

AUG—SEP 2017



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### PRAYER CHAIN

- Day -

Barb Brown @ 243-2313

- Evening -

Judy Thorson @ 444-6944

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

# BETHEL BEACON

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



Summer is traditionally the time most people get the camping trailer out and use it. I remember when we were going to use our tent trailer for a weekend. Well the last time we used it was quite a while back, and in hooking up the trailer, I found that 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 ground connection, nothing worked right. I'd turn on the turn signals, but the brake lights would come on! Not a good thing. After repairing the ground, the lights did what they were supposed to do.

Scripture reminds us in many places to remain connected to, or grounded in, or rooted with Jesus: *"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."* Ephesians 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."* Colossians 2:6

Oftentimes when nothing seems to work right in our lives, upon closer examination, we find that the truth is very simple: We haven't been grounded to Jesus! Often it's as simple as benign neglect. Over time the connection doesn't get maintained very well. We say things like: *"When things settle down.."*, *"When I have more time..."*, *"Next week I'll..."* and 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. Then we say things like: *"He didn't help me..."* *"You said you'd always be there, but you're not..."* 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, transforming us through his love. May we always maintain the connection, and stay connected to Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

Pastor Mark 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 JUNE  
NORTHWOODS PREGNANCY CARE CENTER:  
\$ 77.00

COLLECTED OFFERING FOR JULY  
GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL: \$ 285.00



**WELCOME**  
to Our Newest Members!

Lisa Vind and  
Holly Vind



# CHALLENGES OF CHANGE

Today we hear a lot about change involving climate as well as changes in our life patterns of living. Most of these are well beyond our control but thankfully many can be altered if we are willing to accept the challenge they bring to our way of living. One such change is taking place in the churches of Minnesota and indeed across the whole spectrum of Christianity in the world. An interesting article appeared in a recent Sunday Star Tribune entitled 'AS LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS SHRINK CHURCHES TAKE NEW ROLES'. The authors of the study claim that Minnesota Lutherans, as the largest body of Lutherans in America, have set about the task of transforming the church to attract younger and more diverse members who can change the image of the Scandinavian bastion—best known for hot dish, jello and Ole and Lena—to more relevance. According to the study, the ELCA, the largest denomination in Minnesota and the U.S. has less than 50 members worshiping on Sunday in 37% of its churches. The writers are wondering if the Lutherans are experiencing a second reformation.

At Bethel our numbers were lowered by doctrinal disputes as is taking place with most churches in the country today. We have many members moving under the umbrella of Lutheranism. Today we have over 28 mega Lutheran churches in the twin cities area alone but we do have small congregations struggling as well. The message of Christ is unchanging and always will be what this world needs. As we open our eyes to the needs around us we can see many challenges we can address even though we are largely a senior congregation. At the present time our childcare program is serving over 50 children but we could even double our service with children on the waiting list. Maybe this is a challenge we should pray about. Many of the children on the waiting lists are spending too much time in front of the T.V when they could be in a Christian atmosphere like we have here at Bethel.

May God give us all the courage and strength to cope with all the coming changes and challenges.

Duane Christensen

Congregational President 2017



Your Second Quarter Giving Statements are available upon request. Please leave a message with the office, and yours will be mailed out to you.



*Congratulations  
to Brandon and  
Samantha Pond.  
Married at Bethel on  
July 15, 2017*



To assist in the cooking and clean-up of Wednesday Night Suppers. These meals are for anyone who wants to come but generally it is mainly those attending, and helping with, Youth Group, Confirmation and Sunday School.

Meals can be as simple as mac and cheese!

**Tuesday, June 13, 2017**



**Council  
Highlights**

**Old Business:**

Spring Fund Drive to reduce debt. - \$500 was raised this past month. We need to keep working on this goal.

Other - Parking Lot - The property committee has received a bid from a company that will mill out the cracks, fill them with tar, then seal and stripe the parking lot. The cost will be \$12,700. There is \$13,201.01 dedicated to parking lot repairs. However there is currently \$12,500 in the entire savings of the church.

M/S The property committee recommends to the council that the repairs be made this summer.

**Motion Passed**

**New Business:**

Lillian Lauderbaugh Memorial - There were about \$500 donated to this memorial. Sandy Norrgard from the Altar Guild, would like a small vacuum for the altar area. Sandy would also like to buy new linens for the kitchen.

M/S Char Espe/Lisa Newhouse that Sandy Norrgard, as a member of the Altar Guild, be given the \$500 memorial to use at her discretion.

**Motion Passed**

Office Copier - Patti VanCamp asked Jon Crisman to look into the replacement of the office copier. He recommends that Bethel lease a copier from Marco. A replacement copier would likely cost \$6,000-\$7,000, and that would be a used copier.

M/S Art Reistad/Vi Suther moved that we support Jon Crisman's recommendation and lease a copier from Marco, along with a service contract.

**Motion Passed**

New Members - Recognizing Lisa and Holly Vind as members of Bethel. They will have dual membership with Evangelical Covenant.

M/S Sally/Jessica moved to accept Lisa and Holly as new members of Bethel.

**Motion Passed**

Other - Personnel Committee: Needs to become active. Dean Rasmussen is the Personnel committee liaison, Sara Dreyer volunteered as the Property Committee liaison. The committee will also consist of Jessica Powell, and Pastor Kindem. The committee will ask for one more volunteer from the congregation.

The immediate tasks for this committee are:

Find a custodian.

Find a volunteer to be a contact person for church staff and members when there is an issue with

the building, grounds or staff that needs to be addressed.

Sara Dreyer, Council Secretary

**The Council does not meet in July.**

**Bemidji Community Food Shelf**

**“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.”**

**Thank you:** Thank you for your contributions for the Food Shelf. Also, thank you to our devoted volunteers (Karen Tank, Char Espe, Irene Beck, Suze Ann Pearson, Alice Sadek and Dee Tieglund.

**Open Your Heart Summer Challenge:** The Food Shelf's goal for this challenge is to raise \$20,000 during the month of July. Dollars raised will receive a partial match up to \$5,000. This is very important as summer is the Food Shelf's busiest time of the year.

**Cooks continue to be needed at the Food Shelf:** If you like to cook and visit with people for at least one day a month, please contact Mary at 444-6580. Cooking involves preparing a soup, hot dish, etc. from supplies at the Food Shelf to distribute to clients to demonstrate how a particular item could be used.

**(NAPS) Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors:** The Food Shelf is looking for a volunteer to learn how to interview for NAPS. Currently, approximately 127 seniors receive boxes once a month. NAPS is a program that is in addition to the regular food shelf distribution. Seniors pick up their boxes once a month on the third Monday. Boxes typically contain cereal, canned vegetables, milk, juice, pasta and processed cheese. Seniors need to apply by coming to the Food Shelf and filling out an application or by calling Mary at 444-6580 for more information.

Anita Spangler, Food Shelf Representative



# With Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of the following:

Kevin Binkley died on Sunday, June 25, 2017. His funeral service was held on Friday, June 30, 2017 at Bethel.

Alice Dreyer died on Saturday, July 8, 2017. Her funeral service was held on Friday, July 14, 2017 at Bethel.

Lorraine Pemberton died on Wednesday, July 12, 2017. Her funeral service was held on Saturday, July 15, 2017.

*"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."*

new  
**Life**

... just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may  
**live a new life.** ROMANS 6:4



**AUGUST 2017**

## Birthdays

- 01 Richard Hoff
- 04 Cyndi Fenske
- 06 Helen Kohl-Swedmark
- 07 Emilie Rucinski
- 09 Gunner Powell (5)
- 10 Kirt Dreyer
- 16 Judy Sundvall
- 20 Zackary Seitz
- 21 Scott Pula
- 23 Gary Pederson
- 24 Renee Brown  
Marlene Lilleby
- 26 Brandon Pond
- 29 Sally McIntyre
- 30 Bruce Atwater  
Laurie Pommerening



**SEPTEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 03 Nancy Streightiff
- 04 Dennis Sundvall
- 08 Nancy Lofgren
- 09 Shirley Worth
- 14 Verlie Geror
- 15 Jaramie Wood
- 16 Alan Thorson
- 25 Cale Sundvall

## Anniversaries

Doug and Marlene Lilleby  
August 9, 1969 (48)

Ron and Marilyn Vietor  
August 11, 1956 (61)

Keith and Laurie Pommerening  
August 12, 1978 (39)

Alan and Lorraine Thorson  
August 12, 1960 (57)

Nancy and Brian Lofgren  
August 18, 2012 (5)

Ray and Vi Suther  
August 23, 1958 (59)

Gordon and Sara Franks  
August 28, 1964 (53)



**SEPTEMBER  
ANNIVERSARIES**

Ronald and Susan Sandell  
September 1, 1961 (56)


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 5232 IRVINE AVENUE NW BEMIDJI, MN 56601	<b>BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 5232 IRVINE AVENUE NW BEMIDJI, MN 56601	1:00pm Funeral for Jediaiah Little (non-member)	<b>BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm</b> Bethel's Day @ Food Shelf 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study NO Finance Committee Meeting	4:30pm Weight Watchers	4:30pm Weight Watchers	5:00pm <b>OCA: Great Vespers</b>
<b>FOOD SHELF SUNDAY</b> 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am <b>Orthodox Church in America (OCA):</b> Typica	5:00pm Weight Watchers	6:30pm Council Meeting	<b>BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm</b> 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm BCCC Advisory Board	4:30pm Weight Watchers	4:30pm Weight Watchers	5:00pm <b>OCA: Great Vespers</b>
9:00am Musical Worship Service by Dave Anderson & Roger Walck (The Rescue Tour) Free Will Offering 11:00am <b>OCA:</b> Typica	<b>BCCC CLOSED</b> In-service Day for Employees 5:00pm Weight Watchers	6:00pm BCCC Staff Meeting	<b>BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm</b> Bethel Delivering Meals-on-Wheels 14-18 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study	4:30pm Weight Watchers	4:30pm Weight Watchers	5:00pm <b>OCA: Great Vespers</b>
9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am <b>OCA:</b> Divine Liturgy Followed by Education Time and Potluck	5:00pm Weight Watchers	6:00pm BCCC Staff Meeting	<b>BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm</b> 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study	4:30pm Weight Watchers	4:30pm Weight Watchers	5:00pm <b>OCA: Great Vespers</b>
9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am <b>OCA:</b> Divine Liturgy Followed by Education Time and Potluck 2:30pm Worship @ Havenwood	5:00pm Weight Watchers	6:00pm BCCC Staff Meeting	<b>BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm</b> 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study	4:30pm Weight Watchers	4:30pm Weight Watchers	5:00pm <b>OCA: Great Vespers</b>



# SEPTEMBER



# 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 <b>Food Shelf Sunday</b></p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>11:00am <b>Orthodox Church in America (OCA):</b> Typica</p>	<p>4  <b>BCCC &amp; OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 <b>BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm</b> <b>Bethel's Day @ Food Shelf</b></p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study 11:30am Finance Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4:30pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>8 <b>BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm</b></p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:00pm <b>OCA:Great Vespers</b></p>
<p>10 <b>"Go the Extra Mile" for Hope House/REACH</b></p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>11:00am <b>OCA: Divine Liturgy</b> Followed by Education Time and Potluck</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>13 <b>BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm</b></p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm BCCC Advisory Board Mtg. 5:45pm Sunday School 6:00pm Wednesday Supper 6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4:30pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:00pm <b>OCA:Great Vespers</b></p>
<p>17 9:00am <b>Worship Service w/Sacrament of Baptism for Aiden Spencer</b></p> <p>11:00am - 3:00pm Church Picnic at Diamond Point Park</p> <p>11:00am <b>OCA: Divine Liturgy</b> Followed by Education Time and Potluck</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00pm BCCC Staff Meeting</p>	<p>20 <b>BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm</b></p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>5:45pm Sunday School 6:00pm Wednesday Supper 6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am Bethel Quilters</p> <p>4:30pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:00am <b>Worship Service</b> 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>11:00am <b>OCA: Typica</b></p> <p>2:30pm <b>Worship @ Havenwood</b></p>	<p>25</p> <p>8am <b>BEACON DEADLINE</b></p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 <b>BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm</b></p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>5:45pm Sunday School 6:00pm Wednesday Supper 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Bethel Quilters</p> <p>4:30pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:00pm <b>LEFSE PREP DAY: Boiling, ricing, mixing</b></p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am <b>LEFSE PREP DAY: Rolling, frying, packaging</b></p>

# THE RESCUE TOUR

## Dave Anderson & Roger Walck



Praise and Worship!

Sunday, August 13

9:00 a.m.

There will be a Free-Will Offering  
Collected to benefit Shepherd's Canyon Retreat



**What is Fellowship Ministries?** Fellowship Ministries is a non-profit ministry whose mission is to provide relevant worship resources, encouragement and training for advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**What is Shepherd's Canyon Retreat?** Shepherd's Canyon Retreat ministry hosts 7-day counseling retreats for men and women who are experiencing stress, depression, and many kind of conflicts as the result of "being in ministry". The new home-base for Shepherd's Canyon Retreat is Standing Stones, located 15 miles west of Wickenburg, Arizona. Fellowship Ministries and Shepherd's Canyon Retreat are non-profit 501 c 3 tax-exempt organization.

### How are these ministries funded?

Shepherd's Canyon Retreat and Fellowship Ministries are funded through:

- \* Donations and offerings from individuals and churches
- \* Grants from congregations and family foundations
- \* Dave Anderson and Roger Walck's concert offerings
- \* Sales of worship and music resources such as "The Other Songbook" (500,000+ copies in print) and "The Best of the Best in Contemporary Praise & Worship" (180,000 in print).

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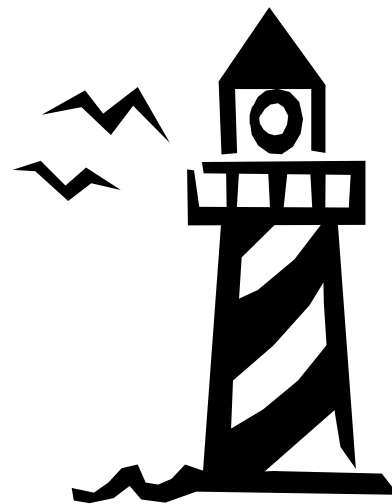
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**Cake and Coffee in honor of Darrel Lauderbaugh**  
(He is moving to the Cities in August to be closer to his children)

**This Sunday, July 30**  
*During Fellowship Hour*



**Church Picnic**

**Sunday, September 17**  
**11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Sapphire Pavilion at Diamond Point Park.  
There are plug-ins for hot dishes!

# Fall Bazaar

**Saturday, October 14**

Lefse Prep: Friday and Saturday, September 29-30.

It will be here before you know it!

There are many ways to help:

crafting,  
cooking,  
baking,  
ticket taking,  
cashiering.

If you would like to help on the day, or with lefse making, please talk to Sandy Norrgard.