

JUN/JUL 2020



BETHEL BEACON

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

Bethel Lutheran Church
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bethelbemidji.org

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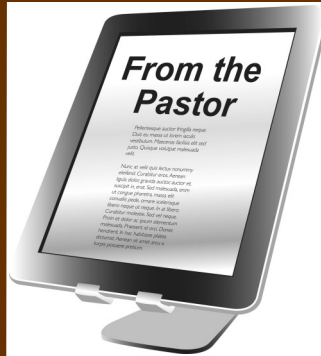
Randy McKain
Youth Director

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PRAYER CHAIN
Karen Tank — 586-2544
or
Church Office — 444-4746

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP**

9:00 a.m. Worship
(max. 68 people)
10:00 a.m. Fellowship



This time of Covid-19 has given us all more time at home, and for me more time to spend on our yard and trees. I just recently began waging war on the Dandelion, the weed which most try to eradicate from their lawns. Their roots go deep, and they have the uncanny ability to invade and conquer in the battle of the lawns. I went to the church office the other day and I brought my grandson, Micah,

along. He looked around the entrance of the church and saw the children playing and he wanted to join! I introduced Micah to the children coming in from the playground, and two of them came up to me and gave me a bunch of bright...yellow...dandelion blossoms! "These are for your baby!" the toddlers said to me! In that moment I saw the delight in Micah's eyes as he held the flowers, and in the smiles of the children as they skipped away. For a child, the yellow flowers smile at their faces as they play outside, and they become irresistible. You win Dandelion, I surrender!

"All things bright and beautiful all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful the Lord God made them all"

-Pastor Mark Kindem



On Saturday, May 23 the Governor announced that places of worship in Minnesota may open at 25% occupancy starting May 27, if they follow social distancing and

other public health guidelines to keep congregants safe. Assuming a capacity of 275 for the sanctuary, that number is **68** people for Bethel. Part of the guidelines require households to maintain 6 feet of distance.

The Church office will remain closed for the most part but will be open on Monday mornings to count offerings. This is in accordance with state guidelines encouraging those who can work from home to do so.



**Council
President**

My Thoughts on the Current Health Care Crisis

We are indebted to Pastor Mark and his family members for the excellent videos my family watched every Sunday morning during the Governor's shutdown of public places, including the area churches. We will be back in church starting May 31 at 25% capacity. But even then some of our older adults (>80) may wish to continue to stay at home until it is 100%

safe to venture out into life's arena. Then the question is, will it ever be 100% safe to do so? Do we wait for the all clear signal from higher authorities, or a vaccine, or encouragement from family and friends to do so? According to my doctor (Sanford Clinic) he expects the number of infections to rise in June and July as the coronavirus sweeps through the Midwest. We will have to see how that plays out and plan accordingly.

During this time – March, April and May - Bethel Child Care has continued to operate without a single case of the virus. As well, the area nursing homes were also free of the disease. But we don't know what the future holds. It all boils down to a wait and see policy.

Our experts in the medical profession are anticipating a second wave of the virus as we 'rush' to open up the country. It still is a dangerous time until we get a vaccine or the summer months cause the virus to retreat like the flu does every year and comes back again in full force during the winter months.

In the meantime, we missed our weekly gathering on Sunday morning. Maybe it's the ambience of the sanctuary, the singing, the liturgy, the sermon, communion, and meeting friends in the fellowship hall. There are times when folks just like to sit in the pews when it is all quiet without the usual hub-bub of people; sit and pray and try to grasp the enormity of God's world and the importance of Jesus. Finally, we need a new roof on the church. So let's get it done. I would hope we can have a congregational meeting in June.

-Paul McIntyre, Council President

Youth group plans for the summer are to have a monthly youth and family gathering at the home of one of our church families.

We will also plan a six-week Bible study and some occasional daytime activities such as biking, geocaching, and fishing.

Because of busyness, vacations and summer jobs these dates and time will be varied to accommodate student schedules. Dates will be confirmed via text messaging.

If anyone does not hear from me, please contact the church office and I will get in touch with them.

-Randy McKain, Youth Director



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

Motto: Welcoming the stranger as Jesus

Services MAY Include: Basic emergency needs (food, gas, bus tokens, clothing, laundry, and rent/utility assistance) plus referrals to area agencies and businesses.

Churches United is primarily a church-led ministry and emergency program organized to provide short-term assistance for those persons who 'fall through the cracks', need help immediately, and have nowhere else to turn in the short-run.

COVID 19 – Churches United continues to assist low-income and homeless individuals in the community. Applicants are asked to call the office at 218-444-1380 to complete a telephone application. Guests will pick-up their assistance at the door.

Needs: Food safe gloves, hand sanitizer, hygiene items (any size), dish soap, laundry soap

The face of homelessness in 2019 – 23% of all homeless applicants in 2019 were employed, 30% were retired or disabled, 21% slept in their car or outside, 40% were children **30% of assistance provided in 2019 was to the homeless.**

“For I was hungry, and you gave me meat; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in; I was naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came unto me. Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as you did it for one of the least of these, you did it for me.” (Matthew 25)

Office hours are 12-4 pm Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays, & Fridays.

414 Lincoln Ave SE Bemidji, MN 56601 218-444-1380

Thanks to Bethel for their continued financial support!

-Char Espe, Bethel Representative to Churches United

Bemidji Community Food Shelf

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 to the Food Shelf during this difficult time. Because of the pandemic, I have not been at the Food Shelf and the following is an update from Mary Mitchell. Again thank you and stay safe.

-Anita Spangler, Food Shelf Representative

“It’s been a very interesting time here at the food shelf. When the seriousness of the pandemic started to hit home, our first concern was keeping our volunteers, staff and customers safe. We began to make the transition to the parking lot distribution. We made the difficult decision to ask our regular volunteers to stay at home and United Way was able to bring in several small groups to assemble, pack, and distribute boxes. They have also been distributing NAPS boxes to eligible seniors.

We went to a parking lot distribution in March. From March 23 – April 2020 we have distributed 78,107 pounds of food to 1,396 households. We stopped gleaning in March because of the risk involved with the inability to distance when processing the incoming food. This week, we will be picking up gleanings on Thursdays with a small number of volunteers. (Continued on page 4)



- 02 June Sand
- 03 Vi Suther
- 07 Yvonne Olson
- 08 Cole Kindem
- 11 Alice Sadek
- 13 Allen Evans
Isabelle Hopke (9)
- 14 Laura Rock
- 17 Penny Evans
Donna Froyd
Miriam Kindem
Sandy Norrgard
- 20 Sheila Masters
- 25 Jane Boutwell
- 28 Samantha Pond

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



Bruce & Sandy Norrgard

June 1, 1974 (46)

Cole & Kelly Kindem

June 16, 2018 (2)

Mark & Miriam Kindem

June 18, 1988 (32)

Bruce & Sara Dreyer

June 19, 1993 (27)

Edgar & Charlotte Espe

June 28, 1975 (45)

Duane & Twila Black

June 29, 2019 (1)



Adam & Janelle Lundeen

July 5, 1997 (23)

Paul and Ione McIntyre

July 12, 1964 (56)

Brandon and Samantha Pond

July 15, 2017 (3)

Allen and Penny Evans

July 17, 1973 (47)

Elmer and June Sand

July 21, 1954 (66)

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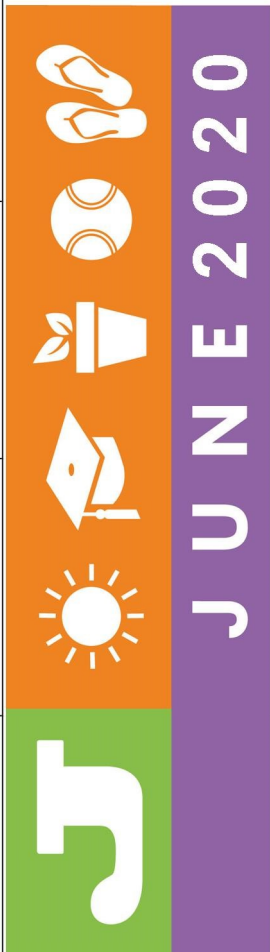
We are planning to reopen to customers in the fall with many safety measures in place and a much smaller number of volunteers.

In other news, we got a new pallet stacker for the warehouse. Our old machine was so ancient we could no longer get parts. The farm is underway and volunteers are needed to plant potatoes, onions and asparagus.

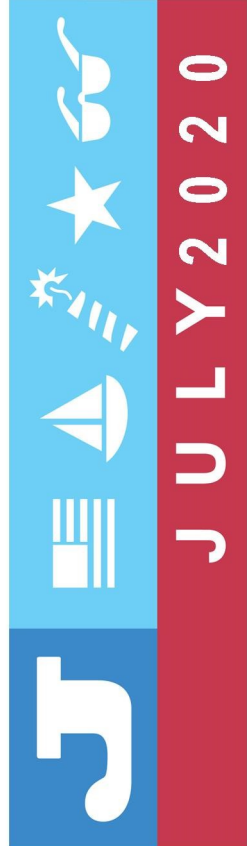

That's all for now!"

-Mary Mitchell, Director

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<p>7</p> <p>Food Shelf Sunday</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>8</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>?? Weight Watchers</p>	<p>9</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group ?? Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>?? Weight Watchers</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>"Go the Extra Mile" for Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>15</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>?? Weight Watchers</p>	<p>16</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>5:45pm BCCC Staff Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group ?? Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p>?? Weight Watchers</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> 
<p>21</p> <p>Happy FATHER'S DAY!</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>22</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>?? Weight Watchers</p>	<p>23</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group ?? Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>?? Weight Watchers</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
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**THE BEMIDJI AREA CHURCH MUSICIANS
PRESENTS**

THE 2020 SUMMER Virtual RECITAL SERIES

Our 33rd Season

WEDNESDAYS, NOON TO 12:30 PM

View on

FaceBook: BACMusicians or YouTube channel: BemidjiACM

June 3	First City Handbell Choir, Carol L. Johnson and Vicki L. Stenerson, Co-directors	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
June 10	Calvary Lutheran Musicians, Mattie Snyder, cello, Amanda Willis, piano, Shar Paquette, organ, Tayler Borders, vocal, Tony Kerr, saxophone. Joel Roberts, tenor saxophone	Calvary Lutheran Church
June 17	Stacy Crystal, piano	First Presbyterian Church
June 24	Shared Organ Recital, Maddy Lawrence, Linda Wagner, Sarah Carlson, Phil Hermann	United Methodist Church
July 1	St. Mark's Musicians	St. Mark's Lutheran Church
July 8	Bemidji Brass Quintet Kyle Reiss, Scott Guidry, Ryan Webber, Brendan Paulsen, Eve Sumsy	First Baptist Church
July 15	Lois Simonson, piano, Kari Miller, flute, Sanna Gustafson, saxophone, Katelyn Tinglestad, violin	Evangelical Covenant Church
July 22	Trinity Lutheran Musicians	Trinity Lutheran Church
July 29	St. Philip's Musicians	St. Philip's Church
August 5	Cheryl Durant, piano, Traci Schanke, soprano, Annalise Aakhus, mezzo-soprano	New Salem Lutheran Church
August 12	Jennifer (Paquette) Ellis, piano, folk harp	Calvary Lutheran Church
August 19	Glenn Seibel, euphonium Wayne Hoff, piano	United Methodist Church
August 26	Sarah Carlson, organ	First Lutheran Church

FREE WILL OFFERING

All donations support the development of musical gifts for area students

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Deadline

for Bethel Foundation Grant Applications is

Wednesday, July 1

You may pick-up a form in the church office or request a pdf through email at adminsec@bethelbemidji.org.

Remember these?



Feel free to bring in your WNLALC Mission Bank and put it in the safe or the office counter.

Don't forget to put a slip with your name inside to get credit!



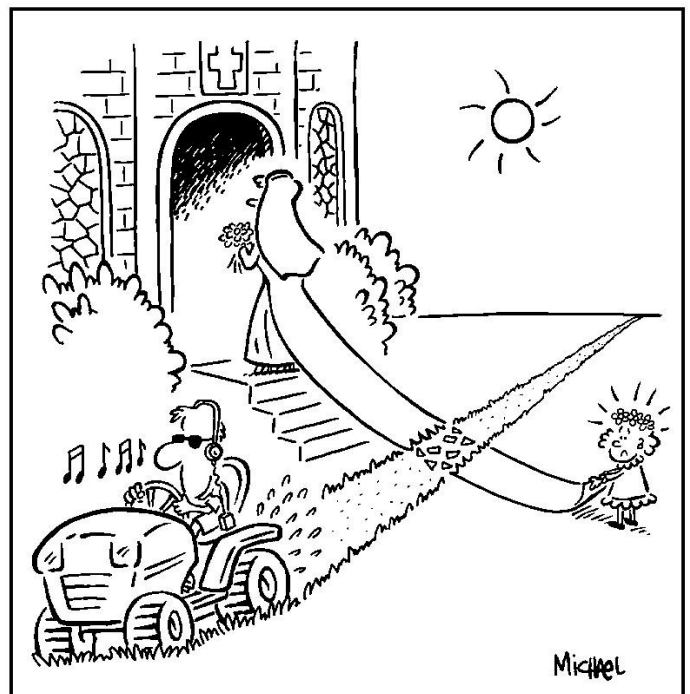
**"JOSHUA THREW A FIT AT JERICHO,
JERICHO, JERICHO.
JOSHUA THREW A FIT AT JERICHO,
AND THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN!"**

FYI

• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •



Bethel is scheduled to deliver
Meals-on-Wheels
July 20-24,
October 5-9 and
December 21-24.



Michel