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# BETHEL BEACON

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## PRAYER CHAIN

- Day -

Barb Brown @ 243-2313

- Evening -

Judy Thorson @ 444-6944

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:00 AM

Fellowship Hour



*"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." -Revelation 1:4b-8*

Thanksgiving weekend; the official start of the Christmas season! Is there any more anticipated day in the minds of children (and adults) than Christmas? For many, celebrating with family and friends on Christmas is the highlight of the year. But it is during Advent, the days leading up to Christmas that the excitement builds.

Waiting is never easy, for children, or adults. But we know that is easier to wait for something because we have experienced it before and know the wait is worth it. Advent is not just a time of waiting however; it is also a time to remember that God is with us now, that the promised one of whom the prophets spoke has come to us, and has abided with us. The Lord our God is in our midst! We may worship without fear!

In this time of preparations, of finishing our 'To-do' lists of the season, can we remember that God is with us even when our plans and schedules didn't match up? May we recognize that in the middle of our preparing Christ *has* come, Christ *is* with us, and Christ *will* come again!

Pastor Mark Kindem

## November 19, 2017 Election Results

### Bethel Church Council:

(for a 3 year term)

Sara Dreyer

Lisa Newhouse

Samantha Pond

Kelly Vind

**Congratulations**  
to each one of you!

### Bethel Church Council:

(for a 2 year term)

Kirt Dreyer

### Bethel Foundation:

(for a 2 year term)

Don Houseman

Lisa Newhouse

### Bethel Foundation:

(for a 1 year term)

Ione McIntyre



### “GO THE EXTRA MILE”

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH  
BETHEL HAS A “GO THE EXTRA MILE” OFFERING  
TAKEN UP FOR LOCAL MISSIONS.

COLLECTED OFFERING FOR OCTOBER

HOSPICE: \$ 126

COLLECTED OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER

TUBS OF LOVE: \$ 159



*Wednesdays*  
*December 6th ~ 13th ~ 20th*  
*12:00 noon*  
*Potluck lunch afterwards*

### Christmas Music Service

9:00 A.M.

Sunday, Dec. 24th



Sunday School Program  
During Worship Service  
December 17th



Candlelight  
Service

*Christmas Eve*

*Sunday, December 24th*

*4:00 p.m. with communion*

### OFFICIAL NOTICE to the CONGREGATION!



Sunday, January 28, 2018  
following 9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Potluck Brunch followed by  
Annual Congregational Meeting

### Deadline

for Bethel Foundation Grant Applications is

**Tuesday, January 2**

You may pick-up a form in the church  
office.

2018



Bethel will be delivering Meals-on-Wheels  
January 15-19, April 2-6, June 18-22,  
September 4-7, and November 12-16.



Do you have half-a-day?

The church needs  
volunteers to do an in-  
house finance audit by  
early January 2018.



No experience necessary!

You *do* need to be an official member and *not* a  
council member. There is one volunteer but there  
needs to be at least one more!

Talk to Sally or Patti in the church office.





## The mission of the Church is to Glorify God

### Tuesday, October 10, 2017

**Present:** Duane Christensen, Jessica Powell, Art Reistad, Alice Sadek, Vi Suther, Sally McIntyre, Char Espe, Dean Rasmussen, Pastor Mark Kindem, Paul Martinson, Lorrane Thorson

**Absent:** Lisa Newhouse

**Guests:** None

#### **Correspondence:**

No Correspondence, but President Christensen has noticed that the mailbox for the Evangelism is full. He will go review it and send it to the appropriate persons.

#### **Old Business:**

Parking Lot - Finished and striped.

Consecration Sunday - Went well. We received nearly as much in pledges as last year. We also received additional pledges toward the debt reduction fund.

New Member Class - October 25 at 6:30 will be an informational meeting for new members or persons who may be interested in becoming a new member. Char Espe is spearheading this. Char would like council support at this meeting. Duane has agreed to be the moderator for this meeting.

Church Picnic - The picnic was wonderful, in spite of the air temperature. It was a little brisk. We had a good turnout and people brought games. Kubb (a Scandinavian lawn game,) was the hit of the picnic. Lisa and Carol did a very nice job organizing it. The food was plentiful and delicious.

Other - The property committee would like to order another storage unit for the folding chairs.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Christian Education:** – It is going well, we have more kids coming every week. Kids are bringing friends along too.

**Fellowship:** – Picnic and Concordia Choir Concert on Dec. 1.

**Youth:** – Youth are attending a movie about Martin Luther for confirmation on Oct. 11.

### Tuesday, November 14, 2017

**Present:** Duane Christensen, Jessica Powell, Art Reistad, Alice Sadek, Sally McIntyre, Char Espe, Pastor Mark Kindem, Paul Martinson, Lorrane Thorson, Lisa Newhouse

**Absent:** Vi Suther, Dean Rasmussen

**Guests:** None

#### **Correspondence:**

Western Group Insurance Company - Forewarning us that there will be changes coming up to our policy which may affect our rates.

#### **Old Business:**

New Member Class: Went well, it was well represented by council members with some visitors and some new members. Kirt Dreyer gave an overview of the foundation. Others spoke about volunteer opportunities.

Some suggestions were made:

- \* Providing nursery care on Sundays.
- \* Having a service on Wednesday nights for those persons who cannot attend on Sundays.

#### **New Business:**

Nominations for 2018

Council Nominations: Lisa Newhouse, Kelly Vind, Samantha Pond, Sara Dreyer & Kirt Dreyer (if willing).

Foundation Board Nominations: Don Housman & Lisa Newhouse. A third person is needed.

2018 Budget - The council looked over the 2018 Proposed Budget.

Other - Annual meeting date will be on the last Sunday in January. January 28.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Christian Education:** Verbal Report - It is going well.

**Fellowship:** Bus trip to the Concordia Christmas Concert coming up on Dec. 1, 2017

**BCCC Report:** – See Minutes and Financial Statements, rooms have been repainted. They are working on rearranging rooms and are adding more kids and more staff. They are having a Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00. All are invited.

Respectively Submitted,  
Sara Dreyer, Council Secretary



# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Edgar Espe
- 07 Gail Pederson  
Dick Zeman
- 11 Jaimie Matthew Wood
- 12 Marlene Bergstrom
- 14 Arthur Reistad
- 17 Lennard Bergstrom
- 19 Betty Olsen
- 22 Andler Powell
- 23 Libby Hargesheimer
- 27 Dolores Johnson
- 28 Holly Vind
- 30 Alex Brundage



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 07 Anthony Westrum
- 09 Peter Dreyer
- 21 Seth Dreyer
- 24 Brooke Pommerening  
Sue Sandell
- 27 Elaine Christensen



# JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Cherene Sadek  
January 22, 2008 (9)



# DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Knute\* & Lucille Naastad  
December 4, 1970
- Dick & Marilyn Zeman  
December 6, 1952 (65)
- Harold & Linda Schramm  
December 10, 1971 (46)
- Duane and Elaine Christensen  
December 22, 1956 (61)
- Raymond and Barbara Brown  
December 23, 1960 (57)

\*-Deceased 5/20/17

## BETHEL FUNERALS







### HOMER 'DARREL' LAUDERBAUGH

BIRTH: 03/05/1919  
DEATH: 9/30/2017  
FUNERAL: 10/08/2017

### PEARL DOROTHY LEDIN

BIRTH: 07/22/1919  
DEATH: 10/13/2017  
FUNERAL: 10/21/2017  
@ Cease Funeral Home

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<b>3</b> Food Shelf Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Holy Baptism 10:00am Fellowship Hour  11:00am OCA: Typica	<b>4</b> 5:00pm Weight Watchers	<b>5</b> BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	<b>6</b> Bethel's Day at Food Shelf 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study 12noon Advent Service w/ potluck lunch  5:45pm Sunday School 6:00pm Wednesday Supper 6:30pm Youth Group	<b>7</b> 9:00am Bethel Quilters  4:30pm Weight Watchers  7:00pm Movie: A Return to Grace	<b>1</b> BCCC Open 6:30am—5:45pm  2:00pm Bus Leaves for Concordia Xmas Concert	<b>2</b> 9:00am Tree Decorating
<b>10</b> "Go the Extra Mile" for S.O.S. 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Church in Mission Mtg. 11:00am OCA: Divine Liturgy followed by Education Time and Potluck Meal	<b>11</b> 5:00pm Weight Watchers	<b>12</b> BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 10-11:30am BCCC Parent Holiday Day in Fellowship Hall 5:45pm BCCC Staff Meeting 6:30pm Council Meeting	<b>13</b> 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study 12noon Advent Service w/ potluck lunch  5:45pm Sunday School 6:00pm Wednesday Supper 6:30pm Youth Group	<b>14</b> 9:00am Bethel Quilters 9:30am BCCC: Preschool Caroling Trip  4:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:00am Worship Service with Sunday School Program 10:00am Fellowship Hour  11:00am OCA: Typica	<b>18</b> 5:00pm Weight Watchers	<b>19</b> BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	<b>20</b> 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study 12noon Advent Service w/ potluck lunch  5:45pm Sunday School 6:00pm Wednesday Supper 6:30pm Youth Group	<b>21</b> No Bethel Quilters  4:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:00pm OCA: Great Vespers
<b>24/31</b> 9:00am Christmas Music Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour <b>24th - 4:00pm Candlelight Service w/ Communion</b>  24—11:00am OCA: Divine Liturgy followed by Education Time and Potluck Meal 31- 11:00am OCA: Typica	<b>25</b> Office Closed BCCC Closed 	<b>26</b> BCCC Closed	<b>27</b> 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study  No Sunday School No Wednesday Supper No Youth Group	<b>28</b> BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm No Bethel Quilters  4:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed BCCC Closed	2 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm Deadline for Bethel Foundation Grant Applications	3 Bethel's Day at Food Shelf 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study No Sunday School No Wednesday Supper No Youth Group	4 9:00am Bethel Quilters 4:30pm Weight Watchers	5	6 5:00pm OCA: Great Vespers
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28 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Potluck Brunch followed by Annual Congregational Meeting 11:00am OCA: Typica 2:30 p.m. Worship at Havenwood	29 5:00pm Weight Watchers	30 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	31 5:45pm Sunday School 6:00pm Wednesday Supper 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Confirmation			

## **Bemidji Community Food Shelf**

**Mission Statement:** "The Bemidji Community Food Shelf is a faith-based, caring place that listens to those who are experiencing food insecurity. We work with our partners to be inclusive and to provide fresh, nourishing foods for those living in Beltrami County and the Bemidji School District."

**Thank you:** Thank you for saving Our Family barcodes and your donations to the Food Shelf. Also, thank you to our devoted volunteers (Karen Tank, Char Espe, Suze Ann Pearson, Alice Sadek and Dee Teigland).

**Clients Served:** The Food Shelf served 1,034 families during October. Since January 1, the Food Shelf has served 9,438 families. That compares to 8,418 for the same time period in 2016. That is more than 1,000 visits over last year and there are no signs of slowing down. Many new families have been registered in recent weeks.

**Stuff-a-Truck:** This annual event will take place on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteers Needed:** Due to the large number of clients we have been serving, additional volunteers are needed. If you could work one of the shifts (9 to 12:30 or 12 to 3) on the first Wednesday of the month, please call me (586-3424).

**Farm Project:** The Farm project provided fresh produce for clients during the summer and fall months. In November the Farm was still providing carrots, potatoes and squash to food shelf clients. The second annual Harvest Ball was well attended on October 26<sup>th</sup> and was a very successful fundraiser for the farm project.

**Current Needs:** The Food Shelf is in need of canned meat, peanut butter, cold cereal, canned fruit, pork and beans, bar soap, shampoo, dish and laundry detergent, toilet paper, tooth paste, deodorant, and facial tissue.

Anita Spangler, Food Shelf Representative



## **Churches United**

**Churches United is a non-profit organization of Bemidji Area Churches, led by the Spirit of Christ, working together to meet the needs of homeless and low-income people in a prayerful way.**

The Churches United office is located at 414 Lincoln Ave SE. Hours of operation are M, T, Th, & Fr from noon - 4:00 p.m. Donations of toiletry items (small sizes of soap, shampoo, conditioner, etc), quilts, and blankets are really appreciated. There is always a need for volunteers in the office - please contact Char Espe ([218-766-9926](tel:218-766-9926)) if you are interested in getting involved or if you have any questions.

In October, 156 intake forms were completed and the total value of vouchers (rental assistance, utility, grocery, gas, laundry, clothing) dispersed was \$4248.45. Other items that went out to clients were: lunches/water, bus tokens, quilts/pillows, and personal care/toiletries.

Thanks to Bethel for their continued monetary support to Churches United!

Char Espe  
CU Board Secretary

Recipe from Jo Gregory

### **CROCK POT CHICKEN CHILI**

1 cup = 3 ww points

3 frozen chicken breasts  
1 envelope ranch dressing  
1 envelope chicken taco seasoning mix  
1 med onion diced  
1 can rotel tomatoes  
1 can black beans  
1 can white beans  
1 can kidney beans  
1 can chili beans  
1 cup frozen corn

Put everything in crock pot in order listed. Do no rinse or drain beans. Do not stir. Cook on low 6-8 hours. Remove chicken and shred with two forks. Return chicken, stir and eat.

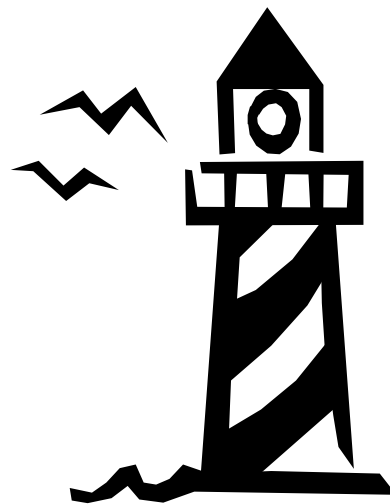
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**Friday, December 1**  
Concordia College  
Christmas Concert

**Wednesday, December 6**  
Serve at Food Shelf

**Wednesday, December 13**  
Remembering the Message of  
Christmas.

**Wednesday, December 20**  
Christmas Dinner. Party at  
McKains' including  
White Elephant Gift Exchange

**Wednesday, December 27**  
No youth group!



**Bible Club**  
**Wednesdays**  
**5:45 - 7:00 p.m.**

**DECEMBER**  
**6 - 13 - 20**  
**JANUARY**  
**10 - 17 - 24 - 31**



**Confirmation**  
**Classes**  
**Wednesdays**  
**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

**December 20**  
**January 31**

*Can you help with Wednesday Night Suppers?*

We are looking at very simple menus; frozen pizza,  
soup and sandwiches, etc.

If you don't like cooking, there is also set-up and  
clean-up.

Please talk to Jessica, Sally or Alice.

There is a sign-up sheet in the office.

