

APR/MAY 2024



Bethel Lutheran Church

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Church Office

M-F 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

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M-F 6:30 a.m.—5:45 p.m.

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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

*Easter Message
From the Pastor*



John Updike insists that believers must confront head-on that Jesus came back to life. He wrote it during the height of the “God is dead” movement. Like St. Paul who in 1 Corinthians 15:20 says, “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead...” Updike reminds us that it doesn’t have to be softened, or smoothed over, or more appetizing; it is to be believed.

Make no mistake: if he rose at all
It was as His body;
If the cell’s dissolution did not reverse, the molecule reknit,
The amino acids rekindle,
The Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,
Each soft spring recurrent;
It was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled eyes of the
Eleven apostles;
It was as His flesh; ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes
The same valved heart
That—pierced—died, withered, paused, and then regathered
Out of enduring Might
New strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,
Analogy, sidestepping, transcendence,
Making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the faded
Credulity of earlier ages:
Let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mache,
Not a stone in a story,
But the vast rock of materiality that in the slow grinding of
Time will eclipse for each of us
The wide light of day.

And if we have an angel at the tomb,
Make it a real angel,
Weighty with Max Planck’s quanta, vivid with hair, opaque in
The dawn light, robed in real linen
Spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,
For our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,
Lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are embarrassed
By the miracle,
And crushed by remonstrance.

-John Updike, “Seven Stanzas as Easter” (1960)

Rev. Mark Kindem



APRIL

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 03 Colter Carlson (5)
- 06 Pamela Tennyson
- 08 Caleb Lundeen (16)
- 09 Joyce Rendahl
- 12 Sarah (Kindem) McKeown
- 15 Matthew Copiskey
- 18 Reagan Pond (4)
- 24 Donald DeLapp
- 25 Andrew Hanson
- 30 Robert Hoyum

Brian and Melissa Thomas
 April 12, 2014 (10)



MAY

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 05 Carol Kilian
- 10 Bruce Dreyer
- 12 Doug Lilleby
- 21 Corrina Copiskey
- 25 Sara Dreyer
- 30 Owen Lundeen (19)

Andy and Jessica Powell
 May 12, 2007 (17)



**Ethan Eckstrom & Tiffany Phelps and Conner Eckstrom;
 Micki Bales;
 Amanda Kerkhoff;
 Paul Eckstrom;
 Berit Froehlich;
 Robert & Cheryl Hoyum
 Mary Lue & Larry Primmer**



BETHEL DEATHS



ALICE JOAN (RABE) SADEK
 Birth: June 11, 1939
 Death: February 9, 2024
 Funeral: February 23, 2024

"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."



Council Highlights

The mission of the Church is to Glorify God.

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Old Business:

Youth Director Update

No new candidates. We discussed collaborating with another church. The council directed members of the Youth Committee to pursue finding a Youth Director to begin next fall.

Other:

Narthex Window

Andrew Hanson has been in touch with Clarity Glass. They have us on their schedule for this spring.

Direct Deposit for Employees

We received a contract from Security Bank. We will continue to have two people authenticating the payments. **M/S Lisa Vind/Dennis Zeto** moved that the council accept the terms of the contract from Security Bank as written. **Motion Passed.**

Square

People are using the QR codes to make donations to the church through Square. Donors will receive receipts through email for their donations. Donations will also be included in year end giving statements. The council discussed changing the set up through Square so that the church pays the fees. The fees currently impact the amount of money that people give so that the quantities do not match the donations.

New Business:

CD's

Dennis Zeto mentioned that Bethel has a lot of money in the checking account. Some of this money could be used to purchase CD's. Dennis recommends that the Finance Committee look into this. **M/S Dennis Zeto/Lisa Vind** moved that the council move funds in excess of \$100,000 from the church checking account to a FDIC insured brokerage account to purchase brokered CD's. **Motion Passed.**

Easter Ad

The current ad gets lost on the page. The council discussed purchasing a larger ad space, and revising and updating the ad as well.

Other:

Jamie McCollum

A piano teacher has asked permission to use the church and piano to hold a piano recital. The council agreed to this.

Luther's Small Catechism

We are out of these and need to order a quantity.

Name tags

We have a lot of new members. We could begin to use the name tags again to help people get to know each other.

Sunday, February 11, 2023

Old Business:

Clarity Glass Window Replacement Quote

M/S Sally McIntyre/Adam Lundeen to accept the bid. 0 Nays. **Motion Passed.**

Discussion: The property committee wants to have the fogged up semi-circular window in the Narthex replaced with a sealed low E insulated glass window. We have a quote from Clarity Glass from December 4 for about \$2,000. Andy Hanson will call Clarity and schedule the repairs.

Other:

Social Media

Kerin Hanson encouraged the members of the council to Like, View and Share the sermons on Facebook to increase the views. Every share helps to increase the reach of the church. Kerin will announce this at church next Sunday.

Technology

A camera for filming the sermons has been ordered. Mike McConnell has been trained on live streaming the sermons so we have a back up person if Kerin is not available. Kerin met with an employee from NFLX on Friday. They changed a few settings which should improve the projector functioning.

Organ

The organ has been moved to the floor of the sanctuary in order to make more room for needed technology to record and livestream the sermons. The organ is still available for use

New Business:

Offerings

Kerin suggested that we set up a QR code through Square to allow people to give donations electronically. Square will charge a fee of 2.9% + \$0.30 per transaction. The QR code could be added to the bulletin and the website. Kerin Hanson and Sally McIntyre will set this up.

Direct Deposit for Payroll

This will be set up to include Pastor Kindem, Sally McIntyre, and the BCCC employees. This will eliminate the need for a person to sign payroll checks. Kelly Kindem and Sally McIntyre will make the arrangements for this.

Respectively Submitted by Sara Dreyer,
Council Secretary.

The Bethel Child Care Center Byline

DR. Seuss Week March 4th – 8th

- *Monday- Red & White day
- *Tuesday- Miss-Match
- *Wednesday- Hat Day
- *Thursday- Inside-out/ Backwards
- *Friday- CrAZy Hair day














Top Row:
Dr. Seuss Week featured green eggs and ham for snack one day, as well as the center's own Thing s1 & 2!

Left: Several Leprechaun traps were laid out on St. Patrick's Day, and though all were tripped, somehow those wryly leprechauns escaped, every single one!

Below: Easter preparations and treats.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>7 Food Shelf Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Easter Brunch 10:15am Sunday School ~10:25am Choir Practice</p> 	<p>1 Church Office CLOSED 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study 5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>2 Church Office CLOSED </p>	<p>3 12:15-3:30pm Bethel at Food Shelf 5:15pm BCCC Board Mtg 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group</p>	<p>4 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> 	<p>6 1:00pm Private Baptism </p>	
<p>14 2nd Mile Sunday for Support Within Reach 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Council Meeting</p>	<p>15 TAX DAY 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study 5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>16 </p>	<p>17 6:00pm Supper & Youth Group </p>	<p>18 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 </p>
<p>21 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School ~10:25am Choir Practice</p>	<p>22 Earth Day 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study 5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>23 </p>	<p>24 </p>	<p>25 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>26 </p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School ~10:25am Choir Practice</p>	<p>29 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study 5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>30 BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>April 2024 </p>			

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<p>2024</p> <p>May</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12:15-3:30pm Bethel at Food Shelf</p> <p>5:15pm BCCC Board Mtg</p>	<p>2</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</p>	<p>3</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Hello May</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Food Shelf Sunday</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School ~10:25am Choir Practice</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>
<p>12</p> <p>2nd Mile Sunday for Northwoods Pregnancy Center</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Council Meeting 10:15am Sunday School ~10:25am Choir Practice</p> <p>HAPPY Mother's DAY</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00pm Supper & Youth Group Adopt-a-Highway</p>	<p>9</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p> <p>Jesus' ASCENSION</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Fishing Opener</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Armed Forces Day</p>
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<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>TRINITY SUNDAY</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00pm Supper & Youth Group Adopt-a-Highway</p>	<p>17</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>24</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p> <p>BCCC and Office Closed</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00pm Supper & Youth Group Adopt-a-Highway</p>	<p>18</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>29</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>TRINITY SUNDAY</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00pm Supper & Youth Group Adopt-a-Highway</p>	<p>20</p> <p>BCCC Open 6:30am - 5:45pm</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>31</p>