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BETHEL NOTES



Sunday
Feb 17

Serving this Sunday

Accompanist:

Mary Seim

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Anne Vannetta

Usher(s):

Family Promise
Committee

Projectionist:

Lisa Carlson

Counters:

Pam Dougherty
Matt Crampton

Nursery

Attendant(s):

Morgan Dunn

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Readings:

Jeremiah 17:5-10
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

This Sunday

Adult Faith Formation following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

topic today is ***Wanna/Gotta*** (**Community**). Grace leads us out into the community ie. neighborhoods, schools, etc. in pursuit of the common good. What is God doing in our community ?

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Prayers of healing for **Jan DeGroot** (sister of Marj Vander Aarde) who is battling cancer.

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

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 **Terry Ryan** (brother of Patrick Ryan).

Prayers for God's comfort and peace for **Marj Cole** (Aunt of Cheryl Klette) as she battles cancer.

Prayers for strength and healing for **Teresa O'Connell** (friend of Tami Grosenick) as she continues treatment for breast cancer.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH IS PRESIDENT'S DAY AND THE BETHEL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED. REGULAR HOURS WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY.



March 10, 2019

St. John's Winter Gospel Concert Featuring The Johnson Brothers

St. John's Lutheran Church
5300 9th Ave. S.
Great Falls, Montana

Sunday, February 17, 2019

A potluck supper will be served at 5:00 p.m., followed by the concert. All are invited!

2019 CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY SURVEY

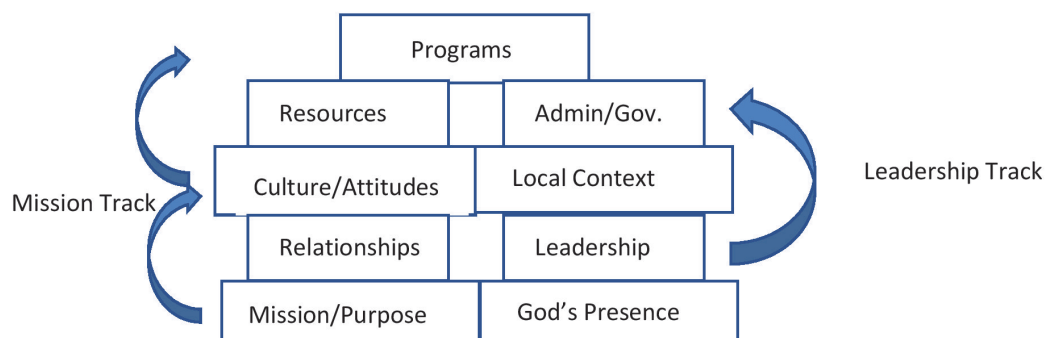
What does the future hold for Bethel. This is an exciting time and we are so thankful for all of the responses that we received from you our members. Now that we have completed our survey and have the results what next?

- Where do we go from here?
- Do the ministries at Bethel agree with the observations in this survey? Why or why not?
- How do we prioritize the areas we need to work on?
- What resources should we put toward these priorities?
- Why other ideas do we have?

We will be answering these and other questions during a series of small group meetings following worship starting on February 24th with guest preacher Rev. Peggy Paugh Leuzinger holds a forum immediately following the service. These small group meetings will continue through March directed by our Strategic Task Force Jo Ann Dullum, Bob Norbie, Kris Voorhees, Patrick Ryan and Pastor Steve. To review the survey results go to our website www.bethelmt.org or click on the link that was included in this distribution email. Also, hard copies are available at Bethel. It is extremely important that you view the results before the meetings as we are looking for YOUR opinions, views, and suggestions. We strongly encourage all to attend one of the forums to give good, constructive feedback as we look at the future of our congregation. The dates for the upcoming meetings are:

- 2/24 - kickoff forum with Peggy Paugh Leuzinger
- 3/10 immediately following our service
- 3/24 immediately following our service.

We look forward to these exciting new times and hear from you as we move ahead doing God's work with our hands.



Growing Our Faith

An Adult Faith Formation Class: Down + Out.

Down and out: it's the life God gives us, the life to which God calls us. This six part series, reintroduces us to the life-changing reality of God's promises, and points the way to a completely different view of life in the light of where grace takes you.

Will meet this Sunday morning from 11-12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. It will be repeated on Thursday, February 21st, at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Session # 3 of 6 is titled, **Wanna/Gotta (Community)**. Grace leads us out into the community ie. neighborhoods, schools, etc. in pursuit of the common good. What is God doing in our community ?)

Remaining Sessions:

- **On Sunday, February 24th and on Thursday morning Feb. 28th we will not meet. MT. Synod (DEM) Peggy Paugh - Leuzinger here to preach and to participate with us in a discussion after church.
- **March 3 & 7 ~ Creature/Creator (Workplace)**. Grace takes us out into our daily work, be it paid or unpaid. God is at work in our daily activities. How can Bethel help each of us to better live out our callings in the workplace...which doesn't necessarily mean employment..what gets you out of your chair ?)
- **March 10 & 14th ~ Self/Others (Home)**. What are the peculiar challenges & opportunities of living out our calling at home ? What does it look like ? What doesn't it look like ?)
- **March 17 & 21th ~ Spirit/Flesh** (God comes down & sends us out. We can't separate body and soul, flesh and spirit.)

Coming Up...

Book Study/ Discussion on the Life of the Apostle Paul

We will read and discuss a recently (2018) released book titled, **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, and he will order the book for you.) There will be a sign up at church or you can reach out directly to Pastor Steve at bethelgf.pastor.steve@gmail.com to express your interest in participating in this book discussion. This class will follow on the heels of *Down + Out* and begin in late March, giving you time to get the book and read it.

COMFORT FOOD CHALLENGE



Saturday, February 23 4-7pm

Moose Lodge, 401 21st St N, Black Eagle, MT 59414

Hosted by Family Promise of Great Falls

Ladies and gentlemen, buckle your seatbelts and tuck in your napkins for the 2019 Comfort Food Challenge! Some of Great Falls' finest eateries are going toe-to-toe to compete for your affection and the affection of our celebrity panel, including Mayor Bob Kelly, KRTV Great Falls' own Shannon Newth, and KFBB's own Taylor Tucker!

Come to the Moose Lodge and enjoy a variety of delicious local dishes and live music. Tickets are \$15/adults and \$5/children under 12. Vote for your favorites and see who wins the People's Choice Award and the Celebrity Choice Award!

Proceeds go to assist Family Promise of Great Falls in their mission to end childhood homelessness, one family at a time!

Tickets on sale at
www.brownpapertickets.com

God Loves Justice

GREAT FALLS RESCUE MISSION 56TH ANNUAL BANQUET

Monday, April 1, 2019
 12:00 pm & 6:30 pm
 Mansfield Convention Center ~ 2 Park Drive S

 **SPEAKER: DANIELLE STRICKLAND**
 Church Leader, Author, Former
 Salvation Army Officer, and
 Ambassador for Stop The Traffik





Montana Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Dear members of the Montana Synod:

It is our duty and delight to invite youth participate in the Montana Synod Vision Questionnaire, which is being conducted in anticipation of the nomination and election process for a new synod bishop. This questionnaire has been developed by the Task Force appointed by the Synod Council, in conjunction with Planning, Research and Evaluation, part of the ELCA's Office of the Presiding Bishop. The Task Force believes this questionnaire will be very important in informing the election process and in allowing nominees, voting members and everyone in the synod to reflect prayerfully on priorities and leadership needs of the synod. Like your Task Force, we understand that the election of a synod bishop is also a call process!

Every attendee of every congregation is invited to complete this survey. A summary of the results will be prepared by Planning, Research, and Evaluation and given to the synod office for distribution. The summary is intended to contribute to the synod's discernment and prayerful preparation for the bishop election.

Evaluation deadline is **FEBRUARY 25TH** to be returned to Bethel .

Hard copies of the survey are available in the narthex and can be turned in at the Bethel office.

You may go on line to www.surveymonkey.com/r/1FSBE

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Volunteers Needed for the Synod Assembly

If you are interested in helping out during the assembly the following areas are in need of assistance:

- Help with Worship Planning
- Workshop coordinator
- Workshop leaders
- Those interested in helping with general errands during the assembly.

Contact Colter McCarty to sign up or for more information: cmccarty@montanasynod.org

Mark your calendars, Montana Synod Assembly May 31st to June 2nd.



ON FEBRUARY 6TH LOGOS PARTICIPATED IN OUR ANNUAL CAN-STRUCTION! NON-PERISHABLE FOOD WAS DONATED AND THE LOGOS KIDS CREATED "MONTANA THEMES" CONSTRUCTIONS.

THEY HAD A LOT OF FUN AND ALL FOOD DONATED GOES TO THE FISH PROGRAM. THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED AND PARTICIPATED.



6th Grade made the state of Montana and highlighted Great Falls.

5th Grade made the state of Montana with a cross and heart.



3rd & 4th Grade made a water feature with a fish swimming in the river.



Kinder, 1st & 2nd theme was a little different. They made Angel in the Snow.



S 3	M 4	T 5	W 6	T 7	F 8	S 9
9:30am-Worship	6:15pm - Boy Scout Troop 1028 in the Gathering Place	6:30am - Bible Study at Electric City Coffee 7am - Men's Breakfast	10am-Staff Meeting 5:30pm - LOGOS	10am Faith Formation	Pastor Off	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30am-Worship 11am-Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast & Faith Formation 1pm-Council Retreat & Meeting @ Synod House	6:15pm - Boy Scout Troop 1028 in the Gathering Place	6:30am - Bible Study at Electric City Coffee 7am - Men's Breakfast	5:30pm - LOGOS	 10am Faith Formation	Pastor Off	9am-Close Knit 6pm Bethel Bunch
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30am-Worship & Faith Formation to follow		6:30am - Bible Study at Electric City Coffee 7am - Men's Breakfast 5:30pm-Childbridge Meeting in Gathering Place 7pm-Hope Circle	5:30pm - LOGOS Montana Rural Water Training	10am Faith Formation	Pastor Off	
24	25	26	27	28		
9:30am-Worship & Survey Results forum to Follow -----	6:15pm - Boy Scout Troop 1028 in the Gathering Place -----	6:30am - Bible Study at Electric City Coffee 7am - Men's Breakfast ----- Family Promise Host Week -----	No LOGOS	Boy Scout Pack 28 Blue & Gold Banquet 6PM Gathering Place -----		