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BETHEL NOTES



Readings:

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.



This Sunday we will have a healing service.



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 LOGOS ministry for staffing and other needs to be met as a new year approaches.

Paul and Jen Bossie and their families as Paul prepares for an upcoming surgery.

Pastor Len Shatkus who is in hospice care.

Mim Mikulecky and family as they grieve the death of Dave. A memorial service will be held on Monday, October 1st at 11am at Bethel.



You're Invited!

Youth Gathering Thank You Luncheon

Kaleb and Lilli had an amazing time at the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston Texas this last June. They would like to thank everyone who helped get them there through donation and prayers. Please join us for a short slideshow and luncheon to say thank you. After service on Sunday, September 30th in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday
Sep 30

Serving this Sunday

Accompanist:
Connie Titcomb

Lay Assistant:
Terree Wozny

Usher(s):
Lillie Erickson
Kaleb Stringer

Projectionist:
Ava Fossen

Counters:
Patty Braget
JoAnn Dullum

Nursery Attendant(s):
Adam Elkin

IN LOVING MEMORY



David (Dave) Mikulecky

September 23, 1941 – September 21, 2018

David Stanley Mikulecky went to be with his Heavenly Father on Friday September 21, 2018, after living a life serving others.

Dave was born on September 23, 1941, in Lone Pine, CA and lived at the Cerro Gordo silver mine before moving to Stockton, CA. When he was four, his family moved back to Detroit Lakes, MN where he graduated from high school. In 1967, he graduated from Moorhead State College summa cum laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education. Later he obtained Master Degrees in Industrial Technology and Vocational Education.

He married Marilys "Mim" Morberg in 1963. Their daughter Andrea was born in 1967, at which time they moved to Great Falls, MT where David began a 34 year teaching career with the Great Falls Public Schools. Their son Stephen arrived in 1970, completing their family.

Dave had a strong faith in his Lord and was passionate about working with youth and giving back to the community. He was an active member of his church and served on various boards, teaching confirmation, even becoming a Lay Pastoral Associate in his retirement years.

He was a lifelong Boy Scout becoming an Eagle Scout in 1956. As an adult he served as Scoutmaster until his son became an Eagle Scout in 1988. He then became active at the District level serving on numerous committees and receiving many honors and awards. In 1993, he received the rare Silver Beaver award which is given to adult scouters with exceptional character who have provided distinguished service to young people. He also received the Lamb Award which is a national recognition bestowed on Lutheran adults who have fostered the spiritual growth of youth through church and civic youth serving agency programs and have increased the use and quality of the civic agency programs in Lutheran congregations as a part of their ministries with youth.

One of his greatest joys was seeing all three of his grandsons involved in scouting with the oldest becoming a 3rd generation Eagle Scout in 2017.

Dave had a love for family, life and learning, putting his heart and soul into what was important to him. He loved the outdoors in every season and filled many hours of his life with camping, backpacking, fishing, hunting, cross-country skiing, canoeing, and hiking. Some of

his happiest times were spent with family and friends around a campfire. David also enjoyed photography, fly-tying and recording family history.

He was a great father and husband and will be missed by his family, his many friends and all those whose lives he touched.

He was preceded in death by his parents Stanley and Frances Mikulecky. He is survived by Mim, his wife of 55 years, daughter, Andrea Mikulecky of Great Falls, MT, son, Stephen (Melinda) Mikulecky of Everett, WA, grandsons Logan, Hayden and Tyson Mikulecky of Everett, WA, sisters Mary Lou (Tom) Kusserow of Salt Lake City, UT and Carol "Mickey" (Charlie) Lego of North Olmsted, OH.

Memorials may be given to Boy Scouts of America or Bethel Lutheran Church.

PASTOR STEVE'S MESSAGE

“Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another.” Mark 9:50

You have heard it said, “We are our own worst enemies.” In the context of the assigned readings for this Sunday, we are reminded that we have tendencies to trip over ourselves and to even cause others to trip up (intentionally and unintentionally) when it comes to living life to the fullest ~ as followers of the Way (Jesus).

When it comes to living the faith: we trip over ourselves and cause others to stumble in a number of different ways. It might be through blame, excuses, disbelief, pride and self-righteousness. All of which can and do divert us from living in God's grace through faith and service.

Following Jesus, ‘on the way,’ earns positive affirmation throughout the gospel of Mark. But we also learn from Jesus, in Sunday's gospel reading, that placing roadblocks or ‘stumbling blocks’ before ourselves or another ‘on the way,’ (following Jesus) is problematic. Disciple John wants Jesus to know that there is an unknown exorcist who has been ‘casting out demons, in Jesus’ name, and that he and the other disciples had tried to stop him ‘as he was not following them.’ Jesus saw John's efforts as obstructionist ~ a stumbling block to the faith of others. He told John that all who, in Jesus’ name, do Jesus’ work in the world, are not against but for him. It appears that Jesus is telling his followers that God's purposes can and will be served in many and various ways. Be open to and welcome that. That is easier said than done as we wish things to be done the ‘right way,’ which is our way.

What is Jesus’ way ? It is to have salt in ourselves, and to be at peace with one another. We sing about having salt in ourselves in our liturgy this Sunday. “Build up, prepare the way. Remove the obstructions from my people's way. God is near, God is here today. God sees all our destruction. How we get in love's way. Still God comes and meets us with a steady, healing embrace. Build up.....”

Salt and fire were used in first century medicine to heal wounds. Jesus uses the expression, “to have salt in ourselves,” to mean “to be at peace,” as well as to be God's flavor of love and grace in the world. This Sunday, we will have the opportunity to be at peace through the gifts and promises of Word and Sacrament and by receiving the anointing of oil and anointing for healing. We acknowledge our need for healing the wounds which we suffer as individuals, the church, the nation and the world. In the words of our liturgy, “In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we entrust to God, ourselves and all who are in need of healing.”

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Pastor Steve

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS



Fall Course Offered at Bethel



Gospel Road Show

Just Luke: Gospel Stories and Today's Church

Dr. Katherine Shaner, Asst. Professor of New Testament at Wake Forest University School of Divinity

This workshop examines the Gospel of Luke for the ways it shapes Jesus's ministry for justice in both ancient and contemporary communities. From Mary's song to the Emmaus Road, Luke's Gospel contains some of our most beloved stories. How might the emphasis on justice help us tell these stories in fresh ways?

Tuesday, October 2nd 9:30 am to 3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel

5 Contact Hours

\$75 clergy/\$50 new to ministry, LPA/\$25 lay and retired pastors

For more information or to register go to www.nrit.org - this will take you to the Montana Synod page and click on the NRIT logo - left side.

GERMAN DINNER

Sunday, October 7
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Takeout Available
467-3180

Adults \$10.00
Children \$5.00 (6-12)
Family \$25.00
Children 5 and under
Free

and Bake Sale

St. Paul Lutheran Church
4th Lane between 4th and 5th Roads
Fairfield Bench - Follow signs
(Handicapped Accessible)

Sauerbraten
Hot German Potato Salad
Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage
Peach Kuchen
Dinner Rolls-Relish Tray-Beverage

FAMILY PROMISE EVENTS

September 30th, 2018:

If you've been waiting on the chance to become a Family Promise volunteer, join us at Two Rivers Ward (1401 9th Street Northwest, Great Falls MT 59404) on September 30th, 1 pm-2:15 pm. You'll meet our executive director, DJ Lott, and you'll learn how our program works as well as your role as a volunteer helping our guest families as they go through that program.

Already a volunteer? Invite your friends and family!

October 7th, 2018:

TBA: Open House at the Hub! If you've never seen our day center, stop by for refreshments and a first-hand look at where we operate and how we make a difference in the lives of homeless families in Great Falls, Montana!

1-2:30 pm: CROP Walk to End Hunger at Gibson Park! Join us to raise money for the hungry, and for the homeless! A portion of the proceeds comes back to Family Promise of Great Falls to help us end childhood homelessness, one family at a time!

October 14, 2018:

Choir Extravaganza at First United Methodist Church! We're bringing together choral groups from all over Great Falls to perform as a celebration of our mission and a benefit for our fundraising. Individuals who would like to participate in the joint choir must be at First United at 1:30pm for rehearsal.

October 21-28, 2018: National Family Promise Week.



Ladies and gentlemen, it's time to get signed up for the 2018 CROP Walk! Raise money to help [CROP Hunger Walk](http://www.crophungerwalk.org) combat hunger around the world AND make a local impact on kids in need, right here in Great Falls! Family Promise of Great Falls has been selected to be the local beneficiary of the Great Falls CROP Walk, which means a portion of the proceeds will be going to our mission to end childhood homelessness, one family at a time!. Registration begins at 1pm at Gibson Park with the Walk at 1:30. You can choose the short Sunday Stroll pond loop or walk the new changed route taking the River's Edge Trail across the Missouri River. Prize for the person who raises the most pledges. For more information go to www.crophungerwalk.org. or see Sue Hesse.

CHOIR NOTES

JOIN AND SING WITH US

Several of our congregation have been singing before the Sunday Service. We are interested in adding to our bank of singers; people who like to sing and would like to be part of the voices.

We, typically, rehearse before the service, meeting at 8:30am. It is our goal to have a schedule for those weeks we sing so we can plan ahead. Contact these three people if you'd like to help us increase the music ministry at Bethel. We would love to talk after service, receive a phone call or email. Once we get a core of singers we will use group email to communicate. Please consider this ministry.

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2018 Choir Extravaganza

It's not too late to sing in the Choir Extravaganza on October 14th at First United Methodist Church. Even though our choir will not be participating as a group, you can still sign up individually to sing in the joint choir. Rehearsal begins at 1:30pm. Come sing for a great cause!

LOGOS NEWS

LOGOS had a great night on Wednesday with our first Family Meal and Worship. 75 people (35 students and their families) attended dinner and stayed for our fun, interactive worship service. Our youth shared their talents with leading music (lots of fun FLBC songs), readings and communion. A special thanks goes out to Mary Seim and Pastor Steve Nelson who accompanied and learned music on the fly! All are invited to join us on these fun nights; the next Family Meal and Worship will be October 24. We will resume regular LOGOS next week at 530 pm.



BETHEL CALENDAR - OCTOBER

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 9:30am-Worship | 6:15pm - Boy Scouts | 7am - Men's Breakfast 6:30am-Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee 9am-3:30pm NRIT 6pm-9pm - TLC Staff Training | 5:30pm - LOGOS | Pastor Steve Vacation | Pastor Steve Vacation | Pastor Steve Vacation 9am- Close Knit |
| 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 | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 9:30am-Worship | 6:15pm - Boy Scouts | 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 | 6:15pm - Boy Scouts | 7am - Men's Breakfast 6:30am-Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee | 5:30pm - LOGOS | | Pastor Steve @ Bishop's Convo. | |
| 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- ¹⁰ Close Knit |