

First Church News

August 2025

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I LIKE TO CALL IT PRAYER

To seek the heights and depths of thought
And pause in silence there;
Some call it meditation...
I like to call it prayer.

To look out on the troubled world
And find the true and fair;
Some call it contemplation...
I like to call it prayer

To give oneself for others.
To lift and love and share;
Some call it consecration...
I like to call it prayer.

To sense a silent, reverent awe
At beauty everywhere;
Some call it adoration...
I like to call it prayer.

Helen Lawrie Marshall

Monthly Flyer

FINANCIAL REPORT—Month Ending 6/30/2025

Monthly requirement to meet our budget 12,502.94

Total Income	\$ 13,266.23
Total Expenses	\$ 11,975.82
Net Income	\$ 1,290.41

Thank you for supporting our church

Sunday Worship Attendance

2025

July 6	24
July 13	25
July 20	25
July 27	30



9	Judy Damp
12	Mary Hayes
17	Lois Hill
20	Marlin Kimmes
22	Gini Sande
23	Gloria Phelps



August Head Usher: Gloria Phelps

Liturgist

August 3 Libby Underhill

August 10 Paster Chip

August 17 Mary Hayes

August 24 Ruth Andersen

August 31 Jan Burger

Greeter

Linnea Mostad

Bev Novak

Barb McGregor

Duane Hayes

Brenda Miller

Kitchen: Chair: Terri Murray; Helpers Barb McGregor, Jared Syrstad, Kate Syrstad

Communion setup: Nancy Weber

Serving Communion: Barb McGregor, Cheryl Hiltz

The Parable of The Rich Fool

The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself. What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops? Then he said I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat drink be merry. But God said to him, You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the thing you have prepared, whose will they be? So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God

Our Benevolence for the month of August



Bemidji Hope House

2014 7th Street SE or PO Box 1097,
Bemidji MN 56601

Where we move from Surviving to Thriving

A comprehensive community-based support program for persons with serious and persistent mental illness. Our mission is to provide community support services to people with serious and persistent mental illness so they can live in the community in the least restrictive setting, function at their best level, and reduce the need for involuntary hospitalization.

All services are open to adults 18 years old or older who have a long-term severe and persistent mental illness. Services include Adult Rehabilitation, Mental Health Services (ARMHS). Outreach, diagnostic assessments, medication reviews with a psychiatrist, after-hours emergency help, nurse visits, community/public education, phone contact, social and recreational activities in a drop-in center and off-site client

employment help, and the REACH family support group.

Something is very special about Hope House. Ninety-six percent of participants are now living in stable housing, ninety-three percent are hospital-free, and eighty-four percent have no problem with drugs or alcohol. There have been no suicides for many years. Members of Hope House are tax-paying citizens - more than 70% live in their own home or apartment, and nearly 40% are employed part-time. Through learning mental health skills, and supported to be active participants within their communities, members of Hope House build the social and mental health foundation to avoid repeated and expensive hospitalizations. In addition, Hope House provides hope to families of people with mental illness via outreach, phone contact, education, and a REACH (Reassurance for Each) family support group.

Hope House does this work for less than \$10/day/member (client). If you wish to make a wise investment, feel good about the impact of your donations, and make a difference in the community, please join us.

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Sundays
10:00 am
Worship
11:00am
Fellow
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Pastor Chip/ Communion Fellowship	4	5	6 Calvary Chapel 6:30-8pm	7	8	9
10 Pastor Chip Fellowship	11	12 VA 12-3pm	13 Calvary Chapel 6:30-8pm	14	15	16
17 Pastor Chip Fellowship	18	19 Session 1pm	20 Calvary Chapel 6:30-8pm	21 Supper Club Town & Country Club	22	23
24 Pastor Chip Fellowship	25	26 VA 12-3pm	27 Calvary Chapel 6:30-8pm Summer Rec Darlinda 12:00pm	28	29	30
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