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BETHEL NOTES



Sunday
April 21st

Serving Easter Sunday

Accompanist:

Connie Titcomb

Lay Assistant:

Kaye VanGilder

Usher(s):

Sue Hesse,
Bobbie Bowen, &
Earl Terwilliger

Projectionist:

Dina Davis

Nursery Attendant(s):

Morgan Dunn

Allison Marr

Brass:

Jeff Skogley, Dave &
Aiyana Scholten, Adam
Elkin, & Travis Palmer

Flute:

Julia Elkin

Readings:

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Luke 24:1-12

This Sunday at Bethel:

We celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday! We will be meeting in the Gathering Place. Childcare is available.

We are excited to welcome special music from the Jubilate Choir, brass players Jeff Skogley, Dave & Aiyana Scholten, Adam Elkin, & Travis Palmer and flutist Julia Elkin.

We wish everyone a blessed Easter!



Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 18 7:00 PM
Maundy 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.



The Great Falls Ministerial Association
is holding a *Good Friday Stations of the*
Cross Processional Service.

Beginning at Noon at the First United Methodist Church (610 2nd Ave N) the welcome and the Station 1 Prayer in the Garden Luke 22:9-46 and 2 The Betrayal Luke 22:47-48.

The service continues as attendants walk to the East side of Courthouse (5th St N) with stations 3 Arrest Luke 22:49-53 and 4 Denial Luke 22:54-62.

Proceed to the South side of the Courthouse (2nd Ave N) for stations 5 Mockery Luke 22:63-71 and 6 Pilate and Herod Luke 23:1-16

The service will then continue as attendants walk to the West side of the Courthouse (4th St N) and hear station 7 Release of Barabbas Luke 23:18-25.

Continuing to the YWCA (220 2nd St N) Stations 8 Simon the Cyrene Luke 23:26 and 9 Daughters of Jerusalem Luke 23:27-31.

Moving to the Old County Jail (4th St N) hear station 10 Thieves [Forgiveness] Luke 23:32-43

Returning to First United Methodist conclude with stations 11 Death Luke 23:44-49 and 12 Burial Luke 23:50-56.

Non-Walkers may still participate - concurrent service will be held at First United Methodist hearing all stations from one location.



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.



April Highlights

Bethel Lutheran Church Council met Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Here are some highlights of that meeting:

- Marilyn Carlson lead devotions on "Prayer" from the [Lutherans' Priesthood of Believers](#).
- Bethel Ministries will be highlighted monthly in the Bethel Newsletter. Altar Guild will be the first ministry highlighted May 12.
- Matt Crampton was elected to serve as Vice President of the Council for the 2019 term. Thank you, Matt!
- The Memorial Policy is under review and will soon be revised.
- The parking lot was discussed, and we are looking into ways to make the parking lot more accessible to Bethel members.

To view the March 2019 Council Minutes in their entirety, go to [Meeting Minutes](#):

Save the date

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



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

REMEMBERING AND LIVING THE RESURRECTION

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest." **Luke 24: 5-9, NRSV**

Many years ago, I taught a course on Lutherans and evangelism authored by Pastor Edward F. Markquart. He said, "When God's story intersects with the story of our lives, there we have a witness." Each of us has a story to tell about the good news of God in Jesus Christ. How the good news Christ has encountered us. They need not be dramatic stories. They are stories told with both words and actions.

In the past couple of weeks, I have heard almost two dozen "faith stories," told by people who are connected to Bethel Lutheran Church. Many of those faith stories were shared with me by eighth graders who will be affirming the promises made at their baptism on Sunday, May 5th. They start with a conversation with their parents about the day of their baptism. Out come the pictures of that joyous baptismal day, the congregation, friends and family who witnessed the miracle of new birth through water and God's promise. Then come the ways of discipleship, whereby they see their faith in action. There is a faith story, each one shared with the youth, their parent(s). I enjoyed each one and wish the whole congregation could hear them, too. During the Mid-Week Lenten worship services I (we) heard people from Bethel share their faith stories, each in their own way. Those stories witnessed to me the many ways God is at work in our lives.

During this week, called Holy Week, we will once again hear the story of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. In the telling of the story of the resurrection of Jesus, according to Luke, we will learn that the two men in "flashy clothes" (angel/messengers) *reminded* the women who came to the tomb that they indeed had been told by Jesus about his betrayal, death and resurrection. They were invited to go to the place of remembering. To return to those places of their encounters of Jesus's words and deeds. So, too, we need reminders. We need to hear the good news in word and deed. We also need to share faith stories with one another in order to be encouraged in living out our faith, each day.

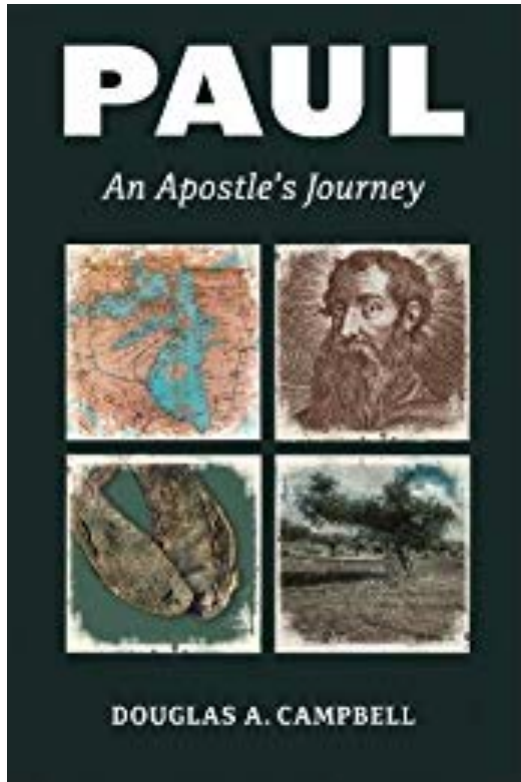
As one theologian of the crucified and resurrected Lord and Savior states it, "The crowning evidence that Jesus lives is not an empty tomb, but a spirit-filled fellowship. Not a rolled –away stone, but a carried away church which practices the resurrection."

God's story has intersected with your lives, you have a witness. God is at work in you and others have been the hands and voice of Christ for you.

Christ is risen, Christ has risen indeed. Alleluia !

Pastor Steve

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 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-Isreal Past and Present & 13-God Wins
- May 12th & 16th chapter 14-The Last Journey & book wrap up.





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

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

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 Juvik**(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 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM PASTOR STEVE

Chico Hot Springs ~ MT. Synod Pastoral Conference ~ April 23 - 26

I plan to attend the MT. Synod Pastor's Conference (Apr. 23 - 26) at the Chico Hot Springs Resort Conference Center. I believe that Dave (Tamy) Scholten, LPA will also be attending. Many thanks for your support of me and providing funding for continuing education.

FLBC (Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Sunday) Sunday, April 28th

This is an annual event at which we welcome a staff member from FLBC to come join us and to share the message in worship. This year we will have Kristin Young, a Concordia College, Morehead, MN. graduate and year round staff person.

Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday 5.05.

We will celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism (Rite of Confirmation) for 11 of our eighth graders. Olivia Violet (daughter of Jodi and Aaron Violet), Allison Marr (daughter of Keith and Shannon Marr), Dawson Bernardi (son of Darci Bernardi), Christopher Kubas (son of Mike and Heather Kubas), Ben Peterson (son of Eric Peterson and Sandy Bechard), Lane Seim (son of Scott and Lonnie Seim), Adam Elkin (son of Chad and Carrie Ann Elkin), Morgan Dunn (daughter of Carl and Crystal Dunn), Isabelle Grosenick (daughter of Greg and Tami Grosenick), Valerie Cushman (daughter of Travis and Lisa Cushman), and Abbie Virts (daughter of Christi and Jeremy Virts. Abbie is a member of Our Savior's Lutheran in Great Falls). I have met with these young people and their parents discuss their statement of faith papers and their further involvement in the life of the church. Please keep them all in your prayers. A reception will be held in their honor after the service and a gift given to them on behalf of the church.

CLOSE KNIT MAKING NEW OPTIONS FOR PRAYER "SHAWLS"

Sue Hesse has started crocheting smaller prayer "shawls" or pocket prayers for those who need a little support. The idea came from Don Bisgard who had a similar one knitted for him and he showed it to Pastor Steve. Each little prayer cloth will include the following prayer:

May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13.

If you know someone who could use a little TLC talk with one of the ladies at Close Knit or call the Bethel Office.



THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

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.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 4/29:

- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting in the Gathering Place 6:30 PM

Tuesday 4/30:

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

Thursday 5/2:

- Book Study in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM

Friday 5/3:

- Aitz Chaim First Friday Shabbat Service 6:00 PM

Saturday 5/4:

- Close Knit meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM

Sunday 5/5:

- Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation Sunday 9:30 AM - Confirmands arrive at 8:430 AM, reception to follow our service

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.