

JUN—JUL 2017



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:00 AM

Fellowship Hour

BETHEL BEACON

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



“Thomas said to Jesus, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
John 14

An explorer traveling through the jungle became lost with nothing around him but deep brush, dense foliage, and a few clearings. He finally stumbled into a small village and asked one of the local residents if someone would be willing to lead him out the jungle. A local villager agreed. They walked for hours through dense brush, hanging vines, and hacked their way through unmarked jungle until there was no visible path at all. The explorer began to worry and said, “Are you sure this is the way? Where is the path?” The villager hesitated, then replied, “...In this place there is no path. I am the path.”

In these days, in our lives, in the middle of what often appears to be a deep jungle; the familiar landmarks and signposts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, self-control are overgrown or just plain missing. The Good News is that Jesus is still our path. He doesn't just show us the way, he *is* the way. He doesn't just talk about the truth, he *is* the truth. He doesn't simply promise life, he *is* our life! Thanks be to God!

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 APRIL
RESTORE: \$ 54.00

COLLECTED OFFERING FOR MAY
HANDS OF ACTION: \$ 82.00

COLLECTED OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY
WOMEN OF THE NALC MISSION BANKS:
\$217.09



Samantha
Gunlikson,
Brandon Pond,
Gloria Rokke,
Twila Wright



THANKS BE TO GOD FOR THOSE GREAT VOLUNTEERS AMONG US!

Have you given any thought lately about the tremendous jobs that are done every day by the great numbers of people who are among us making life better for all of us with not much banter and noise about it as each day passes? What a great testimony to love among our fellow pilgrims in this life. Indeed as the apostle Paul says in the letter to the Corinthians without LOVE our service is just like a noisy gong to those around us. Most recently I felt the love for our BCCC children as expressed by Andy and Jessica Powell as they assembled a crew of volunteers to paint and restore newness to that wonderful play apparatus that was given to Bethel many years ago. Please go out and see it and our expanded sandbox. The children are so pleased with everything. I have yet to hear any negative comments from parents or children about our program. It's a great tribute to our wonderful staff and the reason that we have waiting lists in all categories for the program. I heard so many great comments about the wonderful program of graduation recently held to an overflow crowd of parents and friends. Our staff does such a good job of arranging for many activities and providing an outstanding atmosphere for the learning experiences. Thanks again to staff and volunteers.

Yet another huge thank you goes to the Property Committee for mowing our huge lawn and keeping our hedges trimmed. Even Tim Vind was out mowing our lawn a week before his passing. These volunteers don't need reminders of needs. They just do it. Thanks guys!!

Jack and Jan Johnson are quietly restoring our memorial garden to its normal beauty. Thank you for again sharing your God given talents so we can experience that work of love.

Another work of love that goes on almost without knowing are the men and women of Bethel who deliver meals on wheels, work at churches united, put the Beacon together and organize and serve at funerals and special events. There are even some who show up late at night to clean and prepare our church for its daily use. I am sure I may have missed some of this host of volunteers so a big voice of appreciation goes out to you.

Last, but certainly not least, our faithful Pastor Mark and his family have been laboring faithfully as usual for us in the Lord's Work together with Patti VanCamp at half salary and benefits just because of his LOVE for us and his Lord. God bless you richly for all that extra volunteering for us. It has not gone unnoticed.

Yours in His Service,

Duane Christensen
Congregation President 2017



From Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Before the official beginning of the meeting, a guest, Samantha Gunlikson w/ Thrivent Financial, spoke regarding ways Thrivent Financial could work with the church in fund raising efforts and also support Thrivent members with financial management. Speak to a board member if you would like contact information for Ms. Gunlikson.

President Duane Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., opening with a prayer and Art Reistad led devotions.

The council received a letter from Hal Wilhite resigning his position on the church council. We also received a letter from Art Reistad resigning from his position in coordinating ushers for Sunday mornings. This will be effective beginning on May 1st. The council regretfully accepted both of these resignations and wishes to thank both of these fine gentlemen for their dedication and service to Bethel. The council is looking for persons to fill both positions. If this is a way you can contribute to Bethel, please let a council person know.

The property committee and Todavich Electric has completed the installation of new LED lighting throughout the church. The church is much brighter and our electrical bills should be reduced due to the new bulbs. Thank you to Bruce Norrgard, Gary Pederson, and any others for their efforts in getting this de'light'ful task accomplished.

Our custodian of many years, Abe Hanson, has decided to retire. We are grateful to him for all his work over the years. He has done a wonderful job for us. We will need to find a new person to fill this position of 25 hours per week. Please let Pastor Kindem know if you can recommend someone for this position.

President Christensen discussed his goals for this year and asked for feedback from the council on them. He requested that we consider these ideas prayerfully. His goals include the following items:

- a. Changing the lighting to LED bulbs – completed!
- b. Building a 'romper room' for the preschool.
- c. Repair of the parking lot – some funding for this has already been secured.
- d. Reinstating the Pastor's Letter of Call to full time.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Dreyer, Council Secretary.

From Tuesday, May 9, 2017

President Duane Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., opening with a prayer. Devotions were led by Pastor Mark Kindem, reading from "Forty Ways to Fortify Your Faith".

Pastor Kindem heard from a friend about how much he had enjoyed the fish fry. The food was delicious and the music was wonderful. The event was well attended. The council extends thanks and appreciation to the Men's group who plans, organizes, and hosts this event. We also wish to thank all those who helped make the day the wonderful success it was. Thank you to all who were involved.

In April almost \$5,000 was paid toward reducing the debt from 2016! The council has donated \$1375 since March and there were also proceeds from the I's store toward this account. Ida Martinson and Lone McIntyre have generously donated much of their time and their own goods so that they could contribute to Bethel's financial health. Let's keep those donations coming in and pay this off.

How do you like the new LED lights? They have really brightened up the church. This project is almost completely paid for. If the property committee receives a Paulson Foundation Grant in July it will pay off the remaining balance. One cost does remain, though, and that is the cost of recycling the old bulbs. This is a cost of about \$1.00 per bulb.

In addition to the new lighting, the property committee has also hired a new custodian. Say 'Hello' to David McIntyre if you see him. David will be taking on the duties that our former custodian, Abe Hanson, did before his retirement.

With the retirement of Hal Wilhite from the council, we had an open seat. The Nominating Committee has spoken to several people and Lorraine Thorson has volunteered to fill this seat until the end of Hal's term in November. Many thanks to Lorraine for stepping up.

Spring Clean-Up is Saturday, June 3 beginning at 9:00 am. Volunteers will be cleaning windows and sweeping the parking lot, among other things. If you are available for any amount of time we would appreciate the help. As you all know, many hands make light work.

Our congregation is growing! The council is excited to announce that we have four new members. Please welcome Brandon Pond, Samantha Gunlikson, Twila Wright and Gloria Rokke to Bethel. We are glad you will be joining us in our walk with Christ.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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Our sympathy and prayers are

With Sympathy

extended to the family and friends of two Bethel members. Knute C.

Naastad died on Saturday, May 20, 2017. His funeral service was held on Friday, May 26, 2017 at Bethel.

Timothy Vind also died on Saturday, May 20, 2017. His funeral service was held on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at Bethel.

"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."



Saturday, June 3

9:00 a.m.

This is an opportunity for us to get some things done that are not in the weekly janitorial duties, such as:

Tree and bush trimming, weeding, outdoor cleaning of the church, window cleaning, kitchen cleaning, polishing, hard-to-reach dusting, painting, storage room organization and whatever else you can think of!



Birthdays

- 02 June Sand
- 03 Violet Suther
- 07 Yvonne Olson
- 08 Cole Kindem
- 10 Daniel Hoff
- 11 Alice Sadek
- 13 Allen Evans
- 17 Penny Evans
Donna Froyd
Miriam Kindem
Sandy Norrgard
- 20 Sheila Masters
- 21 Harold Ugelstad
- 25 Jane Boutwell
- 28 Samantha Gunlikson

Anniversaries

- Bruce & Sandy Norrgard
June 1, 1974 (43)
- Mark & Miriam Kindem
June 18, 1988 (29)
- Bruce & Sara Dreyer
June 19, 1993 (24)
- Richard & Joyce Hoff
June 20, 1998 (19)
- Edgar & Charlotte Espe
June 28, 1975 (42)



- 01 Jessica Powell
- 05 Dean Rasmussen
- 08 Harold Schramm
- 09 Barbara Brown
Adam Pederson
- 13 Jacob Gregory
- 17 Marilyn Zeman
- 22 Pearl Ledin
Amity Steffen
- 24 Eric (Brody)
Dreyer
- 28 Katelyn Jerdee
Ardella Lindseth



- Paul and Ione McIntyre
July 12, 1964 (53)
- Allen and Penny Evans
July 17, 1973 (44)
- Elmer and June Sand
July 21, 1954 (63)

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

2017



4 Food Shelf Sunday

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

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5:00pm
Weight
Watchers

5-8 pm BCCC babysits for
Bi-CAP Class

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7 BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm

Bethel's Day @ Food Shelf
7:00am Men's Group
10:00am Bible Study
11:30am Finance Committee Mtg.

8

4:30pm Weight Watchers

9

Dahl/Hedlund
Wedding
Rehearsal

10

Dahl/Hedlund
Wedding
&
Reception

11 "Go the Extra Mile" for
Northwoods Pregnancy
Care Center

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

12

5:00pm
Weight
Watchers

5-8 pm BCCC Babysits for
Bi-CAP Class

13

14 BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm

7:00am Men's Group
10:00am Bible Study
5:00pm BCCC Advisory
Board Meeting
Flag Day!

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7:30-8:45am BCCC
Donuts for Dads!

16

4:30pm Weight Watchers

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18

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

19

5:00pm
Weight
Watchers

5:45pm BCCC Staff
Meeting

20

21 BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm

7:00am Men's Group
10:00am Bible Study
First Day of Summer

22

4:30pm Weight Watchers

23

24

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

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5:00pm
Weight
Watchers

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28 BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm

7:00am Men's Group
10:00am Bible Study

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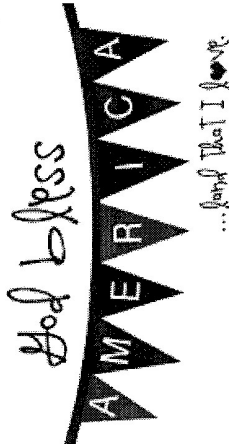
4:30pm Weight Watchers

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2:30pm Worship @ Havenwood

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 2017 1 Bethel Foundation Grant Applications Due	2 FOOD SHELF SUNDAY 9:00am Worship Service with Fellowship Hour 10:00am Fellowship Hour	3 BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm Weight Watchers 5:00pm Weight Watchers	4 BCCC & Church Office CLOSED July 4 Independence Day 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study NO Finance Committee Meeting	5 BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm Bethel's Day @ Food Shelf 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study NO Finance Committee Meeting	6 BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm 4:30pm Weight Watchers	7 8
9 "Go the Extra Mile" for Gideons 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour	10 5:00pm Weight Watchers	11 NO Council Meeting	12 BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study NO BCCC Advisory Board Meeting	13 4:30pm Weight Watchers	14 Gunlikson /Pond Wedding Rehearsal	15 Gunlikson/Pond Wedding
16 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour	17 8:00 a.m. Beacon Deadline 5:00pm Weight Watchers	18 5:45pm BCCC Staff Meeting	19 BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study	20 4:30pm Weight Watchers	21 Gjestvang /Botzek Wedding Rehearsal	22 Gjestvang/Botzek Wedding
23 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 2:30pm Worship @ Havenwood	24 5:00pm Weight Watchers	25 ?BCCC Science Night? (Outside)	26 BCCC 6:30am - 5:45pm 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study	27 4:30pm Weight Watchers	28 4:30pm Weight Watchers	29 BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 5232 IRVINE AVENUE NW BEMIDJI, MN 56601
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2017

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 to the Food Shelf during the months of March and April. Also, thank you to our volunteers: Karen Tank, Char Espe, Irene Beck, Suze Ann Pearson and Dee Tieglund.

Minnesota Food Share Campaign: Thanks to everyone who assisted with the Minnesota Food Share Campaign. The goal was set at \$110,000, but efforts brought in over \$112,000 and 31,233 pounds of food.

Clients Served: During the month of March 2017, we served 946 Households and 3,389 individuals and distributed 66,675 pounds of food. We seem to have a higher than average number of families requesting second visits.

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.

Farm Report: Seeds have been started. Workers are being recruited – AmeriCorps, VISTA and interns from BSU.

(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.

Volunteers for the summer: We are a little short of volunteers at the Food Shelf during the summer months. If you could help on the first Wednesday of the month (Bethel’s day to serve) either the morning shift (9 to 12:30) or the afternoon shift (12:30 to 3), please contact Anita Spangler 586-3424.

Anita Spangler, Food Shelf Representative



HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES

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Erik ‘Brody’ Dreyer is graduating from the College of Science and Engineering at the University of Minnesota, Mpls this May. Brody has earned a double major in Computer Programming and Mathematics.

Brody is currently interning for an educational software company in the Twin Cities Area. He is hopeful that the internship will turn into full time employment once he graduates.



Cole Kindem graduated from Bemidji HS in 2012, and graduated from Minnesota State University, Moorhead (MSUM) in 2017 with a degree in Elementary Education. His plan is to teach at Red Lake Elementary School this fall.



Nathan Newhouse is graduating from Bemidji High

School. Since his freshman year he has worked at Nature’s Edge Garden Center. He enjoys four-wheeling and working on cars with his friends. He will be attending Bemidji State University and majoring in Criminal Justice following his father and older brothers path. He hopes to become a homicide investigator some day.



Seth Dreyer is graduating from Bemidji High School this spring. He has been a very active student, participating in Football, Track, Show Choir, and Student Council, among others. Seth is planning to attend Minnesota State University, Mankato, in the fall. He is planning to study Business or Political Science.

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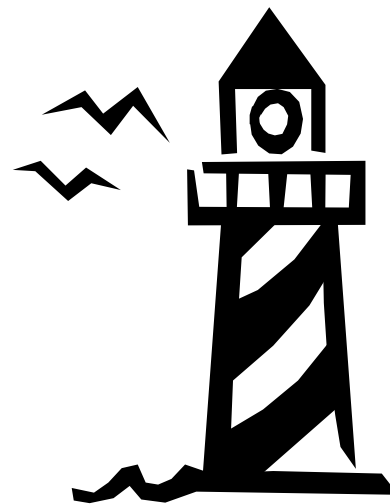
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The Bemidji Area Church Musicians presents

The 2017 Summer Recital Series

Our 30th Season
Wednesdays at noon

June 7 **Evangelical Free Church Musicians**
Evangelical Free, 115 Carr Lake Rd SW

June 14 **Ava Figliuzzi, violin**
Sarah Carlson, piano
First Lutheran, 900 Bemidji Ave

June 21 **Aana Freihammer, piano**
Philip Hermann, organ, voice
St. Philip's, 702 Beltrami Ave

June 28 **Dr. Beverly Everett, organ**
St. Bartholomew's, 1800 Irvine Ave NW

July 5 **Scholarship recipients: Anna Eriksson,**
McKayla Carter, Mackensey Thunem
Evangelical Covenant, 5405 Hwy 2

July 12 **Dr. Joseph Henry, organ**
St. Philip's, 702 Beltrami Ave

July 19 **Lois Simonson, piano, Kari Miller, flute,**
Sanna Gustafson, saxophone,
Katelyn Tinglestad, violin
Evangelical Covenant, 5405 Hwy 2

July 26 **Glenn Seibel, euphonium**
Wayne Hoff, piano
United Methodist, 9th and Beltrami

August 2 **Eve Sumsky, French horn**
First Baptist, 1555 Paul Bunyan Dr NW

August 9 **Melanie Hanson, violin**
Michael Hanson, saxophone
New Salem Lutheran, 7491 Island View Dr.

August 16 **Jennifer (Paquette) Ellis, piano,**
folk harp
Calvary Lutheran, 2508 Washington Ave

August 23 **Wayne Hoff, organ**
Carol L. Johnson, piano
Aardahl Lutheran, 2+ m. E of P. Bunyan Dr.
on Roosevelt Road, 1+ m. S on Van Buren

August 30 **Turtle Island Ensemble: Sarah Carlson,**
Andrew Ronnevik, Jon Romer,
Mike Tangen, Bob Madeson
First Lutheran, 900 Bemidji Ave