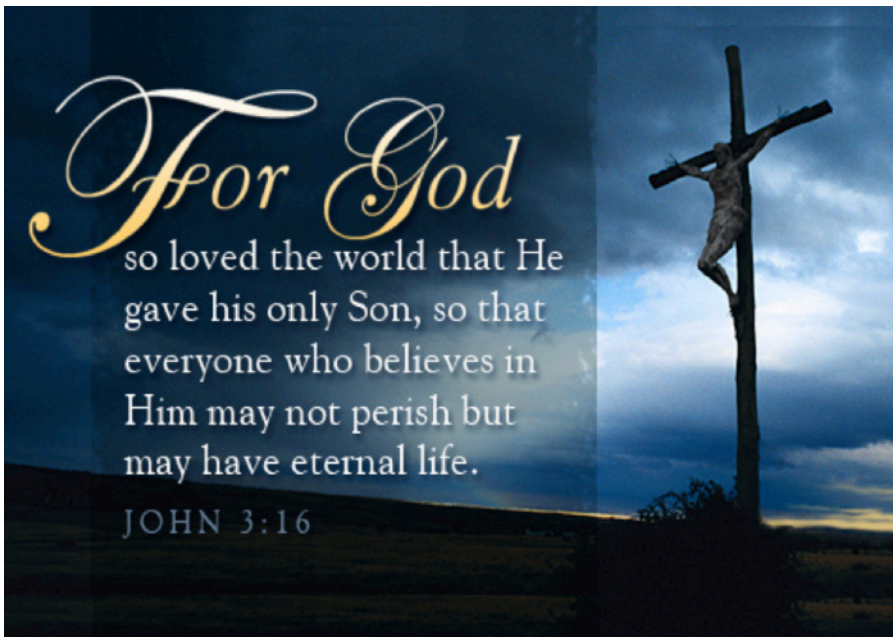


# BETHEL NOTES

## Fourth Sunday in Lent



The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

**MARCH 11, 2018**

### This Sunday:

Pastor Steve Nelson will be preaching and presiding at worship and leading our Adult Forum.

### **Adult Forum: Animate**

Adult Faith formation will convene this morning after worship in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue the Animate curriculum with Money: The Joy of Sharing, explored by Shane Claiborne. Shane's message can easily be construed as political, but he asks us to look beyond -isms and -ologies to see financial generosity as a kingdom call, rather than a social position. Come and dive in!

### Readings:

Numbers 21:4-9

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

## Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:  
Lay Assistant:  
Usher(s):  
Projectionist:  
Counters:  
Nursery:

Connie Titcomb  
Sue Hesse  
Walt & Leone Nuessle  
Tim Lightbourne  
Patty Braget & Dena Wagner-Fossen  
Heather Farris



### Palm Sunday Breakfast – Sunday, March 25

Please join us after the service on Palm Sunday and enjoy a hot, home-cooked breakfast provided by Lillie Erickson and Kaleb Stringer (and their families). Lillie and Kaleb will be traveling to Houston, TX in June to join approximately 30,000 young adults for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Freewill donations are welcome and greatly appreciated. All funds will go towards Lillie and Kaleb's upcoming travel expenses.



The men's breakfast group will now be meeting at 7am on Tuesday mornings. Come join us for some great food, faith and fellowship!



### Changes in LOGOS schedule for remainder of year:

**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.

### Blackfeet Tribe State of Emergency

## We need food in Blackfeet Nation.

Blackfeet Nourish has been providing food for the Medicine Bear Shelter and Blackfeet Food Bank for more than 6 years.

The month of February has been grueling. Blackfeet has been hit by blizzard after blizzard with hurricane-force winds. Many people around Blackfeet Nation are both trapped in their homes and trapped out of their homes, in shelters and other people's homes.

100% of donations will go to food for the Blackfeet Nation and dispersed be the shelter and as directed by Blackfeet Tribe's Incident Command Center.

<http://nourishtheflathead.org/donate/>

Please indicate "Blackfeet Nourish" in the message line.

**FAST Blackfeet**  
Food Access and Sustainability Team



### FAST Blackfeet

The Blackfeet Tribe has declared a State of Emergency. FAST Blackfeet is requesting financial donations to Nourish the Flathead and their Blackfeet Nourish Project. Donate here: <http://nourishtheflathead.org/donate/> Please put - BLACKFEET NOURISH - in the message line.

Christ UMC is collecting food, diapers and personal hygiene stuff. They will be taking loads up each week depending on the roads, so if you have items you would like to be donated you can drop them off at Bethel or take them directly to Christ UMC; 2900 9TH AVE S (BEHIND DAIRY QUEEN).

If you would like to write a check you can make it out to Bethel and footnote "MT Synod Disaster Fund/Blackfeet" in the memo line.



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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> and you save \$25. by registering with your deposit by May 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.



**ELCA Young Adults  
in Global Mission**

Some of you have been asking how to support Eamon Ormseth, our young adult serving in Jerusalem and the West Bank. Here's how you can help. To give a personal gift, visit <http://support.elca.org/> and click "DONATE" or you can write a check with "Eamon Ormseth - GCS3347" in the memo line to either Bethel Lutheran Church or to the ELCA, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.





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 **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 **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

Prayers for God's healing presence for **Fred Crandell** who is recovering at home following hospitalization.

Prayers for God's presence and comfort for **Esther Schmidt** (Aunt of Sandy Pepos).

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 in the church office. The deadline for ticket purchase is March 12th. We hope to see you there for a morning of fun fellowship.



# 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





**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)

## **Resurrection of our Lord ~Easter Sunday**

Liturgy, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am

**\*\*Holy Communion; Jubilate Choir,  
Brass Accompanists**

## This Week at Bethel

### **Monday 3/5:**

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

### **Tuesday 3/6:**

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30am.
- Men's Breakfast at 6:00am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Family Promise training from 6:15pm to 8pm.

### **Wednesday 3/7:**

- Regular LOGOS at 5:30pm.

### **Thursday 3/8:**

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

### **Thursday 3/8 - Tuesday 3/13:**

- Pastor Steve out of the office on vacation.

## Coming Up....

### **Sunday 3/11:**

- Pastor Steve Nelson will be preaching and presiding at 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.

### **Wednesday 3/14:**

LOGOS "Jump Up Night" at 5:30pm

### **Tuesday 3/20:**

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

### **Saturday 3/24:**

- Cross Our Faith Brunch, with guest speaker Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Meadow Lark Country Club at 10:30am. Tickets are available at Our Savior's Lutheran Church for \$15. Deadline to purchase tickets is March 12th.

### **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.



Pastor Steve Van Gilder  
Administrative Assistant, Sarah Farris  
Bookkeeper, Bonnie Sears  
Ministry Coordinator, Tami Grosenick

[bethelgf.pastor.steve@gmail.com](mailto:bethelgf.pastor.steve@gmail.com)  
[bethelgf.church@gmail.com](mailto:bethelgf.church@gmail.com)  
[bethelgf.books@gmail.com](mailto:bethelgf.books@gmail.com)  
[bethelmc.church@gmail.com](mailto:bethelmc.church@gmail.com)

Office Telephone: (406) 761-1543  
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am to 2:30pm  
Wednesday: 9am to 2pm

Website: [www.bethelmt.org](http://www.bethelmt.org)

---

## BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1009 18<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Great Falls, MT 59404

