

FEB/MAR 2021



BETHEL BEACON

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



“The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed.”

Bethel Lutheran Church

5232 Irvine Avenue NW,
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Church Office

closed until further notice

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. Worship
(1/2 Capacity)

In 1883, Krakatoa, a volcanic island in the South China sea, exploded with the most force in natural history. All vegetation and all life on the island were completely obliterated. Yet, a few short years later, seeds drifting in the wind and waves, and carried by birds slowly transformed the barren landscape into a rainforest again.

Jesus talked about the kingdom of God in terms of seeds. Seeds may not be impressive at first glance. Some are so small, one can barely even notice them at all. Yet, *‘from an acorn a mighty Oak doth grow’*. Seeds can even go dormant for thousands of years! In January 2005, a 2000 year old date seed discovered during the Masada excavations in Israel was planted. Two months later in March 2005, a single date seed germinated, becoming one of the oldest known seeds ever to be successfully cultivated.

The Kingdom of God is like a seed, often unnoticed, or unimpressive, but who can predict its size or power? God indeed works in mysterious ways. The promise of the seed reminds us all that no matter what stage of growth we are in, God’s Spirit is inside us giving us growth and power!

-Pastor Mark Kindem



On January 10, new adjustments to Minnesota COVID rules were started. Places of worship are free to open at half capacity with no max capacity. Receptions and parties can resume but only between two households inside and 3 households outside. Indoor dining and entertainment is open again at 50% and 25% capacity respectively.

COVID vaccines are being administered for those 65 and older, and for essential health and child care workers. Sanford is contacting those eligible in Bemidji.

Please remember to NOT touch the front of your face mask unless you clean your hands before and after. Germs and viruses can wick through masks, moving from the outside to the inside and vice versa.

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.



"He shall be peace." -Micah 5:4

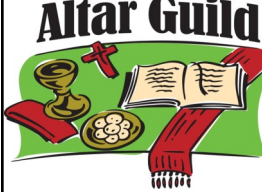
We hear the words every Sunday, "The peace of the Lord be with you always" and we reply, "And also with you".

Looking back on last year, I would say that it was not a year of peace. As we are moving forward into a new year, we need to remember that no matter what happens in the world that we are not in control; God is in control. He will be our peace in troubled times and only God can bring us through. We might lean on one another for physical support, but through our prayers for peace and calming, God will be there to hear them and bring us spiritual peace. Walking into our season of Lent, we remember that Jesus also went through a time when things were out of his control. Jesus knew that God will be there at the end, which is what we need to remember as well. Whatever is thrown our way, God will be there guiding us, hearing us, and showing us peace.

Kelly Kindem,
Council President




Bethel will be delivering
Meals-on-Wheels
March 8-12, May 24-28, August 9-13,
and October 25-29.



Altar Guild
Altar Guild still needs someone to cover the second Sunday of the month! This entails preparing and cleaning up communion supplies.

Talk to Sandy or Sally!



Lenten
SCHEDULE

At the moment no Lenten services are planned. But Worship and Music and the Church Office continue to watch the progress of COVID and the state recommendations.

Changes will be published in the weekly announcements which can be found at bethelbemidji.org. Leave a message with the church office (444-4746) or Sally's home phone (751-0759) if you would like weekly bulletins mailed to you.

Ash Wednesday—February 17
Palm Sunday—March 28
Maundy Thursday—April 1
Good Friday—April 2
Easter Sunday—April 4



The Mission of the Church is to Glorify God.

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Tuesday, December 08, 2020

Old Business:

November Elections: A quorum was achieved (barely). The new members were welcomed.

Budget: M/S Kelly Kindem/Bernice Beck to table until January meeting.

Other:

Lisa Vind reported that the Youth are still meeting. It is a bit of a balancing act with some wanting to meet in person and some not. There have been in person and zoom meetings. The next meeting (Wednesday, December 09) will be a headlight walk at the state park.

Further discussion on solar panels will be done after the holidays.

Only one Christmas eve service has been scheduled. Pastor Kindem does not believe there will be enough people to worry about COVID restrictions and another service. There was discussion about a possible livestream on Facebook.

New Business:

Other: Council President McIntyre reminded the members that election of officers will be done next meeting. He cannot be president in 2021, having already served two terms.

Bernice Beck reported that Church in Mission met briefly and the January “Go the Extra Mile” offering will be Journey Outreach, with Joan Miller speaking.

Old Business:

Budget: The budget has a positive balance. M/S Lisa Vind/Pastor Kindem to present budget, with addition of \$100,000 line for solar panels, to the congregation at the annual meeting. **The Motion Passed.**

M/S Sally McIntyre/Kelly Kindem to present the BCCC budget as written to the congregation at the annual meeting. **The Motion Passed.**

New Business:

Annual Meeting: Will be held January 31 in the sanctuary. Signatures will be collected on slips of bright colored paper; akin to the elections. Care will need to be taken with microphones and social distancing. People will need to speak up and the president will need to repeat questions over the microphone.

Election of Officers: The following slate was accepted by unanimous vote.

- President: Kelly Kindem
- Vice-President: Lisa Vind
- Secretary: Sally McIntyre
- Treasurer: Byron Rock

Other: There was discussion on the sanctuary temperature. Pastor turns the thermostat to 71° when he arrives at the church at 7:00 a.m. Some Council members thought it was cold, some hot and some fine.

It was reported that snow plowing and blowing is being done by Crete Co. Inc. They do not spread salt.

Respectively submitted by Council Secretary, Sally McIntyre



February 3

Service:
Deliver
Blankets

February 10

Study: Love
and
Relationships

February 17

Study: Love and Relationships

February 24

No Youth Group

February 28

Family Activity

March 3

Study: Worry and Anxiety

March 10

TBD

March 17

Study: Worry and Anxiety

March 24

No Youth Group

March 28

Family Activity

March 31

Service Project

On February 14, the “Go the Extra Mile” offering will be asking everyone to pick up a WNALC Mission bank to fill with spare change, or paper money, or checks, and bring back to church around Easter. From the WNALC website:



Marcella Nelson



WNALC Mission Banks 2020-2021

The Women of the North American Lutheran Church Executive Council thank you for your continued faithfulness in supporting the general fund & the Mission Bank Program this past year. \$8,132.00 was given to our two Mission Bank recipients for the 2019-2020 year; Lutheran Bible Translators & Bethesda Lutheran Communities.

Additionally, there were contributions to the North American Lutheran Church Disaster Response given by the members of the WNALC. NALC Disaster Response wishes to thank you for the generous contributions of \$13,120 in gift cards from the Stuff the Tonka campaign for families impacted by disasters, 1168 flood buckets, 560 health kits, 648 quilts, 275 school kits, 200 baby layettes & 800 Bibles.

The virtual gathering of the WNALC on August 4th voted to approve two Mission Bank recipients for the 2020-2021 year. The **North American Lutheran Church Great Commission Society** & the **North American Lutheran Church Disaster Response** were chosen by the delegates attending the gathering.

The **Great Commission Society** works to connect needs & resources within the NALC. These needs are for global workers in overseas settings, new mission starts & various needs of churches in the United States. Grants are given to help missions, pastors & churches spread the Gospel. We will hear more about these projects in future newsletters. If you want more information go to thenalc.org/gcs.

NALC Disaster Response is familiar to many of you already because the WNALC has supported them in the past. They send relief items, volunteers & funding to aid disaster victims in the United States suffering damage from natural disasters such as floods, storms & fires. If you need help from Disaster Response, or desire to help, contact Mary Bates at 740-509-1132 or disasterresponse@NALC.org

Thank you for your faithfulness & prayer in supporting the Mission Bank Program. We appreciate your continued support in offerings to the missions in the USA & abroad.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV)



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 was very busy during 2020 and distributed 826,620 pounds of food during 12,584 visits. This is about 1,000 more visits than in 2019.

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.

Specific Needs: Size 5 diapers, small bottles of laundry detergent, toilet paper, large bottles of shampoo/conditioner, baby wipes

COVID 19 RESPONSE: Churches United continues to assist individuals and families in the community. Applicants are allowed into the office now – one client at a time.

Everyone dropping off donations is 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



- 12 Ray Suther
- 19 Tessa Sadek (11)
- 21 Raymond Brown

- 02 Mark Kindem
- 08 Charlotte Espe
- 18 Dennis Zeto
- 25 Gordon Franks
- 27 Linda Schramm
- 29 Gerald Fenske
- Kelly Kindem
- 30 Allison Heuer (2)



Paul & Ida Martinson
 March 31, 1962 (59)



Left: Youth Group enjoying some distanced, outside fellowship!
 Right: Encouragement cards made by the Youth.



BETHEL FUNERALS

MARLENE BERGSTROM

BIRTH: DECEMBER 12, 1930
DEATH: DECEMBER 28, 2020
FUNERAL: JUNE 12, 2021

HARLAN CHARON

BIRTH: MARCH 12, 1926
DEATH: DECEMBER 18, 2020
FUNERAL: TBD

RICHARD ZEMAN

DEATH: DECEMBER 23, 2020 (96)
FUNERAL: PRIVATE CEREMONY



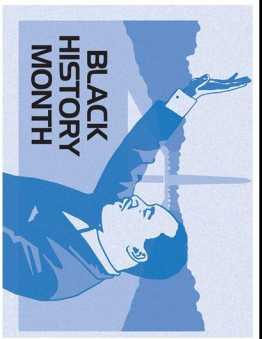

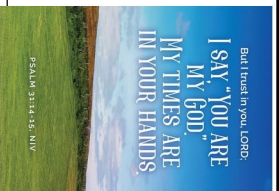


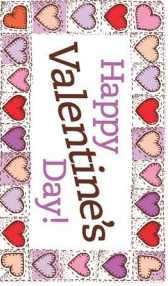







"For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His."

Set your clocks ahead on Sunday, March 14

"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 13TH:
SALVATION ARMY--\$389.00

JANUARY 10TH:
JOURNEY OUTREACH -- \$99.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>BLACK HISTORY MONTH</p>	<p>1</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>  <p>Groundhog Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00am FINANCE COMMITTEE 5:00pm BCCC Advisory Mtg 6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> 
<p>7</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> 	<p>13</p>
<p>14 "Go the Extra Mile" for WNALC Mission Banks</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>  <p>PRESIDENTS DAY</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:45pm BCCC Staff Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> 
<p>21</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>No Youth Group</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>PURIM</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service</p>  <p>Youth Group: Family Activity</p>						

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<p>1</p> <p>2021</p>	<p>2</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>FINANCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>10:00am</p> <p>5:00pm BCCC Advisory Mtg 6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>Food Shelf Sunday</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Bethel Delivers Meals-on-Wheels March 8-12</p>	<p>9</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Meals on Wheels</p> <p>6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Lent: A Season of Preparation</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>"Go the Extra Mile"</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> 
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<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service</p> <p>Youth Group: Family Activity</p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>DEADLINE: Beacon Articles</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>March</p> 		