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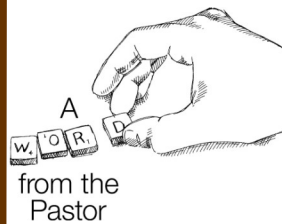
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from the
Pastor

The other day I was going to use my snowmobile trailer, which I haven't used in several years. In hooking up the trailer, I couldn't get the lights to work! (Surprise?) Turned out the ground wire was just about rusted through. Because there wasn't a good connection nothing worked right. I'd turn on the blinkers but the brake lights would come on! (Not a good thing.) After repairing the ground wire, the lights did what they were supposed to do.

Scripture reminds us in many places to remain connected to, grounded in, and rooted with Christ: *"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing"* (John 15:5). *"And that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love"* (Eph. 3:17). *"As you therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving"* (Col. 2:6).

Oftentimes, nothing seems to work right in our lives. But upon closer examination, we often find the truth: we haven't been grounded with Christ. Often it's as simple as benign neglect. Over time the connection doesn't get maintained very well. And then, predictably, when the time comes that we need the connection to Jesus, and it doesn't seem right, we feel that *Jesus* has failed us. The truth is that Jesus is always there; calling us to himself, giving us his life, strengthening us with his grace, upholding us with his mercy, and transforming us through his love. May we continue to keep the connection strong, grounded to Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

"Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way; Direct, protect, and feed me from day to day. Without your grace and favor I go astray; so take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way."

-LBW # 333 v. 1

-Pastor Mark Kindem

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP**

9:00 AM
Worship Service
10:00 AM
Fellowship Hour

**Bethel's
Best
Bazaar**

The Bethel Best Bazaar in October is always a fun time, but it is only possible with lots and lots of volunteers! Especially needed this year is someone to cook the lunch. In the past this has been soup or sloppy joes. Without this critical volunteer, the Bazaar might not happen at all! So, if you are willing to help, talk to Sandy Norrgard ASAP!

Bemidji Community
Food Shelf

Church in Mission

Churches United

“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:

BCFS served 3,407 individuals during the month of May and distributed 132,217 pounds of food. In June, BCFS served 3,254 individuals with 67,780 pounds of food. During the first six months of 2019, 12,759 individuals were served with 464,248 pounds of food.

Thank You and Bethel's Schedule:

Thank you for our donations to the Food Shelf and also thank you to our volunteers - Char Espe, Karen Tank, Suze Beck, Joann Gregory, and Bob Spangler. Bethel's schedule is the first two Wednesday afternoons of the month from 12 to 3. If you can volunteer on one of these afternoons, please call me at 586-3424.

Upcoming Events:

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Ice Cream Social will be held August 25th from 2-4 p.m. The Annual Harvest Ball (fundraiser for the farm) will be held October 3rd at the Eagles Club from 5 to 8 p.m.

Supplements from the Farm:

The Farm at the Food Shelf has been providing rhubarb, lettuce, and onions. Potatoes, bush beans, carrots, and Indian corn will be available soon.

Items Needed:

Personal care items, pancake mix, cereal, baking items, and clean plastic bags.

-Anita Spangler, Food Shelf Representative

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

On July 18, 2019, the Mid-Year Update Meeting of Member Churches was held at Mt. Zion Church. Representatives from area churches were present. The director (Wanda Yoemans) reported on activity for the first half of the year. Number of intakes was 576. Revenue for that period was \$33,203.06, of which \$18,762.06 was from member churches.

Current Needs: Water (bottles to be handed out to clients), any items for lunch bags (fruit snacks, cracker packets, etc.), wet wipes to go along with the diapers that are dispersed, laundry detergent (to be given to clients), OFFICE VOLUNTEERS – always looking for willing individuals who can work at least 4 hours a month as an office volunteer.

Thanks to Bethel for their continued financial support!

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

Char Espe, Executive Board Secretary

China Service Ventures

After 3 years of not being allowed to have summer camps in China, CSV was allowed to have one camp this past week! The theme for the camp was “Love never fails.” There were 66 children, 7 counselors from the US, and 10 Chinese counselors. However the current trade war between the US and China did impact the camps and the second camp was cancelled. The library projects and scholarship program are still alive and well. Please continue to support CSV with your prayers!

-Ida Martinson


**Council
Highlights**
**The mission of the
Church is to Glorify
God**

**Bethel Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2019**

Correspondence:

Ida Martinson would like to have a benefit for her son Peter to raise money for the debt of his handicapped van. She would like to use the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The benefit would be a garage sale type event with music. There is nothing planned for food at this time, but that could be a possibility as well.

Samantha Pond offered more suggestions for this event.

Old Business:

Projector Relocation: The new projector is up, but is fitted for wide screen instead of a square screen. We could get a new screen, which is \$1,300 or move the projector back, which means renting a lift and maybe an electrician.

M/S Samantha Pond and Sara Dreyer made a motion to have NLFX come in and make the projector right, and if they charge then we will wait until the next meeting.

Aye: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Narthex Cross illumination: This project went well and was accomplished with little hassle.

Big Daddy Weave Concert: The concert will not happen at Bethel.

Church Pictorial: Samantha Pond said there is no charge for them to come in and take pictures and there is no charge for the pictorial. The only charge would be for whoever orders a print.

M/S Lisa Vind and Benice Beck motion to move forward with the pictorial.

Aye: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Church Clean-up Review: Some people know exactly what to do, and others do not. Next year we should make a list for what needs to be done and sign up for the jobs that need to be done.

New Business:

Bethel Cookbook: Lisa Newhouse was wondering if we could put together a small picnic cookbook for easy dishes. It would include about 150 recipes. Maybe a slow cooker book as well.

Submitted by Kelly Kindem, Council Secretary

The Council does not meet in July.

From Paul McIntyre, Council President:

In Peter's last letter to the Church he reminds us that in the last day there will be scoffers who will do every wrong they can think of and laugh at the truth. This will be their line of argument;

"So Jesus promised to come back, did he? Then where is he? He'll never come! Why, as far back as anyone can remember, everything has remained exactly as it was since the first day of creation."

They deliberately forget this fact; that God did destroy the world with a mighty flood, long after he had made the heavens by the word of his command and had used the water to form earth and surround it. And God has commanded that the earth and the heavens be stored away for a great bonfire at the judgment day, when all ungodly men will perish.

But don't forget this, dear friends, that a day or a thousand years from now is like tomorrow to the Lord. He isn't really being slow about his promised return, even though it seems that way. But he is waiting for the good reason that he is not willing that any should perish, and he is giving more time to sinners to repent.

-The Living Bible, 2 Pet. 3:3-9.


**Council
President**


BETHEL FUNERALS

HELEN (SANDWICK) FUSARO

BIRTH: APRIL 21, 1925

DEATH: MAY 27, 2019

FUNERAL: JULY 13 AT OLSON-SCHWARZ

PATRICIA VIND

BIRTH: NOVEMBER 16, 1937

DEATH: JUNE 4, 2019

FUNERAL: JUNE 13, 2019 IN CROOKSTON



- 01 Richard Hoff
- 04 Cyndi Fenske
- 06 Helen Kohl-Swedmark
- 09 Gunner Powell (7)
- 10 Kirt Dreyer
- 14 Amaya Copiskey (7)
- Janelle Lundeen
- 22 Abigail Hopke
- 23 Gary Pederson
- 24 Renee Mostoller
- Marlene Lilleby
- 25 Hudson Case (2)
- 26 Brandon Pond
- Rocky Copiskey
- 29 Sally McIntyre
- 30 Bruce Atwater
- Laurie Pommerening



- Doug and Marlene Lilleby**
August 9, 1969 (50)
- Ron and Marilyn Vietor**
August 11, 1956 (63)
- Keith and Laurie Pommerening**
August 12, 1978 (41)
- Alan and Lorraine Thorson**
August 12, 1960 (59)
- Ray and Vi Suther**
August 23, 1958 (61)
- Gordon and Sara Franks**
August 28, 1964 (55)



- 03 Nancy Streightiff
- 09 Shirley Worth
- Ben Rock
- 14 Verlie Geror
- 15 Jaramie Wood
- 16 Alan Thorson
- 22 Adam Lundeen



Havenwood Birthday Party

Every year Bethel runs the September Birthday Party at Havenwood nursing home. This involves bringing a cake (bought by the church), handing out cake, and providing a 30-40 minute music program. The residents especially like songs they can sing along with, including hymns. Volunteers would need to arrive by 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10 and would be done by 3:00 p.m., at the latest. If you would be willing to help with this, please talk to Sally in the office.

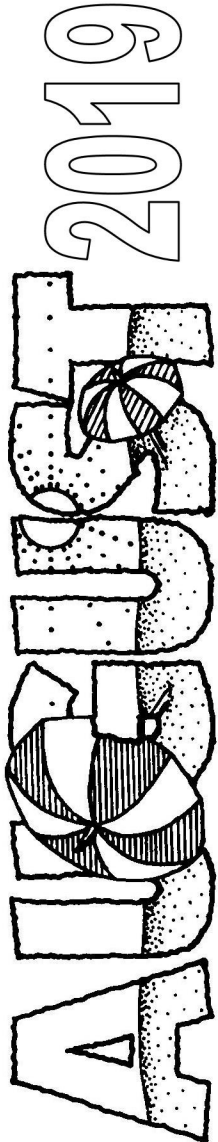




“GO THE EXTRA MILE”

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

JUNE 9TH: BATTERED WOMEN’S SHELTER
\$ 102.00

JULY 14TH: GIDEONS
\$ 236.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
4 Food Shelf Sunday 9:00am Worship Service <i>w/Holy Baptism for Allison Heuer</i> 10:00am Fellowship Hour	5 BCCC Closed For Staff Training 5:00pm Weight Watchers	6	7 Bethel at Food Shelf 12-3 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study 11:30am Finance Com. Mtg.	8 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 4:30pm Weight Watchers	9	10
11 "Go the Extra Mile" for St. Mary's Mission School 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Potluck Brunch Picnic CHURCH PICNIC	12 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:00pm Weight Watchers	13 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 6:30pm Council Meeting	14 Bethel at Food Shelf 12-3 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm BCCC Advisory Mtg.	15 4:30pm Weight Watchers	16	17
18 9:00am Worship Service <i>w/Holy Baptism for Kylie Thomas</i> 10:00am Fellowship Hour	19 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:00pm Weight Watchers	20 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:30-7:30pm BCCC: Parents' Night Out	21 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study	22	23	24
25 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour	26 5:00pm Weight Watchers	27 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 8:00am-4:00pm Bi-CAP meeting in F.H. 5:45pm BCCC Staff Meeting	28 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study	29	30	31

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<p>1 Food Shelf Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>2 LABOR Day BCCC and Church Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Bethel at Food Shelf 12-3 7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study 12noon Finance Com. Mtg.</p>	<p>5 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Grandparents Day "Go the Extra Mile" for Churches United 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>9 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>10 1:45pm Bethel runs B-day party at Havenwood 6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>11 Patriot Day Bethel at Food Shelf 12-3 7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>12 4:30pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9:00-5:00 Benefit for Peter Martinson</p>
<p>15 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>16 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm Bethel Delivers Meals-on-Wheels Sept. 16-20 5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>17 5:45pm BCCC Staff Meeting</p>	<p>18 7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>19 4:30pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 2:30pm Worship at Havenwood</p>	<p>23 First Day of Fall BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>24 Bethel Beacon ARTICLE DEADLINE</p>	<p>25 See You at the Pole Day 7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>26 4:30pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>27  Letse Prep: boiling, ricing, mixing</p>	<p>28  Letse Prep: frying, packaging</p>
<p>29 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>30 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>2019 SEPTEMBER</p>				