

APR/MAY 2020



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**SUNDAY
WORSHIP**

Cancelled Until Further
Notice

BETHEL BEACON

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



“Death is swallowed up in victory, O death where is thy victory, O death where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law, but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” -1 Corinthians 15:54-57

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 the 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 mission! 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, “So what's the difference?” “What does Easter mean?” “What's the difference?” I am glad you asked.

This year for many across the world, death will come in the form of complications due to the coronavirus disease of 2019 (CoVID-19). How many will die due to this illness? No one knows. We are all taking steps to minimize the transmission of the virus. We've learned a new phrase: Social Distancing! We've re-learned what we learned in kindergarten: wash your hands. We've cancelled public gatherings, schools, colleges, worship services, bars, restaurants, sporting events, etc. How long it will take to get through this is anyone's guess. But get through we will. Thank you for your help in keeping us all safer!

The message of Easter stands as a reminder of the truth of our lives together: Death, however it may come, 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!

-Pastor Mark Kindem

Due to the MN Stay-at-Home order, there will be no church services or activities until at least April 11.

This means no Holy Week services.

Easter Service on April 12 is unlikely.

Easter flowers were ordered. You may pickup your order at church after the Stay-at-Home Order is lifted.

Pastor Kindem will continue to post videos of the service/sermon online.

Links can be found at bethelbemidji.org



“For Jews request a sign and Greeks seek after wisdom” -1 Cor. 1:22

When I was a lad around Confirmation age, I used to look up at the sky each Good Friday around 3 p.m. and marvel how ominous those cloudy afternoons were back in New York state. Never mind that Buffalo has the distinction of being one of the most overcast cities in the nation. Something to do with the westerlies passing over the Great Lakes no doubt. Well, since moving to Minnesota such foolishness has passed from me

and I am sure all my future Good Fridays will be bright and sunny. So much for signs from heaven. More important, we have Christ’s death on the cross and his resurrection on Sunday morning to marvel at. Let us rejoice and be glad. We can only hope and pray that our church doors will be open for Easter services so we can be thankful for all God has given us. Each day I pray that the coronavirus will pass us by and leave us healthy to be about our Father’s business encouraging and witnessing to those around us.

-Paul McIntyre, Council President

Bemidji Community Food Shelf

The Bemidji Community Food Shelf

continues to Serve Clients: The Food Shelf has changed their plan of operation to an emergency system because of the CoVID-19 pandemic. However, they are still committed to continue serving clients in need of food. Volunteers will work on Tuesdays and Fridays to prepare food boxes for clients and they will be distributed to clients on Mondays and Wednesdays. Clients will drive into the parking lot and volunteers will take prepared boxes to their cars. This will minimize the number of people in the building.

Volunteers are needed: The Food Shelf needs volunteers to help during this difficult time but they are suggesting volunteers 70 or over should stay home and not put themselves at risk. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Debbie Johnson, the Volunteer Coordinator at the Food Shelf, 444-6580 x28.

Clients Served: The Food Shelf distributed 148,905 pounds of food during January and February to 1,954 families.

Thank You: Thank you for all of your donations for March Food Share. Also, thank you to Bethel’s volunteers - Char Espe, Karen Tank, Suze Beck, Joann Gregory, Debbie Fenske and Bob Spangler.

Bethel’s Schedule: Bethel volunteers are scheduled at the Food Shelf the first two Wednesday afternoons of the month from 12 to 3. However, it will probably be awhile before we resume this schedule.

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

-Anita Spangler, Food Shelf Representative

“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 9:
**WNALC MISSION BANKS –
\$21.00**

MARCH 8:
**BEMIDJI COMMUNITY FOOD
SHELF – \$52.00**

All parents of graduates please
turn in a senior picture and bio
by Sunday, May 3.

We will have a celebration for
them on Sunday, May 24.





The mission of the Church is to Glorify God

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Old Business:

Church Pictorial:

Bob Smith's wife is on hospice, so the pictorial is understandably behind schedule. Layout is set and hopefully by next month we will have a proof. We do need members to send in pictures of church events.

New Toilets for Women's Bathroom:

Pastor Kindem will contact Gregg's Plumbing to see options and will come in March with a report.

New Business:

Landscaping - Shrubs:

Plan to replace shrubs outside of child care end with rock beds. Will leave shrubs on fellowship end.

Amazon Smile:

The church can sign-up and receive funds when people order on Amazon and designate Bethel. **M/S** Pastor Kindem/Lisa Vind to have Sally and Samantha sign Bethel up for Amazon Smile. **The Motion Passed.**

BCCC Letter of Agreement-Subcommittee:

Kelly Kindem, Sally McIntyre and Lisa Vind.

Furnace:

Furnace #1 has a cracked and broken heat exchanger. It was approved to be replaced by the finance committee. **M/S** Finance/Byron Rock to accept the Naylor bid. **The Motion Passed.**

Church Time:

Proposal to move Sunday Service to 9:30 or 10:00. This should be brought to the congregation. Kelly Kindem volunteered to speak on it. A survey will be conducted after Easter.

New People:

Choose a Sunday to have everyone invite one new person. Possibly a pancake breakfast.

Nametags:

We will have an encouragement in the bulletin and on the screen for the congregation to wear their nametags. Lisa Newhouse and Lisa Vind will stand by the nametag board with Hershey kisses for those who wear their tag.

Respectively submitted by
Kelly Kindem, substitute Secretary

Old Business:

Church Pictorial:

Samantha Pond reported that she was supposed to get a draft today but did not. It is hard to push with Bob Smith's wife in the hospital. More photos of church activities would be welcome.

New Toilets for Women's Bathroom:

Pastor Kindem reported that Gregg's Plumbing and Heating could install 4 new toilets in one day for the cost of \$1,200. **M/S** Samantha Pond/Kelly Kindem to go forward with new toilets. 11 Yeas, 0 Nays. **The Motion Passed.**

Roof Estimate and Special Congregational Meeting – April 19:

The Finance Committee has contacted four roofing companies. Wagner Building gave an estimate, Swan Lake looked at the church but has not submitted any numbers and is booked out for this year, Bemidji Roofing flat out refused and Husky Roofing said they would look, but have not, to the knowledge of the office. The Wagner quote is for \$150,000, \$50,000 over the budgeted amount. At 10% of the total budget this requires a special congregational meeting which the Finance Committee tentatively set for April 19 after church. **M/S** Sara Dreyer/Pastor Kindem to confirm the Finance Committees Recommendation to bring the bids to the church in a special congregational meeting on April 19. 11 Yeas, 0 Nays. **The Motion Passed.**

New Business

Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, May 2:

Kelly Kindem reported that in lieu of the Fish Fry not being done this year, she and Lisa Newhouse thought a pancake breakfast would be nice. The menu would be all-you-can-eat-pancakes, sausage links, juice, water and coffee. Ms. Kindem will apply for a Thrivent Action Grant and donations of food stuffs and money will be accepted.

New Members:

M/S Lisa Vind/Samantha Pond to accept the Debra and Chuck Thomas as new members. 11 Yeas, 0 Nays. **The Motion Passed.**

Tree Planting:

Pastor Kindem reported that as part of building the BCCC romper room, the city requires we plant eight new trees along the road.

Respectively submitted by
Sally McIntyre, Council Secretary





Andler and Jessica Powell

May 12, 2007 (13)



Debra and Chuck Thomas



- 08 Hunter Olson
- Caleb Lundeen (12)
- 09 Joyce Rendahl
- 12 Sarah (Kindem) McKeown
- 13 Helen Thompson
- 15 Matthew Copsiskey
- 20 Keith Pommerening
- 24 Donald DeLapp

- 02 Eli Olson
- 03 Lori Jerdee
- 05 Carol Kilian
- 06 Delores Kilian
- Daisy Sadek
- Arlene Stratton
- 10 Bruce Dreyer
- 12 Doug Lilleby
- 21 Corrina Copsiskey
- 25 Sara Dreyer
- 30 Owen Lundeen (15)



BETHEL FUNERALS

MARIAN ELIZABETH
(ANDERSON) BLEHM

BIRTH: FEBRUARY 16, 1923

DEATH: FEBRUARY 3, 2020

FUNERAL: FEBRUARY 8, 2020

MARLENE CAROL
(RIEGEL) LILLEBY

BIRTH: AUGUST 24, 1947

DEATH: FEBRUARY 5, 2020

FUNERAL: FEBRUARY 10, 2020

in Fargo, ND

"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."



***If* services resume, there will be a**

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 19, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.

For the sole purpose to discuss and vote on the recommendation of the Finance Committee Church Council to increase the 2020 budget by \$50,000 to pay to repair and replace the roof.

Please read March 10 Council Highlights for more information.

If there is no worship service there will be NO meeting.

All Activities Subject to Cancellation Depending on COVID-19 Pandemic Status

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>A P R I L 2020</p>						
<p>5 Palm Sunday No Worship Service No Fellowship Hour No Sunday School</p>	<p>6 No Weight Watchers</p>	<p>7 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>8 No Men's Group No Bible Study No Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>9 No Weight Watchers</p>	<p>10 BCCC Closed 5:00 p.m. End of 2 week MN Stay-at-Home Order</p>	<p>11 Probably NO Music Rehearsal Dressing of the Altar Rehearsal</p>
<p>12 Easter ??? Worship Service ??? Private Baptism ??? Fellowship Hour No Sunday School</p>	<p>13 Office Closed 5:00pm Weight Watchers ???</p>	<p>14 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm Probably No Council Meeting</p>	<p>15 7:00am Men's Group ??? 10:30am Bible Study ??? 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group ???</p>	<p>16 4:30pm Weight Watchers ???</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 "Go the Extra Mile" for Support Within Reach ??? Worship Service ??? Special Congregational Meeting to change 2020 Budget (if there is a service) ??? Fellowship Hour ??? Sunday School</p>	<p>20 5:00pm Weight Watchers ???</p>	<p>21 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:45pm BCCC Staff Meeting</p>	<p>22 7:00am Men's Group ??? 10:30am Bible Study ??? 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group ???</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 ??? Worship Service ??? Fellowship Hour ??? Sunday School</p>	<p>27 5:00pm Weight Watchers ???</p>	<p>28 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 4:30-6:00pm BCCC Ice Cream Social and Art Show ???</p>	<p>29 7:00am Men's Group ??? 10:30am Bible Study ??? 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group ???</p>	<p>30 4:30pm Weight Watchers ???</p>		

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3 Food Shelf Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School	4 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm Bethel Delivers Meals-on-Wheels May 4-8 5:00pm Weight Watchers	5 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	6 Bethel at Food Shelf 12-3 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Finance Com. Mtg. 10:30am Bible Study 5:00pm BCCC Advisory Mtg. 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group	7 4:30pm Weight Watchers	8 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	9 Bethel Pancake Breakfast
10 Mother's Day "Go the Extra Mile" for the Humane Society 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School	11 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:00pm Weight Watchers	12 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 6:30pm Council Meeting	13 Bethel at Food Shelf 12-3 7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group	14 4:30pm Weight Watchers	15	16
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24/31 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour No Sunday School 24th—2:30pm Worship at Havenwood 31st--Pentecost Sunday	25 Memorial Day BCCC & Church Office Closed 5:00pm Weight Watchers	26 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm Beacon Deadline	27 7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study	28 4:30pm Weight Watchers	29	30