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# BETHEL NOTES



## ***Ephesians Sermon Series God's Extraordinary Church Live Strong in the Lord***

### **Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

The Ephesians Sermon Series concludes with today's reading from Ephesians 6. Paul's admonition to the church, past and present, is to actively engage the world. In doing so, we can count on being at odds with the world. Paul says it is important to be clothed with the attire which God provides as gift and which will prepare and strengthen us to face whatever life flings our way. He says that God's wants us to BE STRONG...TO LIVE STRONG IN THE LORD. To do so we are to be dressed in God's strength to be dressed in the gift & practice of prayer, knowing & speaking God's truth, clothed in God's gift of faith, the gospel of peace, salvation and righteousness..

#### **Readings:**

**Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**  
**Ephesians 6:10-20**  
**John 6:56-69**

*Sunday*  
 August 26

**Worship Planning** will meet following worship in the Fellowship Hall.  
**Tom Rosenbaum & Ellen Forslund** will be singing "Immortal, Invisible".



**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.

**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.

**Patty Braget and family** as they mourn the loss of her grandmother.

**Ed VanVleet** (family friend of the Grosenick's) as he recovers in ICU

**The LOGOS ministry** for staffing and other needs to be met as a new year approaches.

**The family of Pastor Don Melchert** as they mourn his death. His service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Missoula on Saturday, Sept 1 at 3pm.

**Bethel's new mission venture, Ba'Bar Nabbas,** for guidance and God's blessing as we reach out with the love of Christ to our community.

## Serving this Sunday

Accompanist:  
Mary Seim

Lay Assistant:  
Kaye Van Gilder

Usher(s):  
The Elkin Family

Projectionist:  
Dina Davis


Counters:  
Pam Dougherty  
Donna Vinnedge

Nursery  
Attendant(s):  
Adam Elkin

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# IN LOVING MEMORY

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**Fern LaVere Myhre**  
January 24, 1926 - July 27, 2018



Our mother, Fern LaVere (Wicken) Myhre is our newest angel in heaven as of July 27, 2018, She fell asleep and did not wake up at her home in Great Falls, Montana at age 92 surrounded by loved ones. She died from complications of dementia and old age. She was ready to go and did so peacefully. She is now organizing scrapbooks and filing papers, playing cards and dancing with her husband. She had a wonderful, happy life. She loved everyone and was loved by all.

**A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church located at 1009 18th Avenue SW in Great Falls.** Burial will follow at Manchester Cemetery where Fern will be laid to rest next to her loving husband.

Fern was born January 24, 1926, in Minnewauken, North Dakota to William Carl and Leora Grace (Knowlton) Wicken. She graduated from Minnewauken High School in 1944 and worked at the Benson County Press, the local newspaper from her hometown. She received a weekly copy every week for the rest of her life. She later joined the Nurse's Army Corp, but she was not able to complete her nurse's training due to eczema.

Fern married Richard Maurice Myhre on November 11, 1945, and they lived in Minot, North Dakota. He asked if she could bake bread before he asked to marry him. Dad heard they were hiring in Great Falls, so they moved in early 1947. They had four children, Richard Lee "Dik" was born May 1947, Judyth LaVere "Jude" born April 1949, Rachelle Eloyce "Shelly" born in February 1954, and Laura Jean "Laurie" was born October 1955.

Richard passed away June 22, 2002, but Fern lived in Great Falls the rest of her life. She missed him every minute of every day for over 16 years. She was a housewife and switchboard operator at the Rainbow Hotel (Daddy said she was his "call girl"). She also worked at Farmers Union Insurance and Century Insurance as an insurance adjuster, Boy Scouts as secretary, and Montana Deaconess Hospital admitting.

She retired from Montana District Synod as secretary to Bishop Wick and Pastor Gene Nielson in 1985 (she begged them not to convert to computers until after she retired.)

Fern and Richard played golf for years until they retired and started traveling – visiting all of the lower 48 and Hawaii. The only state they did not see together was Alaska, but Fern later made it to Alaska with her friend Joann Caddell.

In 1964, Fern and Richard became lifelong members of Bethel Lutheran Church. They were also active members of Eagles, Elks and Moose Lodges and the Senior Citizens Center. They loved to dance and play cards and board games. They were always very active and did a lot of camping when we were younger.

Fern and Richard gave all of us children a strong, moral, humorous, loving example to live by. Richard loved to tease everyone. They were the most wonderful, loving parents. We as children were very blessed.

Fern's hobbies and crafts included sewing, scrapbooking, yarn tying placemats and coasters, rug hooking, braided yarn hangers, nylon net dish scrapers, plastic canvas boxes and frames, and some embroidery.

The four children gave Fern and Richard 32 grandchildren, 43 great- grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren, at last count. Richard Lee "Dik" married Charlotte (Keyser) and they have four daughters: "Kat" Kathleen (Ralph) Lataillade, Lacie (TC Ward), Terra (Eitan) Sichel, and Krista (Daniel) Cromwell. Judyth "Jude" LaVere has four children, Brenda (Nathan) Anderson, Jason Carroll (Kelly), Jeffrey Carroll, and Angela Carroll. Rachelle Eloyce "Shelly" (Leonard) Murphy has two children, Scott (Carrie O'Brien), and Jenifer "Jen" (Joe Traband). Laura "Laurie" Jean (Russell) Schade has six children, Katrine "Kati" (Chad) Guinn, Nichole Fern "Nici" (Robert Walton), Dionetta "Didi", Russell (Talita Blackcrow), Katherine "Kat" (Brad Hovey), and Emily Schade.

Fern is survived by her three daughters, Jude, Shelly(Leonard) and Laura (Russ); sisters "Tippy" Wilma (William) Tussey, "Marty" Marlys Allen; brothers Thomas "Tommy", David "Dave"; in-laws Jane (Chase) Myhre, Elaine (Leake) Wicken, Nadyne Buekelman, and Don Gillam; and former son-in-laws Bob Hensleigh, Mark Piazza, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Those waiting for Fern in heaven are her loving husband Richard Maurice Myhre; her parents William Carl and Leora (Knowlton) Wicken; In-laws Rachel (Kirkiede) Ole Myhre; her loving son Richard Lee "Dik" and daughters-in-law Charlotte Keyser Myhre and Kathy Baines Myhre; siblings Baby Gordon, Darryl (Louise), Larry, Kenneth (Millie), Eloyce (Diedrick) "Dick" Beukelman, Donna (Jack Nichols), Nelma "Midge" Gillam, Nancy Wicken (Dave's spouse), Janie Wicken (Tommy's wife), Kenneth (Evelyn) Myhre, Orrie Myhre, George

Richard "Dick" Allen, Clarice "Sis" (Myhre)(Harold) Johnson; former son-in-law "Bob" Carroll; several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins and grandparents.

Our family is grateful to Hospice Services, Great Falls Clinic Doctors and staff, and Dr. Susan Avery. A very special thank you to our loving care-giver Miss Ayda Johnson (we could not have cared for Mom without your help).

Condolences may be shared with the family online at [www.OConnorFuneralHome.com](http://www.OConnorFuneralHome.com). Cremation was in care of O'Connor Funeral Home.

The family has requested that donations be made in Fern's memory to the organization of your choice.

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## FLBC INFO

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### A Montana Blessing

May your visions be as boundless as the breadth of our skies.

May your soul have the strength of our mountains.

May your life be as peaceful as the gently falling snow.

And your days be as many as our trees.

# NRIT EVET



## *Fall Course Offered at*

### *Bethel*



Gospel Road Show

Just Luke: Gospel Stories and Today's Church

Dr. Katherine Shaner,  
Asst. Professor of New Testament at Wake Forest University  
School of Divinity

This workshop examines the Gospel of Luke for the ways it shapes Jesus's ministry for justice in both ancient and contemporary communities. From Mary's song to the Emmaus Road, Luke's Gospel contains some of our most beloved stories. How might the emphasis on justice help us tell these stories in fresh ways?

Tuesday, October 2nd 9:30 am to 3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel

5 Contact Hours

\$75 clergy/\$50 new to ministry, LPA/\$25 lay and retired pastors

For more information or to register go to [www.nrit.org](http://www.nrit.org) - this will take you to the Montana Synod page and click on the NRIT logo - left side.



**LOGOS** is our fun, mid-week youth ministry which aims to nurture young people into faith and discipleship through Christian relationships.

**The 2018-19 year begins**  
**Wednesday, September 19th**  
**with kickoff and picnic from**  
**5:30 - 6:45 pm at Montana Park!**

Visit [www.bethelmt.org/logos](http://www.bethelmt.org/logos) to learn more, register, and pay fees.

**Would you like to be a part of LOGOs?**  
**We are looking for volunteers to help teach, be a table parent, or play an instrument for Worship Arts. Contact Shannon Marr for more information.**



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# NEW MINISTRY AT BETHEL

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## Daughters and Sons of Encouragement ~ Ba' Bar Nabbas ~

The Church Council has given their blessing to launch a new ministry venture at Bethel. Ba'Bar Nabbas is a ministry designed to reach out to our community, to invite exploration of belief in a higher power which supports and encourages our lives. It is a mission based program that is part of the church, aimed at revitalization and where all are unconditionally welcome. We are inter-racial, LGBTQ, multi-denominational - no one is excluded. Meetings will be lead by Pastor Len Shatkus and held Saturdays 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel.

### **Purpose of Meetings...**

- To believe in some sort of higher power.
- Everyone is welcome, everybody is introduced - no strangers.
- Each week we will have a welcome and introduction. Listen to 2 to 3 songs and talk about them. Everyone share music.
- Introduce articles or things that are of encouragement that week.
- Check-in, how are you doing? - Good, indifferent, not good = it's all OK!
- Evaluating last week's project - every body does it individually with feedback and support.
- Reading - not necessarily bible - Pastor Len leads background points with group discussion on reading and set the week's project. Everybody should express an opinion.

For more information on Ba'Bar Nabbas you can go to our website, [www.bethelmt.org](http://www.bethelmt.org), or contact Pastor Len at (406) 781-1738. He will be our guest preacher on September 9th and 16th while Pastor Steve in in Bolivia and will address this new ministry venture and welcome questions after worship.

# BETHEL CALENDAR - AUGUST

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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
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30am Worship Steve Smith & Shirley Cayko preaching Pastor Steve Vacation Sarah Vacation	Sarah Vacation	6:30am Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee 6:30pm Council meeting in the Gathering Place Sarah Vacation	Sarah Vacation	Sarah Vacation	Sarah Vacation Office Closed	9am - Close Knit Group in Fellowship Hall Sarah Vacation
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30am Worship		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 11am Worship Planning		6:30am Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee				8



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# FAMILY PROMISE

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## SEPTEMBER HOST WEEK

Bethel will be hosing Family Promise the week of September 9th to 16h. Due to bathroom remodel project we will be hosting at Central Christian Church 1025 Central Avenue.

There will be a hardcopy sign up in church this Sunday for those who would like to help with food donation or host a meal. Online is currently available at our website [www.bethelmt.org](http://www.bethelmt.org).

If you wish to donate food for a meal or panty item and are unable to deliver to Central Christian please contact Dew Elkin or Tami Grosenick to make other arrangements.



Eamon Ormseth concluded his year mission in Jerusalem and presented Bethel last week with these beautiful carved praying hands. It is carved out of olive wood and represents all the support he received from Bethel during his mission. He wanted to pass along his gratitude and blessings to all of us as he returns to Jerusalem to work.