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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. Worship
(max. 150 people)

BETHEL BEACON

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 5232 Irvine Avenue NW, Bemidji, MN 56601



From the Pastor

Is giving contagious? How does giving reflect God’s generosity towards us, and others? I think of these questions because this Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is often referred to in the retail world as “Black Friday”. Not to be outdone, Monday is now called “Cyber Monday”. Both refer to big sales events for Christmas shopping. Why so many gifts? Because God has given us the greatest gift of all: Jesus, His only Son our Lord! Like any gift we may have given, or received; it’s only a gift if it’s accepted. I may receive a wonderful gift from my wife, or children, but if I don’t unwrap it and use it, or otherwise enjoy it, all it does is sit in its box. Most people receive gifts gratefully. May we also be grateful for the greatest gift ever given, and receive our Lord Jesus by faith not only this Christmas season, but everyday!

“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.”

-2 Corinthians 9:15

-Pastor Mark Kindem



On November 20 Minnesota entered a four week ‘pause’ ending December 18. Cases have risen sharply and hospitals are nearing capacity. All social gatherings are banned. Restaurants and bars closed indoor dining. Youth and amateur sports were cancelled and indoor entertainment was shut down. **Churches and their services; worship, funerals, weddings, can proceed as they have been but all receptions and socializing hours are cancelled.**

Please remember masks are most effective at preventing those who are sick from spreading the virus. They are much less effective at protecting healthy people from contracting the virus. That is why it is important to maintain social distancing, refrain from touching your face, wash your mask and hands as often as possible, and to stay home if you are feeling unwell.

The Church Office (i.e. Sally) remains closed except for once or twice a week. Sally telecommutes from home preparing the bulletins, answering email, etc. The Congregation is encouraged to email or call her home phone with information, questions, and concerns.



**Council
President**

Greetings — I hope this message finds you physically well and in good spirits. We come to an end of a difficult year—a year filled with surprises and bad omens. The year of coronavirus-19, political upheavals and almost an end to social gatherings. We can only hope and pray that 2021 will bring healing, a suitable vaccine, and stability in our political world. Well, at least I hope we can all agree to pray for these to happen. Our Bible has many references that cover these and other day-to-day problems we face.

“Do you want more and more of God’s kindness and peace? Than learn to know him better and better.”

-2 Peter 1:2

“In this new life one’s nationality or race or education or social position is unimportant; such things mean nothing. Whether a person has Christ is what matters and he is equally available to all.”

-Col. 3:11

“For us there is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and we all have the same God and Father who is over us all and in us all, and living through every part of us. However, Christ has given each of us special abilities—whatever he wants us to have out of his rich storehouse of gifts.”

-Eph. 4:5-7

“For the scriptures tell us that no one who believes in Christ will ever be disappointed.”

-Rom. 10:11

“Jesus said to the people, “I am the Light of the World. So if you follow me, you won’t be stumbling through the darkness, for living light will flood your path.””

-John 8:12

“But if we confess our sins to him, he can be depended on to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. [And it is perfectly proper for God to do this for us because Christ died to wash away our sins.]”

-1 John 1:9

All of these scriptures come from The Living Bible—Paraphrased. As I have been Council President for the limit of two years, this article in the Beacon is my last one. Thank you for your patience and kindness over these past two years.

Paul McIntyre, Council President



**CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE**

Christmas Eve

*Thursday, December 24th
4:00 p.m.*

(Depending on status of pandemic there may be a second service a couple hours later.)



Mission Statement: “The Bemidji 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 your continued support for the Food Shelf during this pandemic. The Food Shelf distributed 84,288 pounds of food to 985 households during September and distributed 54,734 pounds of food to 633 households during October.

Current Operation: Currently volunteers pack food boxes on Tuesdays and Thursdays and clients come into the Food Shelf on Mondays and Wednesday to pick up their boxes and select items from the produce, dairy, and meat sections. A limited number of clients are allowed in the building at one time and everyone must wear masks and practice social distancing. Shoppers assist clients at a distance.

Safety concerns: The Food Shelf’s first concern is keeping volunteers, staff, and customers safe.

-Anita Spangler, Food Shelf Representative

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



Motto: Welcoming the stranger as Jesus.

Services MAY Include: Basic emergency needs (food, gas, bus tokens, clothing, laundry, and rent/utility assistance) plus referrals to area agencies and businesses.

Churches United is primarily a church-led ministry and emergency program organized to provide short-term assistance for those persons who 'fall through the cracks', need help immediately, and have nowhere else to turn in the short-run.

Needs: Winter gloves for men and women, stocking caps for men and women, soap, deodorant, and laundry detergent.

COVID 19 RESPONSE: Churches United continues to assist individuals and families in the community. Applicants are asked to call the office at 218-444-1380 to complete an application with one of the staff. Then guests will pick up their assistance at the door.

Anyone dropping off donations are asked to phone ahead. All donations will be quarantined for 72 hours before inventory or distribution.

“For I was hungry, and you gave me meat; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in; I was naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came unto me. Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as you did it for one of the least of these, you did it for me.” (Matthew 25)

Office hours are 12-4 pm Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays, & Fridays.

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Thanks to Bethel for their continued financial support!

-Char Espe, Bethel representative to Churches United



Mike & Cherene Sadek
January 22, 2008 (13)

- 03 Ed Espe
- 07 Gail Pederson
Dick Zeman
- 12 Marlene Bergstrom
- 14 Arthur Reistad
- 17 Lennard Bergstrom
- 19 Betty Olsen
- 22 Andy Powell
- 23 Libby Hargesheimer
Kinley Carlson (4)
- 27 Holly Vind
- 30 Alex Powell

Dick & Marilyn Zeman
December 6, 1952 (68)

Butch & Linda Schramm
December 10, 1971 (49)

Ray & Barb Brown
December 23, 1960 (60)



BETHEL BAPTISMS

Caelynn Riley Newhouse,
daughter of Ryan and Taylor Newhouse (granddaughter of Don and Lisa Newhouse), was welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, October 25, 2020.



- 01 Carson Hays (6)
- 09 Peter Dreyer
- 21 Seth Dreyer
- 24 Brooke Pommerening
Sue Sandell
- 27 Elaine Christensen
Evan Copsiskey

BETHEL FUNERALS

DELLA CLUFF
BIRTH: JULY 12, 1926
DEATH: OCTOBER 17, 2020
FUNERAL: TBD

CLARENCE LINDSETH
BIRTH: NOVEMBER 26, 1930
DEATH: NOVEMBER 7, 2020
FUNERAL: TBD

"For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His."



"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 11TH:
SERVICE CANCELLED

NOVEMBER 8TH:
NORTHWOODS PREGNANCY CENTER - \$57.00

Council Highlights

The Mission of the Church is to Glorify God.

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Old Business:

Advertising: Samantha Pond thanked Sara Dreyer for having her husband Bruce reach out to Paul Bunyan Broadcasting. Subsequent information was shared with the council via email. After discussion it was decided to advertise over radio and Lakeland Public Television (LPTV). Kelly Kindem and Samantha Pond will work on a radio script.

Consecration Sunday: Because church was cancelled for October 4 and 11, pledge cards were mailed out.

New Business:

Positive COVID Case: The situation was reviewed. It was rightly noted that people testing positive should not be named without permission. Samantha Pond reported that one of her clients was ostracized after their recovery. Let it be noted that those leaving their isolation period after testing positive for COVID are the *least likely to spread it in the future!*

Solar Panels: Sally McIntyre reported that she put this item on the agenda. There are current rebates/tax credits. The average time to pay off panels in northern Minnesota is 5-6 years. They are guaranteed for 25 years. The cost to install enough to eliminate the church's electric bill would be ~\$100,000.

Samantha Pond invited her husband Brandon to speak as he has installed some. He reported costs of some systems he has helped install.

He suggested meeting with his boss to answer questions. Byron Rock asked about geothermal. Brandon Pond replied that the owner of Wagner Heating had it in his house and did not recommend it to anyone.

A sub-committee was formed to investigate further: Pastor Kindem, Sally McIntyre, Kelly Kindem, Sara Dreyer.

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Old Business:

Advertising: 200 spots on Lakeland Public TV will run from November 15 to December 31. May do some radio ads after New Years.

Solar Panels: A preliminary meeting with an installer informed us that a 40,000 kW system would cost \$96,000 and would pay for itself in 15.2 years. Panels are warrantied for 30-35 years. Excess electricity produced during sunny daytime hours have to be bought by the power company at the current rate and this offsets electricity bought from the company at night.

New Business:

Elections: Will be held November 15. No sign-up sheet will be passed around but signatures will be collected by tearing a perforated portion off the bottom of the ballot.

Christmas Eve Services: Discussion about holding two services to help maintain social distances and remain under 50% capacity.

Respectively submitted by Council Secretary,
Sally McIntyre

Altar Guild



Would you like to volunteer at the church but would like to start with something a little more behind-the-scenes? Please consider Altar Guild! These members are responsible for preparing and cleaning up communion supplies. They may also help change banners and arrange flowers as need be. If you would like more information talk to Sandy Norrgard or Sally McIntyre. Currently we have no one covering the Second Sunday of the month!

OFFICIAL NOTICE to the CONGREGATION!

Congregational Meeting



Sunday, January 31, 2021
following 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
there will be the
Annual Congregational Meeting.

*Congratulations to everyone
elected on November 15!*

Church Council:

Cole Kindem, Kelly Kindem,
Samantha Pond, Andy Powell,
and Dennis Zeto.

Bethel Foundation:

Ione McIntyre and Laura Rock.

BCCC Advisory Board:

Rachel Hays, Meghan Julson,
Miriam Kindem, Sally McIntyre,
Jessica McPhee, Lisa Newhouse,
and Alexandria Sand.



It takes a Congregation to
make an Annual Report!

Please have committee
and group reports in to the
office by
Monday, January 4.



We plan to meet each
Wednesday starting at 6:00.
We will have a meal followed by
either a service project, an
activity, or a Bible study.

Wednesday, December 2
Study: What the Bible says about
Worry & Anxiety

Wednesday, December 9
Service Project

Wednesday, December 16
Fun Night:
Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 23
No Youth Group:
Merry Christmas!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>6 Food Shelf Sunday 9:00am Worship Service</p>	<p>7 DECEMBER 7, 1947 PEARL HARBOR Remembrance Day BCCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>8 BCCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>9 5:00pm BCCCC Advisory Mtg 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>10 BCCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>11 BCCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 "Go the Extra Mile" for Salvation Army 9:00am Worship Service</p>  <p>Santa Lucia Day</p>	<p>14 BCCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>15 5:45pm BCCCC Staff Meeting</p>	<p>16 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 9:00am Worship Service</p>	<p>21 FIRST DAY OF Winter BCCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>22 BCCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm Bethel Delivers Meals-on-Wheels Dec. 21-24</p>	<p>23 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>24 BCCCC Closed Christmas Eve 4:00 pm</p> 	<p>25 BCCCC Closed MERRY CHRISTMAS</p> 	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9:00am Worship Service</p>	<p>28 BCCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>29 Meals on Wheels BCCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>30 NO Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve</p> 	<p>2020</p>	

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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-size: 48px; font-weight: bold;">2021</div> <div style="font-size: 72px; font-weight: bold; color: #0070C0;">January</div> <div style="text-align: right;"> </div> </div>						
<p>3 Food Shelf Sunday - 9:00am Worship Service</p>	<p>4 Bethel Foundation Grant Applications</p>	<p>5 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>6 10:00am Finance Com. Mtg. 5:00pm BCCC Advisory Mtg. 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 BCCC Closed </p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 2nd Mile Sunday 9:00am Worship Service </p>	<p>11 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>12 6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>13 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
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<p>24/31 9:00am-9:00am Worship Service 31st -10:00 am Annual Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>25 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>26 </p>	<p>27 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>