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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



A long time member of my congregation in Stanley, ND had a cross-stitched saying on her kitchen wall: ***"For God so loved the world that he didn't send a committee."*** Certainly there is some tongue and cheek going on, but on a more serious note the quote is right on. God did something about

his love for the world: He sent his son, 'God with skin on' to everyone. In a similar way, Jesus said "Go therefore..." It was a commission! This captures the majority report of the New Testament mission emphasis. In order for the church to grow, it needed to be out there in the world sharing the message, *"that God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all"*. The early church encouraged everyone to share in the labor and cost of spreading that message. St. Paul encouraged the congregational members in all of his churches to share in the giving in such a way that everyone could offer the same sacrifice: He instructed them to give in proportion to what they had been given. Today, we can do the same. Think of all that God has blessed us with. You and I are called to give not only as individual believers, but also as a congregation of believers. That is why we have our annual Consecration Sunday this Sunday, October 1st: We are in this together! May we, through our giving and sharing, continue to share the Good news of Jesus here in this place and throughout the world.

What is stewardship? Some sample definitions:

"Christian stewardship is the *practice* of the Christian religion. It is neither a department of life, nor a sphere of activity. It is the Christian conception of life as a whole, manifested in attitudes and actions." W.H. Greever (1937)

"Christian stewardship is the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities, and material possessions, based upon the conviction that these are trusts from God to be used in his service for the benefit of all mankind in grateful acknowledgement of Christ's redeeming love." National Council of Churches United Stewardship Council (1946)

"Stewardship is what we do after we say we believe." Clarence C. Stoughton (1949)

"Stewardship is partnership with Christ, through the Holy Spirit, in fulfilling the purposes of God in the world." A.C. Conrad (1955)

"Stewardship is the re-enactment of Christ's life in Christ's people." T.A. Kantonen (1956)

"Stewardship is the management of life and all its resources for God and for the good of all." Robert Hastings (1961)

"Stewardship is receiving and sharing God's bounteous gifts and managing them for the best promotion of God's purposes in the world." Milo Kauffman (1975) *(Continued on next page)*



WHAT IS SO GREAT ABOUT BETHEL LUTHERAN

I just finished reading a book by Dinesh D'Souza entitled *What's So Great About America* and a companion book entitled *What's So Great About Christianity*. These are two excellent books describing our country and the faith which dominates life in America today. Many times we take our heritage too much for granted and fail to see how really blessed we are to live in this great country. In every country I

have been on this planet, all the people expressed a desire to come to America and be a part of this life. As I reflected many times on this I realized that the way we live our life in Christ leads others toward faith, or drives them away. The greatness of Bethel is not in its structure but in the witness of its members. We have talked many times at Council about evangelism and how Bethel could be more effective in attracting new members. One study done by the American Lutheran Church in the 1960's found the following reasons listed in rank order why new members join.

1. For the sake of my children
2. Influence of the worship experience including the pastor as a person
3. My search for meaning in my life
4. Need for a new way of life
5. Influence of the Pastor's personal ministry
6. Experience of community and Christian lives
7. Reaction to guilt and fear
8. Convenient Lutheran Church
9. Use of Church for acceptance in the general community
10. Response to evangelism by members

I think we can find opportunities for witness through our lives in our homes and communities from reading this list. Remember that evangelism is everyone's task. Let us work together to make Bethel even greater.

Duane Christensen

Congregational President 2017

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"Stewardship is taking care of the bounty that God continually provides us." L. David Brown (1978)

"Christian stewardship has come to mean 'what we do with what we have, all the time.'" John H. MacNaughton (1983)

"Stewardship is a philosophy of life and a theological form of self-management." John Brackett (1988)

"Stewardship is God's grace working God's purpose out in the world, in, with and through us, who, in grateful response to God and through faith in Jesus Christ, enter into a covenant relationship with the empowering Spirit of God that blesses all of creation." Rhodes Thompson (1990)

Pastor Mark Kindem



The mission of the Church is to Glorify God

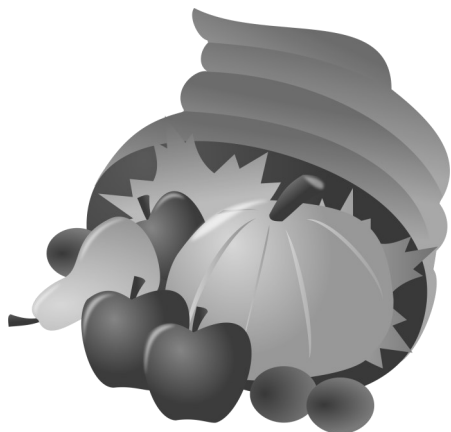
Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Old Business:

- Spring Fund Drive to reduce debt - Summer months generally have reduced giving. We are hoping to continue paying toward it as Fall comes around.
- Custodian - The Personnel Committee hired Cherene Sadek for 20 hours per week at about \$10.00 per hour. Council members have noticed how nice and clean the building seems to be.
- Office Copier - The new copier works well, but seems a little slower than the previous one.
- New Church Software - Patti VanCamp has not had time to take a look at the software yet.
- Parking Lot - The work does not seem to be going as expected. They come at random times. The work crew is not communicating well with Bethel staff. No action taken.

New Business:

- School Zone Signs - It is hoped that School Zone signs will help to slow down traffic on Irvine Avenue.
- Vice President Election - Char Espe elected.
- Bethel Sign - Needs to be repaired. Letters on the sign just fall through the sign.
- Church Picnic - The pavilion is rented. Lisa and Don Newhouse donated the funds to pay for this fee. Lisa asks that members bring lawn games to play. The picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 17, from 11:00-3:00. There is seating for 100, and enough outlets for several crock pots. We would like to get to know the BCCC teachers. We will invite them to the picnic.
- Bethel Foundation - Paulson Fund Grant Applications for July 1, 2017
M/S Sally McIntyre/Dean Rasmussen moved that we recommend the Bethel Foundation approve all the requests. **Motion Passed**



Correspondence:

- The Institute of Lutheran Theology which is a part of the NALC sent an introductory letter looking for support.
- Habitat for Humanity - will be doing a faith build. They would like to know if we are interested in helping out with this.

Reports:

- Pastor Mark Kindem's Report:** Written Report - Pastor Kindem inadvertently forgot to include the baptism of Cullen John Blake in his report. The baptism was done on a Wednesday in accordance with the family's wishes.
- Working part time has been working out for Pastor Kindem and he expressed a willingness to continue doing so for the foreseeable future.

Old Business:

- Parking Lot - The work is in progress. The job has been subbed out by the contractor we hired. Members of the property committee continue to try to work with them, contacting them about once per week.
- Church Picnic - Sunday, September 17th at Diamond Point Park.
- School Zone Signs - According to authorities from Beltrami County, we will not be allowed to put up School Zone Signs.
- Other - None

New Business:

- Consecration Sunday - October 1, 2017
- Spring Fund Drive to reduce debt.
- Add 2016 Debt Relief - A new line will be added to the pledge cards that allows a person to pay down the debt.
- Speaker for Sept. 24 Temple Talk - Sally will be the speaker for this day.
- New Member Sunday - Char Espe will organize a New Member Class.
- New Member - Howie Borden
- Snow Shoveling - Cherene will come early in the mornings and take care of the snow when needed.
- Nominating Committee - Members are working on finding persons to agree to sit on the council.

Committee Reports:

- Christian Education:** - Starts tomorrow
- Fellowship:** - Picnic on Sunday
- Property:** - Parking Lot repairs are ongoing, as indicated under Old Business. The BCCC is wondering if they can paint some of the classrooms? The paint from the murals is beginning to peel off of the walls. The BCCC will take care of all the expenses, and do the painting. Dean will discuss this with the property committee.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Dreyer, Council Secretary.

With Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Irene Joyce Beck. Irene died on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at her home at the age of 76. Her funeral service was held on Friday, September 22, 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."



Howie & Becky Borden
 WELCOME
 to Our Newest Members!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Caleb Schotzko
- 05 Laurie Wood
- 07 Ronald Vietor
Marilyn Workman
- 11 Milo Gille
- 13 Joseph Casper
- 14 Elmer Sand
- 15 Bruce Norrgard
Morgan Powell



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Clarence & Ardella Lindseth
1951 (66)
- 25 Jan & Gloria Veiss
1978 (39)



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Brianna Gregory
Kayla Westrum
- 02 Carol Haiby
- 06 Susan Copiskey
Ione McIntyre
- 08 Ida Martinson
- 09 Paul Martinson
- 11 Lisa Vind
- 13 Irene Beck*
- 15 Gordon Vind
- 16 Patricia Vind
- 17 Lorrane Thorson
- 18 Matthew Kindem
- 19 Paul McIntyre
- 20 Marilyn Vietor
- 29 Sara Franks

*-Deceased.



Cullen John Blake
 son of Lacie (Noehring) and Chad Blake
 was welcomed into God's family
 through the Sacrament of Baptism
 Wednesday, August 16, 2017.
 His sponsors are
 Anna and Aaron Reidel.

Aiden Michael Roy Spencer
 son of Leah Spencer
 was welcomed into God's family
 through the Sacrament of Baptism
 Sunday, September 17, 2017.
 His sponsors are
 Tyler Spencer and Rebecca Randall.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Food Shelf Sunday Consecration Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am Orthodox Church in America (OCA): Typica	2 5:00pm Weight Watchers	3	4 BCCC open 6:30am - 5:45pm Bethel's Day at Food Shelf 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study 11:30am Finance Com. Mtg. 5:45pm Sunday School 6:00pm Wednesday Supper 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth Group	5 9:00am Bethel Quilters 4:30pm Weight Watchers	6 7	
8 "Go the Extra Mile" for Hospice/Respite Care 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Bazaar Meeting 11:00am OCA: Typica	9 5:00pm Weight Watchers	10 6:30pm Council Meeting	11 BCCC open 6:30am - 5:45pm 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm BCCC Advisory Board Mtg. 5:45pm Sunday School 6:00pm Wednesday Supper 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth Group	12 9:00am Bethel Quilters 4:30pm Weight Watchers	13 8:00 a.m. BAZAAR Set-up	14 8 am to 2 pm BAZAAR 5:00pm OCA: Great Vespers
15 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am OCA: Divine Liturgy Followed by Education Time and Potluck	16 5:00pm Weight Watchers	17	18 BCCC open 6:30am - 5:45pm 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study NO Sunday School - MEA NO Wednesday Supper NO Confirmation NO Youth Group	19 9:00am Bethel Quilters 4:30pm Weight Watchers	20	21
22 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am OCA: Typica	23 5:00pm Weight Watchers	24 5:45pm BCCC Staff Meeting 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. BCCC Family Night	25 BCCC open 6:30am - 5:45pm 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study 5:45pm Sunday School 6:00pm Wednesday Supper 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth Group	26 9:00am Bethel Quilters 4:30pm Weight Watchers	27	28 5:00pm OCA: Great Vespers
29 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am OCA: Divine Liturgy Followed by Education Time and Potluck	30 5:00pm Weight Watchers	31 BCCC open 6:30am - 5:45pm Bethel Delivering Meals on Wheels 30th-Nov. 3rd				




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Bethel Delivering Meals on Wheels 30-3

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 Food Shelf Sunday</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends Set Clocks Back!</p> <p>11:00am Orthodox Church in America (OCA): Typica</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm BCCC Advisory Board Meeting NO Sunday School-Conferences NO Wednesday Supper NO Youth Group</p> <p>BCCC open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Bethel Quilters</p> <p>4:30pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:00pm OCA: Great Vespers</p>
<p>12 "Go the Extra Mile" for S.O.S.</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>11:00am OCA: Divine Liturgy Followed by Education Time and Potluck</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>15</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>BCCC open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00am Bethel Quilters</p> <p>4:30pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Congregational Meeting for Purpose of Elections</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>11:00am OCA: Typica</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8am BEACON DEADLINE</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>21</p> <p>BCCC open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>5:45pm BCCC Staff Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>5:45pm NO Sunday School 6:00pm NO Wednesday Supper 6:30pm NO Youth Group</p>	<p>23 THANKSGIVING</p> 	<p>24 OFFICE & BCCC CLOSED 23rd & 24th</p> <p>Night We Light Parade</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:00pm OCA: Great Vespers</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>11:00am OCA: Divine Liturgy Followed by Education Time and Potluck</p> <p>2:30pm Worship @ Havenwood</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</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>BCCC open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Bethel Quilters</p> <p>4:30pm Weight Watchers</p>		

News from Churches United

The Executive Committee is excited to announce the appointment of Wanda Yoemans as the new *Director of Churches United*. Wanda started work on August 29th.

Statistics available for the first 9 days of her employment were made available at the September 14th meeting of member churches. 51 intake forms were completed during that time period and the total value of vouchers (utility, grocery, gas, laundry and clothing) dispersed was \$866.83. Other items that went out to clients include: personal care/toiletries, lunches/water, bus passes, furniture vouchers, and quilts.

The Churches United office is located at 414 Lincoln Ave SE. Hours of operation are M, T, TH, & Fr from noon – 4:00 p.m. **Volunteers are needed!!** Donations of blankets, quilts, bottled water, and personal care items are greatly appreciated.

Any questions, contact Char Espe (766-9926) - Secretary of the Executive Committee

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 saving Our Family barcodes and your donations to the Food Shelf.

Also, thank you to our devoted volunteers: Karen Tank, Char Espe, Irene Beck, Suze Ann Pearson, Alice Sadek and Dee Tieglund. We will miss Irene Beck’s cheerful smile and dedication as she served clients for several years.

Clients Served: The Food Shelf served 1,003 families in August. That compares with 955 in July and 922 in August 2016. Year-to-date, 7492 families have been served. Bethel volunteers were very busy on September 6th serving 109 families.

Volunteers Needed: Due to the large number of clients we have been serving, additional volunteers are needed. If you could work one of the shifts (9 to 12:30 or 12 to 3) on the first Wednesday of the month, please call me (586-3424).

Farm Project: The Farm project provides fresh produce for clients, provides opportunities for clients and their families to learn gardening skills, and provides community members the opportunity to contribute their time and talent. The Food Shelf is currently in the process of constructing a Deep Winter Greenhouse.

Harvest Ball: The second annual Harvest Ball will be hosted by the Farm on Thursday, October 26th between 5 – 9 p.m. at the Bemidji Eagles Club. The Harvest Ball is the Farm’s only fundraiser. Proceeds will help to continue the Farm’s work for another season.

Current Needs: The Food Shelf is in need of canned meat, peanut butter, cold cereal, canned fruit, pork and beans, bar soap, shampoo, dish and laundry detergent, toilet paper, tooth paste, deodorant, and facial tissue.

Anita Spangler, Food Shelf Representative

This is the official notice to the congregation of a

Congregational Meeting on

Sunday, November 19, 2017

immediately following the worship service,
For the Purpose of Elections to the Church Council and the Bethel Foundation Board.

If you would like to serve in either of these capacities, please talk to a member of the Nominating

Committee:

Paul McIntyre
Lisa Newhouse
Gary Pederson

“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 SEPTEMBER
HOPE HOUSE/REACH: \$ 81.00

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November 5

**Remember, remember
The fifth of November
Forget not this rhyme
And adjust for new time!**

Not-so-Bizarre Dates for the Bazaar!

Friday, September 29 @ 5 p.m. — Lefse Prep
Saturday, September 30 @ 7 a.m. — Lefse Frying
Sunday, October 8 @ 10 a.m. — Pre-sold Quilt
Raffle Ticket Turn-In
Friday, October 13 @ 8 a.m. — Set-up!
Have all items in.
Saturday, October 14 @ 8 a.m. — The Bazaar!
A.S.A.P. — Quality Items for Silent Auction.
Talk to Len Bergstrom.
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