

FEB/MAR 2022



BETHEL BEACON

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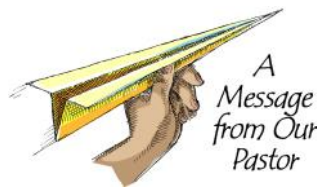
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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



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

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



Some of the youth and families who went on the Christmas Lights Tour, December 15, 2021.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 12 Ray Suther
- 18 Anthony Johannes (1)
- 19 Tessa Sadek (12)

Baptism

HARDIN SCOTT NEWHOUSE

son of Ryan and Taylor Newhouse, grandson of Don and Lisa Newhouse, was welcomed into the family of Christ on Saturday, December 18. His sponsors are Brandon Newhouse, Tori Newhouse, and Nathan Newhouse.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Mark Kindem
- 18 Dennis Zeto
- 25 Gordon Franks
- 27 Linda Schramm
- 29 Gerald Fenske
Kelly Kindem



**Set your clocks ahead
on
Sunday, March 13!**



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- Mark & Marie Olson**
March 8, 1986 (36)
- Paul & Ida Martinson**
March 31, 1962 (60)

FAITH
HOPE
& LOVE

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

COLLECTED OFFERING FOR

DECEMBER 12TH:
SALVATION ARMY – \$68.00

JANUARY 9TH:
VILLAGE OF HOPE – \$150.11

Thank You!





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: In spite of all the challenges of 2021, the Food Shelf served 17,887 people (5,462 were 17 years old or younger and 2,243 were 65 or older) with 548,845 pounds of food.

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

Mission Speaker for March: Debbie Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator for the Food Shelf, will be our speaker for March and will share more information on the Food Shelf.

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

The 2nd Mile Offering for February will be WNALC Mission Banks. Congregational members are encouraged to bring home a ‘Bank’ and fill it with money, coins, cash, or check and then bring that back by Easter. The WNALC splits donations between a domestic mission group and an international mission group. This year the domestic group will be NALC Disaster Response.



Disaster Response

“The Disaster Response Fund:

- responds rapidly when domestic natural disasters occur.
- alleviates human suffering.
- provides transitional assistance.
- enables those affected to begin the rebuilding process.”

This year the international mission will be the Great Commission Society. “The Great Commission Society provides short-term grants in order to produce long-term change. By partnering with the Great Commission Society, you are helping to provide transitional support, emergency aid, and startup funds for ministries and new mission starts.”





The mission of the Church is to Glorify God.

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Old Business:

Parking Lot Repaving:

The current bid appears to be a straight repaving, not a tear out and replace. Andy Powell wants to learn more about the cost/benefits between the two. He noted we got a long life out of our parking lot considering the lack of maintenance. It should be resealed regularly but was never done. Andrew Hanson noted resealing should be put on a schedule.

Committees vs. Trustees Vs. Deacons:

President Kindem turned this over to Dennis Zeto. He stated he brought it up because he believes we need to think about small church mode. In Solway, Trustees dealt with the building maintenance and other non-religious needs and Deacons helped with Sunday School, Worship and Music, etc. If people wanted to change something they went through Deacons first and then brought it to the Council. Dennis believes Council members should be advisors not doers. The problem is committees are in the constitution and it requires 2 successive annual meetings to change the church constitution. After some discussion it was decided to combine some of the committees and for each council member to sign up for 3 committees so that there is at least a small core for each committee that can meet at least once a year. The combinations will be Youth/Christian Education, Evangelism/Fellowship/Worship and Music.

Ice Dams:

It was noted that we still have ice dams in the valleys of the roof, which we had thought the steel roof and new insulation would take care of. Andy Powell pointed out that if the pipes aren't positioned correctly, insulation can't help. He recommended keeping an eye on the situation this winter and if needed, look into the issue this summer. It might be fine until we have to replace a furnace, which would be a good time to go in and redo the duct work.

New Business:

Other

Advertising:

Advertising possibilities were brainstormed including movie theater ads (too expensive), brochures to hand out at parades (possible Youth activity?), old school type flyers, and yard signs.

VBS:

The possibility of Vacation Bible School was raised, but there is concern about finding enough volunteers.

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Old Business:

Parking Lot Repaving:

Andy Powell talked to the appraiser who did our quote. The appraiser says our lot is a good candidate for a straight repaving. Tearing out the old asphalt would double the price and not add greatly to the life.

Ice Dams:

An unforeseen consequence of the steel roof is that sliding snow gets caught by the furnace pipes, plugging them and turning the furnace off. Andy Powell recommends having Naylor's put a pipe extension on to prevent this in the future.

Solar Panels:

The question of possibly clearing the solar panels of snow was raised. Members with experience said it wasn't considered worth the trouble.

New Business:

Panic Buttons:

The council approved 4 more panic buttons to be placed in the BCCC office, the romper room, the church kitchen and the sanctuary, as long as the cost was less than \$100/button.

Election of Officers:

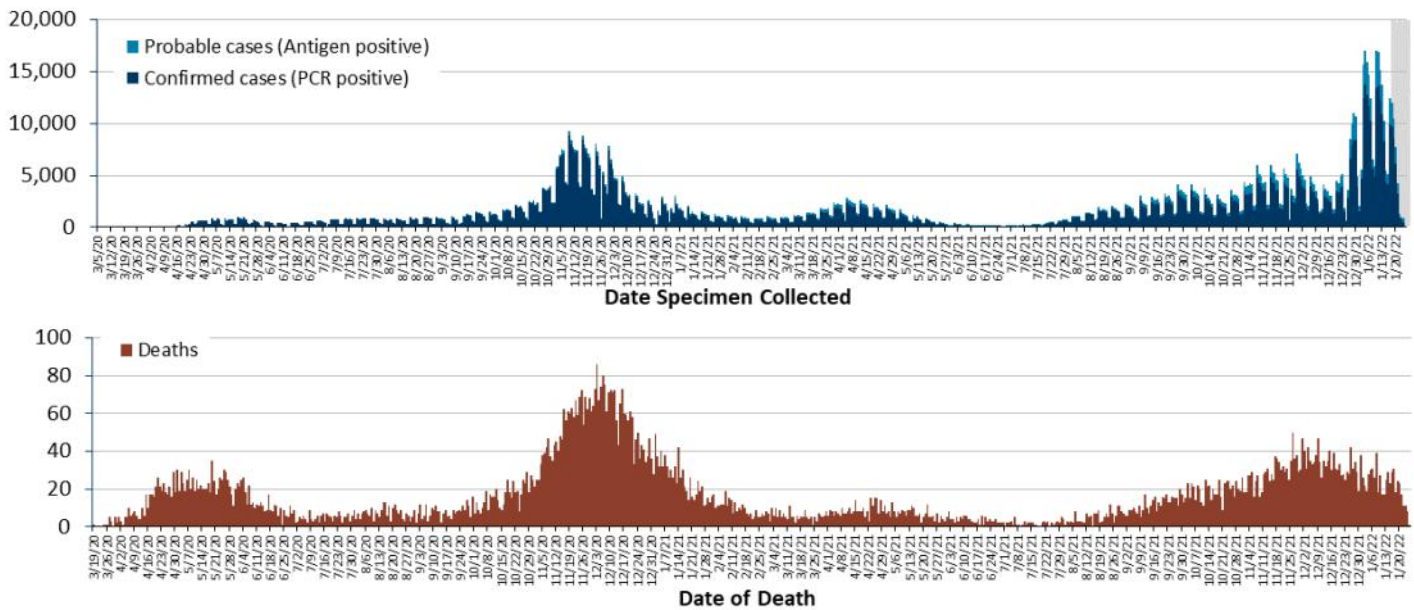
President: Kelly Kindem
Vice-President: Lisa Vind
Secretary: Sally McIntyre
Treasurer: Marie Olson

Respectively submitted,
Sally McIntyre, Council Secretary



Unfortunately, CoVID-19 is still with us, and likely to remain so. The best thing you can do is get a vaccine and/or a booster. *Like all vaccines*, the CoVID mRNA vaccines are not 100% effective, 100% safe, and their protection wanes with time, but they still give your immune system a head start. If you are uncertain about the vaccine or boosters, talk to your doctor. The next best thing is to take care of your health. Get plenty of sleep, exercise, and nutrition. If your doctor okays it, take supplements of Vitamin C, zinc, and Vitamin D. Don't forget other illnesses like the common cold and flu are still around! These steps can help with those, too.

Minnesota had a record number of cases in January, but also lower deaths than our last peak. Here's hoping the omicron variant really is more mild! The following charts are from the MN Department of Health website and are only for the state.



Testing:

At home testing kits can be bought at various pharmacies and should be reimbursed, in part or wholly, by your health plan. Kits can also be ordered on learn.vaulthealth.com/state-of-minnesota and, of course, the federal site, covidtests.gov. If you can find them, it is best to buy a test in store, as tests are not meant to be stored below 35 °F and may give false results if frozen during mailing.



On a more positive note, here is the altar decorated for Christmas!

youth group

SCHEDULE

Wednesdays starting at 6:00 p.m.
with a meal.

February 2

Fun Night: Hike and Hot Chocolate
at Bemidji State Park

February 9

Study: Study, Sex, & Dating

February 16

Study: Study, Sex, & Dating

Sunday, February 20

Family Activity: Ice Fishing

February 23

Service: Pregnancy Center

March 2

Fun Night: TBD

March 9

No Youth Group (Spring Break)

March 16

Study: Travel Guide to the Bible

March 23

Study: Travel Guide to the Bible

March 30

Service: Food Shelf



Left: Another picture from the Christmas Lights Tour.

Right: The Youth Group had a White Elephant Gift Exchange.



Wednesday 12 noon
Services are followed by a
Potluck Lunch

Ash Wednesday

March 2
12 noon and 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays in Lent

March 9 ~ 16 ~ 23 ~ 30
April 6
12 noon only

Palm Sunday

April 10
9:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 14
7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 15
7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 17
9:00 a.m.

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<p>6</p> <p>Food Shelf Sunday</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Finance Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30am Weight Watchers</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30-7:30pm BCCC Parents' Night Out</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>"Go the Extra Mile" for WNALC Mission Banks</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30am Weight Watchers</p> <p></p>	<p>15</p> <p></p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>17</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>No Public School Church Office Closed</p>	<p>19</p> <p></p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School</p> <p>Youth Group Family Activity: Ice Fishing</p>	<p>21</p> <p>President's Day Church Office Closed No Public School</p> <p>9:30am Weight Watchers</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <p></p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p></p>
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