

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am to 2:30 PM
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BETHEL NOTES



Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Luke 6:37-38

Readings:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

This Sunday

We welcome **Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger** is the **Montana Synod's Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM)**. She serves on behalf of the ELCA as a part of the Montana Synod staff in areas of stewardship, mission support, ministry development/redevelopment, and working with the Montana Synod Vitality Team, as our guest preacher this morning. She will also join us at a forum following the service in the Fellowship Hall. We will review the results of our Congregational Vitality Survey.

Jubilate Choir will be singing. Warm up will begin at 8:45 AM.

Sunday
Feb 24

Serving this Sunday

Accompanist:

Lynn Ryan

Lay Assistant:

Kaye Van Gilder

Usher(s):

Walt and Leone
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Projectionist:

Dave Scholten

Counters:

Stephanie Cummings
Grant Smith

Nursery

Attendant(s):

Adam Elkin

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).

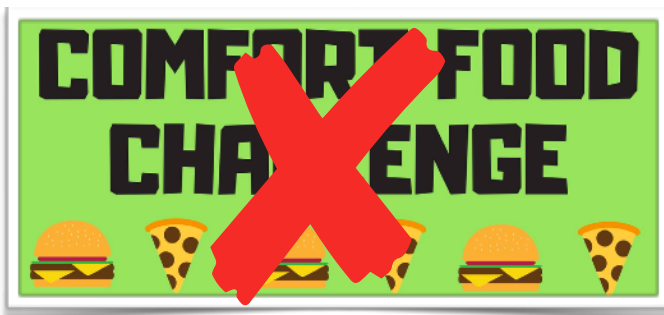
Prayers comfort for **the Klette Family** as they mourn the death of Cheryl's aunt, Marj Cole.

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

Prayers of healing for **Dale Ost** who is hospitalized.

Prayers of comfort and peace for **Bernice Jones** (mother of Mike Jones) as she nears the end of her life.

Prayers for surviving loved ones and the firefighting community for the loss of **Jason Baker**.



The Comfort Food Challenge fundraiser for

Family Promise scheduled for

Saturday, February 23rd has been cancelled.

URGENT

Requests for Blankets.

During this frigid weather there are many folks who are who are "couch surfing" (or on the floor) at friends' houses. They do not have blankets or pillows. Please look through yours and see if you can spare some. If you bring them to Bethel, I'll be glad to take them over or you can take them directly to 1st English Lutheran Church, 112 8th Street North, Mon - Thurs 1 - 3 pm.
AnneRose Rogers 269 930-0887



From Our Congregation

Reflections on Luke 6:27-38 by Anne Vannatta

And the Lord said, *“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”*

Okay Lord, I am willing but sometimes this takes so much time. I am human that you made in your image, but come on, Lord. When I am hurt badly it takes some time to get through the mad and the sad and even get to the love part. Really sometimes it takes me lots of time to do this. Yes, I remember love the sinner, hate the sin thing, but it still hurts the heart. Why oh why is there a word such as hate. It belongs with Satan. I guess by forgiving all the things that people can do to you it takes it off my shoulders and puts it on theirs. If I apologize to them for doing something, they didn't like will that help me then, to forgive? I am pretty sure it would. I do know that in my experience with the forgiveness, once I truly find it in my heart to forgive someone, then it feels like you took the pain away and put peace in my heart. Now if only I could do it at the time of the problem. Okay, now I know what to work toward. Back to His word...

“If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other, also. If someone takes you cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.”

I am still wondering, God, Do you mean that I am to allow this to happen if it does? I know people need things more than I do and they only know how to hurt to get them. If need be, rather than let this happen is it not just as worthy to give things away to places that will help those in need? I really do try, Lord, to give of my Blessings to other, but if they need it right now, yes, I could just give and let them live. But it is hard to look at life that way. Which brings up another something that I learned long ago which at the time didn't know it was from the Bible and that is...

“DO UNTO OTHER AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO TO YOU.”

Ah yes, the Golden Rule. I often ask you Lord, in my prayers, to help me to remember to treat others as I want to be treated. I sometimes need help with this, but not as often anymore. It makes things so much easier to follow the command. I understand. Thanks Lord God. Now I remember what you mean, God, do this to everyone, not just the ones who are my friends and family and love me. When I get the rewards is by doing it to people, I do not know and the sinners who are hard to love.

“Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.” Your reward then grows. After all, you did send Jesus to show us the way to do this very thing. He taught us to be merciful as you are.

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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 Sunday March 3rd, from 11-12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. It will be repeated on Thursday, March 7th, at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Session #4 of 6 is titled, ***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 get's you out of your chair ?)

Remaining Sessions:

- **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.

Ash Wednesday

March 6th 7:00 PM

Please join us for the Ash Wednesday/Logos Family Worship service. The readings and service assistants will be children from our Logos ministry. Don't miss this opportunity to see these amazing kids in action and kick off the Lenten season.

Lenten Soup Suppers

This year we are excited to have members of our congregation share their Faith Story with us and then we will sing 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.

Date for the Soup Suppers are:

March 14th

March 21st

March 28th

April 4th

April 11th



All meals and services will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

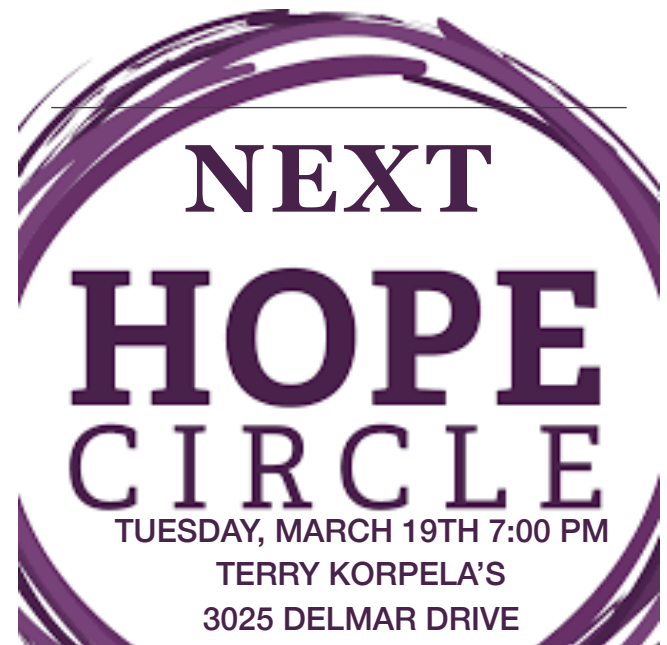
Watch future editions of the Bethel Notes for more details.

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“Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given unto you.” Here in lies the way to Heaven. In trying to be like Jesus you please the Lord

and even in this world at this time you must try to do this. When things become complicated, I think to myself that old saying “What Would Jesus Do?” WWJD. It is a great thing to remember because if you know it, you will do it and if you don't go to His word to find it.





SAVE THE DATE!!!

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!!!

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

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.

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FYI: THERE'S A TOOOOOOON OF PEOPLE DOWN THERE THANKING YOU THAT IT IS FRIDAY



Pastor Steve will be out of the office from the afternoon of Sunday, March 3rd and back in the late afternoon March 5th for the NRIT Winter Conference in Essex, Montana.

Please call the Bethel Office for any pastoral needs during his absence. 761-1543.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE LAST FAMILY WORSHIP OF THIS LOGOS YEAR.

APRIL 3RD 7:00 PM

Change In Office Hours

Due to the recent staffing changes, the **Bethel Office Hours** are :


Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Will begin Monday, March 4th

We apologize for any inconvenience and will keep you posted as changes



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3	4	5	6	7	8	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		