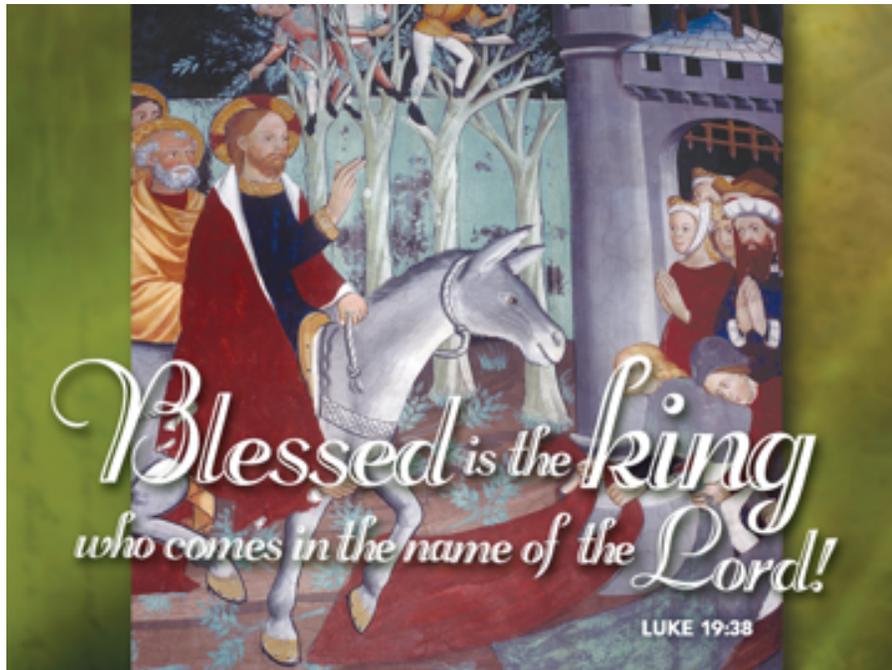


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BETHEL NOTES



Sunday
 April 14th

Serving this Sunday

Accompanist:
 Lynn Ryan

Lay Assistant:
 Margie Holland

Usher(s):
 Dena Wagner-Fossen
 Ava Fossen

Projectionist:
 Dave Scholten

Counters:
 Patty Braget
 Matt Crampton

Nursery Attendant(s):
 Morgan Dunn
 Isabelle Grosenick

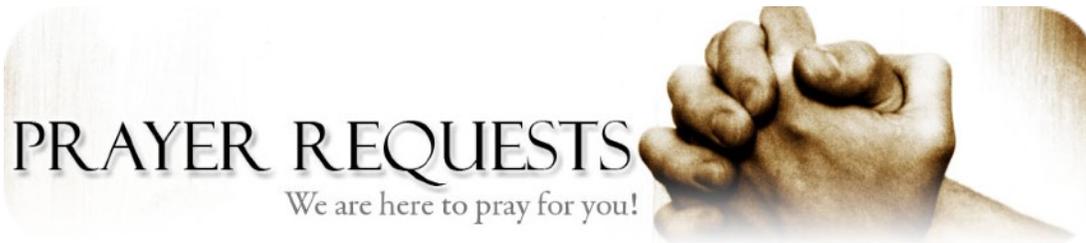
Readings:

Luke 19:28-40
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 23:1-49

This Sunday at Bethel:

Reminder that Palm Sunday our service begins in the Narthex where palms are blessed and we follow a procession into the sanctuary for the continuation of the service. Please feel free to be seated if you wish prior to the procession.

Faith Formation Book study of Paul the Apostle continues after our service in the Fellowship Hall with chapters 7-9. This will be repeated at 10:00 AM on Thursday, April 18th.



Prayers of healing for **Jan DeGroot** (sister of Marj Vander Aarde) as well as **John Hartog** (Marj's brother). Also for **Bob Vander Aarde** after cataract surgery.

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

Prayers for Bernice Johnson's granddaughter **Lorilei and family** whose Uncle Greg Goodheart died this past week.

Prayers of comfort for **Joni Collins and Donna Fugle** following the death of husband and father Mel.

Prayers of healing and comfort to **Wally Scholten** as he under care for cancer.

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

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

Prayers for **Sue Hesse** as she recovers from surgery.

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

Prayers for **Bernice Jones** (mother of Mike Jones) in Hospice Care.

Prayers for **Linda** (sister of Sandy Bechard) being treatment for breast cancer.

Prayers for **Angela Mart** (daughter-in-law of Jane Mart) as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.

Prayers for God's presence and for healing for **Bobbie Bowen's sister, Linda**, undergoing surgery.

Prayers of healing for **Darci Bernardi** as she recovers from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Prayer of healing for **Elizabeth Crabtree** as she recovers from surgery.

Prayers of healing for **Kathy Johnson** as she recovers after an injury.

Prayers of strength and healing for **Becca Thompson**.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the marriage of **Kaleb Purdue & Kelsey Smith** married on Sat. April 6, 2019 in Billings. Kelsey is the daughter of Grant & Janet Smith.

Prayers of thanksgiving and celebration for the birth of **Genevieve Christine Graybill** born to Marisa and Raphael Graybill and granddaughter of Bishop Jessica Crist and Turner Graybill.

Prayers of thanksgiving and celebration for the birth of **Emma Marie Voorhees** born to Andrew and Becca Voorhees and granddaughter of Kris Voorhees.



Don't miss out on your next opportunity to save \$25 off the camp fee. Register before May 1st. Bethel scholarships are still available. Register for camp and send your proof of registration invoice to the Bethel office or drop off at the church and Bethel will send \$100 per child to FLBC for your camp cost. Call 761-1543 for more information or go to FLBC.net for camp information.

Thank You Cindy!!!



Bethel would like to raise up and thank Cindy Brattin for 14+ years of baking the communion bread that we share each week. This is a selfless gift that she has provided for so many years and

thank her deeply for all her hard work. Cindy has retired as our baker and Trudy Terwilliger has taken on the roll. We wish Cindy well and thank Trudy for answering this call.

Save the date

*Next Hope Circle
April 25th 7:00 pm
LaRae Veitch's home
2005 2nd Street South*

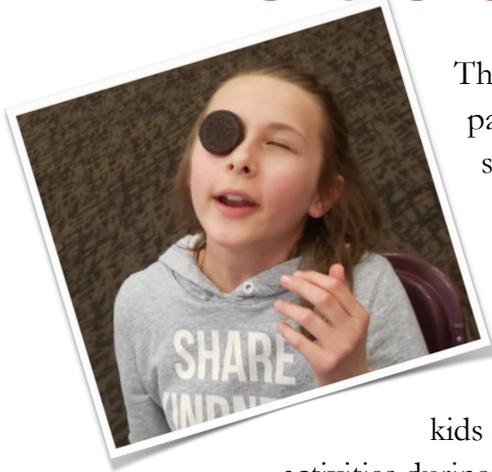
Don't miss this week's Faith Story from Debbie McCarty on page 7.



Mark Your Calendar
Vacation Bible School July 22nd - 26th
for Pre - K ages 3 & 4 (potty trained)
Kinder - 6th

Junior Counselors 7th grade and up needed.
for more information go to www.bethelmt.org

LOGOS YEAR END PARTY



The LOGOS program ended on Wednesday night with our traditional carnival party. Everyone enjoyed the variety of games and activities and we celebrated a successful year. The LOGOS program continues to be a unique mid-week ministry and we are so thankful for the team of volunteers who make it happen each week. Our leadership team consists of Pastor Steve, Shannon Marr, Tami Grosenick and Darci Bernardi.

Ben Jaques and Joel Carlson wrangle our kids each week into fun and movement-based activities during Recreation time. While the kids burn off energy, our kitchen staff and table parents prepare for dinner. Thank you to Darci for menu planning, shopping, and cooking each week. She has an amazing group of “church ladies” who help in the kitchen, including Traci

Orthman, Shawna Rowe, and Laura Kupfner. Our table parents are dedicated to dining with our kids and helping generate conversation and reminding them of manners! Thank you to: Patty Patrick, Dew Elkin, Tammy Hamma, Mike & Heather Kubas, Janet Smith, Krystal Tweet, LaRae Veitch, Christi and Jeremy Virts, and AnneRose Rogers.



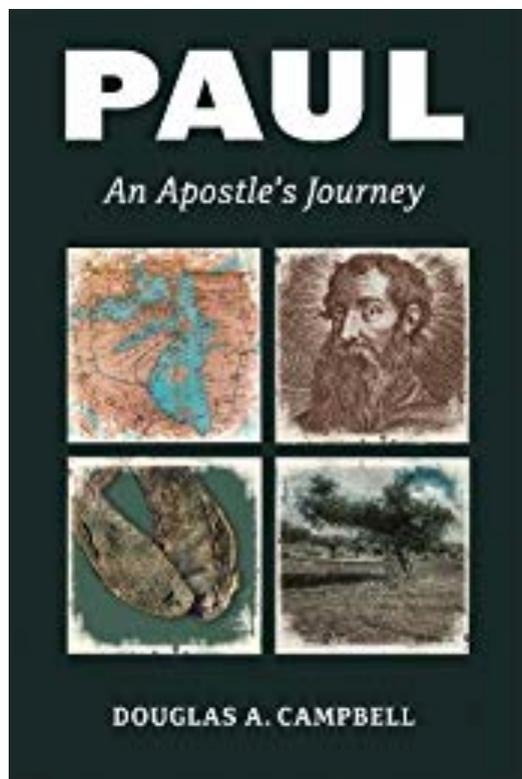
It wouldn't be LOGOS if we didn't spend time learning about our faith. Our Bible Study staff spend extra time to prepare their lesson and then teach it. Thank you to Amber Pinski, JoAnn Dullum, Sandy Pepos, Johnna Lightbourne and Sandy Bechard. A small team of

volunteers also work with our 7th and 8th graders in confirmation. Thank you to Pastor Steve and Kaye VanGilder plus Terri Dahl and Dan & Allison Morris who all help with our large and energetic middle school group. Our high school youth are lucky to have leadership in Dan & Steph Richardson. It's

been a small but consistent group of teens and we love seeing them have fun! We encourage all our LOGOS kids to attend Vacation Bible School the week of July 22 and we hope our youth who are of age to also attend Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Thank you to the congregation for your prayers and support of our vibrant youth programs! See you next Logos year!!



BOOK STUDY/ DISCUSSION ON THE LIFE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL



Continuing this Sunday, April 14th

Book study on *Paul: An Apostle's Journey* written by Professor Douglas A. Campbell. Participants will need to purchase this book (you can do this on your own through your preferred book distributor (ie. Amazon or Barnes & Noble. The hardback costs about \$17.) or let Pastor Steve know he has a couple books available.) You can reach out directly to Pastor Steve at bethelgf.pastor.steve@gmail.com to express your interest in participating in this book discussion. Please feel free to join any time!

A little about the book.

Douglas Campbell has made a name for himself as one of Paul's most insightful and provocative interpreters. In this short and spirited book Campbell introduces readers to the apostle he has studied in depth over his scholarly career.

Enter with Campbell into Paul's world, relive the story of Paul's action-packed ministry, and follow the development of Paul's thought throughout both his physical and his spiritual travels.

The Book has 14 chapters and will be broken up into 7 sessions Sundays after worship and Thursdays at 10 AM. The schedule of study is as follows:

- April 14th & 18th chapters 7-Culture Wars at Corinth, 8-Navigating Sex and Gender, & 9-The Christian City

April 21st is Easter this week off we begin Part 2 the following week.

- April 28th & May 2nd chapters 10-Enemies & 11-Covenant vs. Contract
- May 5th & 9th chapters 12-Israel Past and Present & 13-God Wins
- May 12th & 16th chapter 14-The Last Journey & book wrap up.



Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 18 7:00 PM
Mauddy Thursday Service

Friday, April 19 7:00 PM
Good Friday Service
featuring the Jubilate Choir

Saturday, April 20th 7:00
PM Easter Vigil
followed by the Feast of
Milk and Honey

Sunday, April 21 10:00 AM
Easter Service
in the Gathering Place.

PALM SUNDAY

REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR STEVE

On Sunday, we will be invited to contemplate and experience the final hours of Jesus. We will begin with the reading of the processional gospel from Luke's gospel. Palms in hand, we too, will shout out our welcome of Jesus as he enters into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. We, too, will join the crowds singing our praises and quickly move to the story of our Lord's suffering and death. It is a day of stark contradictions. The shorter version of the Passion of the Christ from Luke will be read in our midst. There will be no homily to follow, just some silence for reflection.

Jesus' passion drives him. On the first Palm Sunday, Jesus left the crowds behind and set out NOT on the path of upward mobility, to glory, but Jesus goes in the other direction, embracing a downward mobility.

One of the most powerful descriptions of this **downward mobility** is offered by the apostle Paul in the reading we will hear read from Philippians. "Jesus, who though he was in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness...he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross." **Phil. 2** God's passion is revealed in humility. God in Christ moving toward us..to be near us, always.



Don't Miss April Edition of Living Lutheran for feature article "God's Church in Two Places" highlighting Pastor Steve, Dave Scholten and Bishop

Jessica's trip to Bolivia. A few copies are left in the Track Rack in the Narthex.



Stories of Faith

Debbie McCarty's faith journey began in a Baptist church. She attended the church, which was her father's religion, until she was 8 years old when her parents divorced. Her memories of that time was of a large black "tank" at the front of the church where people were baptized. And she knew with great fear that one day this shy child who didn't like putting her face under water would have to go in front of all of those people and be "dunked".

During this same time she recalls spending time in her Grandparents Lutheran church in Dutton. The memories of community and pot lucks with yummy jello salads bring back warm feelings.

After her parents divorce she began attending a Lutheran church and Sunday School. She still remembers the prayer they said every Sunday:

Dear Lord, please forgive me all of my sins and things I have done wrong and please give me a clean heart so I don't do so many tomorrow. Amen

She was baptized in that church. However, into her third year of confirmation classes her mother, who was single and raising three kids, received a letter from the church letting her know that though they loved having them, she would have to increase her financial giving or they were no longer welcome. Debbie was 14 and they did not return.

From 14 until her mid twenties Debbie did not attend a "church," but her faith did not falter. She found God in nature which built her strength, but she felt something was missing.

She began attending a Southern Baptist church in George and though unaware of the turmoil of the late 60s early 70s, has wonderful memories of a great experience while attending.

The one constant that has stayed with her her

whole life is that she asks God to help her to listen. Listen for his guidance, listen for his comfort. She listened and he guided her to Bethel where she has found family, friends and a church community.



Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all who participated and helped with the mid-week Lenten Soup Suppers.

Our faith story tellers Doug Sexe, Cherie and Greg Stordahl, Jeanne Rankin, Steph and Dan Richardson, and Debbie McCarty.

Our Holden Evening leaders Colter McCarty, Lisa Carlson, Dave Scholten, Pastor Steve, and Ellen Forslund and Tom Rosenbaum.

Our hosts Church Council, Logos Staff, Bethel Bunch, Hope Circle, AnneRose Rogers, Sandi Cummings, Sue Hesse, Chad Elkin, Joni Collins, Don and Thelma Seyfert, Jeanne Rankin, Colter McCarty, Linda Rosenbaum, and Kaye Van Gilder. Trudy Terwilliger for finding soup spoons!

Accompanists Mary Seim and Connie Titcomb.

Room set up Ed Murphy.

A huge thank you to all who attended. These are such wonderful evenings with so many stories to be told, food to be shared and memories to be made. Until next year.

Tami Grosenick

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Sunday 4/14:

- Palm Sunday
- Faith Formation book study after service in the Fellowship Hall

Monday 4/15:

- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting in the Gathering Place 6:30 PM
- Strategic Directions Committee Meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM

Tuesday 4/16:

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30 am.
- Men's Breakfast at 7am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Childbridge meeting in the Gathering Place 5:30 PM

Thursday 4/18:

- Book Study of Paul in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM
- Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM

Friday 4/19:

- Good Friday Bethel Office Closed
- Good Friday Service featuring the Jubilate Choir 7:00 PM

Saturday 4/20:

- Close Knit meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM
- Easter Vigil Service followed by the Feast of Milk and Honey (ice cream sundaes) 7:00 PM

Sunday 4/21:

- Easter Sunday Service in the Gathering Place 10:00 AM
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Notice of Scam Email

As some of you know, Pastor's email was compromised and scammers used his name to elicit gift cards. Note that some have experienced the scam email over-rode the contact for Pastor in their contact list. Please check if you received an email. Contact the Bethel Office with questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 4/22:

- Easter Monday, Bethel Office Closed
- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting in the Gathering Place 6:30 PM

Tuesday 4/23 - Friday 4/26:

- Pastor Steve at 2019 Montana Synod Pastoral Conference at Chico.

Tuesday 4/23:

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30 AM.
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 AM

Thursday 4/25:

- No book study this week.
- Hope Circle at LaRae Vietch's home 7:00 PM

Sunday 4/28:

- FLBC Sunday. Kristin Young from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp will be preaching at worship.