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BETHEL NOTES *Sunday*

March 1



Readings First Sunday of Lent

GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

PSALM 32

ROMANS 5:12-19

MATTHEW 4:1-11

Stewardship Conference This Saturday at Bethel
 all are welcome. See page 5 for details.
 RSVP for lunch.

This Sunday we celebrate First Sunday of Lent.

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

New book study with Pastor Steve following worship, see page 7 for details.

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:

Kim Peachy

Lay Assistant:

Walt Nuessle

Usher(s):

Dena Wagner-Fossen

Ava Fossen

Projectionist:

Dave Scholten

Counters:

Patty Braget

Donna Vinnedge

Childcare:

Morgan Dunn

Isabelle Grosenick

Hospitality:

Grace of God



- ✦ 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 recovers after medical treatment.
- ✦ Prayers for God's presence and healing touch for **John Korpela**, as he recovers after 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 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 and strength for **Ann Tuomi** as she continues to recover from surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of of comfort for **friends and family of Sharon Franz** daughter of Ed and Bertha Ferguson as they mourn her death.
- ✦ 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 **Earl Terwilliger** has he undergoes medical tests.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort for **friends and family of Curtis Vanluchene**, Doug Sexe's cousin, Arlene Sexe's nephew as they mourn his passing.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **John Brodbeck**, father of Laura Newby, who continues to recover from a heart attack.
- ✦ 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 recovers at home from a recent hospitalization.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Kent Kupfner** as he recovers. in the hospital.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

A wonderful evening of fellowship and faith was had by all on Wednesday. Our Ash Wednesday service was once again intertwined with our Logos Family Worship. Our youth were amazing with readings, ushering, projection, and communion help. Pastor's message gave us different perspectives of lent for all ages and how to deepen our lenten experience this year.

AnneRose Rogers started off our evening with a delicious meal of homemade sloppy joes and she had wonderful kitchen helpers who stepped in at the last minute as our regular Church Ladies were ill. Thank you to AnneRose for cooking for us as well as Amber Pinski, Jenny Will, and Greg Grosenick for helping out.

We were also blessed with the sweet sound of the Jubilate Choir lead by Jeff Skogley. The beautiful music enriched our service.

A special thank you to all who helped with the service and all who attended. It was so wonderful to see new faces and some friends we haven't seen in awhile. We have an amazing faith community here at Bethel and services like last night remind me personally how blessed we are with so much support for all.

Tami Grosenick



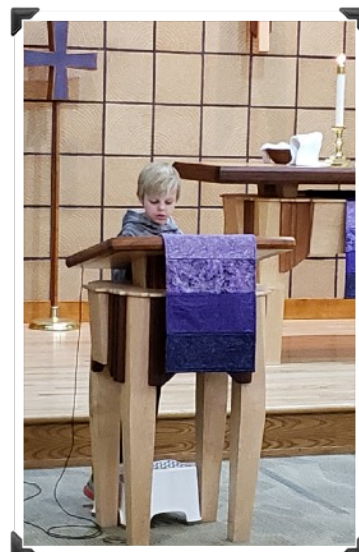
**The Jubilate Choir performed
*Cleanse Me.***



**Maya Stringer and Ainsley Kubas
show off their ashes,**



**Andrew Dullum, Taylah Jaques, Rylee Virts and
Ainsley Kubas presented the readings and Psalm.**



**Eastyn Tweet
filled in at the
last minute as
a prayer
reader.**



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*Sharing our faith in Christ by serving all
with respectful compassion.*

WEDNESDAY
MUSIC
AT
NOON (1PM)

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



James Franklin Rickley (American; b. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; 30 September 1948 -)
Composer, Arranger; University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music Temple
University, Philadelphia, University of Nevada – Reno; Owner of Publishing Firm
WayWordBound with supporting branches Avanti Publishing Services and Tonal Function
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Follow Up From Our Prayers

Laura Newby's Father

I wanted to thank everyone for the prayers. My family could feel the power of prayer surround us. We almost lost my dad. We are so grateful for the first responders and the doctors and nurses that saved his life. The nurses have shared with us that he is a miracle. God was watching over him! God is good!!! My dad is out of ICU but he is still in the hospital while he recovers. We ask for continued prayers because they did break his ribs while doing CPR and he is in pain. His body went through a lot and we are praying his liver to continue to improve.

Thank you again,

Laura Newby

Jane Mart

I miss everyone very much and appreciate the support that I have received. I know this has made a difference in healing and in my future. I am using a walker but advancing to a cane soon. I am looking forward to being at church within the next few weeks. Thank you, Bethel, and blessings to all.

Angela Mart

Angela is receiving weekly chemo treatments until the end of July, after which more tests will be done. Angela celebrated her 50th birthday on February 19, one year after being diagnosed with breast cancer. Being remembered by the Bethel family has made a difference in her positive outlook. As of last week, Angela is back to part-time as a physical therapy assistant and she is so happy to be helping others again!

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 Tea Party

left to right back row: Laurie Turner, Sharon Bossie, Judy Johnson, Terry Korpela, Dina Davis

left to right front row: LaRae Veitch, Trudy Terwilliger, Bernice Johnson. Photo taken by Donna Vinnedge.

Next Hope Circle is Tuesday March 24, 7:00 p.m. at LaRae Veitch's. 2005 2nd Street South. No theme, nothing special, just come and enjoy the company, food and Bible Study.



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 by text 406-788-9587 by Friday, February 28th



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:

- **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

Lenten Book Study with Pastor Steve

**Sunday's after worship beginning this Sunday, March 1st until noon and
Thursdays 10:00 AM beginning March 5th**

Entering The Passion of Jesus by Amy Jill Levine

Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward.

Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.

In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

In Amy Jill Levine's own words "This study and the story of Jesus' last days bring with them several challenges: What do we stand for? What do we believe in? When do we stand up for those beliefs? We can also watch the disciples and ask ourselves, when have we denied or betrayed? How can we make it's right? Jesus talks about taking up the cross. The Passion narrative shows him doing that. Can Those who claim to be his followers do the same?"

Schedule of Study:

March 1st & 5th : Jerusalem: Risking Reputation

March 8th & 12th: The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger

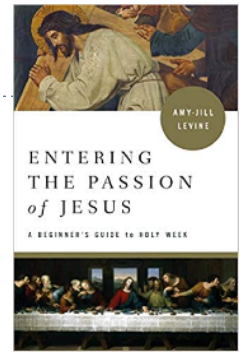
March 15th & 19th: Teachings: Risking Challenge

March 22nd & 26th: The First Dinner: Risking Rejection

March 29th & April 2nd: The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends

April 5th & 9th: Gethsemane: Risking Temptation

Books will be available on Sunday for \$8.39 per copy or you can order directly from Amazon for paperback or Kindle copy



Family Promise of Great Falls is seeking singers for its first-ever Gilbert & Sullivan concert. Experience in traditional choral or opera music is highly preferred. Reading music is not required but will be helpful.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6 pm-7:30 pm, beginning March 4.

Concert dates, Friday, April 17, 7 pm and Saturday, April 18, 7 pm.

All rehearsals and concert held at First United Methodist Church.

All singers will receive sheet music through email.

Please contact (406) 866-0288 or meghanwakeley@familypromisegf.org for additional questions.

There is a \$5 fee for all singers participating.

THIS WEEK

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

UPCOMING

Sunday 3/8:

- Daylight Savings set your clocks ahead one hour

Monday 3/9:

- Boy Scouts meet at Bethel 6:00 pm

Tuesday 3/10:

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

Wednesday 3/11:

- Logos Youth ministry 5:30-7:30 pm leap up night

Thursday 3/12:

- Soup Supper 6:15 pm, 7:00 pm Worship hosted by Bethel Bunch, guest speaker: *Jim Carlson*, LPA: Justice toward others

Friday 3/13:

- Bethel Office is closed

Saturday 3/14:

- Great Falls Teachers Association Music Festival 8:00 am to 4:00 pm



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.

Bulletin for
March 1st

