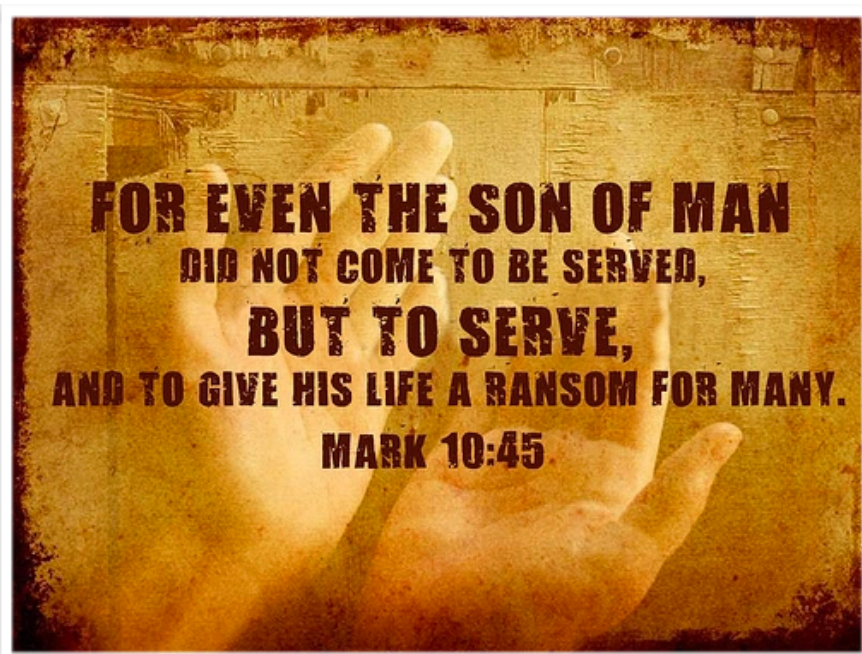


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# BETHEL NOTES



## 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Today’s gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who’s number one, which leads Jesus to say something about God’s take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God’s community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray “your kingdom come” we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great

### Readings:

Isaiah 53:4-12

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

*The Jubilate Choir  
will be singing today  
Let us pray For Peace*

*Sunday*  
Oct 14

# THIS SUNDAY

**This Sunday is Family Promise Sunday.** DJ Lott (Director of Family Promise Great Falls) and Dew Elkin will make presentations. There will also be a volunteer training session following the service in the Fellowship Hall with lunch provided.

# IN OUR PRAYERS



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

**Jane O'Brien** (mother of Carrie O'Brien)

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

**Paul (Jen) Bossie** as he recovers from surgery.

**The family and friends of Dave Mikulecky** as they mourn his death.

**The family and friends of Steve Smith** as they grieve his death. His funeral will be held at Bethel at 10am on Saturday, October 13th with a reception to follow.

**The family of Pastor Len Shatkus** as they grieve his death. His memorial service will be held at Bethel on Saturday, October 27th at 1:30pm. Graveside committal will immediately follow at Highland Cemetery with a reception at Bethel.

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

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

Prayers of thanksgiving for the gift of new life in the birth of son **Sullivan** to Megan (Carlson) and Jason Davenport, daughter of Jim and Marilyn Carlson.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the gift of new life in the birth of a girl **Teagan Leigh Brattain** to parents Dan and Amanda Brattain, grandparents Rob and Cindy Brattain, and great parents Patsy Berkley-Brattain and Clara Bangart.

## Serving this Sunday

Accompanist:  
Mary Seim

Lay Assistant:  
Kaye Van Gilder

Usher(s):  
Walt & Leone Nuessle

Projectionist:  
Ava Fossen

Counters:  
Stephanie Cummings  
Donna Vinnedge

Nursery Attendant(s):  
Heather Farris

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# IN LOVING MEMORY

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## *Reverend Leonard (Len) J. Shatkus*

*January 10, 1955 – September 29, 2018*



Leonard who was the son of the late Leonard and Getrude (Wynne) Shatkus was born in Scranton, PA on January 10, 1955. He was raised in Inkerman and graduated from Pittston Area High School, Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA, graduating with a B.A. in Philosophy. He graduated Cum Laude from Regis College, University of Toronto with an S.T.M. degree (Master of Sacred Theology). He attended the Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, graduating with an M.Div. He married Gail Lee Knaus on June 27, 1992.

His ministries took him to Brazil, Florida, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Montana. He returned from disability twice to serve small Montana congregations. He served Nathanael and Volmer Churches (the Dagmar parish), and a UCC parish in Plentywood, and later served the UCC church in Baker. At the time of his death he was active at Bethel Lutheran Church in Great Falls.

Leonard is survived by his brother, John (wife, Karen) of Santa Clarita, CA, nieces Jill Williams (husband, Dwayne) of Neenach, CA and Wynne Campbell (husband, Ryan) of Torrance, CA, nephew Patrick Shatkus (fiancée, Liz Masucci) of Philadelphia, PA, grand-nephew, Leonard Patrick "LP" Campbell and cousins from the Wynne and Shatkus families. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gail (Knaus) Shatkus in 2017.

**A memorial service will be held on October 27, 2018 at 1:30pm at Bethel Lutheran Church in Great Falls, MT with graveside committal immediately following the service at Highland Cemetery in Great Falls. A reception will follow at Bethel Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall after the graveside service.**



Steve Smith's family asked if anyone took a picture of the altar at Steve's service. They did not take one and would like a copy. If you have on, please contact the Bethel office. Thanks!

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# ADULT FORUMS

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## FALL and WINTER of 2018

### **Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke**

Beginning on Sunday, November 4th, a Bible study will begin on the Gospel of Luke and will be led by Pastor Steve. Luke's gospel is arguably the most loved of the four gospels and will be the focus of Year C (beginning Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>) of the three year lectionary cycle. Readings from Luke will appear forty times on Sundays and Festivals and so it is important to spend some time in the Gospel and explore the questions and meaning for our day. The Lukan study will be offered after worship and on Thursday mornings at 10am. We will begin with some background information on Luke's gospel and talk about some of the major themes.

- **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> (at 10am)** – An Introduction & major themes,
- **Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> we may not meet, due to (Financial Stewardship/ Commitment Sunday) but we will meet on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> (at 10am)** – Born for Us and with a Mission
- **Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> We will not meet due to (Annual Desert Auction Fundraiser for VBS & FLBC Scholarships) and Thanksgiving Day !**
- **Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> (and Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> (at 10am)** – What was Jesus Doing ? (Healing Ministry)
- **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> (and Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am)** – Why Must Jesus Die ?
- **TBD - Grace Will Lead Me Home (Parables about the Lost & Found)**

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# FROM THE CONGREGATION

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I was introduced to Family Promise by Brian Williams on Rock Center about six years ago. The program touched my heart and I thought about it all week. The following Sunday there was an announcement in the bulletin that the Great Falls Ministerial Association was considering bringing the program to Great Falls. Several meetings were held, committees formed and our work began.

During the two years of raising money, visiting other churches, working on securing a board of directors, buying a van, buying a cargo trailer and all of the many other things that had to be done before opening our doors, we learned so much about working with other churches toward a common goal. Many of us have become friends, having dinner in each others homes, going to events together and often commenting that if it were not for Family Promise, we would not know each other.

There has also been a change for Bethel's congregation. Many of us knew people by sight but not by name. Now we visit more after church, we are excited about serving dinner or spending time during Family Promise with each other. I hear comments of gratitude all the time.

Our guest families teach each of us so much. We hear their stories of a hard life, how they value the few belongings they have, how hard they are willing to work to make life better for their children and work toward reaching and maintaining a stable life. Most of us cannot possibly know their pain, their struggles but our goal is to help them through this rough time and get back on their feet and moving forward.

The doors to Family Promise were opened January 10, 2015. To date we have assisted 311 individuals, 179 were children in 93 families. 68 families were placed in homes. We do make a huge difference.

Jim Kiser and a group from the Great Falls Rescue Mission recently visited the Hub and learned about our program. As we have said many times, we should work together – compliment each others program as we are not in competition. We serve a different population of homelessness. We share a common goal– to serve God's children and their families to reach and sustain an independent life.



Bethel Lutheran Church started at the beginning of this program and we continue to grow in service. I am very grateful and blessed to serve with such a wonderful congregation. God Calls Us – God Transforms Us – God Sends Us.

# FLBC Annual Meeting

It was a chilly weekend with great company, at a great place during the FLBC annual meeting. . There were good workshops, with lots of ideas of how to support camp from the congregation. We already do a great job, with supporting campers, supporting the camp financially and bringing awareness to camp.

At the annual meeting, there were two votes on bylaw changes and they both passed. The board of directors were also voted on and all were approved.

A huge thank you to Steph and Dan Richardson for continuing to represent Bethel and keeping the lines of communication open with such a great program. You both are truly a blessing!



## **Upcoming Events & Retreats**

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

### **Crazy About Quilting Retreat (+ Kilns & Crafts)**

November 8-11, 2018

Registration Flyer Attached

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

November 30-December 2, 2018

Registration Flyer Attached

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

January 11-13, 2019

## **CROP HUNGER WALK**

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



This year's Crop Walk was very successful! Walkers had beautiful fall weather to enjoy as they raised money for a great cause. 14 teams of 48 walkers participated raising a total of \$6217.45. Family promise of Great Falls receives 25% of the total funds raised. Thank you to all who donated to make this event so successful. See you next year!



We have been contacted by Relay for Life to see if Bethel would like to put a team together for this years event. If you are interested in leading a Bethel Team, please let me know and we will coordinate with the Relay for Life office here in Great Falls to attend the event. Call me at 788-9587 or email me at [bethelmc.church@gmail.com](mailto:bethelmc.church@gmail.com).

Thank you, Tami Grosenick

Dew Elkin

## Fundraising News

We have had a request to announce when Bethel youth are selling an item for fundraising so that Bethel congregants can purchase the item (such as sports discount cards, fruit, wreaths, cookies, popcorn, etc) from a Bethel youth before others in their neighborhood. To be sure no one is left out, we ask that if you are a Bethel youth needing to sell items for a fundraiser, please add your name to the worksheet on the Narthex bulletin board. If you attend Bethel and want to support Bethel youth, please refer to the worksheet and contact that youth or leave your contact information.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LOGOS!

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Family Worship this Wednesday, October 24th. Family **Worship will include the presentation of Bibles to our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade LOGOS class.** We would love to see you there! Worship begins at 7:00pm.

### **Mark your calendars!!**

### **Upcoming Family Worship Dates**

- November 28th
- December 12th
- January 30th
- March 6th - *Ash Wednesday*
- April 3rd



This year the Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for

Wednesday, November 21st

at 7:00 pm

at 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.

The service will be at First Presbyterian Church located at 1315 Central Avenue.

# BETHEL CALENDAR - OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30am- Worship  CROP Walk-1pm	6:15pm - Boy Scouts	7am - Men's Breakfast  6:30am-Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee  6:30pm-Council Meeting	5:30pm - LOGOS		Pastor Steve Off	10am - Funeral for Steve Smith
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30am- Worship	6:15pm - Boy Scouts  Strategic Directions Task Force - 6:30pm	7am - Men's Breakfast  6:30am-Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee	5:30pm - LOGOS		Pastor Steve Off	9am-Close Knit
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30am- Worship  Family Promise Sunday  Choir singing	6:15pm - Boy Scouts	7am - Men's Breakfast  6:30am-Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee	6pm - Family Dinner and Worship Night		Pastor Steve @ Bishop's Convo.	Pastor Len Memorial Service - 1:30pm
28	29	30	31	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3
9:30am- Worship	6:15pm - Boy Scouts	7am - Men's Breakfast  6:30am-Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee	Halloween  No LOGOS		Pastor Steve Off	8am-3pm-Make It With Wool  9am-Close Knit

