

APR/MAY 2019



BETHEL BEACON

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:00 AM

Fellowship Hour



“If for this life only we 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

In 1961, “The Death of God” by Gianni Vahanian was published. (I was born in 1963!) He concluded that for the modern mind, “God is dead.” Theologians from every stripe were convinced that Vahanian was right, and so they went about trying to make the Church relevant to modern ears. They felt it necessary to modernize the claims of the Bible. They took great pains to avoid the embarrassing claim that God raised Jesus from the dead, so they spoke in metaphor, parable, symbolism, anything but. And to this day many modern theologians do the same.

However: John Updike, (an American novelist, poet, short story writer, art critic, and literary critic, who died in 2009), during this same time underwent a profound spiritual crisis. Suffering from a loss of religious faith, he began reading Søren Kierkegaard and the theologian Karl Barth. Both deeply influenced his own religious beliefs, which in turn figured prominently in his fiction. Updike remained a believing Christian for the rest of his life. He had this to say about those who were offended at the resurrection:

“Make no mistake; if he rose at all it is as his body; if the cell's dissolution did not reverse, the molecules reknit, the amino acids rekindle, the church will fall.

It was not as the flowers, each soft spring recurrent; it was not as his Spirit in the mouth and fuddled eyes of the eleven apostles; it was as his flesh: ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes, the same valved heart that-pierced-died, withered, paused, and then regathered out of enduring might new strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor, analogy, sidestepping, transcendence; making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the faded credulity of earlier ages; let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not paper-mache, not a stone in a story, but the vast rock of materiality that in the slow grinding of time will eclipse for each of us the wide light of day.

And if we will have an angel at the tomb, make it a real angel vivid with hair, opaque in the dawn light, robed in real linen spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous, for our own convenience, our own sense of beauty, lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are embarrassed by the miracle”

--"Seven Stanzas at Easter," from Telephone Poles and other Poems,
by John Updike 1961

Pastor Mark Kindem

**Council
President**

God's Promise: In 2 Corinthians chapter 3, Paul warns us that simply obeying the Ten Commandments is not the way to be saved. In Romans 3, Paul again writes that not by being good enough and trying to keep His laws can we be saved but by a new way (though not new really for the scriptures told about it long ago). Now God says He will accept and acquit us—declare us “not guilty”—if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be

saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been. Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal; yet now God declares us not guilty of offending him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in his kindness freely takes away our sins.

-Paul McIntyre

Red Lake Walleye

Bethel



Sunday, April 28th

5 - 6:30 p.m.

\$12 per person

Extra fillet \$3

Fillet of Walleye

Potatoes—Beans

Cole Slaw

Dessert & Drink

**Preparing
FOR
Easter**

Wednesdays—12 noon and 6:30 p.m. Lenten Services

April 3 ~ 10

Palm Sunday—April 14

Maundy Thursday—April 18, 7:00 p.m. Service

Good Friday—April 19, 7:00 p.m. Service

Saturday, April 20—Altar Dressing Practice, Youth prep Easter brunch

Easter Sunday—April 21



The mission of the Church is to Glorify God

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Old Business:

Quotes for Window Shades in the Sanctuary:

Through conversation, it was brought up that Lauries Blinds and Design is more expensive than Home Depot, but we would get better quality through Lauries Blinds and Design. It has been recommended to go with this option.

M/S Samantha Pond and Bernice Beck motion to accept the quote from Lauries Blinds and Design.

Aye: 10 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion Passed

Quote for Projector Relocation:

NLFX would come and install the projector and set it up for us, but we still need an electrician to run the conduit for the projector. We are looking at doing this projector and the Narthex Cross Illumination project at the same time.

M/S Kelly Kindem and Samantha Pond motion to accept the quote from NLFX to replace our current projector.

Aye: 11 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion Passed

Narthex Cross Illumination:

Brandon Pond would donate his time for this project. He needs another electrician to help with this project. The whole project would be between \$3,500 and \$4,000 for the installation of the lights and running the wires for this project.

M/S Mark Kindem and Sara Dreyer motion to allow Samantha Pond and Sara Dreyer to look into this project more.

Aye: 10 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion Passed

New Business:

All Church Game Night:

March 10, 24, or 31st from 3-5pm. We would ask people to bring a snack or game to share.

Council highlights:

A congregation member would like to see the council highlights be put in the bulletin after the council meeting. It was discussed that this would not be doable because they are not approved. Sara Dreyer will direct the member to Sally McIntyre to see about getting the member a copy of the minutes after they are approved.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Kindem

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Correspondence: Hands of Action Email: At this time we are not able to financially support this.

Old Business:

Blue Chairs:

No new news

Window Shades in the Sanctuary:

They are ordered and will hopefully be installed before Easter.

Projector Relocation:

We were waiting for the quote from the electrician.

Narthex Cross Illumination:

The total of the Cross Illumination and the Projector relocation would be \$5,259.70.

M/S Kirt Dreyer and Sara Dreyer motion to accept the quote for Todavich Electric.

Aye: 11 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion Passed

New Business:

Advertising:

March/April Radio ad to remind to have a safe prom and Graduation, 1wk, \$260.

M/S Sara Dreyer and Lisa Vind move to not advertise on the radio for prom and graduation.

Aye: 11 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion Passed

Centerpieces:

There is no one doing them for now and we are wondering if someone wants to do seasonal ones or just have a non-seasonal. The option of crosses has been brought up for the tables.

M/S Nancy Streightiff and Byron Rock motion to keep the centerpieces on the tables.

Aye: 11 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion Passed

Romper Room Architect Estimate:

Bruce and Gary did some research and were directed toward a company in Nisswa.

Andy Powell suggested another company to get a second quote from, just for reference.

Shampoo the carpet in the Sanctuary:

The glue on the carpet will bubble and not lay the right way if the whole thing is done at one time.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Kindem.

EASTER
CHANGES EVERYTHING



April

BIRTHDAYS

- 08 Bradley Hoff
- Hunter Olson
- Caleb Lundeen (11)
- 09 Joyce Rendahl
- 12 Sarah (Kindem) McKeown
- 13 Helen Thompson
- 15 Matthew Copiskey
- 20 Keith Pommerening
- 21 Helen Fusaro
- 24 Donald DeLapp
- 25 Andrew Case



May

BIRTHDAYS

- 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
- 30 Owen Lundeen (14)




MAY

ANNIVERSARIES

Andler and Jessica Powell

May 12, 2007 (12)



Donald & Christine Koosmann

May 15, 1971 (48)

With Sympathy Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Shirley Kindem who died on Sunday, March 24. Shirley was the mother of Pastor Mark.

"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
	<p>1</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bethel at Food Shelf 12-3 7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study 12noon Lenten Service and Potluck</p> <p>6:30pm Lenten Service 7:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:30pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Food Shelf Sunday</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bethel at Food Shelf 12-3 7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study 12noon Lenten Service and Potluck</p> <p>5:00pm BCCC Advisory Mtg 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:30pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Palm Sunday</p> <p>"Go the Extra Mile" for Support Within Reach</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>Bethel Delivers Meals-on-Wheels April 15-19</p>	<p>16</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>BCCC Conferences</p>	<p>18</p> <p>4:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>19</p> <p>BCCC Closed</p> <p>7:00pm Good Friday Service</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00am Music Rehearsal 10:00am Dressing of the Altar Rehearsal</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Easter</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour No Sunday School</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>23</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>4:30-6:00pm BCCC Ice Cream Social and Art Show</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Evening Bible Study</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>4:30pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00am-5:00pm Bi-CAP training in F.H.</p> <p>6:30pm Young Adult/ Family Game Night</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Bethel Fish Fry</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>				

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12 Mother's Day "Go the Extra Mile" for Village of Hope 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School	13 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:00pm Weight Watchers	14 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 6:30pm Council Meeting	8 Bethel at Food Shelf 12-3 7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study 12:00pm Finance Com. Mtg. 5:00pm BCCC Advisory Mtg 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Evening Bible Study	9 4:30pm Weight Watchers	10 4:30pm Weight Watchers	11 4:30pm Weight Watchers
19 Geranium Orders Due 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School	20 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:00pm Weight Watchers	21 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm Beacon Deadline 5:45pm BCCC Staff Meeting	15 7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Evening Bible Study	16 4:30pm Weight Watchers	17 4:30pm Weight Watchers	18 Armed Forces Day
26 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour No Sunday School 2:30pm Worship at Havenwood	27 Memorial Day BCCC & Church Office Closed 5:00pm Weight Watchers	28 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	22 7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm BCCC Graduation 6:30pm Evening Bible Study	23 4:30pm Weight Watchers	24 4:30pm Weight Watchers	25 4:30pm Weight Watchers
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Church in Mission



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

Clients Served in 2018: BCFS provided families and individuals with food for approximately 398,600 meals. Nearly 3,000 households visited the Food Shelf 11,234 times with 70% of households coming only one to four times.

Clients Served in January 2019:

During January, 792 families were served with 62,800 pounds of food. The Food Shelf opened its doors to Federal employees furloughed due to the government shutdown. Although Federal employees are prohibited from accepting donations totaling \$50 or more within a one-year period, they may receive free assistance from an established agency.

Changes in Bethel’s Schedule:

Bethel’s schedule for the Food Shelf has now been changed to the first two Wednesday afternoons of the month from 12 to 3. Thank you to our volunteers Char Espe, Karen Tank, Suze Beck and Bob Spangler. If you can volunteer on one of these afternoons, please call me at 586-3424.

March FoodShare (February 26 to April 8)

March FoodShare is the most important campaign of the year for BCFS. Funds raised during this time period allow the Food Shelf to replenish depleted reserves and gear up for the busy summer season. All donations of food and

dollars will receive a partial match from the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

Items Needed:

Personal care items, canned fruit and vegetables, pancake mix and clean plastic bags.

Anita Spangler, Food Shelf Representative



Churches United

Mission Statement:

Churches United is a nonprofit organization of Bemidji area churches led by the Spirit of Christ to work together to meet the emergency needs of homeless and low-income people in a prayerful way.

Motto: *Welcoming the stranger as Jesus.*

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

Current Needs: wet wipes for babies, travel size kleenex, chapstick or lip balm, toilet paper, Bibles, display rack for brochures.

71 intakes were processed for the month of February—that would total 186 individuals—of which 48 were homeless. Revenue for the month was \$8,045 which includes member church donations, private donations, and a Bethel Foundation Grant.

Thanks to Bethel for their continued financial support!

Office hours are 12-4 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday.

Char Espe
Executive Board Secretary

"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: \$ 77.00

MARCH FOOD SHELF: \$ 58.00

THANK YOU!

**Bethel Delivers
Meals-on-Wheels**

the weeks of

April 15-19,

July 1-5,

Sept. 16-20

Dec. 2-6



*"I am the
resurrection
and the life."*
JOHN 11:25



All parents of graduates
(pre-K through college),
please turn in a senior picture
and bio by Sunday, May 5th.

We will have a celebration for
them on Sunday, May 19th.



**Youth
Group
News**

Wednesday, April 3
Study: Angels

Wednesday, April 10
Study: The Church

Wednesday, April 17
Service

Saturday, April 20
Prep for Easter brunch

Sunday, April 21
Serve Easter Brunch

Wednesday, April 24
Study

Wednesday, May 1
Study

Wednesday, May 8
Service: Adopt-a-Highway

Wednesday, May 15
Fellowship: BBQ & Bonfire