

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

February 2 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

February 9 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

February 16 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

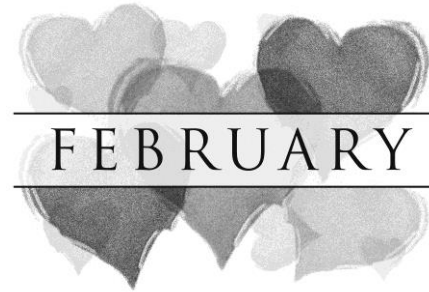
February 23 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
No
Communion

Upcoming Events

- Feb 2 Happy Ground Hogs Day!
- Feb 14 Happy Valentines Day
- Feb 16 Junk Bingo?
- Feb 17 10:00 council meeting
- Feb 24 Winter Craft Session



Snow Birds have fun in the sun!



2025

WINTER CRAFT SESSIONS

Join Our Crafting Community! We've scheduled three Winter Green Craft Sessions that are open to the public and you can bring your projects home if you wish. These will be on Monday mornings from 9-11 am on Jan. 27th, Feb. 24th, and March 24th.

The first session will focus on creating moss heart topiaries, a simple yet elegant craft perfect for home decor (and an idea for our fellowship table decor for this winter). A \$5 fee will cover necessary supplies. We can then share ideas for future sessions...there are many on Pinterest. So, join us, along with your friends, for a morning of crafting and inspiration!

Vacation Bible School

We will be looking for students, staff and youth helpers as we plan our annual Vacation Bible School activities. Our event will be 4 days June 16-19, 2025. We probably all agree that teaching about Jesus's love is a most valuable use of our resources!! Please invite the children in your life to visit us and volunteer to help in any way you can.

Thank You from Mission and Evangelism



Junk Bingo

There is a tentative date for our annual Sunday afternoon fun! Mark the calendar for Sunday February 16, 2025, at 2:00 PM.

We have started a collection of items but if you have something to share, keep Junk Bingo in mind.

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo

January 13th, 2024, meeting

Attendees: Mary Braun, Gray Sjerven, Larry Pantsari, Joanne Steuven, Gary Sjerven, Donna Ansell, Vicki Vossen, Sylvia Tapelt,

The meeting was called to order by Donna Ansell and gave the opening prayer.

Secretary's Report

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting from December by Vicki Vossen and 2nd by Gary Sjerven. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial view and current month activity for December was presented by Mary Braun. A motion was made by Vicki Vossen and 2nd by Gary Sjerven to accept and was passed.

Call Committee David Brown gave an update. We have had 1 applicant, was interviewed, and is being evaluated to see if it is a good fit for us. They are hoping for more applicants for comparison. Will be contacting Synod regarding interim pastor,

Old Business

Property Insurance- are waiting for 2 bids from different companies. Expect to get a quote in February or April.

New Business: Property Committee update- Vacuum cleaners motors are wearing out and we need to purchase new ones. A motion was made to purchase 1 new one for \$200.00 and wait to replace the other 2. The two crosses (inside and outside) are not working due to bad transformers. We can purchase rope lights to fix both crossed. We can rent a lift to install the lights and purchase the rope lights both for about \$400.00. This will done in the summer for both crosses. Other alternatives are too expensive. The water softener in the parsonage needs to be replaced. A motion was made to purchase a new one from Home Depot for \$650.00 by Mary Braun and 2nd by Vicki Vossen and was passed.

Election of Counsel Officers-Dean Malokty volunteered for another term as President and Donna

Ansell volunteered for another term for Vice President. A motion was made to accept both by Mary Braun and 2nd by Gary Sjerven and passed.

Advertise in the "Fun Guide"- We can have a ¼ page for \$319.00 and would make a minor change from last year's ad by having a picture of our church. A motion was made to approve by Mary Braun and 2nd by Donna Ansell and passed.

Lenten Services with no pastor- Plan is in process and we have some options.

Julie Swaggert has pulpit supply covered through February and working on March and April.

Next council meeting is February 17, at 10:00.

Adjourn -The Lord's prayer A motion was made to adjourn by Mary Braun and 2nd by Vicki Vossen and passed.

Submitted by Sylvia Tapelt

2024 TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>General Fund</u> <i>(Envelope Giving)</i>	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income Actual	\$ 11,717	\$ 137,854
Budget	\$ 11,500	\$ 138,000
<u>All Funds</u>		
Total Income Actual	\$ 21,720	\$ 222,601
Total Income Budget	\$ 12,442	\$ 149,300
Expenses Actual	\$ 43,794	\$ 228,663
Expenses Budget	\$ 12,995	\$ 155,941
Over/(Short)	\$ (22,075)	\$ (6,062)

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>

**FAITH MAKES
ALL THINGS POSSIBLE
NOT EASY**

Call Committee and Supply Pastor Updates:

The Bethesda Call Committee continues to meet as needed and is working with Deacon Susan at the Northeast Minnesota Synod to identify and find Pastoral candidates. The process is slow but hopefully it will be picking up as we head into February and spring. We will be updating you as information is available.

Bethesda has been blessed with a great contingency of Supply Pastors for the past few months. Currently, we have Pastors lined up for every Sunday in February, March and April. This includes Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter! Praise God!

The parsonage has been a tremendous asset as not having to drive an extended distance on Sunday mornings works well for many Pastors. It is to be noted that Pastors who have been at Bethesda one time are all very willing to return as they feel welcomed and appreciated. A big thanks to Mary Braun, Gary Sjerven and Jim Christianson for their help with the services and the parsonage.

LENT and EASTER

The Worship and Music Committee, along with the Council, has been discussing Lent and Easter. Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5th with Easter, April 20th. We are looking at doing Wednesday services during Lent at noon and also will have potlucks before the service. More details will follow!

Pastor Sarah Stadler (who was our Christmas Eve Pastor) has agreed to be our Ash Wednesday Pastor (noon service) as well as doing a Maundy Thursday service during Holy Week (again at noon).

Pastor Deb Hanson-Carlson (who lives in Cromwell and was at Bethesda one Sunday in August 2024) will be our Pastor on both Palm Sunday and Easter. These services will be at our normal 9am time slot. Pastor Hanson-Carlson will also be at Bethesda two Sundays in March.

Please note other updates as needed in the Bulletin and on the Bethesda Facebook page.



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Help! We need Coffee Servers or baked goods.

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



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 need to borrow a piece of equipment, contact the Parish Nurses.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2025 are here! Please pick up your envelopes in the Fellowship Hall.

**MAKING A FRIEND TAKES A MOMENT
BEING A FRIEND TAKES A LIFETIME**





Bethesda celebrated 2 special birthdays by having 2 cakes! Wally Swenson was 90 and our guest Pastor Dan Holm was 82!!

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.**

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

The group is currently using the video series "Reading Biblical Literature: Genesis to Revelation". We watch a short lecture by Professor Craig Koester from Luther Seminary and follow that with a discussion. If you are interested in learning more about the Bible and gaining new insights into familiar stories join us at 9am every Wednesday.

St. Valentine's sacrifice

Every February 14, we celebrate the loved ones in our lives with cards, flowers and chocolate. But Valentine's Day has another meaning that's been lost.

First declared a holiday by King Henry VIII of England in 1537, it commemorates the beheading of St. Valentine on February 14, 270 A.D. His crime? We performed wedding ceremonies after Roman Emperor Claudius II had outlawed marriage.

Valentine was martyred for faithfully doing the work God had given him. Although it's good to celebrate love and marriage, let's also remember the courage of a man who gave his life following his convictions.



Real-life sacrifice

"I love to help the people who need it most. ... Seeing people who are needy motivates me to help." Amazingly, these aren't the words of a wealthy or comfortable person but of a teenager who, herself, is among the world's poorest. Her family lives in a Chilean slum and is assisted by a Christian human-services agency.

When fire broke out near the 16-year-old's home, leaving 220 already-destitute families homeless, the girl and her mother donated their own blankets, towels and other supplies to people who'd lost the little they had. Her mother even gave away clothes she'd planned to sell for much-needed household income.

I was humbled to read of this girl and her mom. So often I "have contributed out of [my] abundance"; but this pair, "out of [their] poverty ... put in ... all [they] had to live on" (Mark 12:44, NRSV).





**EcoFaith Summit 2025
Earth's Cries, Earth's Call
Becoming Midwives of Hope for the
Healing of Creation**

Saturday, April 5, 2025
First Lutheran, Duluth and online

Registration Opens January 31, 2025
Lead speaker: Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda
Presenter: Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy

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like us on Facebook, view live streaming worship
services on Sunday mornings on our YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/c/bethesdalutheranchurchma>
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Love gauge

In a ship's engine room, it's impossible to look into the great boiler and see how much water remains. But running up beside it is a tiny glass tube that serves as a gauge. As the water stands in the little tube, so it stands in the great boiler. When the tube is half full, the boiler is half full; when the tube is empty, the boiler is empty.



**Join us for Diaper Day!!!
We need your help!!**

**February 27th 2025
9:00 am - 3 pm.**

**First Lutheran Church
2100 Riverview Drive
Little Falls, MN**

Morning coffee and treats provided, please bring a bag lunch for noon. Please bring your coffee cup. If you can come for 1-2 hours that works too.

Help meet the NE MN WELCA response to Global Health Ministries 10,000 Newborn Kit Challenge!

On Thursday Feb. 27th we will be cutting and sewing cloth diapers with ties **IN AN ASSEMBLY LINE**. There will be jobs for everyone, cutters, pressers, standers, sitters, non sewers as well as sewers!

Another way to help: Check around for 100 % cotton flannel that you and friends or neighbors might have that could be donated. The color or design doesn't matter. It needs to be washed and dried before it is cut because it shrinks. Bring it with you!

What to bring? Basic sewing supplies: pins or clips, sharp scissors for clipping treads, wound bobbins-several, thread: gray or off-white, sewing machine, extension cord, and coffee cup!!

Rotary cutters and cutting mats provided. Ironing boards and irons provided.

Call Pat Moller (320 630 4880) soon with an estimated number attending so we can better plan for treats. Didn't call? Come anyway!!

Thank you, Heartland Conference.

Activities & Events

February 2025

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

USHERS by Gary & Brenda Sjerven

Feb. 2 Dick Stebbins/Darrell Kelly
Feb. 9 Barry/Donna Ansell
Feb. 16 Gary/Brenda Sjerven
Feb. 23 Dick Stebbins/Darrell Kelly

GREETERS by Gary & Brenda Sjerven

Feb. 2 Mark/Mary Vukelich
Feb. 9 Larry & Carol Pantsari
Feb. 16 Carolyn Morris
Feb. 23 Winnie Zahradka

Altar Care Dianne Jones

February...Kat Carlson and Linda Southworth

March. ...Sylvia Tapelt and Karen Elias

Sunday Hospitality

Feb. 2 Janice & Wayne Olson
Feb. 9
Feb. 16
Feb. 23



Feb. 1 Elizabeth Lagerstrom
Feb. 2 Karen Carron
Feb. 2 Lance Elliott
Feb. 2 Eric Lagerstrom
Feb. 2 Violet Sorby
Feb. 3 Cody Trotter
Feb. 3 Isabella Westerlund
Feb. 5 Ana Berry
Feb. 7 Patti Smith
Feb. 8 Gavyn Bruesewitz
Feb. 8 Nicole Dzubay
Feb. 8 Neil Westerlund
Feb. 9 Svea Modrow
Feb. 11 Ron LaFavor
Feb. 11 Beverly Wedig
Feb. 12 Rocky DeFeyter
Feb. 12 Sandi McGibbon
Feb. 13 Margaret Garbo
Feb. 15 Walter Nelson
Feb. 22 Joyce Dressely
Feb. 24 Lisa Stay
Feb. 25 Janet Aho
Feb. 27 James Christensen
Feb. 27 Demetries Mickelson



Feb. 14 Cindy & Dan Persson
Feb. 19 Vickie & Shane Vossen
Feb. 22 Judie & Jim Birk
Feb. 25 Brenda & Gary Sjerven

February 2025

Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Ground Hog's Day</i>
2 <i>9:00 Worship Communion</i>	3 <i>11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg</i>	4 <i>9:00 Chair Yoga</i>	5 <i>9:00 Women's Bible Study</i>	6 <i>8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 10-11 Call Com- mittee Mtg. 9:15 Chair Yoga</i>	7	8
9 <i>9:00 Worship Communion</i>	10 <i>9:00 Women Gather 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg</i>	11 <i>9:00 Chair Yoga</i>	12 <i>9:00 Women's Bible Study</i>	13 <i>8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga</i>	14 <i>Happy Valentines Day!</i> 	15
16 <i>9:00 Worship Communion 2:00 Junk Bingo?</i>	17 <i>9:00 Property mtg 10:00 Council mtg 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg <i>Presidents Day</i></i>	18 <i>9:00 Chair Yoga</i>	19 <i>9-4:00 WTC 9:00 Women's Bible Study</i>	20 <i>8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga <i>Newsline Deadline</i></i>	21	22
23 <i>9:00 Worship No Communion</i>	24 <i>9-11 Winter Crafts Session 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg</i>	25 <i>9:00 Chair Yoga</i>	26 <i>9:00 Women's Bible Study</i>	27 <i>8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga</i>	28	

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