

DEC/JAN 2024/2025



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



From  
the  
**Pastor**

Thanksgiving weekend; the official start of the Christmas season! Is there any more anticipated day in the minds of children (and adults) than Christmas? For many, celebrating with family and friends on Christmas is the highlight of the year. But it is during Advent, the days leading up to Christmas, that the excitement builds. Waiting is never easy, for children or adults. But we know that it is easier to wait for something because we have experienced it before and know the wait is worth it.

Advent is not just a time of waiting however; it is also a time to remember that God is with us now, that the promised one of whom the prophets spoke has come to us, and abides with us. The Lord our God is in our midst! We may worship without fear! In this time of preparations, of finishing our 'To-Do' lists of the season, can we remember that God is with us even when our plans and schedules don't match up? May we recognize that in the middle of our preparing, Christ *has* come, Christ *is* with us, and Christ *will* come again.

-Pastor Mark Kindem



## Wednesday Advent Services

12noon,  
followed by potluck lunch.

December 4 ~ 11 ~ 18

**Christmas Eve**  
**Candlelight Service**  
4:00 p.m.

# DECEMBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 02 Leroy Tennyson
- 07 Gail Pederson
- 12 Tina Siems
- 14 Arthur Reistad
- 17 Lennard Bergstrom
- 21 Kylie Thomas (6)
- 22 Andy Powell
- 23 Libby Hargesheimer  
Kinley Carlson (8)
- 28 Holly Vind
- 30 Alex Powell

- Butch & Linda Schramm  
December 10, 1971 (53)
- Andrew & Kerin Hanson  
December 16, 2006 (18)
- Gary & Judith Cater  
December 19, 1992 (32)

### Wednesday, December 18

~6:30 p.m.



Pastor will drive a bus to tour light displays.

**All are welcome! It is free!**

*Christmas Potluck*

**Sunday, December 15 after service!**

 A promotional graphic for a Christmas potluck. It features a red cooking pot on the left and a gingerbread man on the right, both set against a background of green holly leaves and white berries. The text "Christmas Potluck" is written in a cursive font at the top, and "Sunday, December 15 after service!" is written in a bold, green font at the bottom.


- 01 Jerry Tank
- 04 Melissa Thomas
- 09 Peter Dreyer
- 21 Seth Dreyer
- 22 Byron Rock
- 24 Sue Sandell
- 27 Evan Copiskey

# This and That

**OFFICIAL NOTICE to the CONGREGATION!**

## Congregational Meeting



**Sunday,  
January 26, 2025**  
following the 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service there will  
be the  
**Annual Congregational Meeting.**



## Annual Church ELECTION



*Congratulations to everyone elected Sunday, November 17!*

**Church Council:**

Bernice Beck, Andrew Hanson, Carol Kilian, and Marie Olson.

**Bethel Foundation Board:**

Karen Tank and Dennis Zeto.

**BCCC Advisory Board:**

Danielle Colley, Miriam Kindem, Jessica McPhee, Samantha Pond, and Cassie Powell.

*Thank you for serving!*



### “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.

*“IF ANYONE FORCES YOU TO GO ONE MILE, GO WITH THEM TWO MILES.”*

*-MATT. 5:41*

COLLECTED OFFERINGS FOR

OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>:  
MN VETERANS’ HOME—  
\$99.00

NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>:  
SALVATION ARMY—  
\$53.00

*Thank You!*



## Council Highlights

# The mission of the Church is to Glorify God.

## October 13, 2024

### Old Business

#### *Sunday School:*

Salli Kolstad has volunteered to teach Sunday school. The Sunday School curriculum aligns with the liturgy for each week.

#### *Youth Director:*

Still looking for a Youth Director. Pastor Mark has been leading this. He has been doing a bible study (the Small Catechism) with the students and alternating with a service project. Service projects may include raking leaves, volunteering at the food shelf, and ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

#### *Consecration Sunday:*

39 pledge cards have been returned. A few more came in since that count was made. The pledges are good.

#### *Bethel Bazaar:*

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the Bazaar happen. It was good, but many other events were going on in the community on that day.

### New Business

#### *Sanctuary Lights:*

Some of the bulbs in the sanctuary need to be replaced. The property committee will take care of this.

#### *Attendance/Church Growth:*

An informal head count was completed today. Over 50% of the congregants fall into the 'older' category. It was suggested that we need to bring in younger families and individuals. Visitors who attend here come back because they like the friendliness of the people and the music.

## November 10, 2024

### Old Business

#### *Youth Director:*

Kerin reported that Randy McKain has another student who is interested in

finding a position. We would like him to be interviewed for the position.

#### *Consecration Sunday:*

51 pledge cards have been returned. The pledges are good.

#### *Lights:*

The lights on the sign are done. New bulbs have been installed in the fixtures that shine on the cross on the outside of the building.

#### *Kitchen Door:*

We have a quote for the replacement of the kitchen door. The costs are about \$3,500 for the door and \$640 for labor. **M/S** Kerin Hanson/Dennis Zeto to accept the bid. 0 Nays. **Motion Passed.**

### New Business

#### *Christmas Potluck:*


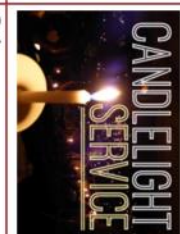
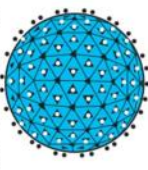
This will be held on December 15. There will be special music.

### Committee Reports

#### *Finance/Stewardship:*

The finance committee plans to purchase CDs, leaving \$100,000 in Bethel's checking account. They plan to purchase CDs through a Bank Brokerage account rather than directly through the bank. The brokerage requires a church resolution of the governing body that states the name of the organization and who the signatories on the CD will be. **M/S** Dennis Zeto/Kerin Hanson moved to designate four people to be signatories on a bank brokerage account with Financial advisor, Eileen Breckschneider. The designees are: Council President, Cole Kindem, Vice President Andrew Hanson, Treasurer Marie Olson, and Secretary Sara Dreyer. The account will be through Edward Jones, at 2506 Hannah Avenue NW, Bemidji. 0 Nays. **Motion Passed.**

Submitted by Sara Dreyer, Council Secretary

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<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Food Shelf Sunday</b></p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am</p> <p><b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>10:25am Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><i>Hello December</i></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>11:45-3:30 <b>Bethel's Day at Food Shelf</b></p> <p><b>12noon Advent Service w/ Potluck Lunch</b> 5:15pm BCCC Board Meeting 6:00pm Supper &amp; Youth Group</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>BCCC Open 7:30am - 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>13 Santa Lucia Day</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:00am</p> <p><b>DECORATE</b> the church</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>"Go the Extra Mile" for Support Within Reach</b></p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am</p> <p><b>COUNCIL MEETING</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>12noon Advent Service w/ Potluck Lunch</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>BCCC Open 7:30am - 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am</p> <p><b>Christmas Potluck</b></p> <p></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>12noon Advent Service w/ Potluck Lunch</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Lights</b> 6:00pm Supper &amp; Youth Group (Lights Tour)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>BCCC Open 7:30am - 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>FIRST DAY OF WINTER</b></p> <p></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p><b>HOPE PEACE LOVE</b></p> <p></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>BCCC CLOSED all week</b></p> <p>7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Weight Watchers 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>CANDLELIGHT SERVICE</b></p> <p></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Merry CHRISTMAS</b></p> <p></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>BCCC Open 7:30am - 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>BCCC CLOSED</b></p> <p></p> <p><i>New Year's Eve</i></p>	<p><b>2024</b></p> <p><b>DECEMBER</b></p>			

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<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:00am Food Shelf Sunday                      10:00am Worship Service                      10:00am Fellowship Hour                      10:15am Sunday School                      10:15am Finance Committee Mtg.</p> <p><b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7:00am Men's Group                      9:30am Weight Watchers                      10:30am Bible Study</p> <p><b>EPIPHANY</b></p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>20 25</p> <p>January</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>New Years Day                      BCCC and Office Closed</p> <p><b>Happy New Year!</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>BCCC Open 7:30am - 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>BCCC Open 7:30am - 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Hello January</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Sunday for Hope House                      9:00am Worship Service                      10:00am Fellowship Hour                      10:15am Sunday School                      10:15am</p> <p><b>CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:00am Men's Group                      9:30am Weight Watchers                      10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>7:00am Men's Group                      9:30am Weight Watchers                      10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>6:00pm Supper &amp; Youth Group?</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>BCCC Open 7:30am - 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>BCCC Open 7:30am - 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:00am Worship Service                      10:00am Fellowship Hour                      10:15am Sunday School</p>	<p><b>20</b> MLK Jr. Day</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group                      9:30am Weight Watchers                      10:30am Bible Study</p> <p><b>Martin Luther King Jr. DAY</b></p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>DEADLINE: Beacon Articles</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>6:00pm Supper &amp; Youth Group?</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>BCCC Open 7:30am - 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>BCCC Open 7:30am - 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:00am Worship Service                      10:00am Potluck followed by Annual Congregational Meeting</p> <p><b>All-church Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>7:00am Men's Group                      9:30am Weight Watchers                      10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>7:00am Men's Group                      9:30am Weight Watchers                      10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>BCCC Open 7:30am - 5:30pm</p> <p>6:00pm Supper &amp; Youth Group?</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>BCCC Open 7:30am - 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p>He spreads the snow like wool and the frost scatters like ashes. <i>Psalm 147:16, 17, 25</i></p>