

FEB/MAR 2026



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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



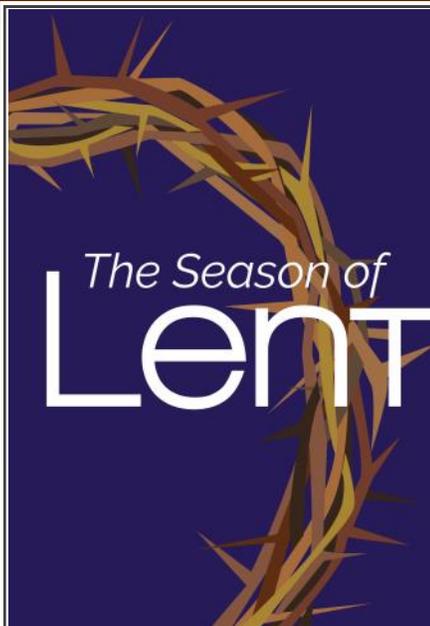
“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it”

I was flying an airplane two months (February 2024) before my accident 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; then one white. It was clear, and cold. I was 50 miles away, according the GPS (Global Positioning Satellite) but there it was! I never would have been able to see it in 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 as we end the season of the church year called Epiphany, we will begin the season of Lent. 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: “for God has proven his love for us in this: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” -Romans 5:8

-Pastor Mark Kindem



Ash Wednesday - Feb. 18
12noon (with potluck following) and
7:00p.m.

Wednesday Services

12noon with potluck lunch

February 25,

March 4 ~ 11 ~ 18 ~ 25

Palm Sunday - March 29

Maundy Thursday - April 2

7:00 p.m. with Communion

Good Friday - April 3

7:00 p.m. Service



- 03 *Judith Cater*
- 17 *Conner Eckstrom*
- 21 *Berit Froehlich*
- 24 *Amanda Kerkhoff*
- Brian Thomas*

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



**Sunday,
March 8!**

*Mark & Marie Olson
March 8, 1986 (40)*

Directing Choice Dollars® and personal giving: A how-to guide

Direct Choice Dollars online

1. Visit [Thrivent.com](https://www.thrivent.com).
2. Click **Log in**. Enter your Thrivent ID and password.
(If you haven't yet registered, click **Register now**.)
3. Click **Direct Choice Dollars**.
4. Choose the organization to which you want to direct Choice Dollars:
 - a. To direct a previous organization:
 - In the Browse our curated lists section, select **Your history**.
 - Scroll down to view the previous organizations you've supported. Locate the organization, click **Direct** and **enter the number of Choice Dollars** you would like to direct.
 - b. To direct to a new organization:
 - In the search box, **enter keyword(s)** like organization name, ZIP code, cause, etc. Or, browse our curated lists to view top organizations by category, e.g., Nearby, Popular, Disaster relief, etc.
 - Scroll down to view the organizations. From the results, locate the organization, click **Direct** and **enter the number of Choice Dollars** you would like to direct.
5. Validate the information and click **Confirm**.

Direct Choice Dollars by phone

1. Call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say **"Thrivent Choice."**
2. **Press 1** to direct Choice Dollars or 2 to hear Thrivent Choice Dollars program Terms and Conditions.
(If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)
3. A client service professional will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

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Make a personal donation at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice). Thrivent pays the processing fees so 100% of your donation goes to help.* Scroll down to the **Make a personal donation** section, click **Donate** and search the Thrivent Choice Catalog. Once you locate the organization to which you wish to donate, click **Make a personal donation**. You'll then be sent to a Personal Donation page. Follow the prompts to make the donation.



Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
February 4 ~ 11 ~ 18 ~ 25
March 4 ~ 11 ~ 25

Sunday, February 22:12noon
 Youth and Family Bowling

Wednesday, March 18:6:00 p.m.
 Food Shelf Service

"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 14TH:
EVERGREEN YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES – \$40.00

JANUARY 11TH:
GREAT RIVER RESCUE – \$212.00
Thank You!



**Council
Highlights**

The mission of the Church is to Glorify God.

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Suspension of Agenda to discuss Item 1 of New Business, a New Church Directory. Lisa Vind reported that she has talked to Bob Smith at Image Photography. It does not cost the church anything as money is made selling portraits. Photo shoots were proposed for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 1, 2, and 3. Mr. Smith suggests having a few people calling and setting up appointments and having coffee and cookies ready for people on those days. He can go to nursing homes or home-bound locations and take photos. There is a \$10 fee for submitted photos. The Council agreed this was a good idea and to put this on the March agenda.

Old Business:

Garage/Soffits/Fascia

Brandon Pond reported that the garage doors are not in yet; as soon as they are, they will be installed. The construction company knows about the soffits and will fix those and charge any costs with the garage bill. Brandon will wire in 2 outlets on each wall. Adam Lundeen is planning to donate some of the supplies.

Doors Updates

Clarity Glass sent a proposal in late October. The Council had questions and tabled until further clarification.

Other

Adam Lundeen reported that Rod Beck felt so bad about the delay on the kitchen door that he is donating everything, the door, and the labor. The Council agreed the least we could do was prepare a Thank You card and tax receipt.

New Business:

Finance Committee Motions

The Finance Committee made two

motions for Christmas Bonuses for Pastor Kindem and Office Manager Sally McIntyre.

M/S Sara Dreyer/Carol Kilian to accept the committee's recommendations. 0 Nay (Sally McIntyre abstained). **The Motion Passed.**

Other

Dennis Zeto reported that it looked like the Foundation would not be able to award grants in 2026. They are still ~\$14,000 short of the principle they should have according to its charter.

Respectively Submitted by Sally McIntyre,
Council Secretary

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Old Business:

Front Doors

Clarity Glass sent a revised quote for removable center posts for the front doors. The Council wondered if we could get one removable and one fixed post. If not, they still agreed to move forward.

New Business:

2026 Budgets

Balanced.

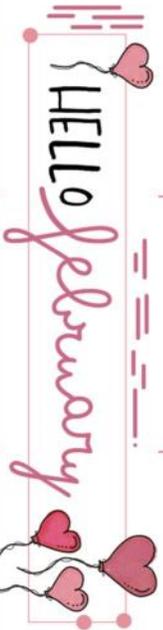
2026 Meetings

Looking at the schedule the Council decided to move the May meeting to the third Sunday, May 17 and the November meeting to the first Sunday, November 1. All other meetings will be the second Sunday as usual.

Other

The Property committee would like to add Mowing the Grass to the Servant Calendars starting in April

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Council Secretary

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<p>15</p> <p>Transfiguration of Our Lord</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>President's Day Church Office Closed (no school)</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>AshWednesday</p> <p>10:30am Bible Study 12noon Ash Wed. Service followed by Potluck</p> <p>6:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Ash Wed Service</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>BCCC Open 7:00am - 5:30pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>→</p>	<p>21</p> 
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