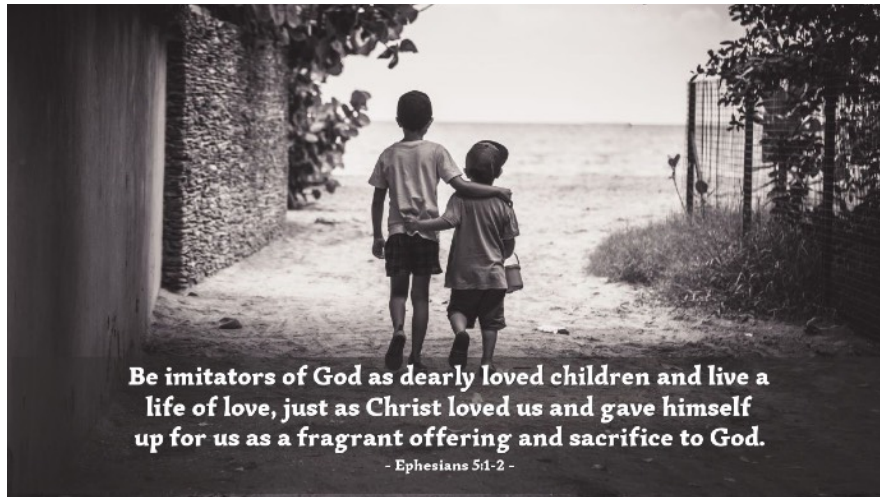


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BETHEL NOTES



Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

In the assigned readings from Ephesians chapters 4 and 5 we are presented with the choice to “live in love” or in “Futility” (Eph. 4: 17). The previous chapters established the foundation of grace needed to build a right relationship with God and to live as God’s people. Today we reflect on what it means to live under God’s “roof.” Home is where the heart is. The sights, the sounds, the aromas, and even the house rules all come together to make God’s house a home where safety and love and joy are found.

Readings:

1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:25--5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday
 August 12

TODAY WE WILL CONTINUE THE SIX WEEK SERMON SERIES ON THE LECTIONARY READINGS FROM THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS. THE SERMON SERIES IS TITLED: *GOD’S EXTRAORDINARY CHURCH.*

ADULT FORUM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP. LED BY PASTOR LEN SHATKUS.

WE WELCOME LPA’S STEVE SMITH AND SHIRLEY CAYKO THIS MORNING AS THEY SHARE WORSHIP LEADERSHIP DUTIES. PASTOR STEVE IS ON VACATION AND WILL RETURN TO THE OFFICE TOMORROW.



Jan DeGroot (sister of Marj Vander Aarde) who is battling cancer.

Ed Pottratz and family.

Todd Whitted (nephew of Bobbie Bowen).

Shelly Murphy

Dick Seim as he recovers from heart surgery.

Katie Smith (daughter of Grant & Janet Smith) who is on a summer mission trip to Asia with InterVarsity.

Kurt Hesse (brother of Don Hesse)

Ardis Scholten (mother of Dave Scholten) who is in hospice care.

Jane O'Brien (mother of Carrie O'Brien)

Faith Crouch (granddaughter of Bernice Johnson) who is awaiting a double lung transplant.

The family of Fern Myhre, Shelly, Laura, Judy, and their families and friends as they grieve her death. A memorial will be held on Saturday, August 25th at Bethel at 10am with a reception to follow.

Bishop Jessica Crist who is recovering from a broken rib.

Serving this Sunday

Accompanist:

Lynn Ryan

Lay Assistant:

Udo Wozny

Usher(s):

Sue Hesse

Projectionist:

Dave Scholten

Counters:

Pam Dougherty
Matt Crampton

Nursery

Attendant(s):

Adam Elkin

A MESSAGE FROM THE CONGREGATION

More Than Physical Nourishment For The Weekly Journey

This Sunday's readings and gospel message address feeding themes. The prophet Elijah is being fed by an angel in 1 Kings 19:4-8 even though he wanted to die. The pressure of his ministry was too much at that time. He had defeated the priests of Baal but now feared for his life by Jezebel. In verse 7, "The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.'" God had more plans for Elijah. He needed physical nourishment and also nourishment for his heart and mind to fulfill God's journey planned for him.

The gospel reading in John 6:35, 41-51 the gospel writer quotes Jesus, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." There are many other stories in the gospel dealing with Jesus feeding the people who listened to his message.

Jesus frequently uses vocabulary that was familiar to the people at that time. Jesus is talking about a different type of nourishment in this Sunday's gospel. Bread represented the major food source at that time. To live, one had to eat bread. "Bread of life" represents a metaphor for Jesus' teachings and his ministry. When we eat bread, we will have nourishment for part of the journey, but we will be hungry again. If we listen to Jesus' message to us, we will not be hungry again for the remaining part of the journey.

Ephesians 5:1-2 states, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Jesus showed us how to be imitators of God.

When we partake in Sunday's Holy Communion, the bread and wine provides us with the "nourishment" to do God's work as told by Jesus for the coming week.

Udo Wozny

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FLBC INFO



Mark Your Calendars!



On Sunday, August 19th, we welcome back Eamon Ormseth to share the message and lead the forum following the service. Eamon grew up in Great Falls, is a 2011 graduate of C.M. Russell High School and a 2015 graduate of the University of Montana. He recently returned home from a year spent serving in Jerusalem and the West Bank as part of the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program.

FAMILY PROMISE



August 23rd, 2018, 7 pm: Ramp It Up! At The Sip N' Dip. Back by popular demand, El Wencho will be playing at your favorite local hangout, while you enjoy a silent auction, a special cocktail, a catered dinner courtesy of Clark & Lewie's, and more! This year's event is sponsored by Pacific Steel & Recycling!



Family Promise of Great Falls is looking for a volunteer Treasurer to work 12-15 hours per month. For more information or to volunteer, please contact DJ Lott at (406) 866-0288 .



TO REGISTER: Go to Opportunities Inc. located at 1123 Central Avenue, Great Falls, MT 59401 by **August 15th.**

TO VOLUNTEER: Contact Lynne Staigmiller at (406) 761-2653 or lynne.staigmiller@gfrescuemission.org to sign up!

Backpack Central runs August 21-24 where we will be stuffing 700 backpacks with school supplies.

We also need help the day of the Rally on Sunday, August 26.

We need meal servers, help with setting up & cleaning up, supervisor of bouncy houses and games, and help with the distribution.

TO DONATE: Bring donated supplies to the local businesses below and/org GFRM Administration Office located at 408 2nd Avenue South, East Entrance of the Cameron Family Center by **Friday, August 17th.**

PLEASE CALL US AT (406) 761-2653 WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Solid Color Backpacks

#2 Pencils

3-Ring **Zippered** Binders

Black Dry Erase Markers

Colored Pencils

College Rules Spiral Notebooks

Glue Sticks

Pencil Boxes

Scissors

Composition Notebooks

Pocket Folders

Pencil Pouches - Plastic for Binders

Gift Cards to Purchase Supplies Not Donated

Getting Involved

I was recently asked how I found Bethel. There are many ways to answer that question, but the most simple answer is...I walked through the doors and felt welcome. My husband and I felt the need to have fellowship in our lives through a church and we simply walked in. The feeling was instant, happy, and made us want to be part of this very special Bethel Family.

The church offered a book study on the Theology of Wine...I like wine! Our small group met weekly with Kathy Johnson leading the group. We ate snacks, drank wine, and read the book together with some amazing discussions. I got to know more people from church and started to see them out in the community.

Shortly after we joined our son, Tyler, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes and that changed our lives. We stopped coming to church on Sundays. At first we were just adjusting to his needs, then it became a habit not to go. We kept the kids involved with LOGOs and since I had to be there so Tyler could count carbs and cover his meal, it became easy to volunteer to help in the kitchen. I got involved and found that I had a great time on Wednesday nights with Marsha Martin and Darci Bernardi.

The church put a call out for help with the website and Facebook page. I am good with computers and had done that before, so I volunteered to take that on and then was asked to help with Family Promise doing the computer work and meal sign ups.

Little by little I found or maybe the church found ways to keep me involved. To grow within Bethel and support this family. There are many ways for all of us to be involved. LOGOs will be starting soon and we need teachers, table parents, and musicians to help with the “new” Worship Arts portion. We are looking for a co-coordinator with Family Promise to work along side Dew Elkin. It is easy to volunteer with our Hospitality Team to bring treats on Sundays, on our website under Bethel Ministries click on Hospitality Team and the sign up is on that page. Speaking of our website, that is a great place to see all the different ministries that Bethel has to offer. From Men’s Breakfast, to Bethel Bunch and Hope Circle. We are always looking for new and different ways that we can come together, share, serve, and grow so if you have an idea...let’s talk!

I am so blessed and thankful for all of the smiling faces at Bethel that greeted my family and I as we walked through the door that first Sunday and walked out feeling like we needed to be a part of that truly awesome spirit. You are all amazing. God Bless.

Tami Grosenick, Ministry Coordinator.

BETHEL CALENDAR - AUGUST

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
Pastor Steve @ Camp Tami Vacation	Pastor Steve @ Camp Tami Vacation Boy Scout Troop 1028 Meeting in Gathering Place at 6:15pm	Pastor Steve @ Camp Tami Vacation 6:30am Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee	Pastor Steve @ Camp Tami Vacation	Pastor Steve @ Camp Tami Vacation	Pastor Steve @ Camp Tami Vacation	9am - Close Knit Group in Fellowship Hall Pastor Steve Vacation
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30am Worship World Hunger Pastor Steve Nelson preaching Pastor Steve Vacation	Boy Scout Troop 1028 Meeting in Gathering Place at 6:15pm	Pastor Steve Vacation 6:30am Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee	Pastor Steve Vacation	Pastor Steve Vacation	Pastor Steve Vacation Sarah Vacation	Pastor Steve Vacation Sarah Vacation
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30am Worship 11am Worship Planning		6:30am Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee		5pm - Ramp It Up @ Sip N' Dip 6pm-8:30pm - TLC Meeting		10am - Fern Myhre Memorial Service and Reception
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:30am Worship		6:30am Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee				8