

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am to 2:30 PM
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BETHEL NOTES



Sunday
 April 7th

Serving this Sunday

Accompanist:
 Connie Titcomb

Lay Assistant:
 Walt Nuessle

Usher(s):
 Mike and Joyce
 Harding

Projectionist:
 Ava Fossen

Counters:
 Pam Dougherty
 Dena Wagner-Fossen

**Nursery
 Attendant(s):**
 Adam Elkin
 Allison Marr

Readings:

Isaiah 43:16-21
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 John 12:1-8

This Sunday at Bethel:

Faith Formation Book study of Paul the Apostle continues after our service in the Fellowship Hall with chapters 4-6. This will be repeated at 10:00 AM on Thursday, April 11th.

World Hunger Sunday an additional offering will be received in the wicker baskets.

The Jubilate Choir will be singing. There is a choir retreat this Saturday at 9:00 AM concluding before Noon. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please join in on the the retreat.



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

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 **Joni Collins and Donna Fugle** as they grieve the death of Mel Fugle husband and father.

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 of comfort for **Mary Gernaat and her family** as they grieve the death of Mary's brother Larry.

Prayers for safety for **Jack and Jacki Damm** (niece of Anne Tuomi) and the community of Fairview, MT as they are experiencing flooding of the Yellowstone River and evacuation from their homes.

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



Don't miss out on your next opportunity to save \$25 off 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.

Lenten Soup Suppers

This year we are excited to have members of our congregation share their Faith Story with us during the singing of the Holden Evening Prayer. Each Thursday in Lent we will begin our meal at 6:15 PM and the service will begin at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Soup Suppers:

- April 11th
- Chili Night - various hosts
- Becca Thompson - faith story
- Ellen Forslund and Tom Rosenbaum - Holden Evening Prayer Leaders - also singing "There is a Green Hill Far Away"

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Items still needed for April 11th Chili Night:

- **Dessert - 2 more people**

Please contact Tami in the Bethel Office if you wish to help out or call 788-9587.

Don't miss this week's Faith Story from Steph and Dan Richardson 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



**Family Promise
of Great Falls**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TO LEARN MORE, CALL (406) 866-0288
OR VISIT US ONLINE AT familypromisegf.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

A NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Join us for a Voyageurs home game! 50-50 raffles and more await!

Saturday, June 25, 7-10 pm
Centene Stadium (1015 25th St N)
\$8 in advance

GIVE GREAT FALLS

This is a citywide fundraising drive and a great opportunity to give to Family Promise!

May 2-3, 2019
givegreatfalls.org

RAMP IT UP!

Mark your calendars for the 4th annual Ramp It Up! on the Sip 'N Dip patio! We have live music, food, raffles, auctions, and more!

Thursday, August 22, 5-9 pm
Sip 'N Dip (17 7th Street South)
\$35 at the door, \$25 in advance
\$15 for children under the age of 12

CROP HUNGER WALK

Join our team or join your church's team for the CROP Hunger Walk! Family Promise of Great Falls receives 25% of the proceeds for our mission!

Sunday, October 6, 2 pm
Gibson Park (River's Edge Trail)
Free will donation

CHOIR EXTRAVAGANZA!

Calling all choirs! We're having an interfaith music festival to celebrate the rich history of our partners!

Sunday, October 27
First United Methodist Church (610 2nd Ave N)
Free will donation

AN EVENING WITH JOHN FLORIDIS

Award-winning guitarist John Floridis returns!
Thursday, December 5th, 7 pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church (1326 1st Ave N)
Free will donation

VOLUNTEER TRAININGS

We're having monthly volunteer trainings at Family Promise of Great Falls. Meet our executive director and become part of an interfaith network helping to end childhood homelessness, one family at a time! We're looking for volunteers to stay overnight, cook meals, wash dishes, and more. Additional trainings may be scheduled based on demand.

Wednesday, April 17, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, May 8, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, June 12, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, July 10, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, August 14, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, September 11, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, October 9, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, November 13, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, December 11, 5:30 pm

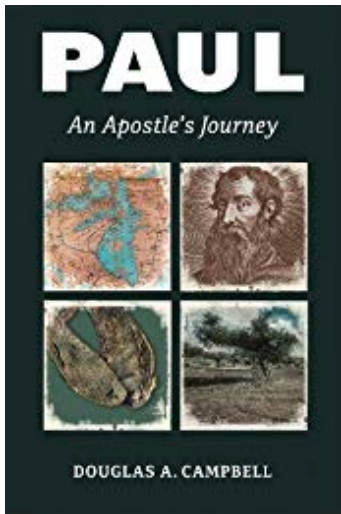
NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Family Promise has multiple opportunities to assist with 2019 events, particularly our annual Ramp It Up! celebration. Event planning opportunities include soliciting donations and attending meetings.

Setup/takedown opportunities include moving chairs/tables and other physical labor. You do not have to be a trained Family Promise volunteer in order to help with an event. Call (406) 866-0288 or visit familypromisegf.org to learn more!

FOLLOW US ONLINE!





BOOK STUDY/ DISCUSSION ON THE LIFE OF THE APOSTLE

Continuing this Sunday, April 7th

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 envelopment 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 7th & 11th chapters 4-Alongsiders, 5-Life Together, & 6-Insights in the Dark
- 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.



American Red Cross

Meadowlark Elementary School in conjunction with the American Red Cross are hosting a blood drive.

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today! The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Drive Details:

Site: Meadowlark Elementary School

Address: 2204 Fox Farm Rd, Great Falls,

Room Name: Cafeteria

Date: Wed Apr 17, 2019

Time: 02:30 PM - 06:45 PM

Coordinator Name: Krystal Tweet

To Schedule an appointment go to:

www.redcrossblood.org

1. hover cursor over Give Blood
2. click on Find A Blood Drive
3. enter zip 59404 and click enter
4. scroll down to find Meadow Lark Elementary School and click See Times.

Don't Miss April Edition of Living Lutheran for feature article "God's Church in Two Places"



Senior Dinner

This school year is passing quickly and there are a couple of ways we wish to honor our graduating seniors.

First we need to know who you are and we would like to spotlight your high school or college career and let our congregation know what your plans are for the future.

Second we would like to host a Senior Dinner for all of our graduating seniors. So I am looking for members of Bethel who love to cook and would like to join this ministry to send our seniors off in style. If you are a parent or sibling of a junior in high school or college we would like to have you participate in hosting this year and then be served next year!

Please contact Tami Grosenick in the Bethel office if you are a senior, know a senior or would like to help with this ministry 761-1543 or email bethelmc.church@gmail.com.

The 19th Annual Loaves & Fishes Dinner

April 12, 2019

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

1326 1st Ave. North

Seatings at 4:30 and 6:00

Please consider donating a silent auction or raffle item.

ALL PROCEEDS ENABLE FISH TO CONTINUE PROVIDING EMERGENCY FOOD TO THE FOLKS IN OUR AREA!!!

Dan's Faith Journey

I grew up in a Lutheran Church, was confirmed and continued on with my high school youth group. During summers I spent at least a week or two at Camp Lutherwood in Central Oregon where towards my end of time there went through a week of training to become a future counselor. With my aunt as the Executive Director there, it was easy for me to spend more time than typical being involved in the camp life. I still remember the verse that was the bible study for one of the days at camp where we were doing a backpacking trip to a mountain peak.

Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

That trip was the first time where I was involved in making the hard decision to turn back from a finishing a mountain peak when we could see the summit. It was a hard decision but we knew what the right thing to do was. It was a good talk about the verse when we got back to base camp where we were strengthened by Christ to do the right thing and not try and get to the mountain peak. After this week I kept this verse close to me and still do where I try to live my life with the thought that I can do all things with Christ's strength.

When I moved to Montana to attend college, I was looking for a way to stay in Montana during the summers and found Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. During my time there, my faith and relationship with Christ grew as I was surrounded by people with the same mindset. After three summers of being a counselor, it was time for me to move on to my professional career. FLBC has a special place in our heart as this is where Steph and I met and got married. We still try to get there as much as we can and love sharing this place with our kids and others.

Now with two kids, sharing our faith with them is very important to us. Knowing how camps and involvement in our church youth activities shaped us, we try and encourage our kids to make these choices to help shape their faith.

When we bought our little camper trailer not too long ago, there was a verse in the inside stuck to the wall by the previous owners that was perfect for us. And interesting enough is very close to the verse that I had always held close to me.

Mathew 17:20 - Faith can move mountains

Not only do we find faith and solace in the mountains as a family, we know that with faith, we can do what we put our minds to.

Steph's Faith Journey

My upbringing was rather similar to Dan's. I was raised in an ELCA church outside of Chicago. I was involved in church, attended Sunday school, went through confirmation and strongly encouraged by my parents to continue involvement in the church throughout High School. With my youth group, I went on two Boundary Waters Canoe trips. That is where I finally felt my spirituality grow and strengthen in the wilderness. These experiences started something in my soul... something I did not know how to explain.

Matthew 17:20 - He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

Later, I attended Luther College and remained involved in church services and service opportunities. I also decided to major in Religion after taking a Hebrew Bible class. I got a great education on worldly religions. During the summers of college, I sought out the Boundary Waters experience... so I worked for Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp as a camp counselor. These wilderness experiences shaped and molded me into who I am today. My faith was alive, growing, singing with joy and love for Christ. Being with such a strong community, with a focus on experiencing God's wilderness together was amazing and not something I am able to put into words.

Dan and I are blessed to have each other as partners. We have a solid, loving, respectful and joyful relationship. This relationship would not be possible without our faith. Now as parents, Dan and I strive to encourage faith formation to our kids in whatever way they can find it. It is so much fun to see how they experience faith and to watch them grow in it.

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Sunday 4/7:

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

Monday 4/8:

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

Tuesday 4/9:

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30 am.
- Men's Breakfast at 7am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Church Council Meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM

Wednesday 4/10:

- LOGOS end of year party 5:30 PM

Thursday 4/11:

- Book Study of Paul in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM
 - Lenten Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall 6:15 PM
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

**Usher's needed for
Holy Week**

Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter Vigil