

FEB/MAR 2020



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM  
Worship Service  
10:00 AM  
Fellowship Hour

# BETHEL BEACON

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



It's Valentine's day this month, so let's talk about love! It seems more often than not, if someone is hated, that person doesn't change. They hate back, and that only increases hatred. But if a person is loved, and the love keeps coming no matter how much it is rebuffed, the person is changed. It's like the unrelenting rays of the sun on ice, the love keeps pressing on. The love we have in Jesus Christ is like that. Just as the sun keeps on shining, so also Jesus keeps on loving. The leaders, who in fear and hatred plotted his death, couldn't stop him, nor could Pilate, who sentenced him. And from the cross he faced the taunting, jeering crowd and said what? "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." Just what are we supposed to do with a love like that? We can try running away from it as far as we can, but it will still be there. We can pull the shade down and keep the sun's rays from reaching us, but we can't stop the sun from shining. We can't stop God from loving us. This is indeed the power above all powers!

*"Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right" -1 Corinthians 13:4-6*

-Pastor Mark Kindem

### 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."**

**SuperShelf:** SuperShelf has proved to be very popular with the clients at the Food Shelf. SuperShelf was implemented in August 2019 with the help of a team of 10 from AmeriCorps and also two SNAP-ED coordinators from the U of M Extension Service. The main goal of SuperShelf is to create an attractive space where everyone feels welcome and to help make the healthiest choice the easiest choice. Special emphasis is placed on fresh fruit and vegetables.

**Clients Served:** The Food Shelf distributed 925,409 pounds of food during 2019 to 11,611 families. Bethel's days at the Food Shelf during December and January have been very busy (approximately 100 families were served each day).

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**Council  
President**

Bethel lost a good friend and supporter in January with the passing of Bruce Atwater. He was not only an excellent public servant here in Bemidji and elsewhere but a great supporter of Bethel Lutheran Church. He and Ellen came to Bethel in the early 80's and initiated the publication of the Bethel Beacon. When I retired in the mid 90's, Ione and I joined up with the Tuesday morning prayer group that Bruce and Ellen had helped get started some years before. It was a small group and when the numbers were pared down to just a few of us we disbanded in 2002. I liked to refer to these folks as 'Giants of the Faith': people who go that 'extra mile' in building up the Church.

Some of my earliest recollections of these *Giants of Faith* were my past Sunday School teachers and pastors at St. John's Lutheran Church (LCA) in Lancaster, NY. One of my teachers was a big man (we didn't mess with him) and a WWII vet who fought in the Italian campaign. While he was in Rome, the Pope gave a reception for all the American GIs who took part in its liberation. The soldiers would file pass the Pope, kneel, and kiss the Pontiff's ring. My teacher would not do this. He simply reached down, shook the Pope's hand and whispered, "I'm a Lutheran." The Pope smiled and said, "Next." End of Story.

-Paul McIntyre, Council President

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**Importance of volunteers:** The Food Shelf is able to provide services to clients thanks to the many volunteers. During 2019, a total of 516 volunteers donated 17,401 hours of service. A special thank you to Bethel's volunteers - Char Espe, Karen Tank, Suze Beck, Joann Gregory, Debbie Fenske and Bob Spangler. Also, thank you for your many donations to the Food Shelf.

**Bethel's Schedule:** Bethel volunteers are scheduled at the Food Shelf the first two Wednesday afternoons of the month from 12 to 3. Eight to ten volunteers are needed for each shift. If you can volunteer on one of these afternoons, please call me at 586-3424.

**Upcoming Events:** Food Shelf Annual Meeting will be February 13, 2020 at noon in the fellowship hall at Bethel.

**March Food Share:** Donations received during March will be matched by Greater Minneapolis Community Connection.

**Items Needed:** Personal care items, (tooth brushes, laundry soap), baking items (spices, whole grain pasta, sugar, cooking oil, soda), non-sugar cereal, and clean plastic bags.

--Anita Spangler, Food Shelf Representative

### Churches United

**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:** Girl's stocking caps, winter gloves/mittens for all, travel size lotions, shampoo, and conditioner

**2019 Update:** 1) of those who received assistance, 45% were children; 2) 86% of all who applied for help received a portion of what was requested; 3) 54% of clients who indicated they were 'head of household' were unemployed; 4) 48% of the aid that went out the door was food vouchers; 5) \$63,167.00 was 'partnered' and satisfied many requests; 6) 3,382 applied for assistance in 2019.

*"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, Executive Board Secretary



## The mission of the Church is to Glorify God

**Bethel Lutheran Church Council**  
**Tuesday, December 10, 2019**

### Old Business:

#### *BCCC Addition Vote:*

41 yes votes. 12 no votes. The BCCC can now go ahead with plans to put in the romper room.

#### *Church Pictorial:*

Pictures were handed out Sunday and the book should be ready in January.

#### *November Elections: Sunday, November 17, 2019.*

##### Results:

Council: Re-elected Bernice Beck. New Members- Sally McIntyre, Vi Suther (need one more). First person who volunteers will be on the council.

#### *Security Cameras:*

Install Dec. 30-31 with 8 channels.

### New Business:

#### *Proposed Budget for 2020---Benevolence*

##### *Recipients:*

**M/S** Kirt Dreyer and Bernice Beck motion to add the Gideons to the Benevolence Recipients.

##### **Motion Passed**

**M/S** Sara Dreyer and Mark Kindem motion to present the proposed budget to the congregation at the annual meeting. **Motion Passed**

#### *2019 In-house Financial Audit:*

No one has volunteered. Sally will ask people.

#### *New Toilets in Women's Bathroom:*

Tankless toilets would be the way to go since they are easier to fix, uses less water and would not clog as easily. **M/S** Mark Kindem and Sara Dreyer motion to table the toilet update until next month with more information brought. **Motion Passed**

#### *Kathy Sanders Renewal of Membership:*

**M/S** Kelly Kindem and Lisa Vind motion to accept renewal of Kathy Sanders membership.

##### **Motion Passed**

Kirt Dreyer read a prepared letter giving advice to the council based upon his experiences.

#### *Outreach Event:*

Valentines dinner for the community, especially for the church members and the BCCC families, but other families could come. The parents would have a dinner in the Fellowship hall while the children are at the other end of the church. It would be by

reservation. This will be brought up to the BCCC to see if staff would be interested. More information has been requested for the next meeting. Laura Rock would be the spearhead of this.

#### *Bethel Lutheran Church Facebook Page:*

Byron Rock is going to become the admin.

Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Kindem

## **Bethel Lutheran Church Council** **Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

#### *Church Pictorial:*

Samantha Pond talked to Bob at Image Photography; he will hopefully have the preliminary pictorial ready next Wednesday.

#### *Security Cameras:*

Installed Dec, 30-31: Everything seems to be working well. Mark, Sally and Jessica Powell have the App to see what is going on at church.

#### *2019 In-House Financial Audit:*

Was done by Dennis Zeto and Janelle Lundeen on January 14, 2020.

#### *New Toilets for Women's Bathroom:*

We cannot get the jet flushed because they need a different water supply. Mark will talk to the Property committee. Motion was tabled until the next meeting.

#### *2020 Budget:*

With the Year-End Donations of 2019 we have an opportunity to get the church on a solid financial footing. Paying off the mortgage would save and benefit the church.

**M/S** Kelly Kindem and Lisa Vind motion to put the four options for the Year-End donation in the proposed 2020 budget and bring it to the congregation on January 26, 2020.

##### **Motion Passed**

#### *Open Council Seat:*

**M/S** Kelly Kindem and Bernice Beck motion to accept Sarah O'Dier to the council.

##### **Motion Passed.**

### New Business:

#### *Snow Removal:*

Jerry Tank and Oscar Copisky are available to help with snow blowing the sidewalks.

#### *Annual Meeting---Sunday, January 26:*

Council helps with the potluck clean-up.

#### *Foundation Grants:*

All were approved by the foundation. The foundation also wants Sally to put in for the balance for the security cameras in July.

#### *Election of Officers:*

President- Paul McIntyre  
 Vice-President- Sara Dreyer  
 Secretary- Sally McIntyre  
 Treasurer- Kelly Kindem

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Kindem

# February BIRTHDAYS

# Anniversaries

- 12 Ray Suther
- 16 Marian Blehm  
Willis Stebleton
- 19 Tessa Sadek
- 21 Raymond Brown

Willis & Ruth  
Stebleton

February 2, 1969 (51)

Lennard & Marlene Bergstrom

March 21, 1964 (56)

Paul & Ida Martinson

March 31, 1962 (58)



**Set your clocks ahead  
on  
Sunday, March 8, 2020**

# March BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Mark Kindem
- 08 Charlotte Espe
- 12 Harlan Charon
- 18 Dennis Zeto
- 25 Gordon Franks
- 27 Linda Schramm
- 29 Gerald Fenske  
Kelly Kindem

### “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  
DECEMBER 8:  
SALVATION ARMY – \$224.00

JANUARY 12:  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB – \$101.00

## BETHEL FUNERALS

### BRUCE MASON ATWATER

BIRTH: AUGUST 30, 1921

DEATH: JANUARY 10, 2020

FUNERAL: JANUARY 24, 2020

*“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.”*



Bethel will be delivering  
Meals-on-Wheels

February 17-21, May 4-8, July 20-24,  
October 5-9 and December 21-24.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Groundhog Day Food Shelf Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School 2:00pm Baptism	3 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:00pm Weight Watchers	4 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	5 Bethel at Food Shelf 12-3 7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study 12noon Finance Com. Mtg. 5:00pm BCCC Advisory Mtg. 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group	6 4:30pm Weight Watchers	7	8
9 "Go the Extra Mile" for WNALC Mission Banks 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School	10 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:00pm Weight Watchers	11 6:30pm Council Meeting	12 Lincoln's Birthday Bethel at Food Shelf 12-3 7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group	13 10am-2pm Food Shelf Annual Meeting 4:30pm Weight Watchers	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15
16 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School	17 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm Presidents Day 5:00pm Weight Watchers	18 Bethel Delivers Meals-on-Wheels FEB 17-21 5:30-7:30pm BCCC Parents' Night Out	19 7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group	20 4:30pm Weight Watchers	21	22 Washington's Birthday
23 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School	24 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:00pm Weight Watchers	25 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group	26 Ash Wednesday 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study 12noon Ash Wed. Service & Potluck lunch 6:00pm Supper 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service	27 4:30pm Weight Watchers	28	29 Leap Day Leap Year

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