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# BETHEL NOTES

*Sunday*

February 23



## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

EXODUS 24:12-18

PSALM 2

2 PETER 1:16-21

MATTHEW 17:1-9

**This Sunday** we celebrate Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday.

We thank Dave Scholten, LPA who is preaching and presiding in worship with the permission of Bishop Laurie Jungling, of the MT Synod of the ELCA

## Serving This Sunday

### Accompanist:

Connie Titcomb

### Lay Assistant:

Anne Vannatta

### Usher(s):

Mary Gernaat

### Projectionist:

Tim Lightbourne

### Counters:

Tim Lightbourne

Marilyn Carlson

### Childcare:

Allison Marr

Isabelle Grosenick

### Hospitality:

Laurie Turner

Terry Korpela

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- ✦ 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**.
- ✦ Prayers of support for **Earl Terwilliger** has he undergoes medical tests.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort for **Curtis Vanluchene**, Doug Sexe's uncle, Arlene Sexe's nephew.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **John Brodbeck**, father of Laura Newby, who had a heart attack and thankfully is alive but is in an induced coma to help reduce the swelling in his brain.
- ✦ Prayers for God's healing presence and peace for **Arlena Crandell's son, Mike**, who is undergoing medical exams.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Leonard Murphy** as he is in the hospital.

# WHAT WILL YOUR LENT MEAN?

Ash Wednesday is less than a week away. Lent's official beginning. Blow the trumpet! Let it begin! Hold on! So, what is Lent really all about? What does it mean to the church? And just as importantly, "What does it mean to you?"

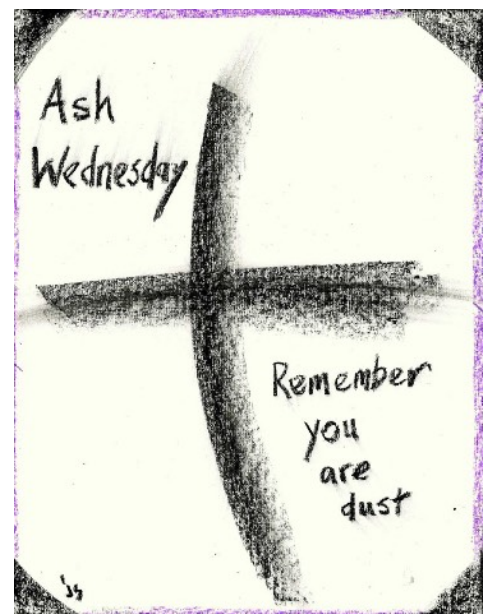
Most of us have some pretty good ideas of what Lent is about. It is a 40 day time period which the church observes, from Ash Wednesday until Easter, during which we observe some ancient practices rooted in our Judeo/Christian history. It begins with the ashen cross, here made on our brow OR on our wrist, if you prefer. Reminding us of our finitude, our frailty, our need to live a life of repentance. It is a time when we must come clean, and admit that even the word "sin" is a hard word to get to roll off of our lips. It involves giving something up. (Practice of Fasting) Or... for some, adding something more to your life. (Practice of Prayer). It is a time of growing in sacrificial giving, (Practice of Giving Alms), money given to help those who are the poor. Here at Bethel, the monies/alms collected in our Lenten Offerings will once again be given in support to help those in need via the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

There have been years in my life, when I felt like Lent was the adding of one more thing that I hadn't time to do. When my failure at a faith practice, like trying to give something up, or trying to pray more often, and failing miserably would lead me to berating myself for lack of discipline and heighten my sense of inadequacies. As you, as we, ponder what our Lent will mean, might we imagine it in new ways?

This Lenten Season, we will be lifting up the theme of justice. The theme is based on Micah 6: 8 and how the theme of justice toward God, toward others, toward self and toward creation will be addressed by those who lead us from the Lutheran congregations in Great Falls during our Lenten Soup Suppers on Thursday evenings. For a full schedule of events and speakers, see page 6 of this issue of the Notes.

We welcome one and all as we celebrate Ash Wednesday, and as we did last year, our Logos Youth from grades 2 through High School will be assisting in the service with readings, leading prayers, serving communion and ushering. We would love for all to share in this experience with them as they, as well as we, deepen our spiritual practice with these special services.

Come, hear, taste, experience once again the gift of the Lenten Season.





## Second Semester School Supplies!



The *Electric City Educators* of *Uptown Optimist* are holding a school supply drive. We want to help *all* of our students gear up for the second semester.

If you would like to support our Great Falls students, please bring the following items to any of these four locations:

Location 1: Miss Kitty's Coffee Café 2501 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave. North	Location 2: Alias Smith & Jones Pawn 700 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. South
Location 3: Stewart Title Company 111 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. South	Location 4: Big Sky CrossFit 327 9 <sup>th</sup> St. South

### Class sets of 30 needed:

- Black – *Expo®* **Thin & Thick** Dry Erase Markers
- **Wide & College**-Ruled Notebook Paper
- Crayola Colored Pencils
- Crayola Crayons
- Crayola Wide Tip Markers
- 3-Ring Zippered Binders
- Pencil Bags with Gromets
- #2 Ticonderoga Pencils
- Blank White Copy Paper
- Single Subject Spiral Notebooks
- Disinfectant Wipes & Kleenex
- Sticky Notes
- Notecards
- Sheet Protectors
- Headphones
- Small Scissors

Thank you to Kelley Connect for your donations and support!



## 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](#).

# Pass It On



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Lenten Brunch

Saturday, March 28th, 10:30 a.m.

Meadow Lark Country Club

Tickets on sale following worship on

March 8, 15, 22

or in the church office: \$15

Purchase Deadline:

March 23rd

Guest Speaker:

Pastor Julia Seymour



**Hope Circle**  
**Thursday,**  
**February 20**  
**Laurie Turner's**  
**3408 Bison Lane**  
**7:00 p.m.**



## **THE MONTANA SYNOD STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE PRESENTS:**

### **TASTE AND SEE: CULTIVATING GENEROUS CONGREGATIONS**

with Pastor Larry Strenge, 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

# LENT 2020

## DO JUSTICE

**MICAH 6:8**

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. Cantor: *Colter McCarty*
- **March 12th** – 6:15 pm Soup Supper, 7:00 pm Worship hosted by Bethel Bunch, guest speaker: *Jim Carlson, LPA*: Justice toward others. Cantor: *Karrie Pepos*
- **March 19th** - 6:15 pm Soup Supper, 7:00 pm Worship host Logos, guest speaker: *Rev. Tammy Bull*: Justice toward creation. Cantor: *Dave Scholten*
- **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. Cantor: *Pastor Steve Van Gilder*
- **April 2nd** - 6:15 pm Soup Supper, 7:00 pm Worship host TBD, guest speaker: *Rev. Barb Gwynn*: Justice toward others. Cantor: *Pastor Steve Van Gilder*

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





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**WEDNESDAY  
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## PROGRAM

**WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2020  
ORGAN WORKS OF  
DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE (1637-1707)**



Passacaglia in D minor	BuxWV 161
Praeludium, Fuga and Ciacona in C Major	BuxWV 137
Ein Feste Burg – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	
Original Melody (1527)	Martin Luther (1483-1546)
Chorale	Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)
Chorale Prelude	Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)
Chorale Prelude - Improvisation	BuxWV 184
Canzonetta in C Major	BuxWV 166
Canzonetta in D minor	BuxWV 168
Canzonetta in G Major	BuxWV 171
Toccata in F Major	BuxWV 157
Fuga in G Major	BuxWV 175
Fuga in Bb Major	BuxWV 176
Fuga in C Major (The Gigue Fugue)	BuxWV 174

## THE HOLTkamp ORGAN - 1982



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## THIS WEEK

### **Monday 2/24:**

- Boy Scouts meet in the Gathering Place 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

## UPCOMING

### **Sunday 3/1:**

- World Hunger Sunday

### **Monday 3/2:**

- Boy Scouts meet at Bethel 6:00 pm

### **Tuesday 3/3:**

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

### **Wednesday 3/4:**

- Logos Youth ministry 5:30-7:30 pm

### **Thursday 3/5:**

- Exec Council conference call 4:30 pm
- Soup Supper 6:15 pm, 7:00 pm  
Worship hosted by Hope Circle, guest speaker: *Rev. Scott Hedegaard*: Justice toward God

### **Friday 3/6:**

- Bethel Office is closed
- Aitz Chaim Friday worship 6:00 pm at Bethel

### **Saturday 3/7:**

- Close Knit meets in the hospitality area 9:00 am
- FLBC Day Camp Prep Day 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall



## CAMP UPDATE

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

Volunteer Applications for pastors & adults open now! Adult volunteers, nurses, grandparents, pastors, alumni staff - apply soon as spaces are limited and fill quickly. Find the application [here](#).

### **Upcoming Retreats**

**Adult Spirituality Retreat: God with Muddy Hands**  
**April 26-28, 2020** (Sunday- Tuesday) \$220/person full weekend; commuter rates: Sun-\$30, Mon-\$150, Tues-\$30

This retreat will help participants understand and experience the loving touch of our Potter through brief teachings, creative exploration and personal time with our Creator. Join us for this retreat led by Beth Ratzlaff and Brenda Satrum.

### **Mother's Day Brunch May 10, 2020**

\$25/person, celebrate Mother's Day with brunch! We have 3 seatings: 9:30 am, 11 am, and 12:30 pm

### **Memorial Day Work Retreat May 22-25, 2020**

FREE. Help us prepare for the summer season AND have a fun! RSVPs are required .

### **Women's Retreat: Saying No, Saying Yes - A Spiritual Practice**

**June 12-14, 2020** \$160/person

Join us for a weekend of fun and relaxation as Pastor Miriam Schmidt leads us in engaging Bible study. *CEU credits available through NRIT.*

### **Partner's Luncheon June 13, 2020**

Bring a friend who is new to FLBC's ministry and join us for lunch honoring all our generous Annual Fund and Capital Fund donors! Meet the 2020 summer staff and enjoy an afternoon at camp. Our speaker this year is the Reverend Dr. Laurie Jungling, Bishop of the ELCA Montana Synod.

**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.**