

JUN/JUL 2022



BETHEL BEACON

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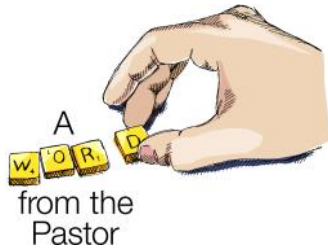
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship



from the
Pastor

*“And God is able to make all grace
abound to you, so that having all
sufficiency in all things at all times, you
may abound in every good work.”*

-2 Cor. 9:8

The late Marj Leegard wrote about an experience of grace and generosity. She writes:

The house burned—not to the ground but to the very bottom of the basement. We had nothing but the clothing we were wearing, an old lamp, a doily my mother had made and a knitting basket—all handed out a broken window while the fire raged. Neighbors spent the night working to keep the sparks from spreading to the other farm buildings, and then returned after morning chores to help establish a temporary home. At the end of the week we were invited to church, and it was filled with friends offering wonderful, imaginative gifts. One bought a doll and sewed a complete doll wardrobe and quilt for our daughter. Others brought sheets and towels and dishes. Tucked in among the packages were envelopes with money inside. The notes said, “Use it for the new house.” They were taken to the bank on Monday morning and Gloria began to count it behind her tellers window. “Where did you get all this?” She asked. I told about the evening at the church. As she kept counting, she paused and said, “What church do you go to, anyway?”

Good question! May we continue to be a blessing as we have been blessed to those who come to our family of faith, and to those around us.

-Pastor Mark Kindem



Deadline
for Bethel Foundation
Grant Applications is
Friday, July 1

You may pick-up a form in the church office or download a pdf on the church website, www.bethelbemidji.org.



**Adam & Janelle
Lundeen**
July 5, 1997 (25)

**Paul and Ione
McIntyre**
July 12, 1964 (58)

**Brandon and Samantha
Pond**
July 15, 2017 (5)

**Allen and Penny
Evans**
July 17, 1973 (49)

**Elmer and June
Sand**
July 21, 1954 (68)

- 2 JUNE SAND
- 3 VI SUTHER
- 7 YVONNE OLSON
- 8 COLE KINDEM
- 11 ALICE SADEK
MARK OLSON
- 13 ALLEN EVANS
- 14 LAURA ROCK
- 17 PENNY EVANS
DONNA FROYD
MIRIAM KINDEM
SANDY NORRGARD
- 20 SHEILA MASTERS
- 25 JANE BOUTWELL
- 28 SAMANTHA POND
- 30 KERIN HANSON

- 1 JESSICA POWELL
- 8 KAYLINN HANSON (14)
BUTCH SCHRAMM
- 13 CHUCK THOMAS
- 17 MARILYN ZEMAN
- 18 RILEY COPISEY
- 22 AMITY STEFFEN
- 24 BRODY DREYER
- 28 KATIE JERDEE
ARDELLA LINDSETH



COLTER CARLSON,

son of Cody and Kendra Carlson, was welcomed into the family of Christ on Sunday, April 10. His sponsors are Amanda Lynch, Brianna Nohre, and Neal Warren.

Bruce & Sandy Norrgard
June 1, 1974 (48)

Cole & Kelly Kindem
June 16, 2018 (4)

Mark & Miriam Kindem
June 18, 1988 (34)

Bruce & Sara Dreyer
June 19, 1993 (29)

**BETHEL
FUNERALS**

**BARBARA JEAN (DEGROAT)
BROWN**
BIRTH: JULY 9, 1940
DEATH: APRIL 5, 2022
FUNERAL: APRIL 16 @ BETHEL



JUDITH (JUDY) MARY THORSON
BIRTH: MAY 13, 1939
DEATH: MARCH 14, 2022
FUNERAL: NONE



Church in Mission



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 for the Bemidji Food Shelf and “thank you” to Karen Tank, Carol Winans, Marie Olson and several community volunteers who have served during Bethel’s shift.

Clients served: Demand for services has increased in the past year. We are serving close to 30,000 families or around 50-60 families per session. So far this year 200,000 pounds of food has been distributed to approximately 9000 families. March Food Share brought in \$114,000 and 37,000 pounds of food. Mike Olson, Food Shelf Director, stated that demand is up and the supply chain is lower than normal.

Food Shelf Needs: Personal care items, laundry soap, cleaning products, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, bar soap, laundry detergent, and feminine hygiene products, and Our Family products UPC barcodes (must include all the numbers).

Bethel’s Day at the Food Shelf: Bethel is responsible for the first Wednesday afternoon shift from 12:15 to 3:30. **If you are interested in volunteering one afternoon a month, please contact me (586-3424).**

-Anita Spangler, Food Shelf Representative

“GO THE EXTRA MILE”

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH BETHEL HAS A “GO THE EXTRA MILE” RETIRING OFFERING FOR LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS. COLLECTED OFFERING FOR

APRIL 10TH:
UKRAINE REFUGEES VIA LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – \$372.00

MAY 8TH:
NORTHWOODS CAREGIVERS— \$57.00

Thank You!



The season we have been waiting for is finally here! School is done, vacations are being planned, and everything is bright. Winter was long and hard in many ways. It was bleak, dark and cold. Many people see God through nature and it is hard to see Him when everything is white and grey. With Summer here, it is easy to see the amazing things God has made and how they survive the hard times too. Our faith is the same way. When the road in front of us is dark and bleak, it is hard to focus on what God is doing. When things are bright and cheery, we tend to notice God's works with ease. Keep your eyes open even when things get hard; God is there through it all.

-Kelly Kindem



**Council
Highlights**

The mission of the Church is to Glorify God.

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Old Business:

Parking Lot Repaving:

Sally McIntyre will contact Northern Paving for an updated quote and will accept it if below the budgeted \$100,000.

Carpet Cleaning:

Took place Thursday, April 7. Went fine. Cleaners left a bottle of "Just Like Magic". They said to spray on a stain, agitate a bit with a brush and then leave. It works 'like magic'.

New Business:

Memorial Garden:

The Tanks, who have taken care of the garden the past few years, report that it's just too much work. They and Dennis Zeto propose a redesign to make it as low maintenance as possible. Only perennials, rubber mulch to keep out weeds. Essentially everything will need to be taken out, weeds cleared out, mulch put in and only perennials planted. Mr. Zeto thinks we as a congregation could manage the project. We will need workers and planners. A notice will be put in the bulletin.

Chair Cleaning:

The DAC will come and clean the blue chairs the week after Easter.

Spring Cleaning:

It was decided to conduct one on the lines of last year's. Saturday, May 21 was chosen starting at 9:00 am. There was discussion of using a Thrivent Action Team grant to purchase a steamer for the church.

Other:

Offering Plate

The question of whether we should resume passing the offering plate. At the least, members would like to see the ritual of presenting the offering plates to the altar resume. The details were passed to Worship and Music and Pastor Kindem to work out.

Old Business:

Parking Lot Repaving:

Sally McIntyre contacted Northern Paving and got a new quote. It was \$10,000 more than the Fall '21 bid but she accepted it as it was still under the budgeted \$100,000.

Memorial Garden:

Mark Olson volunteered to help and he has a bobcat he can bring. But he can not help on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Dennis Zeto noted we need a plan before we can start.

Spring Cleaning:

Saturday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m. Suggestions for jobs to be included were discussed: vacuuming the vent covers, weather striping on doors, gutter over the kitchen door, missing piece of garage soffit, and a bent exhaust pipe over the kitchen.

New Business:

Other:

Sunday School

Jessica Powell is resigning as the Sunday School teacher. Her children are becoming old enough to be busy with sports. She is afraid they will miss too many Sundays.

Cemetery

Andy Powell forwarded the suggestion of a church cemetery. The church owns the land behind the parking lot 100 yds past the tree line. The council generally thought that was an idea worth pursuing. Sally McIntyre will do some research online and Dennis Zeto will talk to some retired city workers and both will report back in June. If it seems like something we could legally do, we will have a church poll in the Fall to see if there is support.

Church Picnic

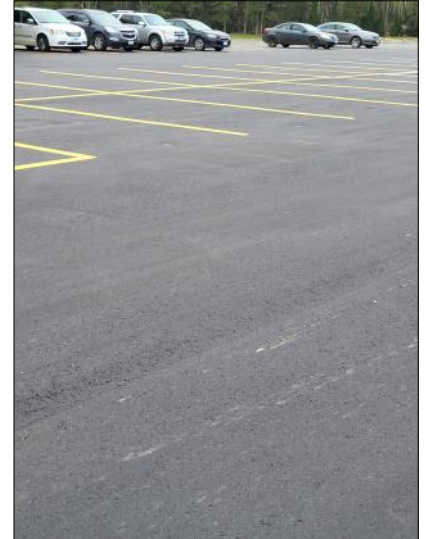
Lisa Vind asked if we were doing a picnic this year. It would be in August and so the issue will be placed on the June agenda.

Respectively submitted,
Sally McIntyre, Council Secretary

Out and About at Bethel

New: Right: After 22 years of service, the parking lot was repaved over on May 17-18. Enjoy the smooth ride (until winter)!

Below: Last fall the mice-infested bushes were taken out from around the church and replaced with decorative boulders and a few small flowering shrubs.



Signs of Spring: The lawn (mostly over the septic drain field) is raising a bumper crop of dandelions. Just a reminder: dandelion greens are edible! Check out *7 Tasty Dandelion Greens Recipes You'll Be Desperate To Try* at www.ruralsprout.com/dandelion-greens. Note that Bethel doesn't spray fertilizer, but we did have insecticide spraying around the outside of the building.

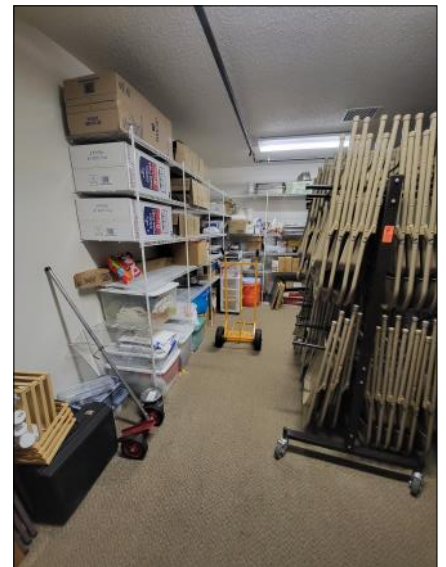


Spring Cleaning

Below left: Steaming and scrubbing dirt from the kitchen tile

grout. If anyone wants to seal the grout, please talk to Sally!

Below middle and right: The main focus of Spring Cleaning on May 21 was the storage closet (right) and the quilters' closet (middle) in the Fellowship Hall. There was food from before the pandemic!

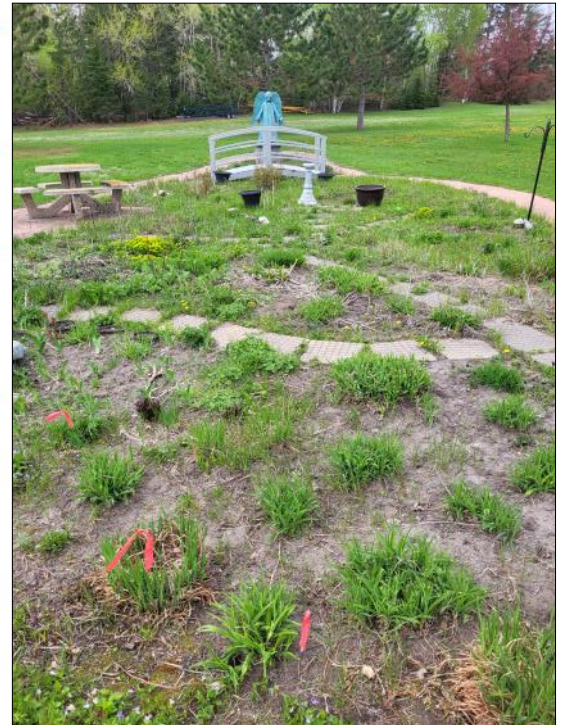


**THE BEMIDJI AREA CHURCH MUSICIANS
PRESENTS
THE 2022 SUMMER RECITAL SERIES
Our 35th season
WEDNESDAYS, NOON TO 12:30 PM
Luncheon served following each recital**



June 1	BACM Scholarship Recipients: Madelyne Schutte, Gwendoline Youso, Eric Djonne	Evangelical Free Church 115 Carr Lake Rd SW
June 8	First City Handbell Choir, Carol L. Johnson and Vicki L. Stenerson, Co-directors	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church 1800 Irvine Avenue NW
June 15	Mike Hanson, soprano saxophone Melanie Hanson, violin, piano	First Lutheran Church 900 Bemidji Avenue
June 22	Annalise Aakhus, mezzo soprano Cheryl Durant, piano Traci Djonne Schanke, soprano	New Salem Lutheran Church 7491 Island View Dr. NW (Hwy 71 N at Turtle River)
June 29	Trinity Musicians	Trinity Lutheran Church 123 29 th St.
July 6	Lois Simonson, piano, Kari Miller, flute Sanna Gustafson, saxophone Janet Pederson, violin	Evangelical Covenant Church 5405 Hwy 2 W (across from Bemidji Theater)
July 13	Eve Sumsky, horn	First Baptist Church 1555 Paul Bunyan Dr. NW
July 20	Vocalists: Christian Breczinski and Tamara Moore, Gwen Youso, piano and flute	St. Philip's Church 702 Beltrami Avenue
July 27	Glenn Seibel, euphonium Wayne Hoff, piano	United Methodist Church 9 th Str. and Beltrami Ave.
August 3	Abby Cobb, piano, violin Emily Mathew, piano	Church of Christ 692 Mag Seven Ct SW -
August 10	Miriam Webber, bassoon	Evangelical Free Church 115 Carr Lake Rd SW
August 17	Jennifer (Paquette) Ellis, piano, folk harp	Calvary Lutheran Church 2508 Washington Avenue SE
August 24	Sarah Carlson, organ Jon Romer, native flute	First Lutheran Church 900 Bemidji Avenue

Memorial Garden—2022



The Memorial Garden is getting to be a lot of work. The Property committee and the Tanks have proposed taking everything out of the garden, putting in rubber mulch to cut down weeds, and replanting only perennials. The bridge needs to be replaced as well. There are plenty of hands willing to help, but we need planners! Do you have an eye for landscaping? Please talk to Karen or Jerry Tank or Dennis Zeto!











5-12-22



Jessica Powell won't be teaching Sunday School in the '22-'23 school year. Morgan and Gunner are growing up! and are involved in more activities and she is worried they will miss too many Sundays. If you think this is an area of ministry you can serve God, please talk to Jessica, Pastor, Kelly, Samantha Pond, or Lisa Vind.

Thank You Jessica for teaching Sunday School!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 JUNE 2022			1 Bethel's Day at Food Shelf 12:15-3:30	2 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:15pm BCCC Board Meeting	3 →	4 HAVE A GREAT SUMMER! 
5 Food Shelf Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Finance Committee Mtg.	6 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers No Bible Study	7	8	9 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	10 →	11
 12 "Go the Extra Mile" for Gideon's 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Church Council Meeting	13 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study	14	15	16 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm BCCC's Pastries for Parents 	17 →	18 Little Funeral
19 Father's Day Juneteenth 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 	20 Juneteenth Obs. 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study 5:00pm Weight Watchers	21 Flag Day 	22	23 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	24 →	25
26 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour	27 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study 5:00pm Weight Watchers	28 	29 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	30 →		

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3 Food Shelf Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour	4 BCCC and Office Closed  Independence Day	5 ←	6 12:15-3:30pm Bethel at Food Shelf	7 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	1/8 1- Bethel Foundation Grant Applications DUE	2/9
10 2 nd Mile Sunday for Journey Outreach 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour No Council Meeting	11 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study 5:00pm Weight Watchers	12  God Bless America	13 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	14 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	15  The Home of the FREE BRAVE	16
17 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour  THE SEASON AFTER Pentecost	18 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study 5:00pm Weight Watchers	19 	20 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	21 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	22 	23
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