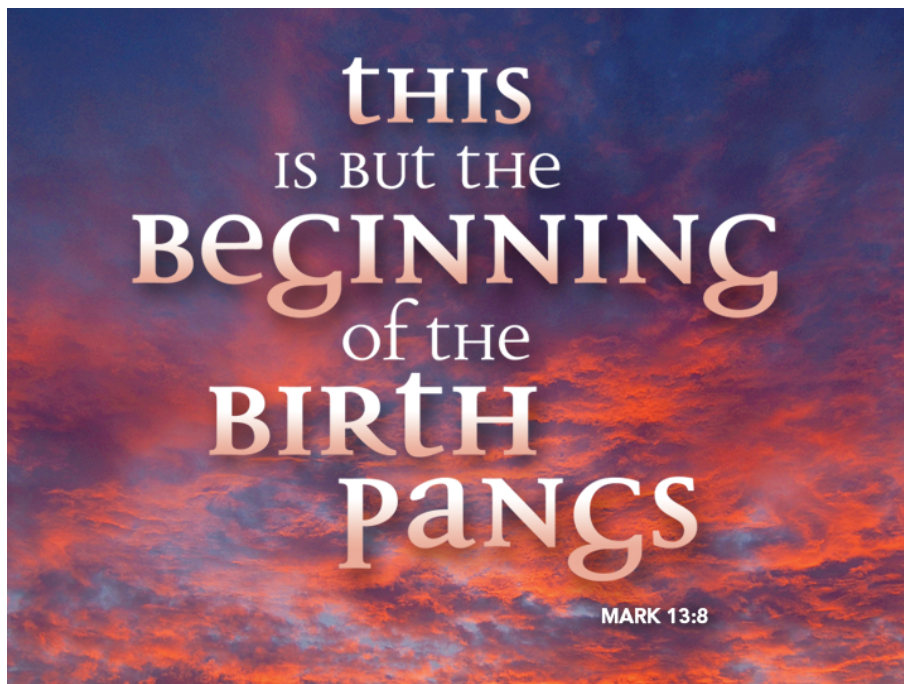


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# BETHEL NOTES



## 26th Sunday After Pentecost

### Readings:

Daniel 12:1-3  
 Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25  
 Mark 13:1-8

**Don't miss the Pies Plus Auction and  
 Bake Sale Sunday, November 18th at  
 11:00 AM following the service.**

*Sunday*  
 Nov 18

### Serving this Sunday

**Accompanist:**  
 Connie Titcomb

**Lay Assistant:**  
 Sue Hesse

**Usher(s):**  
 Mick & Dina Davis

**Projectionist:**  
 Dave Scholten

**Counters:**  
 Patty Braget  
 JoAnn Dullum

**Nursery Attendant(s):**  
 Adam Elkin  
 Lillie Erickson



**Jan DeGroot** (sister of Marj Vander Aarde) who is battling cancer.

**Faith Crouch** (granddaughter of Bernice Johnson) who is awaiting a double lung transplant.

Prayers for healing for **Patsy Berkeley Brattain** as she recovers from surgery.

Prayers of healing for **Don Bisgard** as he battles stomach cancer.

**Ed Pottratz** for healing as he resumes cancer treatment.

Prayers of healing for **Lee Klette**, son of Russ & Cheryl.

Prayers for healing for **Terry Korpela** as she recovers from surgery.

**Jeanne Moe (mother of Kris Voorhees)** as she prepares for surgery.

**The family of Angie Erives** and the students and staff of Lohse Sommerset Academy in North Las Vegas as they grieve her death.

**Terry Ryan** (brother of Patrick Ryan).



### **Upcoming Events & Retreats**

Register by calling the camp office  
406-752-6602 or email [office@flbc.net](mailto:office@flbc.net)

### **Family AdventFest (Preparing for Christmas)**

November 30-December 2, 2018  
Registration Flyer Attached

### **Youth Ski/Snowboarding Retreat**

January 11-13, 2019



**Wednesday, November 21st**

**7:00 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**1315 Central Avenue.**

This is a combined worship service with First Presbyterian Church, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Bethel Lutheran Church and the addition of First United Methodist. A combined choir will be performing. If you wish to sing in the choir please arrive for rehearsal at 6:00 PM.

# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Stewardship Committee & Church Council would like to thank the members that have already submitted their estimate of giving cards for next year's budget, and thank you for the continued generosity. We have received over 25 cards estimating \$131,500 for the general fund at this point in time! If you haven't dropped off your estimate of giving card yet, the drop box and extra forms are still available at the church.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### Bethel Council Meeting, Tuesday, 13 November 2018

Dena presented the Financial Report. As discussed in the October Financial Statement mailed last week with the individual financial statements, operating expenses through October include the completed drainage issue and that expense of over \$15,000 showed as a large expense on our October budget. The bathroom remodel in the Gathering Place is another large expense that showed on our October budget, so continued giving is important throughout the rest of the budget year.

	Budget	Actual	Difference
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$202,702.00</b>	<b>\$210,136.44</b>	<b>\$7,434.44</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$209,596.25</b>	<b>\$231,601.57</b>	<b>(\$22,055.32)</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$6,894.25)</b>	<b>(\$21,465.13)</b>	<b>(\$14,570.88)</b>

Mick presented on the Building Report. Bathrooms in the Gathering Place are getting closer to being done. Thanks to Matt Crampton and Mick Davis and their efforts, time, and in-kind donations. They found mold in both bathrooms and have been able to remedy that.

Painting the ADA lines and striping in the parking lot will have to wait until Spring. Mick proposed a "Bethel Spring Clean Up" day where the congregation can participate in projects to spruce up and repair our church grounds.

Strategic Planning Committee will be utilizing the Congregational Vitality Survey developed by the ELCA. Our benevolence to the synod helps to pay experts like Linda Bobbit to develop this survey for ELCA congregations. This survey will help guide the Committee in a direction the congregation would like to take. On Sundays, December 2nd and 9th, the congregation will be asked to fill these out during the service. In addition, several will be mailed to people who do not attend worship regularly.

A Mission Endowment Committee is in the process of being formed. This is a Constitutional requirement. This committee decides how to distribute up to 5% of the accrued interest in the Mission Endowment Fund. For more information on the Mission Endowment fund, please see Bethel's Constitution.

The Council voted not to install security cameras at this time. No more incidents have occurred since September.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Dullum

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## PIES PLUS AUCTION AND BAKE SALE

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### Pies Plus Support VBS and FLBC

Each summer Bethel's walls fill with the energy of a hundred kids ages 3 to 18, adult volunteers, and FLBC camp counselors. It is a week of laughs, songs, stories, talks, making friends and reconnecting with old ones. This is all brought to our community by the generosity of our Bethel members and free for the participation of the youth who come to enjoy the week.

The cost of running VBS is broken down in this way:

- cost of bringing the FLBC Counselors \$2100 plus travel cost of \$460.
- cost of food not donated estimated at around \$250.
- cost of pool rental for the family pool night \$200.
- cost of pulled pork for family potluck \$300.
- additional cost that can occur is for supplies or arts and crafts

The total we estimate it costs approximately \$3500 to hold VBS. We keep a close mind on saving where we can and cutting cost without cutting the experience for our youth. Other funds that come in to help off set this cost is through Thrivent Action Team funds and free will offerings from families who attend the camp.

The Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp experience is invaluable to our youth. Sending them to camp for one week costs \$460. The Pies Plus Auction also supports or families by helping them off set this cost with \$100 per child scholarship funds.



My daughter attended for the first time last year and for those of you who know her and how quiet she is understand how nervous I was. She loved every minute and made some amazing new friends and strengthened friendships she already had. She can't wait to go next summer and her best friend is excited to go with her. Last year 32 campers who have a connection with Bethel attended and only 6 campers took advantage of the scholarship funds.

This year we will hold our Pies Plus Auction and Bake Sale. Dave Scholten has agreed to be our auctioneer and we promise to keep the auction part of the sale to 1-hour or less.

We will also have some bake sale items available if you are unable to stay for the auction. Another addition to the sale this year is the way we raise money for FLBC scholarships.

If you wish to sponsor a child, in-part or for the full \$100, there will be Sponsor-A-Child cards that you can donate whatever you like to go into the fund.

An additional way to support is by donating a baked good – other item – to be auctioned off or sold at the sale table. It wouldn't be much of an auction without items to sell!! We would like to have about 20 items in the auction and additional for the bake sale. You may drop off your items to Bethel on Friday, November 16th in the front kitchen between 9:00 AM and 2:30 PM, Saturday November 17th between 9:00 and 11:00 AM or Sunday morning before church. Please indicate if you have a preference for auction or bake sale item. You can sign up to bring and item on Sunday at the white table in the Narthex or let Patty Braget, AnneRose Rogers, or Tami Grosenick know what you are bringing.

Tami Grosenick

# A NOTE OF THANKS



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Bethel Lutheran Church  
1009 18th Ave SW  
Great Falls MT 59404-3423

Date: November 09, 2018

Dear Bethel Lutheran Church,

*Thank you so much for your support. It's only through gifts that we can provide the program staff, & camperships that we do!*

Date	Transaction Description	Check # / Card Type	Amount Received	Non Deductible Amount	Receipt Amount
10/31/2018	CHECK payment of \$288.75 towards Annual Fund General Fund	21700	\$288.75	\$0.00	\$288.75
Year to Date Total: 2018 \$3,087.50					<u><u>\$288.75</u></u>

*God Bless you!  
Marjorie*

In compliance with the 1993 IRS rulings, this is your notice that the entire amount of your contribution is tax deductible, since "no goods or services were received by you in exchange for your gift."  
FLBC Tax ID: 81-6013705

Be sure to check out and register for our upcoming events! Have an idea for a retreat or looking for a great place to host your family reunion? Give the office a call and schedule your retreat!

Family AdventFest: Nov 30 - Dec 2, 2018

FLBC Middle and High School Ski/Snowboard Retreat Jan 11-13, 2019

Summer Registration opens online at [flbc.net](http://flbc.net) Jan. 11, 2019!

*Hope to see you at a retreat soon!*



**Fall & Winter 2018 Adult Forums**

**Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> We will not meet due to (Annual Desert Auction Fundraiser for VBS & FLBC Scholarships) and Thanksgiving Day!**

**Session # 3 November 25 & 29: Jesus' Ministry begins in Galilee: An Inaugural Address**

**Scripture Focus: Luke 4: 14 - 30**

**Session # 4 December 2, 6: Jesus' Face is set towards Jerusalem**

**Question: Who is Jesus ?**

**Scripture Focus: Luke 9: 18 - 36**

**Session # 5 December 9, 13: Parables of the Kingdom: Loosing & Finding**

**Scripture Focus: Luke 15: 1 - 32**

**Session # 6 December 16, 20: Theme of Salvation in Here & Now (Today!)**

**Scripture Focus: Luke 23: 26 - 49**

**Session # 7. December 30 & Jan. 3**

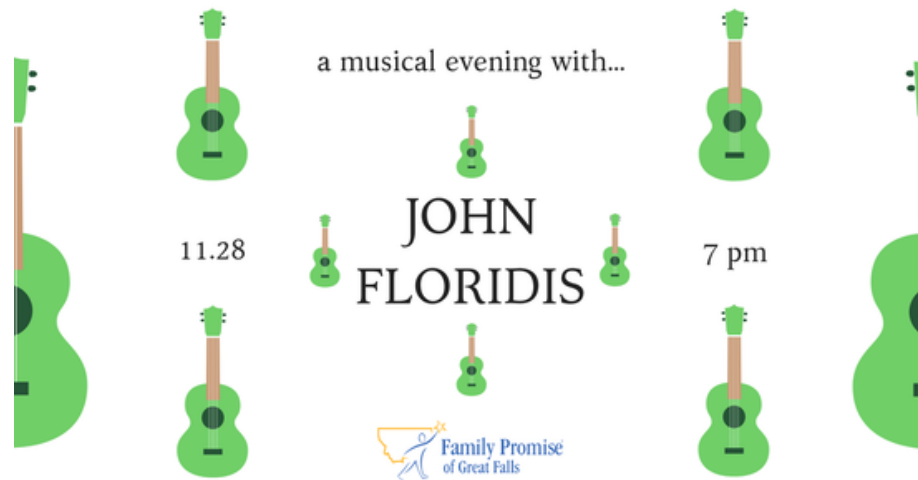
**Resurrection Life, Now !**

**Scripture Focus: Luke 24: 13 - 35 (Road to Emmaus)**



**Tuesday,  
November 20th.**

# FAMILY PROMISE EVENTS



Family Promise of Great Falls is elated to welcome John Floridis back to Great Falls for a free will benefit concert to help us end childhood homelessness, one family at a time! John Floridis is an award-winning musician, songwriter, and radio host who has been performing and broadcasting in the Treasure State for over a decade. Don't miss this intimate acoustic set, featuring percussionist Ed Stalling, on **November 28th at 7 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (1326 1st Avenue North, Great Falls MT 59401).**



Family Promise is hosting a free estate planning seminar on: Assisted Living, Nursing Homes, Medicare, Medicaid, Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney and Other Confusing Stuff! This seminar is a discussion; bring your questions. The moderator, Randall Knowles, has over 30 years of practical experience with these topics.

Join us at [Central Christian Church](#) on December 19th! This seminar is open to the public. We will be taking a free will offering for our mission to end childhood homelessness, one family at time in Great Falls, MT!

RSVP on this page or call (406) 866-0288!



# UPCOMING EVENTS



The Great Falls Ministerial Association is once again sponsoring Carols and Beer on Sunday, December 9th from 6:00-8:00 PM at The 'Do Bar (1800 3rd St NW). Come, sing, drink and enjoy fellowship.



A Blue Christmas Service supports those for whom the holidays are not joyful; they are lonely, filled with grief and feelings of being alienated from celebrations. This service is designed for people who may be experiencing depression and sadness and yet are often compelled to "put on a happy face" for others, denying their true feelings. The service is composed of music, scripture and a candle lighting ritual to help acknowledge feelings and connect with the light that shines in the darkness during a difficult time in life. **This service will be held at New Hope Lutheran Church (3125 5th Ave S) on Thursday, December 20 at 7 PM.** Please share this with those who may be struggling this Christmas. Or consider inviting someone to come with you. That may be the best gift you can offer- acknowledgment of their feelings.



## Christmas Eve Candlelight and Holy Communion Worship - Dec 24

**4pm** in the Gathering Place with Jubilate Choir

**6pm** in the Gathering Place with Karolina Pepos



# RESCUE MISSION NEWS

## HELP US GIVE THANKS THIS SEASON



### FOOD NEEDS

TURKEYS  
POTATOES (MEDIUM)  
STOVE TOP (IND. PK)  
GREEN BEANS  
YAMS (15 OZ. CAN)  
CHICKEN BROTH  
DINNER ROLLS  
BAKED PIES

WANT TO HOST A FOOD DRIVE? WE WOULD BE  
HAPPY TO HELP! CALL US AT 406-761-2653

As the leaves fall, and seasons change, the Great Falls Rescue Mission (GFRM) is gearing up for holiday and outreach events this winter.

The GFRM will provide two public Family Thanksgiving Dinners this year, as well as Thanksgiving food boxes for families.

- November 20th - 6:30 PM, Cameron Family Center (Public Family Thanksgiving Dinner)
- November 21st - 6:30 PM, Cameron Family Center (Public Family Thanksgiving Dinner)
- November 22nd - 12:00 PM, All Shelters (Great Thanksgiving Banquet)

To volunteer at any of these events or if you would like to donate, please visit our website at [www.gfrm.org](http://www.gfrm.org), or call our Volunteer Department at 406-761-2653 ext. 115. The deadline to sign up to help with Thanksgiving events is Nov. 15th.

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver"

-2 Corinthians 9:7

### CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

- \$30 MAXIMUM
- TOYS; SMALL & MEDIUM
- SMALLER INEXPENSIVE ELECTRONICS ( NO IPADS OR TABLETS )
- FOOD GIFT CARDS
- HYGIENE ITEMS

THE DEADLINE TO SPONSOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS IS DECEMBER 14TH. TO SIGN UP TO HELP WITH ANY OF THESE CHRISTMAS EVENTS HELD AT THE GFRM, PLEASE CONTACT THE VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT AT 406-761-2653.

### FOOD NEEDS

- HAM
- POTATOES
- STOVE TOP
- CHICKEN BROTH
- DINNER ROLLS
- BAKED PIES
- CANNED VEGGIES

## CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES



With Christmas right around the corner, there are many opportunities to volunteer at the GFRM. We will distribute wish lists to our guests and those in our Christian Recovery Program. Volunteers and GFRM supporters will have the opportunity to sponsor a Family or Male or Female in our recovery program .

Stay tuned to our website and our Facebook page for more information about how to sponsor Christmas gifts for those at the GFRM. We have many opportunities for volunteers to help us prepare for the holiday.

- December 1st - Decorate the Mission
- December 6th - Christmas Card Party & Caroling
- December 17 - 21st - Wrap Gifts
- January 5th - Undecorate Mission





**Mark your calendars!!**  
**Wednesday evening 7:00 PM**

**Family Worship**


November 28th

December 12th

January 30th

March 6th - *Ash Wednesday*

April 3rd

S 11	M 12	T 13	W 14	T 15	F 16	S 17
9:30am- Worship  Adult Forum	6:15pm - Boy Scouts	7am - Men's Breakfast  6:30am-Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee  6:30pm-Church Council meeting	5:30pm - LOGOS	7pm-Hope Circle; 3408 Bison Lane		9am - Close Knit
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30am- Worship  Pies Plus Auction & Bake Sale	6:15pm - Boy Scouts	6:30am-Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee  6-8pm - Bethel Inquirer's Group		  Office Closed		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
9:30am- Worship  Luke Bible Study after worship		7am - Men's Breakfast  6:30am-Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee	6pm-Family Worship Night	LukeBible Study @ 10am		



# Young @ Heart

presents

## Jean Price takes us to The Baltics



Few regions possess a more turbulent history than the Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. After countless wars, occupations—even a “singing” revolution—these countries have re-emerged to reveal their splendor to the world—their rich sweep of history, unique cultures, and natural beauty. Discover the turrets, spires, and winding cobbled streets of **Vilnius, Riga, and Tallinn**—three capitals that preserved the timeless elegance of their Old Towns. Most interesting will be stories of what life was like during the chaotic times after the collapse of the Soviet Union and how Russia views them now.

# Monday, Nov. 19 at 1 pm

## Our Savior's Lutheran

Refreshments and fellowship follow.

Spread the word!



Bring your friends!