

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

May 4 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

May 11 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

May 18 Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

May 25 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

Upcoming Events

Save the Dates!

- Jelly making will be May 5th at 8 a.m.
- The corn feed will be Aug. 16th.
- Lefse making will be Oct 20 & 21.
- The bazaar will be Oct. 25th



May 26th



Tastes of the Holy Land

Friday, May 16, 2025 - 4-6 pm

\$40/ticket

Join us at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo for our second wine pairing event focusing on the Tastes of the Holy Land. Enjoy foods that have unique flavors and cuisine of the region while our wine enthusiast, Shari Bluband, explains which wines pair best with each course. To get tickets, please call the church office at 320.684.2123, scan QR code or go to: <https://app.autobooks.co/pay/bethesda-lutheran-church-of-malmo>



Jelly Making

The date for our annual jelly making has been set for Monday, May 5th at 8 a.m. beginning at 8 AM. Please sign up if you are able to help. It's a fun time of fellowship! Many hands are needed so please come and help out. No experience is needed. Just come and join in the fun.



**LET'S GO
FISHING**
Brainerd
Lakes Area

Call if you are interested in how to become more involved, to become a volunteer, or to book a trip for the 2025 Season at 218-454-2543 or visit the Let's Go Fishing website at www.brainerd.lgfws.com. Submitted by: David Brown. For more information you can call me at 518-645-4746 or email me at dbrown22dogs@gmail.com

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PURPOSE: A VOTE TO ACCEPT PASTOR
CHRISTINA KADELBACH AS OUR NEW
CANDIDATE OF CHOICE FOR PASTOR

WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

BACKGROUND:

- On Friday, April 11th we had a Potluck Meet & Greet with Pastor Christina Kadelbach and her family.
- On Sunday, April 13th we voted on whether to accept or decline her candidacy as our new pastor and accept or decline the additional Compensation & Benefits costs.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL DATA:

- There will be a 15% increase in our annual budgeted Pastor salary/benefits amount due to health coverage for her spouse. (Which, if Pastor James would have stayed, we most likely would have had to cover his new spouse).

THE VOTE:

- Governed by the bylaws of our constitution, members of the church must vote in person and it will be a simple majority vote. The vote requires 10% of our members present to vote in order to fulfill a quorum and a 51% majority vote will determine the outcome.
- We had 61 voting members present, and the vote was 60 votes of YES to accept Christina Kadelbach as our new Pastor and 1 Undecided vote. We had 60 votes to accept the Compensation & Benefits costs and 1 Undecided vote.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Contact Pastor Christina with the results.
2. Forward the information to the NEMN Synod
3. Installation scheduled for June 1, 2025, 9:00am during Sunday worship at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo Minutes for April 21, 2025, Council meeting

Attendees: Dean Malotky, Mary Braun, Gray Sjerven, Joanne Stueven, Donna Ansell, Vicki Vossen, Sylvia Tapelt.

Opening Prayer A prayer was said by all.

Secretary's Report

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting from March by Mary Braun and 2nd by Donna Ansell. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The financial view and current month's activity for March was presented by Mary Braun. A motion was made by Gary Sjerven and 2nd by Donna Ansell to accept and was passed.

New Pastor Update- Special Congregational meeting held on April Unanimous vote to accept The Candidate of Choice by the congregation for our new pastor.

Installation date for Pastor June 1st, 2025.

Old Business

Property Insurance has been paid.

New Business: Property Committee update- Electrical in the kitchen has been completed. Lawn mower maintenance will be handled by property committee. Getting the parsonage ready for new Pastor. Move out furniture and cleaning. Move gazebo to concrete slab. Pressure wash parsonage.

Continue "MN Adopt A Highway and cleanup will be after Memorial Day weekend, Wednesday the 28th of May. Volunteers are needed.

Worship and music is advertising for new choir director and has been put on Facebook. Looking to place an ad in the local newspaper.

Mille Lacs Annual Fun Run Fund Raiser by Isle fire department was approved for \$100.00 to have ad on T-shirts for the runners.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mission Evangelism

March 2025 - Online Meeting

Committee Members in attendance: Judie Birk, David Brown, Sandy Pullen, Joanne Stueven

This is an attempt to share what might happen with our committee's involvement with trying to make our church visible as well as keeping the congregation in touch with our benevolence plans.

There was an article in newsletter asking committee or organizations to sign up for Temple Talks. Any month that there is not an organization or cause the Blessing box goes into local benevolence account. In March the Aitkin House of Hope presented their domestic violence program. In April David Brown will talk about the Go Fishing organization. In May Darlene will share the WELCA kit project. In June Jeannine is interested in sharing a walk / bike for hunger. Mary V is interested in sharing about Aitkin's CARE program sometime this summer. The rest of the year is open to be planned according to interest.

Mary has a letter from someone who wants to become a member. I have been asking about a possible Sunday, but nothing is confirmed.

Improving the trail with the intent of using it for outdoor activities and possible education continues. We will plan a date to invite others to work on benches and signs.

WELCA seems interested in supporting the BIG craft swap set for April 26. Last year we donated the free will offerings to local benevolence. This event not only brings the public to the church but also is a fund raiser.

Judie and Shari are working on a "Taste of the Holy Land" wine / food paring event. The date has been set for Friday evening 4:00-6:00 on May 16.

On April 22 at 4:00 there will be a volunteer planning session for anyone willing to help with the event.

Vacation Bible School is on the agenda for June 16-19..... Last year's Covid and low attendance is a concern, but I feel we should try it one more time.

Many of the decorations are stored in the veggie stand. (materials are from First Lutheran and Glory)

We will consider getting back on the list of volunteers at Loaves and Fishes. We did not ask for any dates over the winter because some snowbirds who might volunteer were gone.

David presented the Go Fishing programs to the congregation in April.

Many are interested in trips as well as becoming volunteer workers. Good job David!

Judie offered some interesting craft sessions to church members and community these past weeks. Everyone seemed excited about the activities. Good job Judie for keeping our community involved!!

Our committee will be excited to meet with the new Pastor and explore her ideas on church growth and our Mission / Evangelism activities.

Submitted by Joanne Stueven

Next council meeting is May 19th 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

2025 TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<i>(Envelope Giving)</i>		
Income Actual	\$ 10,338	\$ 43,344
Budget	\$ 11,500	\$ 34,500
<u>All Funds</u>		
Total Income Actual	\$ 14,727	\$ 52,531
Total Income Budget	\$ 12,654	\$ 37,963
Expenses Actual	\$ 8,782	\$ 25,045
Expenses Budget	\$ 11,745	\$ 35,235
Over/(Short)	\$ 5,945	\$ 27,485



WELCA Mtg – April 16, 2025

President Penny S opened the mtg. with 15 members present. Jeannine led devotions. The purpose statement & mission statements were read. The secy's report was accepted. Dianne gave the treasurer's report with a bal. on hand of \$7,012.35. Motion to accept the report by Mary, 2nd by Jenny. Motion carried.

Old business:

- The Spring Gathering was held in Nisswa on April 6th. We had 9 attendees.
- Mary presented information for ordering a custom shade for the kitchen window. She will order it.
- New co-chairwomen will be elected in May.

New business:

- Jelly making will be May 5th at 8 a.m.
- Lefse making will be Oct 20 & 21.
- The bazaar will be Oct. 25th
- The corn feed will be Aug. 16th.
- The 2025 Summer Convention/Gathering is June 16-17 @ Grand Rapids.
- Discussion was held having a call list for people who live alone.
- On May 19th there will be a crafters mtg. to brainstorm craft ideas.
- Darlene reported on the receiving blanket project. It will be worked on May 21st after the WELCA mtg.
- The craft swap is Sat., April 26th from 9 am – noon. Money will go to local benevolence.

Motion to adjourn by Mary, 2nd by Barb. Mtg. adjourned. The Lord's Prayer was prayed.

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"Tastes of the Holy Land" can be related to Hebrews 6:4-5 in the phrase "tasted the heavenly gift". This refers to the spiritual experiences and gifts received by believers, including the Holy Spirit and the goodness of God's word.

Please note: We are planning to use local sources for meats and wine if available.



A heartfelt thank you to Wayne and Joanne Danielson for the donation of multiple yards of beautiful flannel material. The quilters used some for making quilts and WELCA used the rest of the fabric to sew receiving blankets and diapers for the newborn kits that are being assembled on May 21st for Global Health Ministries. What an amazing gift that came at just the right time. Thank you, Wayne and Joanne!

First Aid Kits

A new First Aid box has been installed on the kitchen wall near the pantry door. That as well as a blood pressure machine are available for use for emergency situations. Another First Aid kit and blood pressure machines are also available on the counter in the nurse's office.

CPAP Machine

If you use a CPAP machine for sleep apnea and are interested in having a spare ResMed machine, contact Darlene Christensen.



Help! We need Coffee Servers or baked goods.

Past Pastor of Bethesda Retirement



April 21, 2025
Easter Monday



Dear Friends in Christ,
Easter blessings to you!

I'm reaching out with a heartfelt need. Due to budget cuts, Luther Seminary is ending its \$25/week grocery assistance for students, impacting 28 individuals, many of whom are international students under visa restrictions. The program costs \$34,000 annually, and we're joining with other synods to restore this vital support for at least a year.

If you'd like to help, please:

- Write a check to *Northeastern Minnesota Synod*, memo: *Grocery Assistance for Students*.
- Mail to: 1111 London Road, Duluth, MN 55802.
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Thank you for caring for our neighbors and living as Easter people.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Amy Odgren

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Can't make it to church? Watch it live.
Missed last week? Catch up by watching

the recording.

Go to YouTube enter Bethesda Lutheran Church - Malmo, MN

Scroll thru and search for the date you are looking for.
Click on play. It's that easy!



***Be ye fishers of men.
You catch them –
He'll clean them***

Happy Opening of Fishing on May 10th

Activities & Events

May 2025

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

USHERS by Gary & Brenda Sjervin

May 4 Dennis Hennessy & Julie Swaggert
May 11 Dennis Hennessy & Julie Swaggert
May 18 Barry/Donna Ansell
May 25 Lee & Barb Forrester

GREETERS by Gary & Brenda Sjervin

May 4 Wally & Bev Swenson
May 11 Larry & Carol Pantsari
May 18 Carolyn Morris & Winnie Zahradka
May 25 Dick & Sandy Pullen

Altar Care Dianne Jones

May....Barb Forrester and Dianne Jones
June...Cheryl Malotky and Patti Smith

Sunday Hospitality

May 4
May 11
May 18
May 25



May 10 Sue & Dick Stebbins
May 24 Joyce & Ron Keil
May 24 Lisa & Sheldon Stay



June 1, 2025 9:00am
Installation of new Pastor!
Rev. Christina Kadelbach



May 4 Reily Lagerstrom
May 5 Jonathan Mickelson
May 8 Char Berg
May 8 Jeannine Bruesewitz
May 8 Shane Vossen
May 10 Gary Sjervin
May 11 Wayne Olson
May 12 Donna Ansell
May 13 Jeanne Anderson
May 13 Jamie Trotter
May 14 Vada Sorby
May 15 Thomas Christensen
May 16 Cliff Roberts
May 17 Janice Olson
May 21 Jacquelyn Follmer
May 21 Laurina Tofteland
May 21 Martin Wolf
May 22 Marilyn Andrews
May 22 Ray Piispanen
May 24 Kris Fredrick
May 26 Steven Lebens
May 27 Ellee Johnson
May 29 Eldon Mitchell
May 29 Gaylard Westerlund
May 30 Michael Brucciani
May 31 Theresa Berry
May 31 Gale Rolek

May 2025

Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga	2	3
4 9:00 Worship No Communion	5 8:00 Jelly Making 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	6 9:00 Chair Yoga	7 9:00 Women's Bible Study	8 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga	9	10 Opening of fishing
11 9:00 Worship Communion Mother's Day	12 10:00 Property mtg 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	13 9:00 Chair Yoga 9:00 Quilters	14 9:00 Women's Bible Study	15 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga	16 Tastes of the Holy Land 4-6pm	17
18 9:00 Worship Communion	19 9:00 Crafters Brainstorming 10:00 Council mtg 11:30 Pinochle	20 9:00 Chair Yoga Newsline Deadline	21 9-4:00 WIC 9:00 Women's Bible Study 10:00 WELCA-newborn kit Thrivent Action team event	22 10:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga	23	24
25 9:00 Worship No Communion	26 11:30 Pinochle Memorial Day 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	27 9:00 Chair Yoga 9:00 Quilters	28 9:00 Women's Bible Study	29 10:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga	30	31

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