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**SUNDAY
WORSHIP**

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

BETHEL BEACON

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



Have you ever heard of the Gauls? They were a warlike people who in ancient times inhabited what is now France and Belgium. They spoke a Celtic language and worshipped nature, and had human sacrifices. By the time of the Christian era they had been conquered by the Roman Empire and were supposedly under its control. The extent of this control varied, however, for the Gauls never did take too well to being conquered and there were numerous Gallic uprisings. A number of Christian missionaries ventured into Gallic territory and, over time, many of the Gauls became Christians. As the story goes, when a converted warrior was baptized in a river or stream, he would hold one arm high in the air as the missionary dunked him under the water. This seemed a peculiar custom and the missionaries soon learned the reason for it. When the next battle or skirmish broke out, the warlike Gaul could proclaim, “This arm is not baptized”, grab up his club or sword or ax, and ride off to destroy his enemy in a most un-Christian manner.

This story forces all of us to ask this question: “What do we hold out of the water?” Is it our wallets or purses? Is it our spouses or children? Is it our careers or vocation? What? As we look at ourselves, may we be willing to get completely wet; every part of us. Body, soul, heart, and mind.

“Remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth.” Deut. 8:18

-Pastor Mark Kindem

This is the official notice to the congregation of a
Congregational Meeting on
Sunday, November 21, 2021

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:
Sally McIntyre, Lisa Vind, Bruce Wegley




Byron & Laura Rock
November 23, 2002 (19)

- 02 Carol Haiby
- 06 Susan Copiskey
Ione McIntyre
- 08 Ida Martinson
- 09 Paul Martinson
- 11 Aesa Hanson (5)
Lisa Vind
- 18 Matthew Kindem
- 19 Paul McIntyre
- 20 Jemma Copiskey
Marilyn Vietor
- 29 Sara Franks

- 07 Ronald Vietor
Marilyn Workman
- 10 Porter Hays (3)
- 14 Elmer Sand
- 15 Bruce Norrgard
Morgan Powell (11)



BETHEL BAPTISMS
Lynn Jeffrey Imhof,
son of Anton and Linnea Imhof,
was welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the family's home.



Daylight Saving Time Ends 2:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 7
Turn your clocks back 1 hour!



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.

October 6
Study: Travel Guide to the Bible

October 13
Study: Travel Guide to the Bible

October 20
Tailgate Party for BHS Home Football (MEA)

October 27
Fun Night: Game Night

Saturday, October 30
Service: Senior Community Cleanup

November 3
Study: Travel Guide to the Bible or The Bible Project

November 10
Study: The Bible Project

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 for the individuals who have volunteered to help at the Food Shelf (Karen Tank, Carol Winans, and various community people.)

Clients Served: During the first six months of 2021, 2,439 families were served with 268,390 pounds of food.

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).

Director’s Retirement: A reception was held September 17th for Mary Mitchell who has served as Director for the past seven years. The new director, Michael Olson, will begin work October 1st as the new Director.

The Farm: Thanks to many community volunteers, the Food Shelf has been able to provide a variety of fresh, nutritious produce to our many clients.

Changes in operation: On August 1st the Food Shelf went back to the SuperShelf distribution where customers shop individually for their food. Individual churches are responsible for a particular shift. Bethel is responsible for the first Wednesday afternoon shift from 12 to 3. **If you would be interested in volunteering one afternoon a month, please contact me (586-3424).**

-Anita Spangler, Food Shelf Representative



Bethel is scheduled to deliver
Meals-on-Wheels
October 25-29



There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Fall is one of the most evident seasons of change. Falling leaves, dropping temperatures, and the beginning of the holiday season. Ecclesiastes is laying out for us all the seasons of life. A time to give, and a time to receive. A time to plant, and a time to uproot. In every season of life, God is there to guide us and to help us through every situation. In our struggling and striving he is there to help us up and cheer us on.

-Kelly Kindem

“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 08:

NORTHWOODS PREGNANCY CARE CENTER – \$97.00

SEPTEMBER 12:
EVERGREEN YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES \$113.00

Council Highlights

The mission of the Church is to Glorify God.

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Correspondence: Don Houseman's resignation letter from the Foundation Board due to his moving away.

Old Business:

Landscaping:

Samantha Pond got bids from Nature's Edge and Hills Country Greenhouse for redoing the beds around the church and some of the parking lot islands. Removing all bushes, rocks, and fabric, replacing the fabric and rocks and planting a few new bushes, and adding a few larger boulders. Nature's Edge came in at \$15,372 for the parking lot side, the south side, and the parking lot islands. Hill's Country Greenhouse came in at \$13,281. She also felt Hill's was more helpful and had more ideas. They also suggested waiting until fall or spring to plant new shrubs as they take a lot of water. The Council agreed that shrubs should be kept to a minimum to reduce mice nesting near the building. They also agreed to leave the air conditioners unscreened by bushes or boulders to allow full access. This might change in the future.

M/S Carol Killian/Lisa Vind to accept Hill's bid. 0 nays. **The Motion Passed.**

New Business:

Garden Bridge:

Dennis Zeto, Property Liaison, reported that the railing on the garden bridge is rotten and in danger of falling. The bridge has been taped off and he plans to look into replacing the railing with wrought iron. Dennis Zeto and Jerry Tank will look into the bridge.

Dennis Zeto also reported that the outdoor cross on the stage is also leaning and might be in need of replacement.

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Old Business:

Landscaping Progress:

Samantha Pond met with Hill's Country Greenhouse. They will start the second week in October and think it will take

about a week.

Solar Panel Progress:

Samantha Pond reported that everything is installed and ready to hook up to Beltrami Electric. That should happen this week. Installation took longer than expected.

Youth Room Progress:

Lisa Vind reported that Andy Powell put up shelves in the day care's laundry room and the totes have been moved there. Randy and the Youth Group will talk about how they want it to look. Possible furniture donations are welcome.

Other:

Lisa Vind wondered about the progress of gas stoves in the kitchen. President Kindem replied it was the responsibility of the main kitchen workers to pick out the stoves they want.

New Business:

Narthex Updates:

Shirley Wegley on the Decorating Committee, who worked on the updated decorations and flower arrangements in the narthex, has been looking around for a couch and coffee tables to put in the narthex as a nice place to visit at funerals, weddings, waiting for youth, etc. Frizzell received a set of a couch, love seat, and tables that was slightly dinged up. Originally \$2,700 he offered to sell it to the church for \$1,000.

M/S Cole Kindem/Bernice Beck to move forward with this purchase. 0 nays. **The Motion Passed.**

Fellowship Hall Wall Repairs:

Andy Powell asked when repairs would be done to the Fellowship Hall walls. President Kindem replied that we are on Mr. Mole's list for after the outdoor painting season. He will fix the dry wall before painting.

Respectfully submitted by Sally McIntyre, Council Secretary.



New at Church!



Above: New coat rack, installed September 23. Below: New furniture in library corner and to replace our narthex table. All flower arrangements are thanks to Shirley Wegley (and Thrivent Action Grants!).



The new furniture set, a couch, a love seat, two end tables, coffee table and sofa table were slightly dinged up so the church got the set for only \$1,000. Shirley Wegley carefully fixed up the spots. Can you see where the leather was scrapped/ripped and the wood chipped? Thank you Shirley!



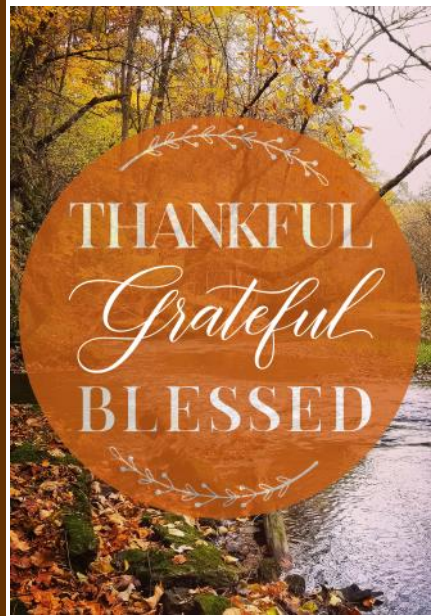
DeeAnne Moen is back! She is occasionally working at the Day Care. Above you can see she has already decorated for Fall!







COVID-19 UPDATES

According to the CDC website, Beltrami County is a county with High Community Transmission and everyone should wear a mask in public, indoor settings. Bethel is not enforcing this due to the high level of vaccination in the congregation, however everyone is welcome to do as they feel comfortable and anyone feeling sick is asked to stay home. Beltrami currently (9/21/21) has a 59.4% vaccination rate and 15 hospitalizations in the last 7 days.

Even if you are fully vaccinated, if you've had close contact with someone who has COVID-19, you should get tested 3-5 days after your exposure, even if you don't have symptoms. You should also wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until your test result is negative. You should isolate for 10 days if your test result is positive.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 CONSECRATION SUNDAY Food Shelf Sunday</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Finance Com. Mtg.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>5</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30 am Bible Study</p> <p>12-3 Bethel at Food Shelf</p> <p>5:00pm BCCC Advisory Mtg 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1/8</p>	<p>2/9</p> <p>HAPPY FALL garden</p> 
<p>10 "Go the Extra Mile" for Northwoods Caregivers</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Council Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>12</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30 am Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>TIME FOR A HARVEST!</p> 
<p>17</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School</p>	<p>18</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>19</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30 am Bible Study</p> <p>Youth Group: Tailgate Party for BHS Home Football</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> 
<p>24</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School</p>	<p>25</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>26</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30 am Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 Halloween Reformation Day</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School</p> 						
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<p>21</p> <p>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Congregation Meeting for Purpose of Elections 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School</p>	<p>22</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>23</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>No Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>25</p> <p>BCCC and Church Office Closed Nov. 25-26</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School</p>	<p>29</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>30</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>				