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BETHEL NOTES



Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

The temple at Ephesus was one the seven wonders of the ancient world, highly regarded for superior construction. The temple was also used as a depository for great wealth. This chapter counters with the wondrous and abundant love of God and riches we find “in Christ” (Ephesians 3:8). We are encouraged to share Christ’s love in the church. “Heavenly love” (*agape*) transforms our work together. Our greatest treasure is the gift of God’s grace. Today we celebrate this amazing gift from God.

Readings:

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Sunday
 July 29

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.

HEALING SERVICE.



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.

Serving this Sunday

Accompanist:
Lynn Ryan

Lay Assistant:
Jim Carlson

Usher(s):
Colleen Walker-Nelson

Projectionist:
Tim Lightbourne

Counters:
Tim Lightbourne
Grant Smith

Nursery Attendant(s):
Carly Cushman
Heather Farris

Thank You

A huge thank you to all of the FLBC counselors, VBS volunteers, adults leaders, junior counselors, campers and their families for another fantastic week of vacation bible school. Thank you for sharing the good news of Jesus' love for all of us. Through song, prayer, crafts and bible study you showed us that truly Jesus Changes Everything. See you next year!

PASTOR STEVE'S MESSAGE

“My Heart Is So Full of Love”

A direct quote from a Vacation Bible School participant on the first day of Day Camp.

Jesus Changes Everything was the overarching theme of the week of Vacation Bible School just concluding today. I believe that this youth accurately named what was true for her and for all of us who gathered to learn through worship, crafts, bible studies & examine time that indeed, Jesus Changes Everything.

We were blessed with 120 youth (Pre-K through 6th grade) in attendance. Five Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Counselors (Kristin, Karrie Pepos ~ Bethel member, Bailee, Isaac, and Scott) teamed with a host of skilled and well prepared adult leaders and Junior Counselors to share the good news of Jesus' love. This entire ministry was made possible by your (Bethel's) generous support and at no charge to all participants. On Sunday, a slide show of VBS highlights will be playing on the projection screens and I invite you to pause and to take it in.

The sermon series continues this Sunday on the theme: *God's Extraordinary Church*. The reading from Ephesians is a prayer. Paul (or one writing in his name) is praying that the faithful believers in Ephesus will “have the power to comprehend the incomprehensible ~ the extraordinary dimensions of Christ's love for them.” It's indeed a lifetime journey. We get glimpses, though, and this past week, one of those glimpses was the witness of this young day camper who said, “*My heart is so full of love.*”

Eugene Peterson in his translation of this passage from Ephesians (The Message) speaks this way of the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love,

“Reach out and experience the breadth! Test it's length ! Plumb the depths ! Rise to the heights ! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.”

Pastor Steve and Dave Scholten will journey to Bolivia: September 4-16

Bishop Jessica Crist is heading up another trip to the MT. Synod's Companion Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bolivia. She invited Dave Scholten and myself to join in this trip and we have both decided to go. Speaking for myself, I have never been but have thought about going, especially having been inspired by members of Bethel who have gone in years past. There will be more information forth coming.

Pastor Steve



YOUTH AND FAMILY

Retreats, Events, and Updates:

For additional information about our upcoming retreats and events, check out our website at www.flbc.net.

Labor Day Family Retreat August 31-September 3, 2018

This weekend is for all ages! Adult bible studies will be lead by Pr. Tanner Howard of Havre, MT. FLBC staff will lead activities for kids. Lots of time for boating, ropes course, crafts and play
Click here for Registration Form.

CLICK HERE for the full calendar of retreats and events. Like us on Facebook for news and pictures from camp.

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Prayers for youth and families attending FLBC

This year we have 34 campers registered for a week at Flathead Bible Camp! We will be sending mail to each one from us at the church and will include them in the prayers. A post card(s) will be available each week beginning July 15th either before or after worship for you to sign. We also encourage you to pray for them for a fun and meaningful, life-changing camp experience. Pastor Steve and Dew Elkin will be attending the week of July 29th. If you want to attend and are interested in a \$100 scholarship, they are still available.

Campers This Week

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|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Andrew Dullum | Adam Elkin | Julia Elkin |
| Austin Kupfner | Jack Orthman | Ava Fossen |
| Grace Schoenen | Lucy Schoenen | Dew Elkin |
| Pastor Steve | | |



MISCELLANEOUS NEWS



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 NEWS

Family Promise Volunteer Training at Bethel

We are happy to offer a free volunteer training at Bethel for anyone who would like to be an evening, dinner or overnight host for Family Promise. This training covers topics such as your duties as a volunteer, rules and guidelines as well as how to handle potential issues that may arise. Children are welcome to attend with their families.

Tuesday, August 7th 6:15 pm at Bethel. Expect about 1.5 to 2 hours for training.

Refreshments will be served.

If you are interested please RSVP to Dew Elkin or Tami Grosenick.

Ramp it Up!!
On the Patio

a benefit for
Family Promise
of Great Falls

sponsored by
PACIFIC
STEEL & RECYCLING

AT
the **Sip N' Dip**
lounge
FEATURING
EL WENCHO

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!

WORSHIP

Healing Service

This Sunday we will be incorporating a healing service into morning worship. There will be prayer, the laying on of hands and anointing.

The order for healing is an expression in worship of the church's ministry of healing. Here all who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives may join in prayer for others and themselves. Here each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here each one may also receive a physical gesture of healing: the laying on of hands, which may be accompanied by anointing with oil. These signs, first given in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world.

In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and love embodied in the community of faith.

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Become a Volunteer for Benefis Peace Hospice

Join us and make a difference in the lives of others.

Benefis Peace Hospice of Montana is seeking volunteers to serve in Great Falls and throughout Cascade, Chouteau, Pondera, Teton, and Toole counties.

September 2018: Volunteer training and orientation session

This free training and orientation session will be held Tuesday and Wednesday mornings for three weeks from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on September 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, and 26.

August 31, 2018: Volunteer training registration deadline

Please call Peace Hospice at (406) 455-3040 to register for the training.

Training sessions will be held at Benefis Health System in Great Falls and will also be available through the REACH Montana Telehealth Network at Benefis Teton Medical Center in Choteau.

Peace Hospice volunteer opportunities include

- Patient and family care, such as respite and socialization
- Serving meals and office assistance at the Residential Facility
- Companionship and bereavement support
- And more!

Volunteer hours and schedules are flexible. Sign up to see if volunteering for Peace Hospice is the right fit for you!

Call (406) 455-3040 to learn more, or visit www.benefis.org/peace-hospice-volunteer

A service of Benefis Health System, Peace Hospice provides compassionate care to terminally ill patients and their families either at the Peace Hospice Residential Facility in Great Falls or wherever the patient calls home.

BETHEL CALENDAR

July 2018

| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| World Hunger Sunday 9:30am Worship | Boy Scout Troop 1028 Meeting in Gathering Place at 6:15pm | | Independence Day Office Closed | | | 9am - Close Knit Group in Fellowship Hall |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 9:30am - Arvanetes Farewell/ Godspeed | | 6:30pm - Church Council Meeting at the Van Gilder's | 10am - Staff Meeting in the Fellowship Hall 3:30pm - LOGOS meeting in the Fellowship Hall | | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 9:30am Worship | | | | | | 9am - Close Knit Group in Fellowship Hall |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 9:30am Worship | 9am-1:30pm VBS | 9am-1:30pm VBS 6pm-8pm - Pool Party @ Jaycee Pool 6pm-8pm - TLC meeting in the Gathering Place | 9am-1:30pm VBS | 9am-1:30pm VBS | 9am-1:30pm VBS 6pm - Aitz Chaim in the Sanctuary | Aitz Chaim in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 9:30am Worship | Pastor Steve at Camp Tami Vacation | Pastor Steve at Camp Tami Vacation | Pastor Steve at Camp Tami Vacation | Pastor Steve at Camp Tami Vacation | Pastor Steve at Camp Tami Vacation | Pastor Steve vacation |