

# BETHEL NOTES

## Second Sunday of Easter



The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

**APRIL 8 2018**

### This Sunday:

Melissa Singletary, Development Coordinator of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp will be sharing the message of Easter as well as the ministry of the camp.

An additional offering will be received in the wicker baskets in support of ELCA World Hunger.

### Readings:

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

## Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:  
Lay Assistant:  
Usher(s):  
Projectionist:  
Counters:  
Nursery:

Connie Titcomb  
Sue Hesse  
Sue Hesse  
Vann Arvanetes  
Tim Lightbourne & Donna Vinnedge  
Carly Cushman and Kaleb Stringer

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Prayers for *Marj Vander Aarde* as she recovers from surgery. Also for her sister, *Jann DeGroot*, who is battling cancer.

Prayers for *Ed Pottratz and family*.

Prayers for *Todd Whitted* (nephew of Bobbie Bowen).

Prayers for *Anne Trunkle* (friend of Dean Wagner-Fossen) in hospice care. Also prayers for Dena's sister, *Trina*.

Prayers for *Shelly Murphy*

Prayers for *Gavin Foth*, (great-nephew of *LaRae Veitch*), as he recovers from a spinal cord injury in Denver.

Prayers for God's presence and comfort for *Esther Schmidt* (Aunt of Sandy Pepos).

Prayers for *AnneRose Rogers* as she recovers from a fractured ankle.

Prayers for *Dick Seim* as he undergoes medical tests.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the gift of new life in the birth of *Hailey Marie Thomas*. Daughter of Ross and Erin Thomas. Granddaughter of Sue and Roger Reppe and great-granddaughter of Shari Kohoutek.

Prayers for God's comfort and peace for *Jeanne Rankin and Mary Hall* as they mourn the death of Jeanne's father, George. His funeral will be held on Saturday, April 14th in Sunburst.

## A Reception for Kathy Johnson

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall April 11th at 5:00 PM as we welcome Kathy Johnson back for a visit.

We will be serving lasagna and would like a pot luck of other items such as salads, bread, and desserts. If you can join us please RSVP to Sue Hesse 868-9653 or Sandi Cummings 868-9262 and let us know how many are coming and what you are bringing.

We are so excited to catch up with Kathy and we know she would love to see all of you.

## Help Is Still Needed For The Northern Cheyenne

Thank you to those who have donated to the disaster relief fund so far. We are still requesting funds for our Disaster Fund to help address the need in the Montana Synod brought on by winter storms. more information can be found on our website, [www.montanasynod.org](http://www.montanasynod.org)



## FLBC News

### Welcome Melissa Singletary

We will have the FBLC Development Coordinator, Melissa Singletary here at Bethel to deliver the message and answer questions on **Sunday, April 8th.**

### Last Call!!

The 2018 FLBC Summer Camp brochures are now available in the Narthex in the track rack. Pick up one of these brochures now and invite a friend(s) to join you. You can register online: [www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net) and/or call [406-752-6602](tel:406-752-6602). **Pastor Steve plans to be at camp the week of Sunday, July 29 - August 3rd. You save \$25 by registering with your deposit by May 1<sup>st</sup>.** There are still scholarships available to attend FLBC, and they are given out on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Pastor Steve at [bethelgf.pastor.steve@gmail.com](mailto:bethelgf.pastor.steve@gmail.com) if you desire a scholarship from the church. **Remember, You save \$50 by registering with your (\$75.) deposit by April 1<sup>st</sup> and you save \$25. by registering with your deposit by May 1<sup>st</sup>.** Please register with the Camp and if you wish a scholarship, email or drop off at the church a copy of the balance due invoice so that we can send the scholarship directly to the camp. Bethel's FLBC representatives are Dan & Steph Richardson.

### Adult Spirituality Retreat at FLBC

April 15-17, 2018



Join us for great days of learning, fellowship, relaxation & fun! Spend time in the great outdoors hiking around camp, enjoying great conversations, and worshipping together. Come for just a day or the whole retreat to experience the teachings of Dr. Mark Allan Powell, professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. He will lead discussion on well-known Gospel passages, helping us to approach the Bible with new eyes. Retreat begins on Sunday at 6:15 pm for dinner & concludes on Tuesday at 12:15 pm with lunch. Register [here](#). Pastor Steve plans to attend.

## Corrected 2017 Financial Statements

For those of you that requested a corrected 2017 Financial Statement, they will be available in the Narthex this Sunday, April 8th and next Sunday, April 15th. You may also pick them up during the week in the office during office hours. Any statements remaining after April 15th will be mailed on Monday, April 16th.

## Holy Week Thank You

What a wonderful and beautiful Holy Week. There is so much extra effort that goes into making it all it can be. I wanted to take this opportunity to point out some key players that make this week so special. A big thank you to the Jubilate Choir for enchanting songs throughout the week and an amazing Good Friday service. Our readers for the services Melody Skogley, Udo and Terree Wozny, Steve Smith, Sue Hesse, and Walt Nuessle. Tamy Scholten for helping serve ice cream. The Alter Guild for Mim Mikelecky, Kari Underdahl and Donna Vinnedge. A huge thanks to Ed Murphy and Steve Smith for the extra effort to get the Gathering Place set up and cleaned for Easter Sunday. Accompanists Jennifer Skogley, Mary Seim and Lynn Ryan. And of course Sarah Farris for 4 slideshows and 4 bulletins as well as getting the Bethel Notes out on time. As they say it takes a village and working together, despite the weather, brought a memorable and meaningful Holy Week. Thank you.



## Save the Date!!!!

I cannot believe that the year is moving so quickly that we are already talking about VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!! This year the FLBC counselors will be joining us **July 23<sup>rd</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM**. We will have a faith filled week of friends, games, crafts, and music. Along with pool night and Family Night program and pot luck. This camp is free for youth going into Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We also need Junior Counselors for youth going into 7<sup>th</sup> and up. Check out the Bethel Website [bethelmt.org](http://bethelmt.org) under Youth Programs for more information or contact Tami Grosenick at [bethelmc.church@gmail.com](mailto:bethelmc.church@gmail.com). Stay tuned for more details!



## This Week at Bethel

### Tuesday 4/3 - Friday 4/6:

- Pastor Steve at 2018 Montana Synod Pastoral Conference at Chico.

### Sunday 4/8:

- Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Sunday. Melissa Singletary, FLBC Development Coordinator, will share the message at worship.

## Coming Up....

### Tuesday 4/10:

- Church Council meeting at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place.

### Wednesday 4/11:

- Reception for Kathy Johnson 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Sue Hesse 868-9653 or Sandi Cummings 868-9262.

### Saturday 4/14:

- Great Falls Music Festival from 8am-3pm in the Sanctuary.

### Thursday 4/19:

- Hope Circle 7pm - LaRae Vietch's home - 2005 2nd St S

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### Saturday 4/21:

- AlaNon meeting in the Fellowship Hall from 11:45am - 3pm.

### Sunday 4/29:

- 8th Grade Confirmation.



# Rib Fest

The UCC Church is doing a ribs dinner to benefit  
Family Promise of Great Falls and  
the LGBTQ Center:

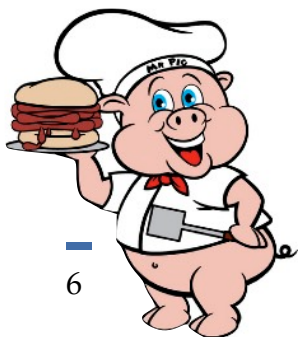
**Saturday April 14  
5:00-7:00 pm**

**2900 9th Avenue South  
Adults: \$10**

**\$5 for children 5 and under**

They need a count by April 9, so if you would like to join us,  
please email or call by April 9 and then bring your appe-  
tite and come early so you won't miss out on **Chinese,  
sweet & sour and BBQ pork ribs,  
baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad  
and dessert!**

**RSVP to Sharon Odden by April 9th  
868-0647**





Name	Day		
		Bailey Johnson	11
Dawson Bernardi	2	Sandy Pepos	12
Sydney Balogh (Meredith)	2	Katie Smith	12
Mendy Quinn	2	Cremer Weber	12
Lucy Schoenen	2	Spencer Dahl	13
Julia Elkin	3	Tyler Mortenson	14
Don Godtel	3	Lindsey Zook	14
Haley Mortenson	3	Tanner Veitch	17
Aiden Farris	4	Carl Dunn	19
Kristen Coffman	5	Abigail Gronning	20
LaRae Veitch	5	Kelsey Smith	21
Connie Walter	7	Rachael Stubbs (Braget)	23
Rick Fossen	8	Leone Nuessle	23
Amanda Johnson	8	Trudy Terwilliger	23
Briggett Baxter (Voorhees)	8	Frank Cron	24
Dan Erickson	10	Ashlyn Korst	24
		Grant Smith	26
		Turner Graybill	27
		Carly Gysler	28
		Mike Holland	29
		Teresa Gysler	30

**\*\*If you do not wish to have your birthday published, please contact the church office at 761-1543.\*\***



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