

September 2020

## AARDAHL AMBASSADOR

One of the things that I miss the most right now is being able to gather for a meal together. I miss going out to eat, I miss Men's Breakfast, I miss coffee with the quilters and I really miss our Sunday morning coffee hour. And it's not just the food that I miss. I miss sitting around the tables and telling our stories and the community that comes from it. However, it hasn't always been that way at Aardahl. Gwen Young shared this note with me that her mother, Gelena Ramon had written when she was 94, back in the 1990's. And it talks about how Aardahl had changed over the years and it's amazing to see what a kitchen can do. One day, we will get to gather together and break bread with each other and I can't wait! God Bless!

Pastor Pete

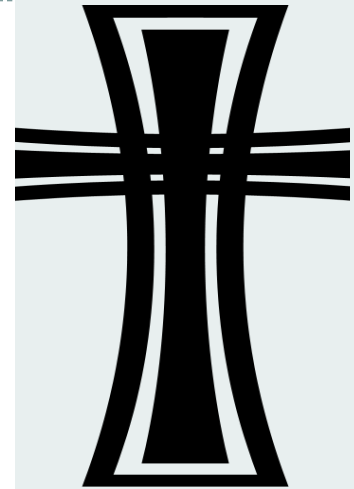
### ***90 Years at Aardahl by Gelena Ramon***

When I was 4 years old, I lived 3 miles from church. In the winter, we came to church by horse-drawn sleigh; in the summer, by horse-drawn wagon. As a child, I used to be awed by the picture behind the altar, the same picture that is there today, as brightly colored as ever.

The biggest event of the year was the Christmas program. People brought handmade trimmings for the tree and the children looked forward to the bags of candy. Apples were passed out for everybody.

Services were held once a month and the minister spoke in Norwegian, as were the hymns we sun. I was confirmed in Norwegian; we were required to memorize the whole catechism in Norwegian. I can't say I knew what it meant, but I had it memorized! Shortly after I was confirmed, the younger people convinced the congregation to accept English as its language.

There was no kitchen in the church in those days so for special occasions, people brought food from home. After the kitchen was added the church became a center for socializing in the community. A young people's group and a ladies aide was organized. Services became weekly. See what a kitchen can do!



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### ZOOM GATHERINGS

#### **Wednesday Morn- ing Bible Study**

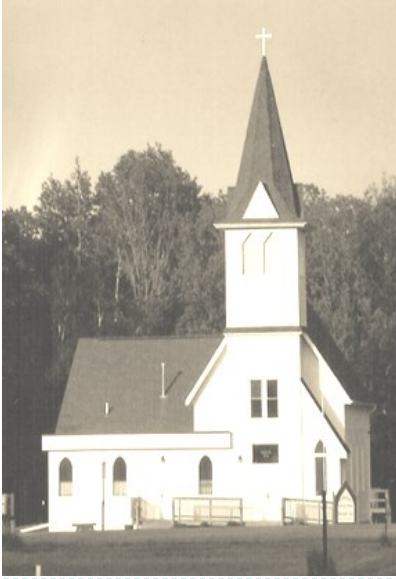
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#### **Thursday Afternoon Coffee Break**

876 2742 6197

The Passcode is:

**Aardahl**



*It is with a heavy heart  
that we announce the  
cancellations of the  
Lutefisk Supper as well as  
the ABC Sale for 2020*

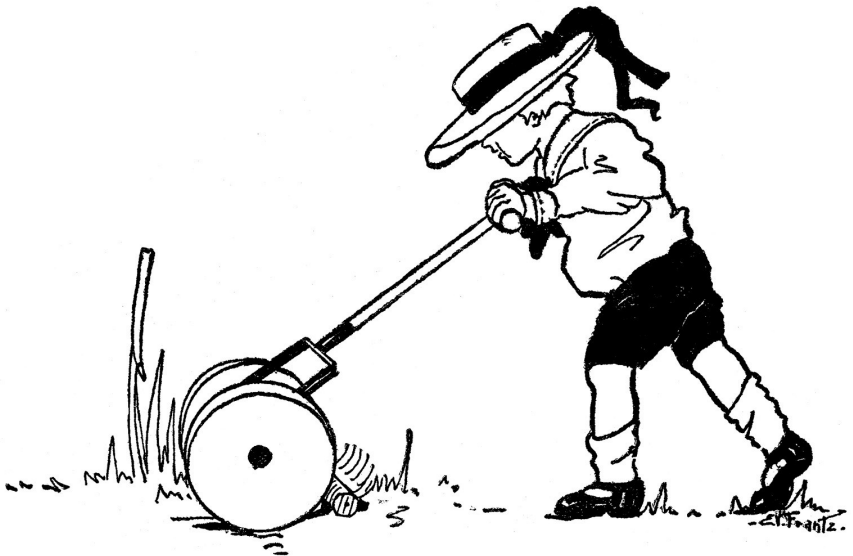
***He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”***

***Genesis 15:5***

**Outdoor &  
Drive-In  
Worship Service**

As long as the weather cooperates, we will continue to worship outside on Sunday mornings.

Join us at 8:30 AM, you can sit in your car and tune your radio to 90.9 or bright a lawn chair and enjoy the fresh breeze.



Thank you to Mick & Harlan for mowing the lawn for the first half of the summer and thank you Tomy for mowing it a few weeks ago!

We are still looking for volunteers to mow the lawn, talk to Pastor Pete if you are able to help.

# September 2020 Aardahl

OUTDOOR/DRIVE-IN WORSHIP AT 8:30 AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	3 Kitchen Committee Meeting 11:00 AM Zoom Coffee Break	4	5
6 Drive-In/Outdoor Worship Service 8:30 AM in the church parking lot. YouTube Worship Service Online	7	8	9 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	10 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 P M	11	12
13 Drive-In/Outdoor Worship Service 8:30 AM in the church parking lot. YouTube Worship Service Online	14	15 Council 6:30 PM	16 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	17 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 P M	18	19
20 Drive-In/Outdoor Worship Service 8:30 AM in the church parking lot. YouTube Worship Service Online Dining Out(side) Farris Park (Highway 101) 4:00 PM	21	22	23 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	24 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 P M	25	26
27 Drive-In/Outdoor Worship Service 8:30 AM in the church parking lot. YouTube Worship Service Online	28	29	30			

**MONTHLY  
FINANCIAL  
REPORT**

*Year to date income:  
\$17,117.59*

*Year to date  
expense:  
\$16,747.40*

*Income less  
expenses:  
\$373.38*

***Our weekly  
offering goal  
\$2,281***

***Year to date  
Regular Offering  
Goal \$15,827***

***Year to date  
Regular Offering  
\$20,352.59***

**Council Meeting  
will be on  
Tuesday,  
September 15th at  
6:30 PM**

***The minutes from  
the August meet-  
ing will be in the  
next newsletter.***

**A Message from the Bemidji Community Food Shelf**

Summer is drawing to a close, and with it our outdoor distribution here at Bemidji Community Food Shelf. I hope you have all had some time to enjoy the fresh air, play in the garden and maybe even get out on the water! We have continued to work hard getting food to our neighbors and friends. It has been a gift to be able to work outside where everyone is safer.

As the days get colder and shorter, we will be moving our operations back into our building. The staff have been working diligently to make a Preparedness Plan that ensures a safe reopening. I want to share the details with each of you, so that you can make an informed decision about your own personal return to BCFS. I will be going into some detail, so please bear with me to the end of this rather long letter! I also am available for any and all questions. My number here at BCFS is 218-444-6580 ext 28.

First, our customers will take a number outside and will wait in their cars. We have installed an electronic numbering system that will be visible to the parking lot. A limited number of customers will be allowed into the building at a time with one person representing each family. Every customer will be required to wash their hands and wear a mask the entire time they are in the building. When they enter the waiting room, they will be greeted by a receptionist sitting behind plexiglass and wearing a mask. The chairs in the waiting room will be limited in number and socially distanced. Hand sanitizer will be placed in several rooms to be available to volunteers and customers alike.

Next, the customer will meet with an interviewer. The interviewer will be wearing a mask and seated behind a plexiglass barrier. After a brief interview, the customer will be handed a paper shopping guide that will be discarded when they are finished. Our receptionist will sanitize the waiting room and interview room chairs and surfaces between each customer.

Our customers will wait in the waiting room until a volunteer comes to get them from the store area. A sanitized cart will be provided for the customer. The cart will be placed in a central location in front of the produce/ cooler section. One masked and gloved volunteer will ask the customer what they would like from the produce and cooler sections, opening the doors, gathering the food and placing it in the cart while the customer stands six feet away.

Customers will then shop on their own, following the guidelines on their shopping list. We will have two extra volunteers available to answer questions and provide direction. Finally, the customer will reach the scale area. One volunteer will be at the scale, positioned behind a plexiglass barrier and wearing a mask. The carts will be weighed and the customers will box and carry out their food themselves. When a customer leaves the building, a store volunteer will step into the waiting area and call the next customer.

Additionally, we will have two extra volunteers stocking the shelves throughout the day, making sure there is enough food on the shelves for everyone. Warehouse volunteers will also be on site, but will be socially distanced and working primarily in the warehouse area.

We understand that this system will be safer for all, but will take longer to get everyone through. We are considering using a hybrid method of distribution, with those who are willing to accept a pre packed box waiting in the south parking lot. It would be similar to our current system, where volunteers would place food into the trunks of customer's cars.

The staff is dedicated to doing all that we can to ensure the safety of both our volunteers and customers. This reopening will be a work in progress, with safety measures added as needed. Our mission remains the same: to compassionately provide healthy, nourishing food to those in our community suffering from food insecurity. Thank you for giving your time and energy to encourage and help others. We understand the seriousness of your decision to volunteer and we appreciate each and every one of you!

Again, if you have any questions or concerns (or fantastic ideas!) please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I would love to connect with you!

Serving together,  
Debbie Johnson  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Bemidji Community Food Shelf  
218-444-6580 ext. 28



## **SUPPORT OUR MISSION WITH ONLINE GIVING**

Giving online is fast, easy and secure.

Never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again – you can set up recurring payments, so your donations continue even when you forget.

1. Visit our website at [www.aardahllutheran.com](http://www.aardahllutheran.com)
2. Locate the Give Online button.
3. Donate! To learn more about giving online, visit our website or contact the church office.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**In need of healing:** Kirk Hoff, Sally Steffen, Joel Steffen, Marlene Moore, Troy Wasen, Kelly Booge, Coltyn Anderson, Judy Hawkenson, Margie Andersen, Bonnie Anderson, Richard Oien, Wyatt Tecklenberg, Beckie Thole, Lon Engler, Jane Richer, Fran Danielson

**Our Service members:** Johnny Baltzell & Blake Quick

**Those living in care facilities:** Marlene Moore, Beckie Thole, Fran Danielson, Judy Hawkenson

**And:** Please pray for our Sister Congregation and Seminary in Madagascar, Tsararano Lutheran Church and Betela Lutheran Seminary



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***They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:8***

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## SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS & MILESTONES

### BIRTHDAYS

Mick Lee	6th
Marlene Moore	13th
Margie Anderson	17th
Darren Smith	17th
Joel Steffen	17th
Isabella Drevlow	20th
Kim Warren	21st
Harry Wetzell	24th
Kirk Christman	26th
Sheila Armstrong	28th
Debra Taray	28th
Eli Christman	30th

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Tomy & Carolyn Hegland	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Guy & Tessa Drevlow	8 <sup>th</sup>
Jim & Alverna Michalko	16 <sup>th</sup>

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Donna Kimmes  
Tucker Iverson  
Max Duzan



AARDAHL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

Aardahl Lutheran Church is a  
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Wayne Hoff

## Aardahl's Church Council

Mick Lee— *President*

Harry Wetzel— *Vice President*

Wendy Otness— *Secretary*

Margaret Booge— *Treasurer*

Connie Bowman

Donna Kimmes

John Rubash

Sandy Steffen

Darrel Baltzell

Dixie Engler

## *Holy Humor*

An irate customer calling the newspaper office loudly demanded to know where her Sunday newspaper was.

“Ma’am,” said the newspaper employee, “Today is Saturday. The Sunday is not delivered until tomorrow, on Sunday.”

There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition... as she was heard to mutter, “Well, so that’s why no one was at church today.”

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