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Sunday

February 16



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

PSALM 119:1-8

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

MATTHEW 5:21-37

Today at Bethel we celebrate the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany.

Come and see the duffel bag from the bag project for CASA CAN!

Our **Family Promise** host week begins today.

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:

Lynn Ryan

Lay Assistant:

Terree Wozny

Usher(s):

Walt Nuessle

Projectionist:

Dina Davis

Counters:

Patty Bragert

Dena Wagner-Fossen

Childcare:

Allison Marr

Morgan Dunn

Hospitality:

Debbie McCarty

Bulletin February 16





- ✦ Prayers for **Faith Crouch** (granddaughter of Bernice Johnson) who is awaiting a double lung transplant.
- ✦ Prayers of healing **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Lee Klette**, son of Russ & Cheryl.
- ✦ Continued prayers for **Angela Mart** (daughter-in-law of Jane Mart) as she finishes treatment for breast cancer.
- ✦ Prayers for God's presence and healing for **Linda Juvik** (sister of Sandy Bechard) as she continues treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Robby and Cindy Brattain**.
- ✦ Prayers of health and healing for **Don Seyfert** as he continues medical treatment.
- ✦ Prayers for God's presence and healing touch for **John Korpela**, as he continues medical treatment.
- ✦ Prayers for the **Peoples of Boliva** as they transition into new leadership within the country and prayers for **Pastor Presidente German and the IELB**.
- ✦ Prayers for healing for **Linda Walling** (sister of Bobbie Bowen) and for Bobbie as well.
- ✦ Prayers for comfort and peace for **family and friends of Dave Price, Pastor Steve's uncle** as they mourn his passing.
- ✦ Prayers for healing and strength for **Katie Madsen**, niece of Doug Sexe and granddaughter of Arlene Sexe as she is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- ✦ Prayers for healing for **Jack Forde** (son of Ryan and Ashley Forde) as he recovers at home from a recent injury & surgery
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Jane Mart** as she is home and continues to heal after surgery.
- ✦ Prayers for healing for **Steve**, a brother-in-law of Perry Johnson (a friend of Pastor Steve's), who is battling brain cancer. And prayers for his sister-in-law, **Vicky**.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and support for **Jeremy Hawks** as he prepares for surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Dale Ost** as he recovers from recent hospitalization.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and strength for **Ann Tuomi** as she continues to recover from surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and support for **Brian Fauntleroy**, friend of Payton Sexe for a recent diagnosis.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Franz** daughter of Ed and Bertha Ferguson.
- ✦ Prayers for safety and support for **Eric Poser**, Connie Titcomb's nephew as he is deployed overseas.
- ✦ Prayers for **Dakota Green**, great granddaughter of Bernice Johnson as she recovers from a recent surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of support for **Dawson Bernardi**.

"IT'S MY BAG" PROJECT



High School Logos

Front: Chris Kubas, Adam Elkin, Patty Braget and Signe Richardson, Letty Richardson, Rylee Mitchell, Morgan Dunn, Isabelle Grosenick, Abbie Virts, Allison Marr.

Back Row: Kaleb Stringer and Dylan Erickson

Bethel's "It's My Bag Project" is complete, thank to the generous donations from our Bethel Family! With the \$2,300 that were donated to this project, we were able to provide approximately 55 duffel bag kits to our Youth In Need of Care in the Great Falls area. Our high school youth helped to shop for some of the items needed to fill the bags, and they assembled all of the duffel bags during their Logos night. We will be presenting all your generous donations of Duffel Bag Kits this Sunday, February 16th at church. The duffel bags will then be presented to the Department of Family Services, so they can hand out the bags to the children. Thank all of you for your generous hearts!



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-Young@Heart-

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KRISTY PONTET-STROOP

from

ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH AND THE YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER

Our Vulnerable Youth in Great Falls are Struggling

More than 475 children in Great Falls are homeless at some point during the year

More than 600 children are in foster care in Cascade County,

more than double the state average

70% of foster care placements are due to substance abuse and of these 80% involved Meth

25% of the graduating class of Paris Gibson Education Center lived on their own

30.8% of 10th graders reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past 12 months

The Youth Resource Center is a new daytime shelter/center for youth. It will provide a safe place, a hot meal, shower and laundry facilities and tutoring and social interaction. Kristy will share details of how we, as community member, can help make it a reality.



Kristy Pontet-Stroop

Monday, February 17th at 1:00 pm

Our Savior's - Lunde Hall

Refreshments and fellowship will follow . Ask a friend and join us!

**FIRST ENGLISH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
NEW JOB OPENING
HELPING HANDS**

A food pantry and clothing resource located in the First English Lutheran Church (FELC) Parish House, [112 8th Street N](#) (adjacent to the church building.) FELC formed this downtown ministry 35 years ago. It is still going strong, feeding 900-1000 people per month. Our volunteers come from FELC congregation and a wide array of people from the larger community.

The formation of a paid director position is a step forward in best practices for serving our neighbors and recruitment/retention of amazing volunteers. Anticipated hours: 16-20/week.

Qualified applicants may send a cover letter and resume to: Helping Hands Ministry, First English Lutheran Church, [112 8th Street North, Great Falls, MT 59401](#).

High School Logos Lock In at Bethel

Friday, February
14th

6:00 pm to

Saturday,

February 15th

9:00 am

Dinner, breakfast

and snacks

provided.

Bring your

sleeping bag &

pillow.

For grades 9 - 12



Pat, Dawn and Darien with some of the food we donated to Whittier School. Dropped off two large boxes overflowing with food, this cart which was full and a bag of children's clothing. They were thrilled and extend their deepest appreciation for your generosity. They were overwhelmed with all the items we donated, especially the clothing, top ramen, and snacks.

Thank you, thank you everyone, for making this possible. Told them I would be back the end of the month with any additional donations. So boxes will remain in the entry for Whittier school through Sunday February 23rd. Then we will switch to our next school for March.

Again many thanks from Whittier School (especially Pat, Dawn and Darien) and from me for making this project a success. God is good and so are all of you and all of our Bethel Family.

Thank you,
Terry



THE MONTANA SYNOD

STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE PRESENTS:

TASTE AND SEE: CULTIVATING GENEROUS CONGREGATIONS

with Pastor Larry Streng, National Coordinator for Generous Congregations

Saturday, February 29th

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Zoom Conference at Bethel Lutheran Church

Cost: \$10/person on day of conference,
includes snacks and lunch

RSVP to Bethel 406-761-1543 by February 24th

MICAH 6:8

DO JUSTICE

LENT 2020

Our Lenten season begins with our Ash Wednesday liturgy at 7:00 p.m. on February 26th and continues on *Thursday evenings at the church at 6:15 with a soup supper to be followed by worship in the fellowship hall at 7:00 p.m.

The Lenten mid-week dates are:

- **Ash Wednesday February 26** at 7:00 pm (Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.) guest speaker: Pastor Steve Justice toward repentance and (self) forgiveness
- **March 5th** - 6:15 pm Soup Supper, 7:00 pm Worship hosted by Hope Circle, guest speaker: *Rev. Scott Hedegaard*: Justice toward God
- **March 12th** – 6:15 pm Soup Supper, 7:00 pm Worship hosted by Bethel Bunch, guest speaker: *Jim Carlson, LPA*: Justice toward others.
- **March 19th** - 6:15 pm Soup Supper, 7:00 pm Worship host TBD, guest speaker: *Rev. Tammy Bull*: Justice toward creation.
- **March 26th** - 6:15 pm Soup Supper, 7:00 pm Worship host TBD, guest speaker: *Sharon Odden, LPA*: Justice toward self: stewardship of health, time, energy
- **April 2nd** - 6:15 pm Soup Supper, 7:00 pm Worship host TBD, guest speaker: *Rev. Barb Gwynn*: Justice toward others.

This Lenten Season we will be participating in a round robin with the Great Falls ELCA congregations. Jim Carlson will represent Bethel as preacher as the other congregations

meet on Wednesday evenings and Pastor Steve has a commitment to Logos.

We will once again be using the Holden Evening Prayer Service for the worship. The mid-week offerings will be dedicated to Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday April 5th
9:30 AM

Maundy Thursday April 9th
7:00 PM

Good Friday April 10th
7:00 PM

Easter Vigil April 11th
7:00 PM

Easter Sunday April 12th
Worship Service in the
Gathering Place 10:00 AM

Lenten Themes

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

Justice toward God:

Deepening God's reign in your life.

Justice toward Self:

Stewardship of health, time, and energy

Justice toward Self:

Repentance and (self) forgiveness

Justice toward Others:

Our relationship with God's good creation

Justice toward Others:

Almsgiving, advocacy, and accompaniment

Upcoming Family Promise Fundraisers!**Monday, February 17th, 5-8 pm****Heartbreaker's Bash: A Raise-A-Pint at
Mighty Mo Brewing Company!**

Join us for an unforgettable Raise-A-Pint! Speed dating, craft brews, 50-50 raffle, and more await for those looking for a different kind of Valentine's Day party. Proceeds help end childhood homelessness, one family at a time!

Tuesday, February 18th,**10:30 am-9:00 pm****Pizza With A Promise at MOD Pizza!**

Not everybody is interested in craft brews or Valentine's Day-themed activities. That's why we're teaming with MOD Pizza and GroupRaise to offer a fundraising event for the whole family! Make your order at MOD, show them the flyer, and you'll get 20% of your order donated to Family Promise of Great Falls.



Happy
Valentine's
Day

Hope Circle**Thursday,****February 20**

**Laurie Turner's
3408 Bison Lane
7:00 p.m.**

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL ANNUAL RETREAT AND MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

Bethel Lutheran Church Council held its annual council retreat at the beautiful Montana Synod Office. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

- Mark Willmarth presented information using resources from the books, Death by Meeting and The Five Dysfunctions of a Team. Mark shared ideas as to how to make our meetings more productive, using the concepts clarity, alignment, conscious and intentional - the four key words.
- The council introduced themselves: Doug Sexe, Dena Wagner-Fossen, Pastor Steve Van Gilder, Marilyn Carlson, Donna Vinnedge, Kaleb Stringer, Greg Grosenick, Anne Vannatta, and Allison Marr
- Lenten services will be provided this year by area Pastors with the "round robin" format.
- President Doug will invite the Nominating Committee members to our March Council meeting.
- The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:30 in the Bethel Fellowship Hall.

To view the January Meeting Minutes in their entirety, please go to:

[January 2020 minutes](#)

THIS WEEK

Monday 2/17:

- President's Day Bethel Office Closed

Tuesday 2/18:

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30 am.
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am
- TLC Staff meeting in the Gathering Place 5:30 pm

Wednesday 2/19:

- Logos Youth Ministry Classes Pre-K to 7th - cancelled; 8th Grade confirmands will meet at Meadow Lark Elementary School library for a special class with Pastor Steve at 5:30 pm; High School Logos will be offsite TBD

Thursday 2/20:

- Pastor Steve gone through February 24th
- GFMA Meeting 12:15 pm at Bethel
- Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet in the Gathering Place 6:00 pm
- Hope Circle at Laurie Turner's home, 3408 Bison Lane 7:00 pm

Friday 2/21:

- Bethel Office is closed

UPCOMING

Sunday 2/23:

- Dave Scholten preaching and presiding while Pastor Steve is away.
- Family Promise Host week ends

Monday 2/24:

- Boy Scouts meet at Bethel at 6:00 pm

Tuesday 2/25:

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

Wednesday 2/26:

- Ash Wednesday/Logos Wednesday Worship Service 7:00 pm; dinner for Logos 6:00 pm

Friday 2/28:

- Bethel Office is closed
- Tech run for Zoom conference 4:00 pm

Saturday 2/29:

- Zoom conference on Stewardship live from Billings, MT 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- French Trip meeting 12:00 pm in the sanctuary
- Big Sky Harp Society Circle 1:00 pm in the Gathering Place



WHAT'S UP AT CAMP!

CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Check out our awesome programs on [the FLBC website](#). Register by April 1st to get our early bird discount and receive \$50 off!

Volunteer Applications for Montana pastors & adults open now!

Adult volunteers, nurses, grandparents, pastors, alumni staff - we need you! Be sure to apply soon as spaces are limited and fill quickly. Find the application [here](#).

2020 Staff Applications Are Open!

Do you know an adult who would be a great addition to our 2020 summer team? They can find an application to join our staff at <https://flbc.net/employment/>

Tea Party ☕👑

February 15, 2020

2-4 pm at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

\$10/person

Grandparents, guardians, parents, bring your kiddos to a Valentine's Day "Tea Party!" All ages are welcome; our programming will focus on children ages 4-12. Food, crafts, singing, and fun with a special "princess" guest!

Adult Spirituality Retreat: God with Muddy Hands

April 26-28, 2020 (Sunday- Tuesday)

\$220/person for the full weekend; commuter rates:
Sun = \$30, Mon = \$150, Tues = \$30

Scholarships available for camp.
To take advantage of this benefit,
turn in a copy of your camp
registration confirmation from FLBC
to our Bethel Office. \$100 will be paid
directly to FLBC from Bethel.