

BETHEL NOTES

Second Sunday in Lent



The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

This Sunday:

Adult Forum: Animate

Adult Faith formation will convene this morning after worship in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue the Animate curriculum with Food: Eating With Jesus, explored by Sara Miles. Come and dive in!

Jubilate Choir will be singing this Sunday. Also, Tom and Karolina will be singing a duet.

Worship planning will meet in the fellowship hall after worship.

Readings:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:

Lay Assistant:

Usher(s):

Projectionist:

Counters:

Nursery:

Connie Titcomb

John Blank

The Lightbourne Family

Ava Fossen

Pam Dougherty & Dena Wagner-Fossen

Ava & Alex Olson



LENTEN

Calendar & Events

**March 1 -Soup Supper Host: Close Knit Group
& Men's Breakfast**

**Flood (Genesis 7: 1 - 5, 11 - 18; 8: 6 - 18; 9: 8 - 13)
Jim Carlson, LPA**

In the story of the flood, God re-creates the world by sending forty days of rain to destroy all that is evil. In the resurrection of Christ, God is making all things new, and in our baptism, we are cleansed and brought to new life.

March 8 - Soup Supper Host: LOGOS

**Deliverance at the Red Sea (Exodus 14: 10 -31;
15: 20 - 21)**

Dave Scholten, LPA

In this archetypal story, God vanquishes evil and liberates the oppressed. By the resurrection, God liberates us from slavery to sin and brings us through the waters of baptism to safety.

March 15 - Soup Supper Host: Bethel Bunch

**Valley of the Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14)
Steve Smith, LPA**

For Christians, the valley of the dry bones can be interpreted in various ways: a picture of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a promise about the baptized life, and a hint of the final resurrection of the dead. In the action of God, the Word, and the Spirit, Christians see also a picture of the Triune God.

March 22 - Soup Supper Host: Hope Circle

Deliverance from the fiery furnace (Daniel 3: 1 - 29) Shirley Cayko, LPA

For each of us there will be a time when we are engulfed by fire. Because of the resurrection of Christ, we can be confident that the Son of God will be with us, no matter what or where the furnace.



Maunday Thursday

Liturgy, March 29th at 7:00 pm

****Holy Communion; Jubilate Choir**

Good Friday

Liturgy, March 30th at 7:00 pm

****Jubilate Choir**

Easter Vigil

Liturgy, March 31st at 7:00 pm

****Holy Communion & Feast of Milk &
Honey**

(Ice cream sundaes)



Changes in LOGOS schedule for remainder of year:

Wednesday, February 21: Regular LOGOS for all grades

Grades K-2: 5:30-6:30pm

Grades 3-8: 5:30-7:45pm

Grades 9-12: 6:00-7:45pm

Wednesday, February 28: ONLY grades 7-12 will meet 6:00-7:45pm

Wednesday, March 7: NO Family Meal & Worship, Regular LOGOS for all grades

Grades K-2: 5:30-6:30pm

Grades 3-8: 5:30-7:45pm

Grades 9-12: 6:00-7:45pm

Wednesday, March 14: Regular LOGOS but is JUMP UP Night. Altered schedule is:

Grades K-1: 5:30-6:30pm

Grades 2-7: 5:30-7:45pm

*2nd grade participates in full program

*6th grade participates in confirmation class

Grades 8-12: 6:00-7:45pm

*8th grade participates in high school program

Wednesday, March 21: END OF YEAR PARTY - time and location to be determined

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 healing for **Ryan Pottratz** (son of Ed and Myra Pottratz and grandson of Sue Hesse).

Prayers for **April (daughter of Sharon Pulfrey)** as she prepares for surgery on Feb 15th. Also for Sharon as she recovers from hospitalization.

Prayers for **Julie Myers** as she and her family grieve the death of her father, Leo.

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 healing for **Arlena Crandell's son Mike**.

Prayers for **Velma Oakland** and family as they grieve the loss of her husband Lester.

Prayers for **Ed Murphy** (Bethel custodian), as he recovers from surgery.

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



- A Celebration of Life will be held for Lester Oakland on **Saturday, February 24th** at 11:00 a.m. here at Bethel. A reception will follow in the Gathering Place.





The Cross

Our Faith

Our Savior's
Lutheran
Lenten Brunch

Saturday, March 24th
10:30 a.m.
Meadow Lark
Country Club



Guest Speaker:

Bishop
Elizabeth
Eaton

Tickets:
\$15

Purchase Deadline:
March 12th

You are invited to Our Savior's Lutheran Lenten Bruch on Saturday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m. We will meet at the Meadow Lark Country Club, enjoy a lovely meal, and hear from a wonderful guest speaker, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Tickets will be \$15 and will be available after church, at 11:00 a.m. at OSLC on February 24th, March 4th and 11th, and if the church office. The deadline for ticket purchase is March 12th. We hope to see you there for a morning of fun fellowship.

Love Don't Know No Color!

Two young highly competitive attorneys, Vance Johnson and Crystal Kelly, from different racial backgrounds fall in love. Their blossoming relationship opens up a myriad of emotions in the community around them as it relates to race, gender preference and cultural issues. Tragedy strikes and from this a spiritual awakening takes place in that community. A candid look at race, relationships and love because "LOVE DON'T KNOW NO COLOR!"

Mansfield Theater

Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 6:00 PM

\$17 per person

General Admission

Age Recommendation: All Ages



Written by Pastor Marcus Collins of Alexander Temple Church of God in Christ.



NRIT Class on Faith Formation, Taught by Pr. Dick Hardel: Focused on LPAs and Lay Leaders (Clergy are invited and welcomed as well!)

March 9 First Lutheran in Havre, 10 AM to 3PM

March 10 Trinity Lutheran in Choteau 10AM to 3PM

4 Hours Continuing Ed

\$60 clergy/\$40 LPA, New to Ministry, Retired/\$10 for lay persons no continuing ed credits

Remember and Be Remembered

Researchers find immediately after hearing a message, people tend to remember 50% of what they have heard. By the next day this drops to 25%. A week later this is 10% and you do not pick which 10%.

Remember and be Remembered workshop will provide training in faith formation practices for home and congregation that help the people to whom you are ministering engage more fully in faith conversations. Focus will be on tools that help them to remember and empower them to share. Participants will:

- Be trained in The Visual Faith Project: Engaging Scripture & Life With Images
- Practice the faith with Four Key Faith Practice Bible Study Placemats for home or small groups
- Engage in faith conversations through excellent resources
- Be renewed in Spirit and remembered in ministry.

For over 20 years, Dick served as a Lutheran pastor in congregations in South Dakota and Florida. He served for over three years as assistant to the Bishop in the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA. In 1994 he accepted the call to serve as the Executive Director of The Youth & Family Institute. Pr. Hardel is retired and living in Montana, continuing to work in the areas of Faith Formation, Wellness, and Discipleship from FaithWellMT.



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 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. *Please note the early registration discounts will save you money ! You save \$50 by registering with your (\$75.) deposit by April 1st and you save \$25. by registering with your deposit by May 1st. Bethel does have limited scholarship monies available to help defray the cost on a first come, first served basis. Let Pastor Steve know if you desire a camp scholarship. 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. Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp staff, Melissa Singletary, will be at Bethel on FLBC Sunday, April 8th, to give the message and to promote the camp. Bethel's FLBC representatives are Dan & Steph Richardson.



Teriyaki Madness - 1710 10th Ave South across the street from McDonald's is holding a fundraiser for Family Promise. 20% of all meals with copy of special flyer will be given to Family Promise from 11AM to 8PM on Monday February 26th. There will be copies of the flyer at Bethel. Please join in a good meal and a donation to Family Promise. We thank you for your support.

March 6th at 6:15 there will be a training session for Family Promise at Bethel Lutheran Church. Several have asked for the mandatory training so they can work directly with our families. Other churches will be invited to participate. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Come join us and learn how you can make a huge difference in the lives of Great Falls homeless population and it will make a difference in your life as well. Doing God's Work With Our Hands and Hearts.



In June Kaleb Stringer and Lillie Erickson will be joining 30,000 ELCA Youth in Houston Texas for fun, fellowship, and faith. We are so excited to support these young adults in their dream of attending this exciting and inspiring event, but it takes a village as they say. To kick off the fundraising to help send Kaleb and Lillie to Houston we are selling stock in their adventure. You may purchase the stock for \$5.00 per share and buy as many shares as you like! What does this get you? I am glad you asked! As well as the pleasure of supporting these youth you also get an invitation to a Post Gathering Brunch when they return, where you will get to hear all about their travels as they feed you a hearty thank you brunch. Lillie and Kaleb will be selling these shares beginning this Sunday and after that you may purchase from them, their families or Tami Grosenick, Ministry Coordinator. We will be selling stock through the end of February. Please make checks payable to Bethel and footnote "2018 ELCA Youth Gathering". Thank you in advance! We will see you on Sunday!

This Week at Bethel

Sunday 2/25-Sunday 3/4:

- Bethel hosts Family Promise.

Monday 2/26:

- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place.

Tuesday 2/27:

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30am.
- Men's Breakfast at 6:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

Thursday 2/28:

- Lenten Soup Supper hosted by the Close Knit Group and Men's Breakfast Group at 6:15pm followed by Worship at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be using Holden Evening Prayer.

Saturday 3/3:

- FLBC Day Camp workshops from 9am-5pm.

Coming Up....

Tuesday 3/6

- Family Promise training from 6:15pm to 8pm.

Thursday 3/8 - Tuesday 3/13:

- Pastor Steve out of the office on vacation.

Thursday 3/8:

- Executive Committee meeting at 4:30pm.

Sunday 3/11:

- Pastor Steve Nelson will be preaching and presiding over worship.
- Daylight Savings Time ends. Don't forget to spring forward one hour!

Tuesday 3/13:

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

Tuesday 3/20:

- Hope Circle, hosted by Leone Nuessle, begins at 7:30; 908 37th Ave NE.

Thursday 3/29:

- Maundy Thursday worship at 7pm.

Friday 3/30:

- Good Friday worship with the Jubilate Choir at 7pm.
- Office will be closed.

Saturday 3/31:

- Easter Vigil worship with Holy Communion & Feast of Milk and Honey (ice cream sundaes) at 7pm.



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