

OCT/NOV 2020



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. Worship
(max. 150 people)
10:00 a.m. Fellowship

BETHEL BEACON

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



During the French Revolution, the prison doors of the Bastille were battered down. The prisoners were no longer chained; yet because of being accustomed to the routine, and being there for so long, many refused to leave. They learned to love their chains. That's exactly the human dilemma. The warden of our prison, the Devil, told us that we weren't in chains at all! We could do whatever we wanted. We could indulge our appetites, pursue our selfish ends, amass phony wealth. But we found out too late that money bought us everything but happiness, and power controlled everything except our own selfish appetites and rages.

The great news of the Gospel is that Jesus came to overcome the Devil and all his tricks and weapons. "He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood avails for me" (Wesley, Charles, "O for a Thousand Tongues"). In the light of Jesus we learn that freedom isn't just about us and doing what we want all the time, but rather freedom to turn back to God, who wants what is best for us. May we continue to live in the freedom that Jesus Christ has given us, and walk in the light of the Lord.

-Pastor Mark Kindem



Starting July 25, Minnesotans were required to wear a face mask in public indoor areas (including churches) and public outdoor areas if it is impossible to maintain 6 feet of distance. There are exceptions for medical and mental health conditions.

Please remember masks are most effective at preventing those who are sick from spreading the virus. They are much less effective at protecting healthy people from contracting the virus. That is why it is important to maintain social distancing, refrain from touching your face, wash your mask and hands as often as possible, and to stay home if you are feeling unwell.

The Church Office (i.e. Sally) remains closed except for once or twice a week. Sally telecommutes from home preparing the bulletins, answering email, etc. The Congregation is encouraged to email or call her home phone with information, questions, and concerns.



**Council
President**

Cemeteries, Job, Romans. What is the connection of these three topics? Maybe nothing—just ideas for this issue of the Beacon.

Back when I was a lad, before my teenage years, I had some strange hobbies. One was visiting the old Lancaster Cemetery on Cemetery Road two miles south of my Grandfather's farm. I studied the tombstones, constantly doing the math on how long the resident lived. Sometimes the cause of death

was also inscribed on the stones, such as Spanish flu, and whether they served in the military and what they saw action in. To me it was all very interesting. I thought I could tell by the ages how happy their lives were: Long life spans indicating relatively happy lives and short life spans, not so happy because those lives were unfulfilled. At least that was my opinion at the time. Infant deaths were especially sad as were teenagers and young couples.

The book of Job is not one of my favorite books in the Old Testament. As you recall, God gives the devil freedom to make Job's life miserable in every way, such as removing or destroying all his possessions and family—including children! When his friends accused him of sins (of which he had none) it was such an insulting burden for Job to bear. Eventually God set the record straight and restored Job's wealth, even giving him a 'new family'. (One of my biggest hangups about the story). It still remains one of the Bible's greatest tragedies. I'm sure someone has already done the opera based on it.

But there is still hope. The book of Romans, and for that matter the whole New Testament, speaks of it in the life of Jesus Christ. To me, it sets the stage for a whole new way of looking at things. We do not have to go out to cemeteries to see how people fare in their lives, whether they had long or short lives, or what may have caused their death. We do not have to debate the book of Job on its merits, its rights or wrongs, because as Christians it doesn't matter. As Romans chapter 10 tells us, we do not have to be good enough to gain God's favor. Salvation doesn't depend on how good we are. In chapter 10 verse 9, "For if you tell others that Jesus Christ is your Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead you will be saved." I do believe this opens a whole bunch of surprises for us when we get to Heaven.

In Romans 8 Paul writes "what we suffer here (be it better or worse than Job) is nothing compared to the glory he will give us later. So no matter what happens to us, nothing can separate us from the love of God. Death can't and life can't. The angels won't and all the powers of hell cannot keep God's love away." -The Living Bible

Paul McIntyre, Council President

Council Update

What's happening with the Church Council—are they active, inactive or what?

I'm glad you asked. At our last meeting on September 8th, six brave souls met inside the church with another four electing to stay at home and use their online apparatus. Before this the majority stayed with their electronic devices for June and August with a minority of the council braving the church.

The meetings for the most part were short (around 30 minutes). You can read all about it under Council notes elsewhere in the Beacon.

The good news, besides being able to keep church services available and in person, is the go-ahead we received from the city (permits, etc.) and the contractor to get started on the building addition and roof replacement. I know this will be a hot topic for the next several months and if the addition shell is up before winter sets in it will continue through into the new year. Yes-- continue to pray for all the workers and that the project itself continues without interruptions.

-Paul McIntyre



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: Thank you for your continued support for the Food Shelf during this difficult time. The need for food has increased during July and August with 140,000 pounds of food being distributed to 5,454 people.

Current Operation: Currently volunteers pack food boxes on Tuesdays and Fridays and clients pick up their boxes in the parking lot on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Plans to re-open the Food Shelf building beginning October 5th: Customers will be able to take a number and wait in the comfort and warmth of their car for their turn. Only a limited number of clients will be in the building at one time to meet with an interviewer and then shop for their food. Shoppers will assist clients at a distance.

Safety concerns: When the seriousness of the pandemic started, the Food Shelf’s first concern was keeping volunteers, staff, and customers safe. The proposed changes that are planned for October will also continue that focus.

-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 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.

“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)

Needs: small size dish soap, small size laundry soap, deodorant, bar soap, full size shampoo/conditioner/body wash

Anyone dropping off donations are asked to phone ahead. All donations will be quarantined for 72 hours before inventory or distribution.

COVID 19 RESPONSE: Churches United continues to assist individuals and families in the community. Applicants are asked to call the office at 218-444-1380 to complete an application with one of the staff. Then guests will pick up their assistance at the door.

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

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Thanks to Bethel for their continued financial support!

-Char Espe, Bethel representative to Churches United



- 05 Laurie Wood
- 06 Samuel Howard
- 07 Ronald Vietor
Marilyn Workman
- 10 Porter Hays (2)
- 11 Milo Gille (5)
- 14 Elmer Sand
- 15 Bruce Norrgard
Morgan Powell (10)

Clarence and Ardella Lindseth

October 20, 1951 (69)



- 02 Carol Haiby
- 06 Susan Copiskey
Ione McIntyre
- 08 Ida Martinson
- 09 Paul Martinson
- 11 Lisa Vind
- 17 Lorrane Thorson
- 18 Matthew Kindem
- 19 Paul McIntyre
- 20 Jemma Copiskey
Marilyn Vietor
- 26 Ruth Stebleton
- 29 Sara Franks



BETHEL BAPTISMS

Reagan Lee Pond,

daughter of Brandon and Samantha Pond,
was welcomed into God's family
through the Sacrament of Baptism on
Saturday, August 22, 2020.



BETHEL FUNERALS

SHIRLEY A. WORTH

BIRTH: SEPTEMBER 9, 1932

DEATH: AUGUST 6, 2020

FUNERAL: FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

"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."



"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

AUGUST 09:

GREAT RIVER RESCUE – \$62.00

SEPTEMBER 13:

CHURCHES UNITED – \$122.00

Council Highlights

The mission of the Church is to Glorify God.

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Old Business:

Church Pictorial: Printed and available for pick-up. Sally will mail copies to those she knows won't be attending church.

Amazon Smile: Sally McIntyre reported the church is signed up. Link on the website. Directions will be in announcements.

Roof Contract: A contract with Christensen Construction Company (CCC) has been signed. Work will begin on September 9. Everyone agreed the Council needs to keep an eye on the progress.

Advertising: Samantha Pond pointed out that a lot of places are advertising they are open for business and this might be something we should do. She volunteered to look into possibilities.

New Business:

BCCC Addition Contract and Financing: The building contract has been awarded to CCC. The cost is higher than predicted (predicted ~500,000 and bid ~ 750,000). The bank sees no problem with this. The Council was reminded that this includes a sprinkler system throughout the church and a new well to supply it. The Day Care will pay for all of this but the Church and Day Care are the same financial entity so Bethel is ultimately responsible.

Tuesday, September 08, 2020

Old Business:

Church Pictorial: It is known that at least 3 families had pictures taken and did not get in the pictorial. Laurie Pommerening is planning to call and talk to Image Photography. Ione McIntyre has started calling those not pictured to find any other omissions. Once it is all clear, error pages can be printed off and handed out to insert to the pictorials.

Advertising: Samantha Pond will investigate radio and Lakeland Public TV and update the council via email.

Other:

Church Service Time: A survey was going to be done after Easter about interest in changing/not changing Sunday Worship time. It was decided that currently there are enough changes going on and this subject was tabled until next year.

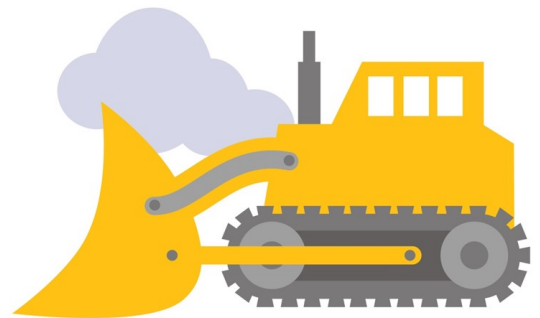
New Business:

July 2020 Foundation Grants: The Bethel Foundation had already cut the checks, so this is only for the council's information.

Consecration Sunday – October 4: Also for the council's information.

BCCC Addition Update

Ground breaking outside the church is postponed until a gas line can be moved. This depends on our gas company. However, remodeling has started inside the Sunday School wing. The congregation is welcomed to look over the blueprints in the office and tour the construction zone. However, please be very, very careful and not touch or move anything.





Daylight Saving
Time Ends
2:00 a.m.

**Sunday,
November 1**
Turn your clocks
back 1 hour

Bethel is scheduled to deliver
Meals-on-Wheels



October 5-9 and
December 21-24.

This is the official notice to the congregation of a
Congregational Meeting on
Sunday, November 15, 2020
immediately following the worship service,
For the Purpose of Elections to the Church
Council, the Bethel Foundation Board and the Bethel
Child Care Center Advisory Board.

If you are being called to serve in this capacity, please
talk to a member of the Nominating Committee:
Kelly Kindem, Ione McIntyre, Karen Tank



We plan to meet each
Wednesday starting at 6:00.
We will have a meal followed by
either a service project, an
activity, or a Bible study.

Wednesday, October 7
Bonfire at Vinds, Kindems or
McKain's

Wednesday, October 14
No meeting due to MEA

Wednesday, October 21
Bible study

Wednesday, October 28
Bible study







Wednesday, November 4
Service project



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>CONSECRATION SUNDAY Food Shelf Sunday</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour ?? Sunday School</p>	<p>5</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>Bethel Delivers Meals-on-Wheels Oct. 5-9</p>	<p>6</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Finance Com. Mtg.</p>	<p>8</p> <p><i>Meals on Wheels</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>"Go the Extra Mile" Northwoods Caregivers</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour ?? Sunday School</p>	<p>12</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>Columbus Day</p>	<p>13</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 5:00pm BCCC Advisory Mtg 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Arndt/Tanneviegut Wedding</p> 
<p>18</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour ?? Sunday School</p>	<p>19</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:45pm BCCC Staff Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour ?? Sunday School</p>	<p>26</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Halloween Reformation Day</p> 

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1 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY Food Shelf Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship ?? Sunday School DST Ends Set Clocks Back 	2 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 	3 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 	4 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Finance Com. Mtg. 5:00pm BCCC Advisory Mtg 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group	5 8:00am—5:00pm BiCAP meeting in FH	6 	7 1:00pm Funeral for Aaron Little (non-member)
8 "Go the Extra Mile" for Tubs of Love 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour ?? Sunday School	9 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	10 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm VETERANS DAY 	11 7:00am Men's Group 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group	12 	13 	14
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29 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour ?? Sunday School	30 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	