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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



"If for this life only we who have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep". -1 Corinthians 15:19-20

They put him in a tomb on a Friday afternoon. They rolled a large stone against the entrance. He was dead. Let no one disturb his body. They even stationed guards at the tomb to make sure that no one would take him away. But they forgot one thing; they hadn't figured on God! God had sent him on a mission which included death, but death wasn't the end of the errand. God raised him from the dead; He defeated death from the inside out!

Martin Luther in his small catechism asks "What does this mean?" Some would ask now, "What does Easter mean?" "What's the big deal?" I am glad you asked. In the hymn "Come My Way, My Truth, My Life", written in the 1600's, author George Herbert writes: *"Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all strife, Such a life as killeth death."*

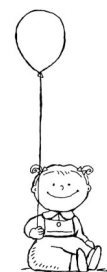
Death is killed! It no longer has the last word! The last word now belongs to Jesus! And he speaks to you and me, just like he spoke to Mary that first Easter morning. He calls us by name and gives us a new life. Because of Easter there is forgiveness. Because of Easter there is victory. Because of Easter there is love and courage. Because of Easter there is an everlasting future, not a dead end. That's what Easter means. That's what the difference is. Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ!

Pastor Mark Kindem

ATTENTION!

All parents of graduates (either college or high school), please turn in a senior picture and bio by Sunday, May 6th.

We will have a celebration for them on Sunday, May 20th.



Child Care Available

Want to attend church but don't want to corral young children?

The church nursery is now staffed by a BCCC teacher or aide every Sunday. So feel free to stroll on in, leave your children with a known and trusted adult, grab some coffee from the coffee cart and enjoy worshipping the Lord!

Jesus' Sufferings

None of us like to contemplate suffering, but we are called to suffer for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel. What does that mean? As a partial answer consider what Jesus endured during Holy Week.

He traveled to Jerusalem, knowing that He would suffer, be nailed to the cross, endure the excruciating pain and die. The mental anguish during the entire week would have been great, so great that on the night of His betrayal He sweat blood. The fact that one of His own betrayed Him and He knew that it would happen was of great concern to Him. He said of the one who would do it, "It would be better for that one to never have been born." He knew what the event would do to Judas. He was concerned for Judas but Judas was chosen for this purpose.

Early in Holy Week, He was angered by the "business" that was conducted in the temple under the guise of religious rites. His anger fueled His actions.

The fact that the Jews, His own people, rejected Jesus, must have been a terrible realization for Him. The anguish He felt for them was mentioned several times in the Gospels. In brief, "Jerusalem, how I wept for you, but you would not listen."

He asks us for our love and obedience. He also tells His disciples, and us, what it will cost us. We will be rejected, reviled and subjected to abuse because we believe and teach what He has commanded us to do.

What are we called to do? Love God and love our neighbors. This includes telling them about Jesus, His love, His suffering, His death and His resurrection and the reason why He was sent by God. He loves you beyond belief. Can you tell someone about Him today and again tomorrow?

-Kirt Dreyer, Council President

"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 FEBRUARY

WNALC MISSION BANKS:

TOTAL DONATION WILL BE PUBLISHED
IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER SENT OUT!

COLLECTED OFFERING FOR MARCH

FOOD SHELF: \$ 89.00

Red Lake Walleye Bethel



Sunday, April 29th

5 - 6:30 p.m.

\$12 per person

Extra fillet \$3

Fillet of Walleye

Potatoes—Beans

Cole Slaw

Dessert & Drink



The mission of the Church is to Glorify God

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

New Business:

Beacon Mailing

M/S Lisa Newhouse/Vi Suther motioned to print and make the beacon available to be distributed to the congregation on the second Sunday of every other month unless requested to be mailed. **Motion Passed.**

Discussion: Having extras available on Wednesday evening and to remind people that it is online. With the few next Sundays, we should have an announcement in the bulletin as why we are not mailing all of the beacons and if someone would still like it mailed to talk to Sally. We also would be explaining why we are not mailing the beacons anymore.

Wedding vs. other use fees

Discussion: There are errors and inconsistencies within the written documents. There needs to be a committee to discuss.

M/S Sara Dreyer/Kelly Vind made a motion to form a committee with Sara Dreyer, Lisa Newhouse, Patti VanCamp, Kirt Dryer and Laurie Pommerening to discuss the Policy Statement and Rental Fees for use of Bethel's Buildings and Equipment. **Motion Passed.**

New member--- Della Cluff

M/S Sara Dreyer/Jessica Powell moved to accept Della Cluff as a new member. **Motion Passed.**

Cleaning Concerns

Discussion: Cleaning the infant room bathroom, pathways from the classrooms, keeping up with the snow on the sidewalk, main bathrooms being cleaned thoroughly twice a week, vacuuming the front of the sanctuary, plowing a path to the playground, office being vacuumed and possibly coming once in a while during the day so we can talk with her if we have concerns.

6. Debt Reduction Pledges

Discussion: Debt Reduction pledges are still being accepted and being put into a different account that can be accessed if need be. Distinction should be made as to where

people would like their offering to go. An announcement should be made that we have equaled the amounts of the benevolence fund so the local is getting as much as the international missions. Also clarification should be made to who we are giving the benevolence amount to.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Vind, Council Secretary.

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Old Business:

Committees

Property, Fellowship, and Evangelism do not have functioning committees. Property is down to one person. Bethel does not have a computer/technology guru for troubleshooting and upkeep. Kirt Dreyer and Samantha Pond will take turns giving short Temple Talks before service to talk about a specific committee and what it does.

Activities for Families

Discussion of possible activities for families and all Bethel members. There will be another Fall picnic on September 9 at Diamond Point Park. There will be work done to possibly schedule a Fishing Day, a Spring Picnic at church, and a Bonfire at church.

Coffee Cart

There was on March 11 and will be in the future, a cart in the narthex with coffee, creamer, etc. for those who would like a cup before service but don't wish to go into the Fellowship Hall or who would like a spill lid. There will be a Free Will Offering basket. There will be K-cup options until donated K-cups run out.

Patti VanCamp's Retirement

Patti VanCamp will retire at the end of April. Fellowship Hour on April 22 will be in her honor. Pastor Kindem will pick-up a cake. There will be a collection to say Thank You.

Respectfully submitted by Sally McIntyre, Substitute Secretary.





- 08 Bradley Hoff
- Hunter Olson
- 09 Joyce Rendahl
- 12 Sarah (Kindem) McKeown
- 13 Helen Thompson
- 15 Samantha Pula
- Matthew Copiskey
- 20 Keith Pommerening
- 21 Helen Fusaro
- 24 Duane Christensen
- Donald DeLapp
- 25 Andrew Case
- 27 Phyllis Ugelstad



- 02 Eli Olson
- 03 Lori Jerdee
- 05 Carol Kilian
- 06 Delores Kilian
- Daisy Sadek
- Arlene Stratton
- 10 Bruce Dreyer
- 12 Doug Lilleby
- 21 Corrina Copiskey
- 25 Sara Dreyer



Harold and Phyllis Ugelstad
April 22, 1995 (23)

Andler and Jessica Powell

May 12, 2007 (11)




Della Cluff



Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Sharon Hanks who died on Sunday, February 11.

Sharon was the daughter of Bethel member Verlie Geror and was 67 years old.

“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.”

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday Food Shelf Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am OCA (Orthodox Church in America): Typica	2 ← BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm Bethel Delivers Meals-on-Wheels April 2-6 5:00pm Weight Watchers	3 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm Bethel Delivers Meals-on-Wheels April 2-6 5:00pm Weight Watchers	4 Bethel's Day at Food Shelf 7:00am Men's Group 8:15am Finance Com. Mtg. 10:00am Bible Study 5:45pm Wed. Night Kids' Club 6:00pm Wednesday Supper 6:30pm Youth Group	5 4:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm OCA: Matins	6 7:00pm OCA: Vespers	7 11:30pm OCA: Nocturns & Matins
8 "Go the Extra Mile" for ReStore/Habitat for Humanity WNALC Mission Banks Due 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:30am Romper Room Com. Mtg 11:00am OCA: Divine Liturgy followed by Education Time and Potluck Meal	9 ← BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:00pm Weight Watchers 6:30pm Council Meeting	10 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 6:30pm Council Meeting	11 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm BCCC Advisory Mtg 5:45pm Wed. Night Kids' Club 6:00pm Wednesday Supper 6:30pm Youth Group	12 4:30pm Weight Watchers	13 7:00pm OCA: Vespers	14
15 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am OCA: Typica	16 ← BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:00pm Weight Watchers 5-6:30pm BCCC Art Show and Ice Cream Social	17 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5-6:30pm BCCC Art Show and Ice Cream Social	18 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study 5:45pm Wed. Night Kids' Club 6:00pm Wednesday Supper 6:30pm Youth Group	19 4:30pm Weight Watchers	20 Gregerson/Shafer Wedding Rehearsal	21 Gregerson/Shafer Wedding 5:00pm OCA: Great Vespers
22 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour w/ Retirement Party for Patti VanCamp 11:00am OCA: Divine Liturgy followed by Education Time and Potluck Meal	23 ← BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:00pm Weight Watchers	24 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:45pm BCCC Staff Meeting	25 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study 5:45pm Wed. Night Kids' Club 6:00pm Wednesday Supper 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Confirmation	26 4:30pm Weight Watchers	27	28
29 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am OCA: Typica Men's Group Fish Fry 5:00-6:30pm	30 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:00pm Weight Watchers	BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:00pm Weight Watchers				



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6	Food Shelf Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am OCA: Divine Liturgy followed by Education Time and Potluck Meal Graduate Plus & Bios Due Pentecost Geranium Orders Due	7	8	9	10	11	12
			BCCO Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm BCCO Advisory Mtg 5:45pm Wed. Night Kids' Club 6:00pm Wednesday Supper 6:30pm Youth Group	7:30-9am BCCO: Muffins for Moms 4:30pm Weight Watchers		10:00am Vind Wedding Shower in F.H.
13 "Go the Extra Mile" for Great River Rescue	14	15	16	17	18	19	Armed Forces Day 5:00pm OCA: Great Vespers
9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am OCA: Typica	5:00pm Weight Watchers	BCCO Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study 5:45pm Wed. Night Kids' Club 6:00pm Wednesday Supper 6:30pm Youth Group & Confirmation: Road Clean-up	4:30pm Weight Watchers			
Mother's Day	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour w/ Graduate Celebration 11:00am OCA: Divine Liturgy followed by Education Time and Potluck Meal	5:00pm Weight Watchers	BCCO Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study Beacon Articles Due	4:30pm Weight Watchers			
27 Pentecost	28	29	30	31			
9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am OCA: Typica 2:30pm Worship @ Havenwood	Memorial Day BCCC & Office Closed	BCCO Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 4:30-7:30pm BCCO Babysits for Bi-CAP Class 5:45pm BCCO Staff Mtg.	7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study	4:30pm Weight Watchers			
2018							

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.”

“The person with two tunics should share with the person who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.”

-Luke 3:11

Some of the Food Shelf’s accomplishments during 2017:

1. Families Served: 2,924 families were served while making 11,282 visits. (This was an average of 76 families per day.)
2. Distributed 857,903 pounds of food to the above families. (This was a record year for pounds of food distributed.)
3. The 2017 MN Food Share campaign helped the Food Shelf purchase food for the busy summer months. Food Share for March 2018 will be used for the same purpose.
4. During the summer of 2017 the Farm constructed a Deep Winter Greenhouse in partnership with the University of Minnesota. (268 volunteers served 2,213 hours to provide 11,000 pounds of fresh produce to families.)

Thank you: All of these accomplishments would not have been possible without donations and volunteers from the community. A special thank you to Bethel’s volunteers – Karen Tank, Char Espe, Suze Ann Pearson, Alice Sadek and Dee Tieglund.

Would you like to volunteer at the Food Shelf?

The Food Shelf will be hosting an open house for anyone interested in volunteering from 7-8 p.m., Tuesday, April 3 at the Food Shelf at 1260 Exchange Avenue SE. The Food Shelf has several distinct needs including seasonal farm work, rescuing food from area stores, interviewing customers, warehouse work, and assisting customers in the store. Those planning to attend should RSVP by 4 p.m. Monday, April 2

by calling 444-6580 and asking for Emily or by emailing emily.bemidjifoodshelf@gmail.com.

Current Needs: The Food Shelf is in need of canned meat, peanut butter, cold cereal, canned fruit, pancake mix, bar soap, shampoo, dish and laundry detergent, toilet paper, tooth paste, deodorant, and facial tissue.

Anita Spangler, Food Shelf Representative

Churches United

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

Services: Basic needs (shelter, food, clothing, and assistance with utilities and emergency transportation). Referrals to area agencies and businesses.

Location and Hours: The Churches United office is located at 414 Lincoln Ave SE (the old Lincoln school building). Hours of operation are: M, T, Th, & Fr from noon – 4pm.

Current Needs: Snack items to go into the sack lunches, larger clear plastic bins, travel size deodorant, size 5 diapers, full size shampoo/conditioner/bar soap. Nearly 100 individuals came through the doors of Churches United during the month of February. Total assistance totaled \$3337.90. Revenue for the month was \$2509.34.

Thanks to Bethel for their continued monetary support to Churches United!

-Char Espe



After 16 years, Patti VanCamp, our Office Administrator and Finance Manager, is retiring at the end of April. We will have an Appreciation Party during Fellowship on Sunday, April 22.

The Beacon is no longer being mailed to each member of the congregation. A bulk mailing license is \$300/year. Mailing out 6 Beacons a year, with a cost of ~\$35 each mailing is a total of \$510/year. This does not include the cost of the required heavy-weight paper.

At \$85/ mailing, we can mail 170 first class letters and still save. This issue we mailed 92.



... HE WAS
RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY
 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES...
1 CORINTHIANS 15:4, ESV

youth group
 SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 31
 Easter Brunch Prep
Sunday, April 1
 Easter Brunch

Wednesday, April 4
 Study: Sin

Wednesday, April 11
 Study: Eternal Life

Wednesday, April 18
 Service: Food Shelf

Friday, April 20
 BBQ & Bonfire @ McKains

Wednesday, April 25
 College Connection/Confirmation

Wednesday, May 2
 Study: Conversion

Wednesday, May 9
 Study: God's Love

Wednesday, May 16
 Service: Adopt-a-Highway

Kids'

Bible Club
Wednesdays
5:45 - 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation
Classes

Wednesdays
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

April
4-11-18-25
May
2-9-16

April 25
May 16



a volunteer to make name banners for Baptisms. All materials supplied. Talk to Sally in the office!