

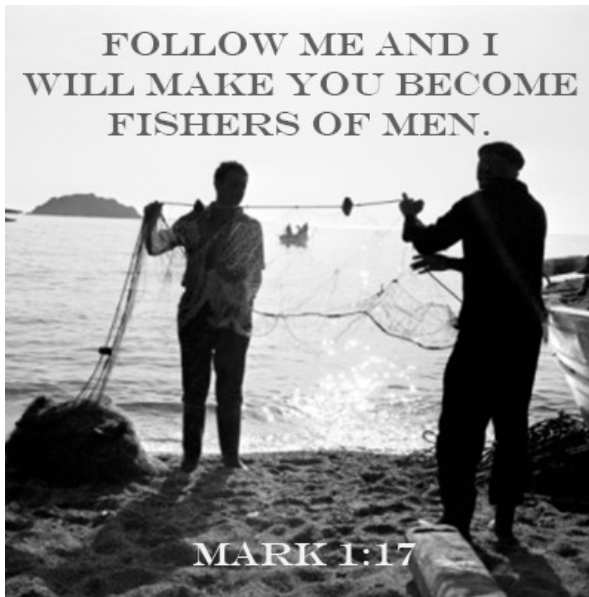
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BETHEL NOTES

Sunday
Sept 9



Reading:

Mark 1:13-17

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

This week we welcome Pastor Len Shatkus to preach and preside at worship while Pastor Steve is in Bolivia. The service this week will be different than the usual services as Pastor Len will be leading them according to the new Ba Bar Nabaas ministry starting on Saturday 9/8. Services will return to the regular format upon Pastor Steve's return.

Serving this Sunday

Accompanist:
Connie Titcomb

Lay Assistant:
Jim Carlson

Usher(s):
TBD

Projectionist:
Lisa Carlson

Counters:
Pam Dougherty
Grant Smith

Nursery Attendant(s):
Adam Elkin



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

Shelly Murphy

Dick Seim as he recovers from heart surgery.

Ardis Scholten (mother of Dave Scholten) who is in hospice care.

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

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

Bishop Jessica Crist who is recovering from a broken rib.

Ed VanVleet (family friend of the Grosenick's) as he recovers in ICU.

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

Bethel's new mission venture, Ba'Bar Nabbas, for guidance and God's blessing as we reach out with the love of Christ to our community.

Bishop Jessica, Pastor Steve and Dave Scholten from Bethel as well as Pastor Lindean Barnett Christianson, Pastor Stacey Siebrasse, Cynthia Thomas, LPA, Alex Tooley, Tom Waldorf as they travel and serve as ambassadors on behalf of the MT Synod at our companion Synod in Bolivia.

Terree and Udo Wozny as they grieve the death of Terree's step-father, Clarence Huff.

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.

Tom Rosenbaum	781-9205	tom.w.rosenbaum@gmail.com
Linda Rosenbaum	781-9204	linlourose70@gmail.com
Steve Nelson	781-5957	pstorsjnelson@hotmail.com

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

- Pastor Steve will go to Bolivia in September. Pastor Len Shatkus will preach in his absence, September 9 and 16.
- The council voted to move \$1,500 from the Memorial Funds to the LOGOS account to reimburse LOGOS for the tables previously purchased.
- The Synod has requested we give \$1,000 a year towards the Synod Mortgage. Council voted to have Bethel Lutheran commit to a donation of \$1,000 per year until the Synod mortgage is paid off on their 25-year mortgage.
- Debbie McCarty and Warren Johnson agreed to serve on the Mutual Ministry committee.
- Ministry Coordinator Tami reported 120 kids and adults attended VBS week. Bethel sent 36 campers to FLBC. Tami submitted a few clerical changes to the building use policy. The policy itself did not change, so council agreed to use the new format. We will host Family Promise the week of September 9 at Central Christian. The Jewish community will use the building September 19, 2018. LOGOS requested we look into Sysco Foods to compare prices for the LOGOS purchases. The Council accepted the request to look into an agreement with Sysco so LOGOS can compare prices.
- The council moved to redirect the Global Mission Fund to Gustavo Dario to support his global mission in South America.
- The next Council meeting will be October 9, 2018.



Lakeview Cabin...Help Needed!

Helpers are needed on Saturday, September 22 to take down Lakeview cabin. All are invited to come on Friday and stay until Sunday. Contact the office at 406-752-6602 or office@flbc.net if housing is needed. Come and help us make room for the new Lakeview Cabin Complex, "A Place to Call Home". Thank you! P.S. If you cannot physically come to help, please pray for safety for all!!

A WORD FROM PASTOR LEN

Mission?

What do we think follows worship? Coffee and snacks? Lunch? That feeds our physical needs. Our spiritual needs have been fed at worship. So, is there another need that needs to be fed? Yes, there is, but is seldom mentioned. That need is mission. We will say, "Gosh, I'm already in church so I don't need mission." My ballpark gut feeling tells me that 75% of Great Falls needs mission. Well then what should we do? The emphasis here is 'we', not 'pastor' That is what a Christian should be doing. The answer may be, well I don't know how to do mission! Glad you asked! Pastor Steve and I will be only too glad to show you. The other obstacle behind that question is I'M SCARED.

Naturally, this is frightening.

Approaching other people out of the clear blue sky is easy only for people like Pastor Len who has no shame starting a conversation with anyone. But this is what the Gospel requires.

That we just do it. Now another good

question arises, what the heck do I say? 800 years ago, Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the gospel always, use words if necessary." Your living example is far more important and valuable than many spoken words. How people see you live the gospel is really what matters. What attracted people to the early Christian witness was this: see how they love one another. When we are loving one another and as the Gospel tells us not so much our friends and family but our enemies this is a profound witness. PEOPLE DO NOTICE. So, giving that Gospel message, our loving actions is the true witness of the power of what Christ has done in our lives. Do not underestimate it. A smile, a kind word, a hug, a handshake; all convey the hope and encouragement of the Gospel's unconditional love that lifts the spirit of the person receiving them. Go forth and preach the Gospel and use words if necessary!

Peace and Goodness,

Pastor Len



"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men."

Francis of Assisi

FAMILY PROMISE

Mark Your Calendars!

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. Dates, times, and performers to be announced.

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

GREETINGS FROM BOLIVIA

Bienvenidos!

The group at a Lutheran school where Pastor Presidente Emilo's wife is the principal. The children sang and welcomed us warmly.



At the Jessica Crist Retreat Center near Lake Titicaca.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS



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.



The Men's Breakfast will begin again on Tuesday, September 18th at 7am in the Fellowship Hall. Come start your day with some food, fellowship and faith!



LOGOS is our fun, mid-week youth ministry which aims to nurture young people into faith and discipleship through Christian relationships.

The 2018-19 year begins Wednesday, September 19th with kickoff and picnic from 5:30 - 6:45 pm at Montana Park!

Visit www.bethelmt.org/logos to learn more, register, and pay



BETHEL CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER

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						9am-Close Knit
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9:30am-Worship	Labor Day Office Closed 6:15pm-Scouts in the Gathering Place	6:30am-Bible Study @ Electric City Coffee Pastor Steve-Bolivia	Pastor Steve-Bolivia	Pastor Steve-Bolivia	Pastor Steve-Bolivia	Pastor Steve-Bolivia TLC Swap Meet-Gathering Place 7-8:30pm Ba'Bar Nabbas in Fellowship Hall
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Youth Gathering Brunch - 11am in Fellowship Hall						8