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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



The Greeks had a story to illustrate the power of positive goodness to drive out the negative force of evil. It was about the sirens that sang so sweetly that sailors, hearing their music, could not resist the temptation to go

toward them. This always brought the sailors to their destruction. Finally, however, they solved their problem; they put better music on the ship than that which came from the sirens outside. When Orpheus sang, the sirens lost their appeal.

When I lived in western North Dakota, I used to hunt on Freddy's ranch. He only asked one thing: "Be sure to close the gate when you pass through it." He didn't want his cattle to wander from his ranch onto the government pasture land that bordered his own. This is exactly what God does for us. He closes the gate on our yesterdays so that past sins cannot break into our today. They are forgiven and forgotten. He gives us a fresh start and a new song every morning. Jesus requests us to do the same to my neighbor. *"Love keeps no record of wrong..." (I Cor. 13:5)*. Grudges should be dropped at the close of the day. When the gate is closed, the irritations can't wander from one pasture to another. *"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Eph. 1:7)*. That's the right song to sing and will keep us from following the seducing sirens.

Pastor Mark Kindem



Jaramie Grace Wood

Parents-Laurie and Matt Wood, (David MaGaurn) Brother - Jaimie Wood



Jaramie will graduate in May 2018 with her Bachelors of Science degree from the University of Minnesota-Carlson School of Management, with a major in Finance and a minor in Entrepreneurial Management. Outside of school, she recently completed a 10 month internship at United Health Group, Eden Prairie, MN, where she worked in the Pharmaceutical Department, doing analytics and financials for the company. She is also a co-founder of an on campus support group, addressing mental health issues amongst students, and partnered with the non-profit, NAMI. After graduation, Jaramie will begin her full time job at United Health Group working as a Senior Advisory Services Analyst/Consultant for Optum, and she will begin pursuing her Master's degree in Business Administration.



**Council
President**

A broken vase can be beautiful!

Have you ever thought about the life of some of the “heroes” of the Bible. Let’s consider Jacob. Jacob was a schemer, conniver and rather harsh with his children. If he were alive today he would not be called a nice man. There must have been some really good reason that God chose him to be the father of the twelve tribes of Israel. He undoubtedly had many of the flaws and virtues that we observe in ourselves and others. Why are we given such a sordid picture of him in the Bible?

In Japan there is a “restorative art” process called *kintsugi*, which is applied in many circumstances but initially it was used in the “restoration” of broken vases and other pottery items. The Japanese have a different way than we have, of looking at many ideas in common practice. In repairing pottery or vases that have been broken they don’t try to hide the seams where the pot has been broken. When they “glue” it back together, they mix in powdered metals with the glue. Depending on the color of the pot, they will select a metal that has a color that is in contrast to the color of the pot. For example, if a pot is a dark blue or black they will mix gold filings with the resin that is to be used for the “glue”. When finished every crack in the vase will be gold on a dark background. I, personally, have seen such restorations and they are truly beautiful. The idea here is that the breaks are a part of the history of the pot and we learn of significant portions of its life by accentuating them and remembering them. The difficulties that we have (and that Jacob had) in life can be hidden or they can sometimes be accentuated to give a better understanding of our “personal history” and in the process help others to see and avoid major problems in their life of faith.

In the opinion of more than a few theologians, the picture painted of Jacob (and David, Solomon, and many other people in the Bible) gives the nitty gritty facts about these people so that we can read in their life stories, and the life of the nation of Israel, the struggles, the failures, the reasons for their failures and the ultimate successes associated with these men and the nation of Israel. They were chosen by God for various tasks. So are we. Looking back on our lives, each of us can see the myriad cracks corresponding to the times that we have broken our “POT of LIFE”. We know that these cracks and breaks have been also seen by God and filled with “GOLD, SILVER, PLATINUM” when he glued us back together. He has accentuated our broken seams for us to see, remember and use as a definite lesson to repent, to bring us back to Him. Those broken seams are visible to few others but they are truly beautiful to God and to those who love you. If you have the occasion to go online and “google” *kintsugi*, you will see a simple example of the beauty that God can bring out of our most heart-wrenching failures.

The Church Council has been considering how to get various tasks done around the church. The Committee structure for the most part is inactive. Several committees are and have been very active, including the Property committee, the Finance committee and the Church in Mission committee. There have been a few ad hoc committees working for the last year on very short term basis.

As we lose members, such as Duane Christensen, there will be an even greater need to have people involved. If we all participate on even a limited basis, there are enough people to make the work load light on everyone. Some committees meet only a few times a year. Others, such as the property and finance committees are very active – every week sometimes – when needed. If you can spend an hour a month your service is needed and cherished.

-Kirt A. Dreyer; Council President

Bethel's

**Best
Bazaar**

Saturday, October 13

Set-up Friday, October 12

Lefse Prep: Friday and Saturday, September 28-29.

It will be here before you know it!

There are many ways to help: crafting, cooking, baking, ticket taking, cashiering. If you would like to help on the day, or with lefse making, please talk to Sandy Norrgard.



The mission of the Church is to Glorify God

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Old Business:

Wedding vs. other use fees

A correction should be made to the document to include a new section for funerals to state what charges should be.

M/S Sara Dreyer/Vi Suther to table the Policy Statement and Rental Fees Schedule until the next meeting

Motion Passed

Aye: 12 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

New Business:

Shingles

President Kirt Dreyer made efforts to contact two different people to replace the missing shingles from the roof. Both of the people that he called did not answer. Gary Peterson will try to talk to someone that he knows to see if he would be willing to replace those shingles.

Narthex carpet and painting financing

After discussion:

M/S Sally McIntyre/Sara Dreyer to accept the painting of the narthex with the discretion of the painting sub-committee as to who will be hired to do the painting and details of the job.

M/S Sara Dreyer/Alice Sadek makes a friendly amendment to the motion to include a maximum limit of \$5000 to be spent on this project. **Amendment Passed**

Motion Passed

Painting Sub-Committee includes Miriam Kindem, Char Espe, Sara Dreyer, and Kelly Vind.

New vacuum

There was discussion about what kind of vacuum the janitor would like.

M/S Mark Kindem/Kelly Vind to let Cherene Sadek to go locally to obtain a commercial grade vacuum she would like with a \$500 price limit.

Motion Passed

Aye: 12 Nay: 0 Abstained: 0

New Member

Byron Rock would like to become a member of the church.

M/S Sally McIntyre/Vi Suther motion to accept him as a new member of the church. **Passed.**

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

There will be a purchase of a new coffee maker identical to the current coffee maker. There are also new rugs at the entry that will save about \$70 a month.

BCCC

There was a meeting on Sunday, April 8th, 2018 forming a committee to oversee and converse on the addition with the building of the Romper Room for the child care. The Child Care is full and has an infant waiting list out till 2019.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Vind, Secretary.

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Old Business:

Wedding vs. other use fees

M/S Sally McIntyre and Kelly Vind to table the form until the next meeting to make corrections to the form. **Motion Passed**

Memorial Garden

Karen and Jerry Tank have taken over this project. They will have a sign up sheet for people who want to help with weeding and planting in the garden.

Shingles

There was a bid put in and the guy who will be doing the work will be here this week or next week to work on the shingles.

Narthex painting and carpet

Kirt Dreyer would like to get a matching calligraphy painting to go on the wall on the other side of the doors. This one would be the Lord's Prayer. Kirt will pick up the matching painting on his way back from his trip in June. Carpeting will be installed on Friday May 11th and Tuesday May 15th. **M/S** Dean Rasmussen and Jessica Powell to accept the purchase of a matching painting of the Lord's Prayer. **Motion Passed**

Committee Reports:

Property

They bought a new freezer, replaced the coffee maker, got a bid on the shingles and got the lawn mower tuned up.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Vind, Secretary.





- 01 Jessica Powell
- 05 Dean Rasmussen
- 08 Butch Schramm
- 09 Barbara Brown
Adam Pederson
- 12 Della Cluff
- 13 Jacob Gregory
- 17 Marilyn Zeman
- 22 Amity Steffen
- 24 Brody Dreyer
- 28 Katie Jerdee
Ardella Lindseth

- 02 June Sand
- 03 Vi Suther
- 07 Yvonne Olson
- 08 Cole Kindem
- 10 Daniel Hoff
- 11 Alice Sadek
- 13 Allen Evans
Isabelle Hopke (6)
- 17 Penny Evans
Donna Froyd
Miriam Kindem
Sandy Norrgard
- 20 Sheila Masters
- 21 Harold Ugelstad
- 25 Jane Boutwell
- 28 Samantha Pond



Bruce & Sandy Norrgard

June 1, 1974 (44)

Mark & Miriam Kindem

June 18, 1988 (30)

Bruce & Sara Dreyer

June 19, 1993 (25)

Edgar & Charlotte Espe

June 28, 1975 (43)



Bryon Rock

BETHEL FUNERALS



EMILIE O. RUCINSKI

BIRTH: AUGUST 7, 1922

DEATH: APRIL 26, 2018

FUNERAL: APRIL 30, 2018

DUANE JUSTIN CHRISTENSEN

BIRTH: APRIL 24, 1931

DEATH: MAY 7, 2018

FUNERAL: MAY 14, 2018



Paul and Ione McIntyre

July 12, 1964 (54)

Andrew and Emily Case

July 12, 2014 (4)

Brandon and Samantha Pond


July 15, 2017 (1)

Allen and Penny Evans

July 17, 1973 (45)

Elmer and June Sand

July 21, 1954 (64)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Food Shelf Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am OCA: Orthodox Church in America	2 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm Foundation Grant Applications Due 5:00pm Weight Watchers	3 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	4 BCCC & Church Office Closed Independence Day!	5 4:30pm Weight Watchers	6 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	7
8 "Go the Extra Mile" for Gideons 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am OCA	9 5:00pm Weight Watchers	10 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:30-7:30pm BCCC: Parent Night Out NO Council Meeting	11 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study NO BCCC Advisory Mtg	12 4:30pm Weight Watchers	13	14
15 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am OCA 2:30pm Worship at Havenwood	16 5:00pm Weight Watchers	17 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	18 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study	19 4:30pm Weight Watchers	20	21
22 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am OCA	23 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 Beacon Articles Due	26 4:30pm Weight Watchers	27	28
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Bemidji Community
Food Shelf

Church in Mission

Board Restructuring:
President Jim Fretheim is

“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

Note from a Food Shelf Customer, April 2018

“Volunteers are always friendly...been going here for years for help and they never make me feel like I'm a lesser person for needing help, everyone is warm and welcoming.”

Note from Jim Fretheim, President of the Bemidji Food Shelf:

“Please know that your investment in the Food Shelf yields a significant return. We leverage your gift with the help of 700 plus volunteers, thanks to a strong volunteer culture in our community and the support of our 17 faith-based member churches. Last year, our volunteers served customers, gathered food from area stores, grew produce on the Food Shelf Farm, and packaged food. Volunteer time, commitment, and support enables us to maximize resources for food purchases.”

Thank You: The Food Shelf was very busy on Bethel's Days – April 4th and May 2nd serving close to 100 clients on each of those days. A special thank you to Dee Tieglund, Karen Tank, Char Espe, Suze Ann Pearson and Alice Sadek for assisting those days. Additional volunteers are needed due to the increased number of clients. If you would like to help during the morning or afternoon shifts on the first Wednesday of each month, please call me – 586-3424. Thank you for donated items and contributions.

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.

meeting with Pastors from the member churches to explain the proposed Board Restructuring.

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.

April was a record month at the Churches United office with 145 intakes. One afternoon, 21 clients came through the doors. \$5194.93 was dispersed in vouchers and other assistance for April. The revenue for the month was \$2341.43.

NEEDS: Travel size lotions, clear plastic tubs, and office volunteers.

Thanks to Bethel Lutheran for their continued support of Churches United.

Char Espe
Board Secretary

China Service Ventures

China Service Ventures has been approved in China! On January 5, 2018 we received official certification as a registered foreign nonprofit organization and we were invited on February 8 to the Registry Office of the Public Security Bureau in Zhengzhou, Henan, China. Paul, his sister and myself along with Dr. Jeff Nellerhoe who is CSV's Executive Director flew to China. It was an amazing meeting with these officials encouraging us to expand to another 50 counties in Henan! At that time CSV was the only US Christian organization to be registered by the Chinese government. So the challenge is here. How will God's people respond to this opportunity beyond our thinking! We were encouraged to continue all our programs! Please pray for CSV.

Every Tuesday you have the opportunity to receive the prayer requests which also keeps you informed on the latest news. Please let us know your email address and we will make sure you get on the list.

-Ida Martinson

“GO THE EXTRA MILE”

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

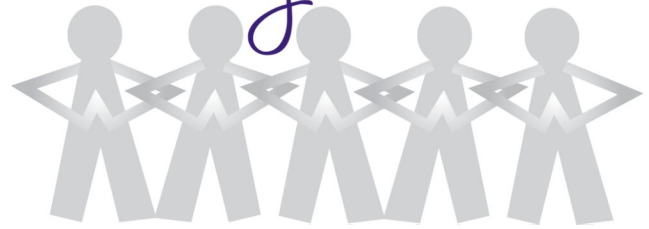
COLLECTED OFFERING FOR APRIL
 RESTORE/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:
\$ 36.00

COLLECTED OFFERING FOR MAY
 GREAT RIVER RESCUE:
\$107.00

WNALC MISSION BANKS:
 (FEBRUARY)
\$ 184.02

THANK YOU!

Join the Prayer Chain



I was asked if the Prayer Chain is still active. I will say, “not really.”

It is time to rebuild our chain. We have lost members for various reasons.

When needed, I get a call, and I pass the information to the next person on the list, who in turn calls the next person on the chain.

If you are interested call me. The first to call, gets elected!!!

-Barb Brown, 243-2313

THE BEMIDJI AREA CHURCH MUSICIANS
 PRESENTS

THE 2018 SUMMER RECITAL SERIES

Our 31st Season

WEDNESDAYS, NOON TO 12:30 P.M.

June 6	RingPraise Bell Choir, Sarah Carlson, Director and organ; Nik Kivi, organ	First Lutheran Church 900 Bemidji Avenue
June 13	Bemidji Brass Quintet: Kyle Reiss, Alex Binkel, Eve Sumsky, Ryan Webber and Brennan Paulsen	First Baptist Church 1555 Paul Bunyan Dr. NW
June 20	Ryan Webber, bass trombone Dan Will, piano	Evangelical Free Church 115 Carr Lake Rd SW
June 27	Dr. Beverly Everett, organ "All Are Welcome" A Festival of Hymns focused on the Beatitudes	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Ch. 1800 Irvine Avenue NW
July 4	No Recital this week!	
July 11	Flute Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Daniel Schnackenberg, bass guitar	St. Mark's Lutheran Church 2220 Anne St. NW (west of Paul Bunyan Communications)
July 18	Lois Simonson, piano, Kari Miller, flute, Katelyn Tinglestad, violin, Sanna Gustafson, saxophone	Evangelical Covenant Church 5405 Hwy 2 W (across from Bemidji Theater)
July 25	Glenn Seibel, euphonium Sarah Carlson, piano	United Methodist Church 9 th and Beltrami Avenue
August 1	BACM 2017 scholarship recipients, Evan Byler, Lilia Kastner, Sophie Warrick	Evangelical Free Church 115 Carr Lake Rd SW
August 8	Melanie Hanson, violin Michael Hanson, saxophone	New Salem Lutheran Church 7491 Island View Dr. NW (Hwy 71 N at Turtle River)
August 15	Jennifer (Paquette) Ellis, piano, folk harp	Calvary Lutheran Church 2508 Washington Avenue SE
August 22	First City Handbell Choir Carol L. Johnson, Vicki Stenerson, co-directors	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Ch. 1800 Irvine Avenue NW
August 29	Turtle Island Ensemble – Sarah Carlson, piano, Sonja Connell, cello, Jon Romer, native flute, Mike Tangen, guitar, Bob Madeson, euphonium	First Lutheran Church 900 Bemidji Avenue

FREE WILL OFFERING

Supports our Music Scholarships

LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOLLOWING EACH RECITAL

COSTS TO BE ANNOUNCED