

# Bethesda Life-Line



## 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

**June 7 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM**  
**Communion**

**June 14 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM**  
**Communion**

**June 21 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM**  
**Communion**

**June 28 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM**  
**Communion**

## Upcoming Events



**Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo**  
June 15-18, 2026  
9:00am – 11:30am

- Crafting Days This Year's Crafting Day dates :June 1 & 22, July 6 & 27, August 17, September 21 & 28, and October 19.
- The Bazaar will be held on October 31 with a *vintage market* theme.
- The Corn Feed will be on August 22. Cost: \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.



## Vacation Bible School

June 15–18, students and staff at Bethesda will learn to trust Jesus even when life seems wild as they “travel” to Alaska. A few registrations are already in, but we always hope for more. Please spread the word to all families and care givers in the area. Children ages 4–12 are welcome to attend, and those 6th grade and above are invited to help.

On the two Sundays before VBS — May 31 and June 7 — donation boards will be up in the church entrance. You can choose a donation slip, purchase the item, and bring it back by the suggested date. There may also be “help wanted” slips for tasks that need to be completed. Adults are always welcome to join the fun. On June 8 at 1:00 p.m., a crew will set up the backdrop at the front of the fellowship hall. If you'd like to help, call or text Joanne Stueven at 651-208-4273.

Finally, on Sunday, June 14, we'll need help taking down all the tables and chairs in the fellowship hall after coffee. Many hands make the work feel lighter and more joyful.

Perhaps what we need most are extra prayers — that children are able to attend, the weather cooperates, and all the grandparents stay healthy. God bless us!

## Memory Garden / Nature Trail

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Memory Garden/Nature Trail fund. As of this writing, the drawing hasn't taken place yet, so we'll announce the Steele's Nursery gift-certificate winner in next month's newsletter. By now, the plants purchased from Steele's should be settling in — come take a walk and enjoy them.

We're also hoping to add a couple of tables with umbrellas this month. Throughout the season, we'll need volunteers to help with watering and weeding, so please let Dianne Jones know if you can lend a hand.



## Pastor Christina

Whoever said retirement means slowing down clearly never met any of you. Your days are full, your lives are rich, and your presence in this community continues to shape who we are together.

And still, June has a way of opening a different kind of space. The days stretch long. Creation comes into full bloom right here among us. Along the nature trail, daffodil patches emerge along the path, some still bright and standing, others nibbled down by deer passing through. At the parsonage, lily of the valley is beginning to push up through the soil. The world itself seems to breathe a little deeper. And God, who is present in every season of life is still at work in this one too. In Isaiah 40:31, the prophet promises that those who wait on the Lord will find their strength renewed. That promise belongs to all of us. People who have lived and loved deeply, those still discovering who they are, those who've carried much, and everyone in between.

This summer, in the midst of all that fills your days, whether you are tending gardens, yards, or trails, traveling, working, or simply keeping the rhythms of home, I hope you find moments to simply receive what God is already giving. A morning filled with birdsong. An act of kindness or a word of gratitude. A Sunday morning worshipping God with people who welcome you just as you are, with a shared commitment to care for one another and grow into the kind of community where love shapes how we show up. God's work in you is still unfolding. And it is a beautiful thing to witness.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Christina



### Bethesda Church Council Minutes May 15th, 2026

Council members - Bob Carlson, Pastor Christina Kadelbach, Dean Malotky, Larry Pantsari, Mark Vukelich, Winnie Zahradka, Mary Braun, David Brown and Sylvia Tapelt.  
The meeting was called to order by Bob Carlson.

Pastor Christina gave the opening prayer.

#### Secretary's Report

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting from April by Dean Malotky and 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Brown and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Financial review and current month's activities for April was presented by Mary Braun. A motion was made by Winnie Zahradka and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Malotky to accept and was passed.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Christina thanked everyone for the support of the passing of her father. Discussed loss of internet on Sunday service. We need to look at how to handle this during service. Do we need to look at our internet, iPad etc. Discussed Pastor Jim Raisnen's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being ordained. How should we honor this occasion?

#### New Business

- Property meeting-Cub Cadet rider has been fixed . Looking at purchase of new mower. Some church members offered to make a church donation to purchase one. Good news, enough money was donated to make the purchase. A big thank you to all who donated.
- Propane company will notify us prior to our contract being up with new price for new contract.
- Strategic Planning has recommendation to approve Chapter 10(10.02,.03,.04,.07,.09) as well as Chapter 12(12.07, 12.11) and 13.08 if the Constitution. A motion was made by Mary Braun and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Malotky to approve and passed.

Next meeting June 15<sup>th</sup> -1:00pm

Adjourn- Lord's Prayer A motion was made to adjourn by Dean Malotky and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Winnie Zahradka and passed.

Submitted by Sylvia Tapelt

#### 2026 TREASURER'S REPORT

| <u>General Fund</u>      | <u>APRIL</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|
| <i>(Envelope Giving)</i> |              |            |
| Income Actual            | \$ 8,703     | \$ 54,858  |
| Budget                   | \$ 11,958    | \$ 47,833  |
| <u>All Funds</u>         |              |            |
| Total Income Actual      | \$ 17,857    | \$ 80,555  |
| Total Income Budget      | \$ 14,373    | \$ 57,492  |
| Expenses Actual          | \$ 28,239    | \$ 75,839  |
| Expenses Budget          | \$ 16,819    | \$ 67,278  |
| Over/(Short)             | \$(10,382)   | \$ 4,716   |

## Worship and Music Committee Updates:

### Communion Servers

Three communion servers per service needed

- Several folks have indicated to Pastor they are interested
- There are sign-up sheets in the narthex where you could sign up for a specific date or just indicate that you are interested in helping out.
- Pastor will have a short meeting/training after a June service with the date to be determined.

### Flowers for Services

- If you are interested in providing garden flowers or purchasing flowers for a Sunday service to commemorate a special occasion, you have the opportunity to do so by signing up for specific Sundays on the “Flowers” sheet in the Narthex. We can note your contribution in the announcements or bulletin. Thanks in advance for sharing!
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## Crafters — June Sessions

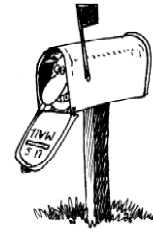
Join us for June crafting as we kick off this year’s bazaar projects. Our first gathering on June 1 at 9 a.m. will feature a hands-on bow-making workshop with a guest instructor who will teach us how to create beautiful bows. These bows will be used to enhance several of our bazaar items — and if you need a special bow for something of your own, feel free to take one home. We have plenty of ribbon.

Mark your calendars for June 1 and June 22 at 9 a.m. Besides bow-making at our first session, we’ll also begin some simple, creative projects. If we don’t get to them on the 1st, we’ll dive in on the 22nd. Projects include light sanding and base-coat painting on wooden fish (cut by Keith!) and trees (thanks, Bob), as well as decorating small gourds with alcohol inks to create colorful ornaments.

As always, if you have a project you’d like to share or work on with the group, bring it along. We love seeing everyone’s ideas.

## Bethesda Gardens

Whether it’s planting, weeding, or watering, we are always looking for help maintaining our gardens. If you’re interested in lending a hand, please contact Dianne Jones.



## Thank you

Thank you to our friends and church family for your prayers, concerns, and well wishes prior to, and during my heart procedure. It appears to be successful. Bless you All!

Bev & Wally



*Happy Father's Day June 21<sup>st</sup>*

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## Loaves and Fishes update for June 2026

Bethesda’s next opportunity to volunteer at First Lutheran in Aitkin for the Monday night Loaves and Fishes community meal is June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Every few months, Bethesda helps prepare, pack, serve and clean up at the Loaves and Fishes community dinner. Over 175 meals are served each night. We need **6 volunteers** with 2-3 coming early (2pm) to help prep the meal and 3 more to come at 3-3:30 to help pack, serve and clean up. We will be finished by 5:30pm.

In addition, Bethesda provides cookies to be included in the meal. **Volunteers are needed to make cookies** and to help pack them up after church on Sunday, June 21st. We package 2 cookies (not too big) to be served with each meal so we need 400 cookies (33 dozen).

We will have a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for cookie baking!

Please let me know if you would like to help with the meal on Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> or if you could provide or help pack cookies. Cookie baking and packing is especially needed! Thanks in advance for your service!

Julie Swaggert, 763-229-9121 or  
jswaggert@gmail.com



### **WELCA Meeting, May 20, 2026**

Acting Chair, Darlene Christensen, opened the meeting with 14 members present. Jeannine led devotions.

The secretary's report was accepted as published in the Life-Line.

Dianne gave the treasurer's report with a balance on hand of \$7,075.35. Motion to accept the report by Jeannine and seconded by Jenny. Motion carried.

#### Old business:

- Heartland Spring Gathering at Bethesda was attended by 70 women. The tea party that was served was wonderful. Thanks to all who helped, especially thank you to the men who helped prepare and serve our meal.
- Jenny Schuett has accepted being one of the co-chairs for the next year. We need to have another co-chair for the coming year to work with Jenny.
- WELCA's Summer Convention/ Gathering at Zion Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids will be held June 15-16. The theme is "Love Thy Neighbor". Motion by Barb and seconded by Darlene to give \$150 each for Love, Gathering, and Convention offerings. Motion carried. Jeannine, Jenny, Darlene and Barb Forrester plan to attend. If interested, contact one of them or get a form from the church office.

#### New business:

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- The Corn Feed date will be August 22 this year. Cost will be \$15 Adults, \$5 Children.
- The Triennial Gathering will be held in Des Moines, Iowa on July 16-19. This year's theme is "I Am Worthy". There will be inspiring speakers, workshops, service projects and it will be an amazing time with a gathering of Christian women from around the country. Registrations will be accepted through June 21.
- At our August meeting we will decide the date to clean the kitchen after the Corn Feed.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting will be August 19 at 10:00 a.m.

After the meeting WELCA members assembled 50 kits for newborns that will be sent to the Summer Gathering. Our next meeting will be August 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

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**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS** Interested in serving as a communion assistant? Please let Pastor Christina know! There is a sign-up calendar for the next few months. We will have an informational training session in June for those who would like to help with this meaningful ministry.

### **Inspirational Vision**

Charley Boswell, a former University of Alabama football star with hopes of a professional baseball career, lost his eyesight in World War II. But that did not stop him. He went on to become the National Blind Golf Champion 17 times. He was quoted as saying, "I never count what I've lost. I only count what I have left."



**VINTAGE MARKET** New this year! Our Holiday Bazaar will feature a Vintage Market, and we're collecting donated vintage items now. "Vintage" means prior to 1970, think jewelry, art glass, vinyl records, old books, Pyrex, ashtrays, embroidered linens, advertising pieces, costume brooches, cuff bracelets, toys, and more. Items can be dropped off by the craft room. Or contact Judie B.

**FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP** Flowers help to bring beauty and life into our shared worship space. If you would like to provide fresh flowers in celebration, in memory, or in honor of someone or something, please let the office know in advance or simply let us know the day of worship so we can share your dedication.

**PARKING NOTICE** To those using our lot as a carpool meet-up spot: please park along the outer edge near the shed/garage. This helps keep the lot clear in case emergency access is needed for a medical helicopter landing.



The people of Bethesda cooked, stirred, and poured **384 jars of jelly** this morning! Lots of sugar, berries, smiles, and fun. A big thank-you to all the workers 🙌 😊 🎁

**NOW...** be sure to visit our **Veggie Stand** on Saturday mornings in July and August to pick up some delicious jelly and fresh veggies.

**Giving is an act of worship**—a faithful response to God’s grace. Your gifts support Bethesda’s ministry and help share God’s love. As the table is set, let us give for the healing of the world.

**Ways to Give:**

- Place your offering in the plate during worship
- Use Vanco Services (forms in the Narthex)
- Scan the QR code to give through the app



Recurring or one-time online options <https://app.autobooks.co/pay/bethesda-lutheran-church-of-malmo> Thank you for your faithful and generous support.



Hi All,  
I scheduled the following trips ( Fishing and Nature Tours) for the Church on the following days:  
If these dates don’t work out or if we need to have less Nature Tours and more fishing trips we can adjust.

- June:**  
17th at 1 pm, fishing trip on Rice Lake (Can take 8)  
30th at 1 pm, fishing trip on Rice Lake (Can take 8)
- July:**  
7th at 10 am, Nature Tour on Bay Lake (Can take 10)  
14th at 10am, Nature Tour on Bay Lake (Can take 10)  
21st at 10am, Nature Tour on Bay Lake (Can take 10)
- August:**  
12th at 1 PM, Fishing Trip on Rice Lake (Can take 8)  
19th at 4 PM, Nature Tour on Rice Lake (Can take 8)

See sign-up sheets in the Narthex for Let’s Go Fishing ( fishing trips and Nature Tours), 7 trips in total for June, July and August.

**GREETERS** – We like to have 2 church members at the door to welcome people as they come into church on Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help us with this task.

# Activities & Events

June 2026

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

**USHERS** *Mark & Mary Vukelich*

- June 7 Mark & Mary Vukelich
- June 14 Barry & Donna Ansell
- June 21 Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins
- June 28 David & Libby Brown

**GREETERS** *Jenny Schuett*

- June 7 Dennis Hennessy & Julie Swaggert
- June 14 Cheryl & Dean Malotky
- June 21 Jenny Schuett
- June 28 Larry & Carol Pantsari

**Altar Care** *Dianne Jones*

- June — Patti Smith and Winnie Zahradka
- July — Sylvia Tapelt and Dianne Jones
- August Karen Elias and Barb Forrester
- September Patti Smith and Kat Carlson

**Sunday Hospitality**

- June 7 Carlsons & Forresters
- June 14
- June 21
- June 28



- June 1 Sandra Pullen
- June 1 Paula Spetz
- June 2 Dennis Petersen
- June 4 Bruce Carlson
- June 4 Sharon Whipple
- June 10 David Brown
- June 12 Lyle Nyberg
- June 18 Carol Pantsari
- June 20 Wayne Danielson
- June 20 Dennis Hennessy
- June 21 Craig Dressely
- June 21 Dean Malotky
- June 22 Edward Grap
- June 29 Ruth Jaszczak

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Pastor Christina on your 1-year anniversary at  
Bethesda Lutheran Church!

June 1<sup>st</sup>



- June 4 Cheryl & Dean Malotky
- June 9 Joanne & Dave Stueven
- June 12 Mary Kramer & Steve Long
- June 18 Sandra & Kevin Skow
- June 20 Sheila & Douglas Penoyer
- June 22 Sharron & Cliff Roberts
- June 26 Lucinda & Jonathan Mickelson
- June 28 Laurie & Norman Westerlund



*Thanks for choosing us!*



# June 2026

## Bethesda Calendar of Events



| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri                         | Sat                               |
|---|--|---|--|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|   | <b>1</b><br>9-11:00 Crafters<br>11:30 Pinochle<br><br>7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg  | <b>2</b><br>9:00 Chair Yoga<br><br>3:00 Choir practice<br>4:00 Bell Practice  | <b>3</b><br>9:00 Women's Bible Study   | <b>4</b><br>8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s<br>9:15 Chair Yoga<br><br>2:00 Greif Share                         | <b>5</b>                    | <b>6</b>                          |
| <b>7</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>Communion   | <b>8</b><br>9:00 Women's Devotions<br><br>10:00 Property mtg<br>11:30 Pinochle<br><br>7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mtg             | <b>9</b><br>9:00 Quilters<br>9:00 Chair Yoga<br><br>3:00 Choir practice<br>4:00 Bell practice                             | <b>10</b><br>9:00 Women's Bible Study  | <b>11</b><br>8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s<br>9:15 Chair Yoga<br><br>2:00 Greif Share                        | <b>12</b>                   | <b>13</b>                         |
| <b>14</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>Communion<br><br><b>Flag Day</b>   | <b>15</b><br>1:00 Council mtg<br><br><b>9:00-11:30<br/>           Vacation Bible School</b><br><br>7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg | <b>16</b><br><br><b>9:00-11:30<br/>           Vacation Bible School</b><br><br>3:00 Choir practice<br>4:00 Bell Practice  | <b>17</b><br>9-4:00 WIC<br><br><b>9:00-11:30<br/>           Vacation Bible School</b><br><br>1:00 Let's Go Fishing | <b>18</b><br><br><b>9:00-11:30<br/>           Vacation Bible School</b><br><br>2:00 Greif Share | <b>19</b><br><br>Juneteenth | <b>20</b><br><br>Newline Deadline |
| <b>21</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>Communion<br><br><b>Father's Day<br/>           First Day of Summer!</b> | <b>22</b><br>9-11:00 Crafters<br>11:30 Pinochle<br>2:00 Loaves and Fishes<br>7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg                       | <b>23</b><br>9:00 Chair Yoga<br>9:00 Quilters<br><br>3:00 Choir practice<br>4:00 Bell practice                            | <b>24</b><br>9:00 Women's Bible Study  | <b>25</b><br>8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s<br>9:15 Chair Yoga<br><br>2:00 Greif Share                        | <b>26</b>                   | <b>27</b>                         |
| <b>28</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>Communion  | <b>29</b><br>11:30 Pinochle<br><br>7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg   | <b>30</b><br>9:00 Chair Yoga<br>10:00 Strategic Pl.<br>1:00 Let's Go Fishing<br>3:00 Choir practice<br>4:00 Bell Practice |  |   |                             |                                   |

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Bethesda Telephone Directory

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| Toll Free       |                    | (877) 684-2123                    |
| Church Web site |                    | bclmalmo.org                      |
| Facebook page   |                    | Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo |

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Pastor            | Christina Kadelbach |
| Council President | Bob Carlson         |
| Vice President    | Mark Vukelich       |
| Parish Nurse      | Darlene Christensen |
| Parish Nurse      | Kathy Berland       |

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