

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

August 2 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

August 9 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

August 16 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
No Communion

August 30 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Outdoor Worship - Communion

Upcoming Events

Crafting Days This year's Crafting Day dates : August 17, 31. September 21 & 28, and October 19.

- The Corn Feed will be on August 22, from 4:30-7:00pm. Cost: \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.



- Outdoor Worship August 30
- The Bazaar will be held on October 31 with a *vintage market* theme.



2026



Veggie Stand is Open!

The Veggie Stand is open! Join us on Saturdays from 7:30–11:00 AM for sweet corn, jelly, and baked goods. Garden produce will be ready soon.

We're looking for bakers to help us get this project rolling. All proceeds support local benevolence, including five community causes that truly appreciate your generosity. With the bridge repair on 18, getting baked goods or veggies to the church may take a little extra planning if you live on the far side of the bridge. Dropping items off at Stuevens might be a helpful option.

And don't forget — enjoying a cup of coffee in a lawn chair while greeting neighbors is a wonderful way to spend a Saturday morning. We've got the chairs... just stop by and visit!



Let's Make Lawn Care Legendary!

Step right up, grab some sunshine, and help us keep the church lawn looking heavenly! Ride a mower, soak up the good vibes, and earn bragging rights! The sign-up sheet is cheering you on from the Narthex!

Pastor Christina



"I thank my God every time I remember you,
constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers
for all of you,
because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day
until now."

— *Philippians 1:3–5*

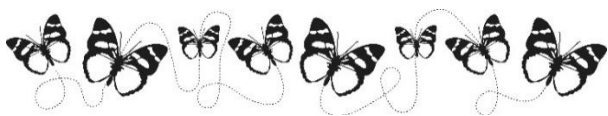
Every so often, it's worth stepping back to ask a question we might usually take for granted: What does it mean to be a member of Bethesda Lutheran?

Think back to the first time you walked through our doors. Perhaps you were baptized right here and have called Bethesda home your entire life. Maybe you moved to the lake full-time after years of summer visits, or perhaps a difficult season sent you looking for something steady, and this is where you landed. Or maybe your story is wonderfully simple: Bethesda was close to home, or a friendly neighbor invited you, and you just kept coming back.

Whatever first brought you through these doors, I'd love to hear about it. Why did you join Bethesda? What has kept you rooted here over the years? And if a friend or neighbor asked you why they should come, what would you tell them?

Our Church Council has been reflecting on these very questions. But rather than trying to answer them on our own, we want to hear from you because you are the heart of this congregation.

Throughout August, you are invited to share your story. Catch a council member or me over coffee hour, drop a note by the church office, or send an email our way. We are genuinely eager to listen to what Bethesda means to you.



Bethesda Church Council Minutes

7/20/26

Council members- Bob Carlson, Pastor Christina Kadelbach, Mark Vukelich, Larry Pantsari, David Brown, Winnie Zahradka, Vicki Vossen, Mary Braun Sylvia Tapelt

The meeting was called to order by Bob Carlson, and the opening prayer was given by Pastor Christina.

Secretary's Report- A motion was made to accept the minutes from June by Mark Vukelich and 2nd by Vicki Vossen and passed.

Treasurer's Report- Financial review and current month's activities for June was presented by Mary Braun. A motion was made by Mark Vukelich and 2nd by Vicki Vossen to accept and was passed.

Pastor's Report – We have been reflecting on the question, “What does it mean to be a member of Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo”? Rather than trying to answer them on our own, we want to hear from you, the congregation, because you are the heart of this congregation.

OLD BUSINESS

Received bid from Aquarius to install a Kinetico full water filtration system at the parsonage.

The investment to do this will improve the water quality at the parsonage. The cost will be \$12,000. A motion was made to go ahead and install the system by David Brown and 2nd by Mary Braun and passed.

NEW BUSINESS -

Memorial bench -The picnic table has been ordered for the memorial garden area. Extend a space by the memorial garden with memorial bricks where the table will be placed. This is being paid for by Centennial reserve money. Adjustments have been made to the sound system, and it is better. Will be working on next year's National night out in August to show support for local police and First Responders.

Next meeting August 17th -10:00am

2026 TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>General Fund</u> (Envelope Giving)	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income Actual	\$ 11,757	\$ 94,577
Budget	\$ 11,958	\$ 71,750
<u>All Funds</u>		
Total Income Actual	\$ 15,820	\$ 132,289
Total Income Budget	\$ 14,373	\$ 86,238
Expenses Actual	\$ 14,690	\$ 109,728
Expenses Budget	\$ 16,819	\$ 84,097
Over/(Short)	\$ 1,130	\$ 22,560

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.

Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes

We faithfully shepherd the abundant gifts God entrusts to us. Stewardship is more than finances – stewardship is about love. It is how we use our time, talents and treasures to love God and serve our neighbors, both within the church and in the wider world.

Our July meeting included Barb Forrester, Mary Braun, Donna Ansell also included Pastor Christina, Bob Carlson, Council President; Mark Vukelich, Council VP

- Stewardship Job Description record is in process
- The 2-person Sunday offering counters is in process

- November 8th will be Stewardship Sunday for congregation talk
- Time & Talent congregation talks and documents are planned for November 8th
- Stewardship audit is still in process
- Barb, Financial – Ordered envelopes
- Mary, Accounting & Council – Statement of Financial Activities as of today
- Next Stewardship meeting will be early August.

PLEASE consider joining the Stewardship Team!!



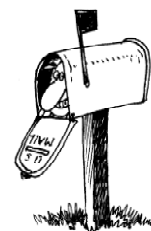
Key and Lockbox Combination Review Mark Vukelich is conducting a review of parishioner's need for after-hours access to the church. If you currently have either a key to the facility or the need for the new combination to the lockbox, which will be changed in September, communicate with Mark sometime in the next four weeks. He can be contacted at any time by email or around Sunday Services. Thanks in advance for your assistance also email mmvuke@yahoo.com.

LET'S GO FISHING Let's Go Fishing provides free fishing and nature excursions for older adults, veterans, and people of all abilities. These outings offer an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors, fellowship with others, and a relaxing time on the water.

Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex. Additional fishing and nature trip dates for **August** are listed. Come enjoy a peaceful day on the water!

Thank You!

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and calls I've received during my cancer journey. Thank you to all of you who attended my farewell on July 12th. It meant a lot to me and your support is greatly appreciated. Sherrie Whipple.



NATURE TRAIL You are invited to slow down, breathe deeply, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation on Bethesda's Nature Trail. Whether you come for a quiet walk, a moment of prayer, or simply time outdoors, the trail offers a peaceful place to rest, reflect, and reconnect with God and creation.

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.

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.



Help! We need Coffee Servers for August
SERVERS NEEDED please sign up so we may continue to enjoy coffee & fellowship after service. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board mounted in fellowship hall next to the serving window. **You don't have to bake;** there's plenty of treats in the freezer.

SUMMER LAWN MOWING

Please enjoy the outdoors and sign up to help mow the church lawn. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

ALUMINUM CANS As part of our shared care for creation and support for ministry, Bethesda collects aluminum cans. Please place cans in a plastic bag before dropping them off in the fenced-in area behind the shed next to the garages on the south side. Proceeds support local benevolence and help us care for neighbors in need. Thank you for helping us serve faithfully together.



Blue Jean Revival Day

Repurpose • Refresh • Reimagine

Bring your old denim back to life at a fun, creative, two-hour crafting event at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo. We'll turn well-loved jeans, jackets, and scraps into something new — purses/bags, flowers, bookmarks, coasters, and more. You can even try bleach-doodle designs on denim for a fresh, artsy look. This is a relaxed, come-as-you-are, hands-busy, hearts-light kind of evening. We'll have refreshments and small-bite appetizers.

• Date: August 7th • Time: 5:00–7:00 pm • Cost: \$10 or \$15 (to be confirmed) • Location: Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo

What to Bring Old jeans, jackets, or any denim item
Any special fabric you'd like to use to line a bag or purse
Optional: buttons, lace, patches, or trims you'd love to incorporate

What We'll Provide Sample projects for inspiration
Sewing machines and essentials for sewing
bags/purses Fabric for lining Bleach pens & design tools
Scissors, glue guns, templates, and embellishments
Friendly guidance and lots of creative encouragement.

If you want this boxed, summer-themed, or with denim-style clipart, I can format it to match your newsletter style.

CORN FEED

21590 State Hwy. 47, Malmo, MN

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 22, 2026
4:30-7 PM**

(ALL YOU CAN EAT CORN)

Pulled Pork Sandwich,
Calico Beans,
Coleslaw, Bars
Coffee/Water/Lemonade

**Adults \$15
Children 12 & under \$5**

"Event sponsored by Thrivent"

LET'S Go Fishing

It was a beautiful day on the water on Tuesday, July 21st, when folks from Bethesda went fishing thanks to the "Let's Go Fishing" organization who took several people fishing on Bay Lake. It looks like Wally and Larry caught fish!



Grief Share will resume in the Spring of 2027. Hopefully, road construction will be done by then. If you have any questions, please see Dennis Hennessy.

Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament



Richard Gabriel

You are invited to Worship with Holy Communion
For Ordination to the Ministry of Word and
Sacrament of Richard Gabriel

Saturday,
August 15th at 1:00 PM

Faith Lutheran Church
220 East Lake St.
Isle, MN 56342
Refreshments following the service.

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo was lined up and ready to roll in the Glen 4th of July parade! The float was decorated and the riders are gathered, and the sunshine is showing up right on cue. Follow along with us at our Facebook page — <https://www.facebook.com/BLCMalmo> — and enjoy the fun, the smiles, and all the spirit we're bringing!



Activities & Events

August 2026

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

Ushers *Mark & Mary Vukelich*

August 2 – Larry & Carol Pantsari

August 9 – Lee & Barb Forrester

August 16 – Larry & Carol Pantsari

August 23 – Barry & Donna Ansell

August 30 – David & Libby Brown

Greeters *Jenny Schuett*

August 2 – Jenny Schuett & Mary Braun

August 9 – Larry & Carol Pantsari

August 16 – Dianne & Del Jones

August 23 – Char Berg & Jenny Schuett

August 30 – Lee & Barb Forrester

Altar Care Dianne Jones

August - Karen Elias & Patti Smith

September - Barb Forrester & Kat Carlson

October - Elsa Carlson & Carol Pantsari

Sunday Hospitality

August 2 –

August 9 – Libby & David Brown, Carol & Larry Pantsari

August 16 –

August 23 –

August 30 –



Aug. 1 Bonnie Mickelson

Aug. 1 Sandra Skow

Aug. 3 Vienna Sorby

Aug. 3 Barbara Westerlund

Aug. 4 Susan Stebbins

Aug. 7 Zachary Simonson

Aug. 8 Emily Trotter

Aug. 9 Vicki Magedanz

Aug. 12 Ronald Haglund

Aug. 18 Nancy Hansen

Aug. 19 Richard Stebbins

Aug. 20 Mark Vossen

Aug. 20 Sophia Westerlund

Aug. 21 Sheldon Stay

Aug. 22 Cheryl Malotky

Aug. 23 Myra Honl

Aug. 23 Dianne Jones

Aug. 23 Dianne Sandberg

Aug. 26 Barbara Forrester

Aug. 27 Charles Anderson

Aug. 27 Donald Myhre

Aug. 27 Judith Seifert

Aug. 28 Dan Persson

Aug. 29 Linda Southworth

Aug. 30 Stacy Westerlund

Aug. 31 Karen Liljenquist



Aug. 4 – LuAnn & Ron Gordon

Aug. 13 – Laury & Troy Nyberg

Aug. 13 – Evelyn & Ronald Richter

Aug. 20 – Karen & Richard Carron

Aug. 22 – Donna & Greg Westerlund

Aug. 23 – Dawn & Keith Kellen

Aug. 26 – Sylvia & Charlie Tapelt

“Are you spending your time on the right things? Because time is all you have.”



August 2026

Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7:30 Veggie Stand
2 9:00 Worship Communion	3 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mtg	4 9:00 Chair Yoga 3:00 Choir practice 4:00 Bells	5 9:00 Women's Bible Study	6 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga	7 5:00-7:00pm Blue Jean Revival Day	8 7:30 Veggie Stand
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Vice President	Mark Vukelich	
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Parish Nurse	Kathy Berland	

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