivering foods to all our paying customers. It was a very successful fund raiser.

It's worth trying again!



Activities & Events

November 2024

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

USHERS by Gary & Brenda Sjervin

Nov. 3 Barry & Donna Ansell
Nov. 10 Chuck & Elsa Carlson
Nov. 17 Donna Ansell
Nov. 24 Gary & Brenda Sjervin

GREETERS by Gary & Brenda Sjervin

Nov. 3 Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins
Nov. 10 Wally & Bev Swenson
Nov. 17 Janice Olson & Winnie Zahradka
Nov. 24 Carolyn Morris & Sharon Whipple

Altar Care Dianne Jones

November...Linda and Dianne
December.... Barb and Karen

Sunday Hospitality

Nov. 3 David & Libby Brown
Larry & Carol Pantsari
Nov. 10 Chuck & Elsa Carlsons
Lee & Barb Forrester
Nov. 17 Anne & Carolyn
Nov. 24



Help! We need Coffee Servers for December. If you can't serve, you can bring treats for the freezer for others to serve.



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



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 Mary Swanson
Nov. 28 Michael Macioch
Nov. 28 Susan Samuelson
Nov. 29 Ellie Mitchell
Nov. 29 Laurie Simonson



November 2024

Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00 SWO mtg
3 9:00 Worship No Communion Daylight Savings time ends	4 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	5 9:00 Chair Yoga 4:00 Bells 5:30 Choir 5:45 Cantata 6:30 Praise Team	6 9:00 Women's Bible Study	7 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga	8	9
10 9:00 Worship Communion	11 9:00 Women's Devo- tion 10:00 Property mtg 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	12 9:00 Chair Yoga 4:00 Bells 5:30 Choir 5:45 Cantata 6:30 Praise Team	13 9-4:00 WTC 9:00 Women's Bible Study	14 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga	15	16
17 9:00 Worship Communion	18 10:00 Council mtg 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	19 9:00 Chair Yoga 4:00 Bells 5:30 Choir 5:45 Cantata 6:30 Praise Team	20 9:00 Women's Bible Study 10:00 WELCA Newline Deadline	21 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga	22	23
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History of All Saints Day

The origin of All Saints' Day can be traced back to the early Christian Church when it was established as a day to remember and

celebrate the martyrs and other saints who had died for their faith. Over time, the scope of the holiday expanded to include martyrs and all faithful Christians who had lived pious and virtuous lives. It is a day to recognize the saints' collective witness and express gratitude for their example.

In the early Christian Church, there was a strong emphasis on the veneration of martyrs who had suffered and died for their faith. These martyrs were seen as exemplary models of Christian virtue, and their graves or burial places became sites of pilgrimage and veneration. The anniversary of a martyr's death often became a day for commemorating their lives and the sacrifices they made for their faith.

Over time, the holiday's focus expanded beyond just martyrs to include all Christian saints—those who were recognized for their exceptional holiness and devotion to God. This shift recognized that not all saints were martyrs, so a broader commemoration was needed.

In the Western Christian Church, Pope Gregory III (731-741) is often credited with establishing November 1st as the date for All Saints' Day. This date was chosen to coincide with the dedication of a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome to "All the Saints." It was an attempt to unify the various local celebrations of saints' feast days and set a universal date for honoring all the saints.

All Saint's Day has a rich and complex history that spans over centuries, involving the Catholic Church, the Christian Church, Protestant churches, and various cultural influences. From its origins in the 4th century to its global spread in the 18th century, and its diverse interpretations in different denominations, All Saint's Day remains a day of reverence, uniting Christians in the solemn remembrance of the saints who have shaped the course of Christian history and spirituality.

Honoring the Departed in the 20th Century

All Saint's Day, with its roots deeply embedded in Christian history, is celebrated in various ways across the globe, with a particular focus on remembering deceased relatives and venerating the saints. While the specific customs and traditions may vary from one region to another, certain common themes and practices have emerged, especially during the 20th century.

1. **Cemetery Visits:** One of the most common customs associated with All Saint's Day is visiting the gravesites of deceased relatives and loved ones. Families clean and decorate the graves with flowers, candles, wreaths, and sometimes even small gifts. It is a moment of reflection and remembrance, where individuals gather to pay their respects and offer prayers for the souls of the departed.
2. **Lighting Candles:** The lighting of candles holds symbolic significance during All Saint's Day celebrations. In many cultures, candles are used to symbolize the light of Christ and the hope of resurrection. Lighting a candle at the gravesite or in church is a way to remember the deceased and to offer prayers for their souls.
3. **All Souls' Day:** While All Saint's Day specifically honors known saints, it is closely associated with All Souls' Day, which is celebrated on November 2nd in many traditions. All Souls' Day is dedicated to praying for all the faithful departed, especially those who may not have been canonized as saints. It is a time to remember all souls in purgatory and offer prayers for their release into heaven.
4. **Acts of Charity:** In keeping with the spirit of remembrance and compassion, some people use All Saint's Day as an opportunity to perform acts of charity and kindness. This may include visiting the sick, helping those in need, or supporting charitable organizations in memory of departed loved ones.

In the 20th century, All Saint's Day continued to evolve, incorporating both traditional and modern elements to commemorate the departed. While customs may vary, the core essence of the celebration remains the same: to honor the saints and remember our deceased relatives and friends, keeping their memories alive in our hearts and prayers.

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