

FEB/MAR 2024



**Bethel Lutheran Church**  
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**Church Office**  
M-F 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

**Bethel Child Care Center**  
M-F 6:30 a.m.—5:45 p.m.

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or  
Church Office — 444-4746

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

# BETHEL BEACON

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



*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it."*

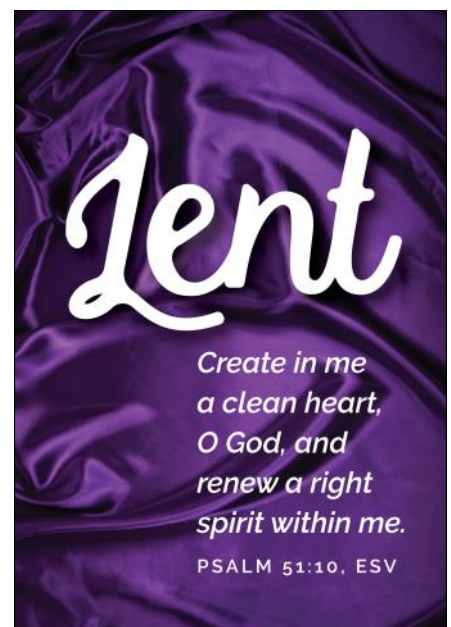
I was flying an airplane last week and was between Jamestown and Fargo, North Dakota. Not much to see, even if you are driving during the day, let alone flying at night! Although I had the latest navigational equipment, and could see the towns lit up on the prairie, I kept searching for airport beacons. Then I saw it! One green flash, one white. I was 50 miles away, according to the GPS (Global Positioning Satellite) but there it was! I never would have been able to see it in the daytime, but since it was so dark, its light shone all the more.

The Gospel of John reminds us all that no amount of darkness can shroud the light of Christ! No amount of uncertainty, no amount of apprehension, no amount of fear, no amount of threats can put out that light. This month we begin the season of the church year called Epiphany, where God's glory is revealed to us in Jesus. May we always remember that the light that enlightens everyone has come to us in Jesus, and He will always be with us; no matter how dark it may get!

-Pastor Mark Kindem



**Set your clocks ahead  
on  
Sunday,  
March 10!**



# february march

## BIRTHDAYS

**03 Judith Cater**  
**12 Ray Suther**  
**17 Conner Eckstrom (1)**  
**24 Brian Thomas**

**02 Mark Kindem**  
**03 Kailey Waage**  
**18 Dennis Zeto**  
**25 Gordon Franks**  
**Debra Thomas**  
**27 Linda Schramm**  
**29 Gerald Fenske**  
**Kelly Kindem**



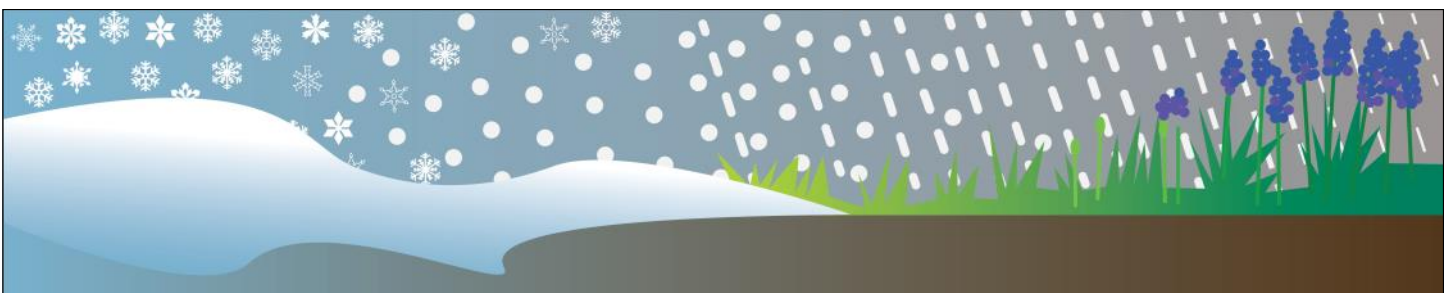
**ELEANOR HEUER,**  
 daughter of Marcus and Katie  
 Heuer, was welcomed into  
 the family of Christ on  
 Sunday, December 3. Her  
 sponsors are Carissa Goff and  
 James Moses.



**Tina Siems**



**Mark & Marie Olson**  
 March 8, 1986 (38)







On December 8 Bethel volunteers manned the Red Kettle for the Salvation Army at North Luekens. Top Left: Carol Winans, Bernice Beck. Above: Shirley Lee and Tina Siems. Bottom Left: Ken Krona and Samantha Pond. Unpictured: Jack & Jan Johnson, Marie Olson and Noah LaCroix, Anita Spangler and Rita Peterson, Micki Bales and Mary Lue Primmer, Karen Tank and Kelly Kindem. Pics courtesy of Tina Siems.

### **"GO THE EXTRA MILE"**

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH BETHEL HAS A "GO THE EXTRA MILE" RETIRING OFFERING FOR LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS. COLLECTED OFFERINGS FOR

DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>:  
**NORTHWOODS BATTERED  
WOMEN'S SHELTER –  
\$186.00**

JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>:  
**NALC DISASTER  
RESPONSE – \$71.00**

*Thank you!*

**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 Bemidji Food Shelf and "thank you" to Karen Tank, Carol Winans, Marie Olson and several community volunteers who have served during Bethel's shift on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month.

**Volunteers for 2023:** Volunteer hours at the Food Shelf for 2023 were 2,849 plus 800 warehouse hours (3,649 total). The need for more volunteers has increased dramatically due to the increase in the number of families served.

**Families served:** Since April of 2023 the Food Shelf has been serving over 1,000 families a month. Director Michael Olson reported that the reduction in COVID-19 support began in March which caused the increase in April. This was followed shortly after by an increase in inflation, which hit many families' budgets that were already tight. During 2023 the Food Shelf served almost 12,000 families.

**Years of Service:** This year marks the 42<sup>nd</sup> year of the Bemidji Community Food Shelf's service to the community.

**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.)

**Bethel's Day at the Food Shelf:** Bethel is responsible for the first Wednesday afternoon shift from 11:45 to 3:30. Eight volunteers are needed for each shift. **If you are interested in volunteering one afternoon a month, please contact me (218-444-6688).**

-Anita Spangler, Food Shelf Representative



## Council Highlights

# The mission of the Church is to Glorify God.

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

### Old Business:

#### Church Sign

Two quotes were passed out detailing the cost of the new sign and its masonry. The total would be \$14,743.25. There will be a conduit added for possible future lights similar to those on the Middle School sign. Ross Lewis Sign Co will handle city specs and permits. They will also remove the old sign. The transition should be quick but perhaps they can leave the old sign up until the new one is in place. Kelly Kindem noted that the masonry seemed very reasonable as the base for a statue at Security bank alone cost \$13,000.

**M/S** Kelly Kindem/Adam Lundeen to accept the sign and masonry bids. 0 Nays. **The Motion Passed.**

#### Other

#### *Sanctuary Computer*

Kerin Hanson reported that changed settings on the sanctuary computer caused the day's stream to be canceled because no sound was being recorded! If someone does change settings, please leave a note so she knows to check them.

#### *Organ Move*

Kerin Hanson asked for permission to move the tech stuff to the organ loft for better height. There was discussion as to the most feasible options, moving the organ was considered, but how heavy? Was the railing put in place after the organ was put in? The final idea was to extend the platform to the tech station. Kerin Hanson will investigate the cost.

#### *BCCC Door Lock*

Lisa Vind wondered about the new locked day care door. It was reported that there is now a doorbell people can use to get in during the week.

### New Business:

#### Cloudy Narthex Window

Clarity Glass came out to measure the discolored half-circle window on the north side of the narthex. A quote should come around the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Respectively Submitted by Sally McIntyre, substitute Secretary

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

### Old Business:

#### Annual Meeting

To be held on January 28. There will be a potluck with clean-up done by the council.

#### Other

#### *Sunday Service Videos*

Each of us needs to share & comment to extend the reach.

#### *Windows*

We have not received a quote yet. The window by the kitchen door may have a bad seal. The trim in the corner of the window is turning green.

### New Business:

#### 2024 Budget

It was suggested that a line item for Technology/Sound system be added to the budget, set at \$1,000. Some needed technology updates include a sound board, and a computer. **M/S** Lisa Vind/Marie Olson to accept the proposed budget. 0 Nays.

#### **Motion Passed.**

#### Election of officers

Cole Kindem - President

Andrew Hanson - Vice President

Marie Olson - Treasurer

Sara Dreyer - Secretary.

**M/S** Sally McIntyre/Kerin Hanson to accept the officers. 0 Nays. **Motion Passed.**

#### Door by kitchen

The roof continues to drip on the sidewalk, making it icy. The Property committee will keep an eye on it to see how well the snow breaks work over the winter.

Respectively Submitted by Sara Dreyer, Council Secretary



Wednesdays at  
6:00 p.m.  
A meal followed  
by study,  
service or fun!

**February 14**

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

**February 28**

Service at the Food Shelf

**March 6**  
Bible Study

**March 20**  
To Be Determined

**April 3**  
Bible Study

**April 17**  
To Be Determined

**May 8**  
Adopt-a-Highway

# LENT

**Ash Wednesday Service, February 14**

12noon (with potluck following)  
and 7:00p.m.

**Lenten Wednesday Services**

**12noon with potluck lunch**

February 21 ~ 28

March 6 ~ 13 ~ 20

**Palm Sunday**

March 24

**Maundy Thursday**

March 28, 7:00 p.m. Service with communion

**Good Friday**

March 29, 7:00 p.m. Service



Scenes from  
the March for  
Life at the  
state capitol  
on January 22.

Pictures  
courtesy of  
Karen Tank.



Bottom Left: Dolls  
and doll parts laid  
out representing  
the 12,000  
abortions that took  
place in Minnesota  
last year.



## The Bethel Child Care Center Byline



Top left: BCCC kids sing 'This Little Light of Mine' at their Christmas Program on December 19 and then everyone enjoys some Christmas treats! (2nd row left).



3rd row left: The BCCC collected hats, mittens, and scarves on their 'Mitten Tree' and donated them to JW Smith Elementary School.  
3rd row right: Tummy time in the infant room!


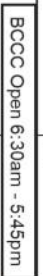








Bottom left: Queen of the hill!

Bottom middle: Pastor leads chapel.

Bottom right: Special guest!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>FEBRUARY</h1>						
<b>4</b> <b>Food Shelf Sunday</b> 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School	<b>5</b> 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study 5:00pm Weight Watchers	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>12-3 Bethel at Food Shelf</b> 5:15pm BCCC Board Mtg	<b>8</b> BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Lunar New Year 
<b>11</b> "Go the Extra Mile" for <b>WNAALC Mission Banks</b> 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Church Council Meeting	<b>12</b> <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study 5:00pm Weight Watchers	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> <i>Valentine's Day</i> 12noon Ash Wednesday Service and Potluck 6:00pm Supper 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	<b>15</b> BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	<b>16</b> No Public School <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School	<b>19</b> <i>President's Day</i> <b>Church Office Closed</b> No Public School 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study 5:00pm Weight Watchers	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 12noon Lent Service and Potluck	<b>22</b> <i>Washington's Bday</i> BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 
<b>25</b> 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School	<b>26</b> 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study 5:00pm Weight Watchers	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm 12noon Lent Service and Potluck 6:00pm Supper and Youth Group	<b>29</b> 	<b>2024</b>	

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<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School 	<b>18</b> 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study 5:00pm Weight Watchers	<b>19</b> First Day of Spring 	<b>20</b> 12noon Lent Service and Potluck 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group	<b>21</b> BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> 
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<b>31</b> Easter 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School 						