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BETHEL NOTES



Reformation Sunday

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

Readings:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36



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.

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 Bangert.

Sunday
Oct 28

Serving this Sunday

Accompanist:
Connie Tiltcomb

Lay Assistant:
John Blank

Usher(s):
Sue Hesse

Projectionist:
Tim Lightbourne

Counters:
Tim Lightbourne
Marilyn Carlson

Nursery Attendant(s):
Carly Cushman

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!

IN LOVING MEMORY

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.



ADULT FORUMS

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

REFLECTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JoAnn Dullum

As a child, my family's social life centered around actively participating in church. My sister, brothers and I were in the youth choir and youth group, my dad served on the church council regularly, my mom participated in quilting and bible studies and both my parents sang in the choir. Serving the church is something I have always enjoyed and continue to do. I am a person who is most comfortable working in the background and will seek out things that need to be done quietly and usually not in leadership roles. This changed when Terree Wozny approached me in 2015 to "prayerfully consider" replacing a member on council who was in the military and was stationed elsewhere. That little voice, that can be loud at times, immediately said, "I'm not qualified!" and "What do I know?". I always hesitate to use the "I'm too busy" excuse. As Shannon Marr stated in the 12 October 2018 Bethel Notes and I can relate to, "The truth is, I'm not too busy. If I want to do it and find it important, I'll find time. If I don't, I won't. For the most part, it's that simple." My job has a considerable travel commitment, so prior to accepting the call to serve, I reiterated my situation to the Council. Occasionally, I would not be able to attend the monthly meetings in person, but could possibly call in via conference call. I do not think I'm busier than anyone else but I was concerned about being able to give enough of myself while fulfilling my other life commitments to family and work. I did pray about where God was leading me. I trusted God and told the Council I would serve and they approved my nomination. It has been a wonderful journey into the inner workings of the church, decision making, and friendship building.

Fast forward to 2017. Kris Voorhees asked me to "prayerfully consider" serving as Council Vice-President which would lead to serving as the President in 2018. Again, that little voice said, "I'm not qualified!" and "What do I know?" I prayed, and again, God answered, telling me that I should accept the call and that he is with me every step of the way. Over the previous 2 years, I had been watching and learning the process under Council presidents, Vann Arvanetes and Kris Voorhees. I knew I had a different set of skills and a different leadership style. Vann and Kris are very enthusiastic and good at team building. I am much more introverted. But, once again, I trusted God and said I would serve. I offered what talents I do possess in the form of organization and improving efficiencies. I have also realized that serving on Council is definitely a team effort. I am serving along side members who are committed to and who love Bethel. They are willing to take on difficult issues and serve on committees in addition to their Council roles, not because they have to, but because they care. Let me reassure you that Bethel has an amazing group of people on its team.

THIS WEEK AT LOGOS...

It was a great Family Meal and Worship this week at Logos. We had willing student volunteers who sang, read, offered communion and ushered. 3rd graders were also presented with bibles. Logos will take a break next week for Halloween and resume regular Logos on Nov 7.



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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LOGOS!

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 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.



We have been contacted by Relay for Life to see if Bethel would like to put a team together for this year's 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.

Thank you, Tami Grosenick

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp (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

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



I have a book of sayings on my desk and one that I refer to frequently is, "The time when you need to do something is when no one else is willing to do it, when people are saying it can't be done." (Mary Frances Berry)

If you find yourself approached from the nominating committee and asked to "prayerfully consider" serving on the Council, I would highly encourage you to do so. It has been very rewarding experience and an education. Your talents may not be the same as

someone else's, or self-doubt may sneak in, but remember that God gave you those talents and trust that he has a purpose for you.



BETHEL CALENDAR - NOVEMBER

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					Pastor Steve Off	8am-3pm- Make It With Wool 9am-Close Knit
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
 <p>9:30am- Worship</p> <p>11am-Worship Planning</p>	6:15pm - Boy Scouts	7am - Men's Breakfast 6:30am-Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee	5:30pm - LOGOS		Pastor Steve Off	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30am- Worship Family Promise Sunday Choir singing	6:15pm - Boy Scouts	7am - Men's Breakfast 6:30am-Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee	5:30pm - LOGOS			9am - Close Knit
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
			6pm-Family Worship Night			