

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

July 5 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

July 12 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

July 19 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

July 26 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Communion

Upcoming Events

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



INDEPENDENCE DAY
*The God who gave us life, gave us liberty
at the same moment.-Thomas Jefferson*



2026



Veggie Stand Opens

4th of July weekend is the annual opening of the Veggie Stand. On Saturday July 4 we will be there from 7:30-11:00 with sweet corn, jelly and baked goods. (There probably isn't much garden produce ready yet.)

So, please, we need bakers with donations to get us going on this project. All proceeds go to local benevolence. We have 5 local causes that really appreciate our support.

Also, having coffee in a lawn chair and greeting the customers from our community is a pleasant Saturday morning!! We have the chairs just visit!!

Crafter's July meet-ups are set for July 6 & July 27. Keep those projects moving, and keep your eyes open for fresh ideas for our Holiday Bazaar. Notice what's selling out there and think about whether we can create our own versions.

Let's keep that creative momentum going and inspire each other all summer long.

July Temple Talk

Usually, we pass the Blessing Box and have a Temple Talk the first Sunday of the month. Since it is a holiday weekend over the 4th of July we will have a presentation on July 12. Amy Wyant of CARE will update us on the programs available in the Aitkin area.

Pastor Christina



A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path... other seeds fell on rocky ground... other seeds fell among thorns... Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain..."
— Matthew 13:3-8

Our Gospel readings from Matthew this month bring us to a story Jesus told about a sower scattering seeds. Often, when this parable is read, we focus on what kind of soil we are, hoping we are fertile ground rather than rocky or choked by thorns. We want so much to produce a good harvest.

That focus is understandable. And still, Jesus begins the story not with the soil, but with the Sower. Before we ask whether we are good enough ground, this parable invites us to notice the One who scatters the seed with astonishing generosity.

Left to our own ways, we spend energy trying to measure our own worth, or judging who is "in" and who is "out." The Sower Jesus describes scatters seed with abandon, trusting the process completely. God flings love and grace everywhere, unconditionally. It lands on the hard, stubborn paths and the tangled briars just as richly as it does on the fertile fields. This is grace doing what grace does, arriving before we have prepared the ground. God's grace is abundant, a gift poured out fully and lavishly to all.

This July, let us give ourselves permission to release the pressure to be perfect. We're freed to trust that the seed has already been planted in us. From there, we step out into our communities and reflect that same reckless, generous, beautiful love to our neighbors.

In Peace,
Pastor Christina

Bethesda Church Council Minutes

June 13th, 2026

Council members - Bob Carlson, Pastor Christina Kadelbach, Dean Malotky, Larry Pantsari, Mark Vukelich, Winnie Zahradka, David Brown, Vicki Vossen, 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 May by Mark Vukelich and 2nd by Dean Malotky and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Financial review and current month's activities for May was presented by Bob Carlson. A motion was made by Mark Vukelich and 2nd by Vicki Vossen to accept and was passed.

Pastor's Report

June marks one year of ministry together. Looking back, I am filled with gratitude for the ways we have worshiped, served, learned, laughed, prayed, and cared for one another through both joyful celebrations and difficult seasons. It has been a blessing to walk alongside you as your pastor and I look forward to all that is to come. As summer unfolds, I continue to be grateful for the many ways God is at work through this congregation. Whether through worship, Bible studies, service projects, fellowship, Vacation Bible School, and so much more, you continue to embody Christ's love in this community. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks for the prayers, cards, messages, and support my family and I have received following the death of my dad. The compassion shown by this congregation has been a source of comfort and strength during a difficult time. Thank you for surrounding us with your care. As we move through the summer months, may we take time to enjoy God's creation, nurture relationships, and notice the many ways Christ continues to meet us along the journey.

OLD BUSINESS

Property plan for increase in propane costs next year. Present contract ends June 2027. Working with 2 propane companies for contract when present contract expires.

Reviewing membership List.

NEW BUSINESS - Property committee- Security at parsonage almost complete.

Strategic Planning has recommendation to approve chapter C11.01, C11.02 C12,01, C12.02, C12.06, C12.08.. A motion was made by David Brown and 2nd by Bob Carlson to approve and passed. Memorial bench -A motion was made to purchase a new picnic bench that is made of composite material using money left over from Centennial fund by David Brown and 2nd by Mark Vukelich and passed.

Next meeting July 20th -10:00am

Adjourn- Lords Prayer A motion was made to adjourn by Bob Carlson and 2nd by Mark Vukelich and passed.

Submitted by Sylvia Tapelt

2026 TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<i>(Envelope Giving)</i>		
Income Actual	\$ 27,962	\$ 82,8208
Budget	\$ 11,958	\$ 59,792
<u>All Funds</u>		
Total Income Actual	\$ 35,914	\$ 116,469
Total Income Budget	\$ 14,373	\$ 71,865
Expenses Actual	\$ 19,200	\$ 95,039
Expenses Budget	\$ 16,819	\$ 84,097
Over/(Short)	\$ 16,715	\$ 21,430

The Bethesda Stewardship Committee is hoping to add a few more people to our team. We really need some helpful thoughts and ideas!!

Currently we have Barb Forrester as Finance, Mary Braun as Council rep, and Donna Ansell as the Committee chairperson. Talk with any of us for any questions or about sitting in on our next meeting.

If you mention "stewardship" you are likely to see a lot of eyes rolling and people bolt for the door with one hand on their wallets and checkbooks. Generally, people think Stewardship is saying "We want your money".

How we spend our time may be the most crucial stewardship question of all. After all, income levels and talents differ widely by individual, but everyone is given the same number of minutes and hours in a day.

How we use them says a lot about our priorities and values.

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.



GRIEF SHARE Due to several road construction projects the start of our Grief Share group has been postponed until August. We look forward to gathering then. Contact Dennis H. for more details.

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 **July and August** are listed. Come enjoy a peaceful day on the water!

Due to the related progression of her cancer, Sherrie Whipple will be moving to an assisted living to be close to her daughter. She welcomes correspondence from her Bethesda family with this move. Her address is:

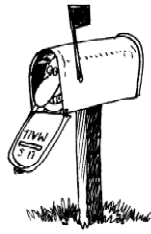


The Pillars
3125 Prairie Rose Drive
Mankato, Mn 56001.
Her phone number is:
218-390-0526

There will be a Farewell Fellowship for Sherrie after church on Sunday, July 12th.

Thank you

We would like to extend a huge thank-you to everyone who came to Wayne Olson's 90th birthday party, or sent a card, gift, or well wishes. We appreciate all of you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. It was a great day to be 90!



Sincerely, Wayne and Janice Olson

THANK YOU! A big thanks to Joanne Stueven and all her helpers that made for another successful Vacation Bible School week.!

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.



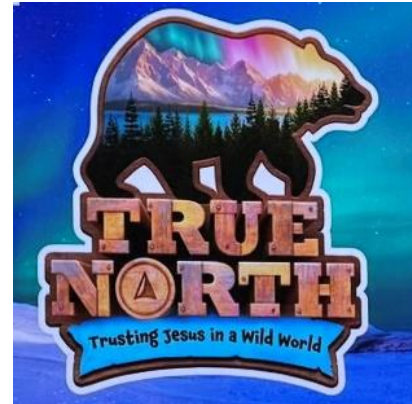
Help! We need Coffee Servers for July.

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.



True North Vacation Bible School

We did it!! Our VBS 2026 had 15 students, 6 helpers, and 10 adults smiling, laughing, dancing, eating and learning for 4 glorious days.

Penny and Dianne greeted them at the door each day. The group leaders were Kaylee (Linda's granddaughter), Kelsie (Ron and Joanne Haughland's granddaughter) and our Karen Carron. The faithful leaders took the three groups to 4 activities each morning. Julie and her helper boys made the playground a blast running off the energy. Kathy and Darlene taught a scripture lesson and filled the shoe boxes. Kat and Sandy taught awesome art lessons. Pastor taught a Bible story around a fire in a room decorated like Bible times.

As always, our cooks Lynne and Linda served the best snacks ever! Patti took great photos that we have been sharing on Facebook and on bulletin boards.

Each day started with Grandma Joanne and London leading songs, performing a skit, and giving an overview of the day's lessons. Grandma can brag that London's talents save the day!! Mary B made us a Power Point presentation and Julie was able to keep us going with her technical skills.

Seeing happy children who meet new friends and learn that they can trust Jesus make the efforts so worthwhile.



A huge thank you to those who donated their time and energy to make these a fabulous 4 days that children will always remember. God willing this outreach mission will continue.

God Bless and Thank You Again,
Joanne Stueven

CREATION CARE

Green Tips (factual information about environmental problems and causes) can now be viewed at the Synod's EcoFaith Network website, under the "Green Blades Rising Newsletters" or "Green Tips" links.
(www.nemnsynod.org/ecofaith.html).

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:** Friday, August 7 • **Time:** 5:00–7:00 pm
- **Cost:** \$10 • **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.



On Sunday, June 7th, our former Pastor James Raisanen, celebrated his 50th Year anniversary of his ordination at Salam Lutheran church in Mahtowa, MN. Congratulations, Pastor Jim!

Activities & Events

July 2026

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

USHERS Mark & Mary Vukelich

July 5 Mark & Mary Vukelich
July 12 Barry & Donna Ansell
July 19 Winnie Zahradka & Larry or Carol Pantsari
July 26 David & Libby Brown

GREETERS

July 5 — Jenny Schuett & Mary Braun
July 12 — Libby & David Brown
July 19 — Barb & Lee Forrester
July 26 — Karen & Richard Carron

ALTAR CARE Dianne Jones

July - Sylvia Tapelt & Dianne Jones
August - Karen Elias & Patti Smith
September - Barb Forrester & Kat Carlson
October - Elsa Carlson & Carol Pantsari

SUNDAY HOPITALITY

July 5 Cindy & Rocky VanVickle
July 12 Choir/Praise Team
July 19
July 26



July	1	Dennis Meidlinger
July	6	Joanne Danielson
July	8	Penny Sjoquist
July	9	Darrell Kelly
July	10	Donna Myhre
July	18	Paul Meleen
July	21	Ronald Heins
July	21	Craig Kullberg
July	22	Kathryn Carlson
July	23	Sandi Elwood
July	24	Keith Munding
July	25	Ken Elwood
July	27	Linda Hauglid
July	27	Annie Johnson
July	27	Joanne Mehlhop
July	29	Cindy Persson



July 5 Bev & Wally Swenson
July 10 Patty & Ken Wanous
July 16 Barb & Lee Forrester
July 16 Jan & Ron Aho
July 29 Marilee & Kirk Swenson



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Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 Women's Bible Study	2 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga	3	4 4th of July 10:30 Glen Parade
5 9:00 Worship Communion	6 9:00 Crafters 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mtg	7 9:00 Quilters 9:00 Chair Yoga 3:00 Choir practice 4:00 Bells	8 9:00 Women's Bible Study	9 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga	10	11 8:00 Veggie Stand
12 9:00 Worship Communion	13 9:00 Women's Devotions 10:00 Property mtg 11:30 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	14 9:00 Chair Yoga 3:00 Choir practice 4:00 Bells	15 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9-4:00 WIC	16 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 9:15 Chair Yoga	17	18 8:00 Veggie Stand
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