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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship

BETHEL BEACON

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



Under an old calendar used before our current one, the winter solstice (Latin for “the sun standing still”) fell on December 25, the shortest day of the year, after which the sun shines for longer periods each day. In the pagan religions, the sun god was reborn this day. The church used this festival to focus on the Son of Righteousness, Jesus, the light of the world. As we begin this Advent and Christmas season, we all know that we need the light of the world. We are reminded that God sent his son because the world was dark; it needed the illuminating power of Jesus’ presence, the light of the world. Christmas declares to us once again that in the middle of the hopes and fears of all the years, Jesus glows in grace and truth. Night gives way to day, darkness to light. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it. That is not just a statement of faith, it’s the Gospel truth!

Why December 25?

-Pastor Mark Kindem

**OFFICIAL NOTICE to the
CONGREGATION!**

Congregational Meeting



Sunday,
January 30, 2022
following the 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service there will
be the
Annual Congregational
Meeting.



It takes a Congregation to
make an Annual Report!

Please have committee and
group reports in to the office
by

Wednesday,
December 29!

DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 07 Gail Pederson
- 14 Arthur Reistad
- 17 Lennard Bergstrom
- 22 Andy Powell
- 23 Libby Hargesheimer
Kinley Carlson (5)
- 27 Holly Vind
- 30 Alex Powell

Butch & Linda Schramm
December 10, 1971 (50)
Andrew & Kerin Hanson
December 16, 2006 (15)

Baptism

RYOTT BRODERICK
DANIEL
MORAVEC

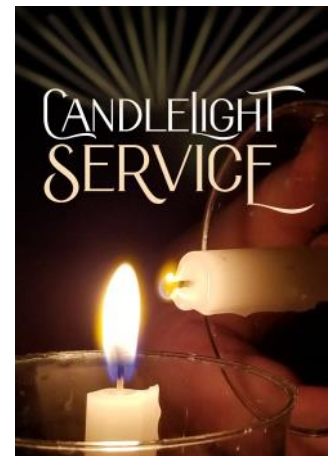
son of Michael and Eleanor Moravec was welcomed into the family of Christ on Sunday, November 7, 2021. His sponsors are Broderick and Caitlyn Coons and Shawn and Kayla Smith.

JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Carson Hays (7)
Jerry Tank
- 09 Peter Dreyer
- 21 Seth Dreyer
- 22 Byron Rock
- 24 Brooke Pommerening
Sue Sandell
- 27 Elaine Christensen
Evan Copiskey

Mike & Cherene Sadek
January 22, 2008 (14)



Christmas Eve
Friday,
December 24th
4:00 p.m.

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.

December 1

Service: Food Shelf

December 8

Study: Christmas Bible Study

December 15

Christmas Party

December 22 & 29

No meetings: Merry Christmas!

January 5

New Year Kickoff Activity: Bowling

January 12

Study: Travel Guide to the Bible

January 19

Study: Travel Guide to the Bible

January 26

Service: Food Shelf

Church in Mission



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 for your continued support for the Bemidji Food Shelf and thank you for the individuals who have volunteered to help at the Food Shelf (Karen Tank, Carol Winans, and various community people.)

Clients served: During the month of October, 934 households (2,605 people) were served with 67,723 pounds of food. During 2021, 5,019 households have been served with 477,714 pounds of food.

The Farm: During the summer months the farm was able to provide a variety of fresh produce items to the clients. However, due to high usage, everything from the farm has been distributed.

Food Shelf Needs: Personal care items, laundry soap, cleaning products, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, bar soap, laundry detergent, feminine hygiene products, and Our Family products UPC barcodes (must include all the numbers).

Bethel’s Day at the Food Shelf: Bethel is responsible for the first Wednesday afternoon shift from 12 to 3. If you would be interested in volunteering one afternoon a month, please contact me (586-3424).

-Anita Spangler, Food Shelf Representative

Bethel is scheduled to deliver Meals-on-Wheels January 10-14

“GO THE EXTRA MILE”
 ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH BETHEL HAS A “GO THE EXTRA MILE” RETIRING OFFERING FOR LOCAL MISSIONS. COLLECTED OFFERING FOR OCTOBER 10TH: NORTHWOODS CAREGIVERS – \$86.00
 NOVEMBER 14TH: AMERICAN RED CROSS – \$92.00

Thank You!

Annual Church ELECTION

Congratulations to everyone elected Sunday, November 21!

Church Council:
 Andrew Hanson, Paul McIntyre, Marie Olson and Lisa Vind.

Bethel Foundation:
 Karen Tank and Dennis Zeto.

BCCC Advisory Board:
 Kelly Kindem.

Thank you for serving!



Council Highlights

The mission of the Church is to Glorify God.

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Old Business:

Landscaping Progress

Hill's will start this week. Karen Tank talked to Samantha Pond. Karen would like the bushes on the south end of the church pulled as well. The Memorial Garden is enough work.

Solar Panel Progress

Installed. Waiting on Beltrami Electric's final inspection.

Youth Room Progress

No new word. Randy wants to repaint first. For the moment the BCCC is storing cots in the room during the week. The Youth can move them out when needed.

Garden Bridge Progress

Dennis Zeto reported no new progress. This is a spring project.

AED Progress

Sally McIntyre reported that a battery came shortly after the last meeting. The defibrillator is good to go.

Chair Reupholstery:

This was first brought up in email. 6 chairs were donated to the church. Shirley Wegley found someone who would reupholster them. Cost would be about \$3,000. A quick internet search shows this to be about average cost. Council discussed whether it was fiscally responsible to finance.

M/S Cole Kindem/Dennis Zeto to table. 0 nays.

The Motion Passed.

New Business:

Consecration Sunday

Consecration Sunday, October 3 saw 28 pledge cards returned with a total of \$57,250 pledged in offerings for 2022. 48 cards were mailed out to those who didn't respond.

Committees:

Dennis Zeto noted that the church does not have a lot of participation in committees. He suggested moving to a Deacon/Trustee system. It was noted that that would require changing the constitution and would take at least 2 years. If we wanted to do that, we needed to get it ready for the January Annual Meeting to start the process.

Church Member Information:

Bernice Beck noted that it would be nice to know when members transfer in or out. Sally noted that

transfers in are put in the announcements, although transfers out were not. She said she could start including that in the announcements and the Beacon.

Parking Lot Repaving:

Andy Powell suggested getting an estimate for repaving the parking lot from Northern Paving (the owners kids go to the BCCC and might cut a deal). If it was too expensive we could do ½ at a time.

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Old Business:

Landscaping Progress

Only good things to say about it. If any plants die this winter, Hill's will replace them in the spring. There is dissatisfaction with Nature's Edge's job on the north side/day care end. Andy Powell asked if they pulled the paving stones outside the two emergency exit doors on the west side. They are not needed anymore, freezing and thawing upheaves them blocking the doors and to cause water to back up into the building. No one thought about it to tell Hill's to remove them. They are still in place. Something to consider in the spring.

BCCC Letter of Agreement with Bethel

President Kindem asked for a subcommittee to work with a subcommittee from the BCCC Board to update the three page letter some time after Christmas. The subcommittee will consist of Kelly Kindem, Pastor Kindem and Samantha Pond.

New Business:

Christmas Service Advertising

Kelly Kindem and Pastor Kindem volunteered to record messages for Christmas Eve service advertising over the radio. Others are welcome.

Copier Lease

Bethel will sign a new lease for new black and white copier/printer. A color one would cost 25% more per month and 5x more per page.

Shelving:

Sandy Norrgard has a Thrivent Action Grant she would like to use for more shelving in the sacristy and the storage closet. But first she wanted to make sure someone would put it up. Andy Powell and Pastor Kindem agreed they could help.

Banking:

M/S Lisa Vind/Bernice Beck to invest \$50,000 in a 12 month CD and the rest of the savings account be moved to a Money Market account. 0 nays.

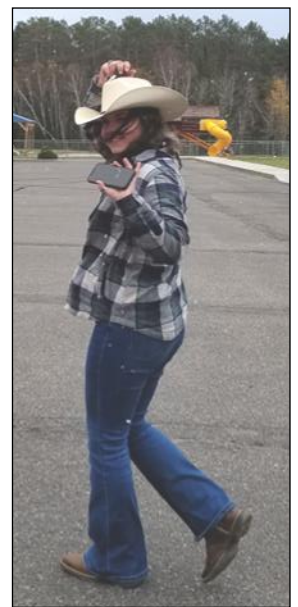
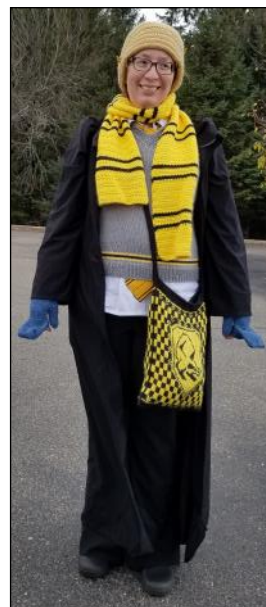
The Motion Passed.

Respectively submitted,
Sally McIntyre, Council Secretary

Trunk-or-Treat 2021!



Left: Miriam Kindem, ready to hand out candy! Center: Ione McIntyre and grandson David McIntyre, aka ‘Wolfman’. Not gonna lie, a few kids were scared. Right: Sara Dreyer could be a lumberjack!

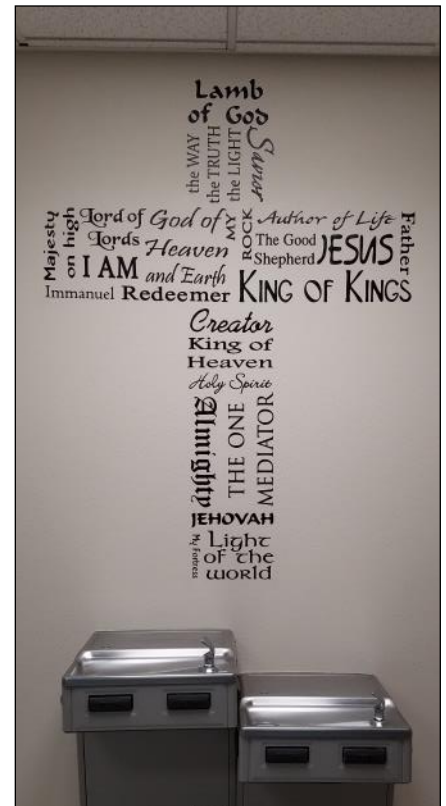


Left: Kelly Kindem as a hunter. ‘Coincidentally’, the warmest clothes she owns. 2nd from Left: We think Paul McIntyre went as a ‘grumpy old man’. He continually reminded kids to brush their teeth, so nailed it! 2nd from Right: Sally McIntyre was a Hufflepuff student (from Harry Potter) not a bumblebee, although she had bees on her hat—as buttons. Right: Holly Vind as a cowgirl, or perhaps a celebrity, or both!



Left: A family braving the mini-blizzard. Right: The Rocks brought a school bus (Byron in the red hat) and their SUV (Laura-hidden and Ben-right). Ben came as a warmly dressed (look at that hat) candy hander-outer!

New at Bethel



Left: As part of the addition, the BCCC had to plant eight new trees along the road because of...the city. Center: Six wingback chairs were donated to the church. Shirley Wegley found someone to reupholster them (the Wegleys paid for that), picked a fabric to match the new couch pillows and repainted the legs to match the other furniture. Thank you!! Right: DeeAnne Moen painted the bathroom nook walls just so she could put up this decal!







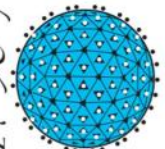











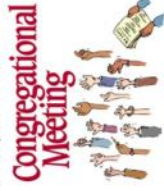
Bethel decided to invest some of their 2020 surplus in solar panels. We are still tied into the electrical grid for when our needs exceed what the panels generate. But we sell excess electricity back to Beltrami electric. The panels went online in mid-October.



Sunday, December 19
after service!

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5</p> <p>Food Shelf Sunday</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am Weight Watchers</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>7</p> <p>DECEMBER 7, 1964 PEARL HARBOR <i>Remembrance Day</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study 12noon Advent Service followed by Potluck Lunch</p> <p>5:30pm Finance Com. Mtg. 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Tubs of Love due at St. Phillips</p> <p>71 Season for Sharing</p> 	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>"Go the Extra Mile" for Salvation Army</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Council Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Santa Lucia Day</p> <p>9:30am Weight Watchers</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study 12noon Advent Service followed by Potluck Lunch</p> <p>6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>CHRISTMAS SEASON</p> 	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am</p> <p>All-Church POTLUCK</p> <p>10:15am Sunday School</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30am Weight Watchers</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>21</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>First Day of Winter</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study 12noon Advent Service followed by Potluck Lunch</p> <p>No Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>BCCC Closed Church Office CLOSED</p> <p>Public Schools Christmas Break Dec. 23-Jan. 2.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>BCCC Closed Office Closed until noon</p> <p>CANDLELIGHT SERVICE</p>  <p>4:00 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Merry CHRISTMAS</p> 
<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour No Sunday School</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30am Weight Watchers</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>28</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>No Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>BCCC and Office Closed</p>  <p><i>New Year's Eve</i></p>	<p>2021</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>Food Shelf Sunday</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour No Sunday School 10:15am Finance Com. Mtg.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Deadline for Bethel Foundation Grant Applications</p> <p>9:30am Weight Watchers</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>12-3 Bethel at Food Shelf</p> <p>5:00pm BCCC Board Mtg 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>EPHANY</p> 	<p>7</p>	<p>1/8</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p> 
<p>9</p> <p>2nd Mile Sunday</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Council Meeting</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>9:30am Weight Watchers</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bethel Delivers Meals-on-Wheels Jan. 10-14</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>13</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School</p>	<p>17 No Public School</p> <p>9:30am Weight Watchers</p>  <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>20</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
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<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Congregational Meeting</p>  <p>No Sunday School</p>	<p>31</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am-5:45pm</p> <p>9:30am Weight Watchers</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>January 2022</p> 