

BETHEL NOTES

Third Sunday After Pentecost



A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are sisters and brothers of the Lord. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

JUNE 10 2018

This Sunday:

Adult Forum in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Led by Pastor Steve. We will have a deeper conversation about today's lectionary readings and their implications for our mission and ministry.

Readings:

Genesis 3:8-15

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-25

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:	Connie Titcomb
Lay Assistant:	Udo Wozny
Usher(s):	Terree Wozny
Projectionist:	Dave Scholten
Counters:	Pam Dougherty & Dean Wagner-Fossen
Nursery:	Kaleb Stringer

A Word From Our Congregation

Isn't It All About Relationships?

Pastor Steve talked to me about writing an article for Bethel's weekly notes. He would also like to have other lay people writing articles in the coming months. We (lay people) may have a different perspective on issues than clergy. In baptism, all of us received the holy spirit and we should think about sharing in the ministry of all believers.

As I'm scheduled to be the reader for this Sunday, I took a look at the scheduled readings and what they may mean to me today as a lay person.

The first reading from Genesis 3:8-15 is titled "The First Sin And Its Punishment" in my NRSV bible.

But then in the readings, I see a trend moving away from punishment to forming relationships with God and one another.

1. The Old Testament reading in Genesis 3 concentrates on Sin and Punishment. Could it also be that we encounter a lack of relationship between the people and God? There appears to be a blame game going on that goes like man blames woman and woman blames the serpent for eating the forbidden fruit. Punishment appears to be a logical solution for the lack of relationship with God.
2. In the reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1) we encounter a God interested in relationship building. "(B)ecause we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence." (2 Corinthians 4:14).

Pastor John Lund wrote an article in the Emmaus Campus Ministry Newsletter in March 2018 entitled "Why Did Jesus Die?" He wrote, "The good news is that we have a much better story to tell about God's deep love for all people and life. Jesus did put his life on the line because he was teaching and living out this love by loving the wrong people. He did sacrifice his life as he lived for the sake of the sinners and untouchables and unlovable, according to the powers of his time. He died because he was teaching us his vision of God's beloved community, that all people might know they are valued and loved no matter what."

Through Jesus, we are brought back into a relationship with God. How that may happen is provided in the gospel lesson.

3. The gospel writer in Mark (Mark 3:20-35) states Jesus' words, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." (Mark 3:35).

Isn't It All About Relationships?

The above trend stresses the importance of building relationships with God, one another, and the world around us. As we are both “Saints and Sinners” (Martin Luther) we cannot escape sin but are challenged to build a relationship with God by ascertaining what the will of God is. The keynote speaker at the Synod assembly last weekend talked about one of the important things a vital congregation needs to do is to discern what God is doing in the world and join in. These are some of the ways that Bethel people are joining God in the world:

- a. Family Promise - Provide a safe place to sleep, provide and host evening meals, and provide hospitality to the guests.
- b. FISH - Provide food for people who encounter food insecurity.
- c. Ministries that Bethel people do silently and we don't know about. It could be ministries at Benefis hospital or Special Olympics.

May God's peace be with you when we building relationships in the world around us that show Gods' deep love for all people and life.

Udo Wozny



Many of you remember Marty Johnson and his passion for canning. We have been blessed with a gift from his family of some of his canned goods. There are pickles, salsa, peppers, asparagus, and green beans! We will have a table in the Narthex with these items available to you, free will donations will go toward this summer's vacation bible school. Marty was always a great supporter during our fundraisers for VBS donating his canned goods to the cause! His family has graciously given us the recipe for his salsa to share with you all. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to get some of Marty's yummy items and support VBS.

Marty Johnson's Salsa

12 lbs of tomatoes
 (peeled and cut)
 1 cup celery
 4 cups onion
 5 cups green pepper
 3 cups jalapeño pepper (or less to taste)
 1 1/2 tsp onion salt

1 tsp salt
 1 tsp pepper
 1 cup white vinegar
 1 tsp season salt
 2 tbsp sugar
 1 1/2 tsp chili powder

Bake in oven at 500 until boiling. Reduce heat to 350. Bake until desired consistency stirring occasionally.

Makes approx. 5 quarts of salsa.

1/2 tsp accent

Heat canning jars over cake pan upside-down in 1/2 in. of water.



Estate Auction



*Saturday, June 16th
11:00 am*

*An estate auction will be held
at the home of Marty Johnson.*

*154 Sun Prairie Rd
Great Falls, MT 59404*



We Need Your Help!

The month of June, the University of Providence hosts Family Promise. This year they have a problem furnishing meals as their kitchen is in repair. So I have some dates for evening meals that we could possibly fill one or two. I was told at a meeting yesterday that we don't need to be there with the food hot and ready to serve until 5:45 and we can leave at 7:. Because we have just hosted two Family Promise families, Bethel's Family Promise account will be paying for the meals. I want to make it very simple and I will work with you. The meals are to be served at Mojo's in the McLaughlin Center . I have no idea where that is but will find out before we serve. I would appreciate hearing from a few of our congregation and when we talk about dates we will talk about meals - again we are going to make this very easy but they do need our help. Please give me a call at 452-0988. Leave a message if we don't answer - we won't be far away. Thanks heaps for your consideration.

Something I forget about from hosting to hosting is our families have not walked in our shoes and we definitely have not walked in theirs. There are many underlying factors as to why their lives have been upside down and they need our help to get them right side up. I do forget NOT to take their lack of excitement about some meals, that they don't get there on time, etc, personally and I do get my feelings hurt sometimes. So I talked to Sharon and DJ to get my arms wrapped around this situation correctly - again. I appreciate your understanding as well. It is not fun to be in their situations and sometimes we don't give them enough space. Thank you all for your time and patience with our guests.

Dew Elkin



Present

A Night At The Ballpark Centene Stadium!

June 30th, 2018, 7 pm: Bring the family, enjoy the game, and get yourself a couple of 50-50 tickets to support us! Advance tickets are \$8; if you buy from Family Promise, \$4 goes to their mission!





- **Sunday June 24th Noon - 12:00 p.m.** at Ron and Dew Elkins house, 2412 47th Ave. SW. Elkins will provide the main dish - burgers and brats and buns.
- Everyone else will need to bring our own beverage as well as a side dish to share.
- We need someone to provide chips; condiments; salad and dessert.
- So if you could RSVP Terry Korpela at terry.korpela@gmail.com or Elkins at rda.elkingtf@gmail.com and let us know what you would like to bring, this will help get all bases covered.

1. Pastor Steve will be going to camp July 29th to August 3rd.

Bethel has camp scholarships available, \$100 per camper on a first come first serve basis. To take advantage of this benefit, bring or send a copy of your invoice from the camp (they will send you one as soon as you make the deposit) and Bethel will send the money to FLBC.

2. If you are registered for camp, please let the church office know so that we can make sure you get a card the week you are there.

There are lots of exciting opportunities this year. Check out their website to see how you can be a part.

www.flbc.net



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Prayers for **Jann DeGroot**, (sister of Marj Vander Aarde) who is battling cancer.

Prayers for **Ed Pottratz and family**.

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

Prayers for **Shelly Murphy**.

Prayers for **Dick Seim** as he recovers from heart surgery.

Prayers for protection and God's blessing for **Katie Smith** (daughter of Grant and Janet Smith) who on a summer mission trip to Asia with InterVarsity.

Prayers for **Kurt Hesse** (brother of Don Hesse).

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

Prayers for **Jane O'Brien** (mother of Carrie).

Prayers for **Faith Crouch** (granddaughter of Bernice Johnson) as she awaits a double lung transplant.

Prayers for **Rae Murphy** (mother of Dina Davis).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



- This year the FLBC counselors will be joining us **July 23rd through 27th 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 6th grade. We also need Junior Counselors for youth going into 7th and up. Check out the Bethel Website bethelmt.org under Youth Programs for more information or contact Tami Grosenick at bethelmc.church@gmail.com. Stay tuned for more details!

This Week at Bethel

Tuesday 6/12:

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

Thursday 6/14 - Sunday 6/17:

- Pastor Steve will be out of the office on vacation. Dave Scholten, LPA will be preaching and presiding on Sunday, June 17th in Pastor Steve's absence.

Monday 6/25

- Worship Planning meeting in the Fellowship Hall 4pm.

Coming Up....

Tuesday 6/19:

- TLC Training Session in the Gathering Place from 6pm to 8pm.

Saturday 6/30:

- Family Promise night at the Voyager's game.

Week of July 23rd -27th:

- Vacation Bible School at Bethel.

Tuesday July 24th:

- Family Pool Night at Jaycee Park 7pm.



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Jon Dullum	3	Olivia Voilett	16
Rob Brattain	4	Beckett Crouch	17
Tammy Good	5	Terry Snodgrass	18
Madeline Hamma	5	Donna Vinnedge	19
Claire Quinn	6	Kim Brooks	20
Erik Norbie	9	Jamee Mortenson	20
Tim Peterson	9	Ryan Pottratz	21
Jon Rein	9	Bob Norbie	22
Zane Weber	9	Colton Walter	22
Jennifer Mazur	10	Tammy Berryman	23
Steve Mueller	10	Earl Terwilliger	25
Mim Mikulecky	11	Bertha Ferguson	25
Bobbie Bowen	14	Steve Nelson	26
Chantel Dunn	14	Melissa Hameline (Bisgard)	29
Sue Reppe	15	Jay Tuomi	30

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





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