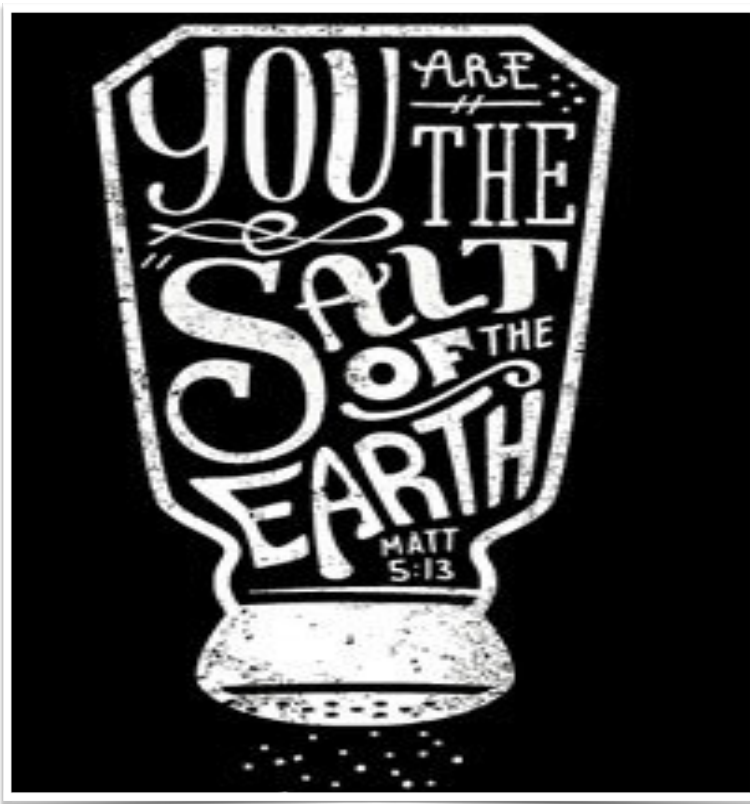


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# BETHEL NOTES

*Sunday*

February 9



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

ISAIAH 58:1-9A [9B-12]

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12 [13-16]

MATTHEW 5:13-20

**Sunday at Bethel** we celebrate the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.

It is also **Scout Sunday** our sponsored Boy Scout Troop 1028 will be hosting their annual fundraising Pancake Breakfast in the Gathering Place following our service

## Serving This Sunday

### Accompanist:

Connie Titcomb

### Lay Assistant:

Sue Hesse

### Usher(s):

James and Ben Peterson

### Projectionist:

Dean Amor

### Counters:

Pam Dougherty

Donna Vinnedge

### Childcare:

Allison Marr

Isabelle Grosenick

### Hospitality:

Sandy Pepos

Bulletin February 9





- ✦ 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 **Cheri Schmidt** mother of Sandy Pepos as she recovers from knee 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 **Annabelle Bieber**, sister of Leona Ost as she continues to recovers from surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and strength for **Ann Tuomi** for up coming surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and support for **Brian Fauntleroy**, friend of Payton Sexe for a recent diagnosis.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Adam Elkin** as he recovers from an outpatient surgery.
- ✦ 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 undergoes surgery on Friday.
- ✦ Prayers for God's guidance for our **newly elected church council** as they meet for retreat and council meeting this Sunday.
- ✦ Prayers of support for **Dawson Bernardi**.

# God transforms us...Bethel.

In January, I started sharing some reflections on Bethel's Mission Statement. I began with the opening line, "God calls us....Bethel." The Season of Epiphany is a season filled with witness to Jesus and to his life-changing call in our lives. The gospels bear witness to him as "Son of God", the "Beloved," "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" Jesus then comes near to invite to call his first disciples, "Come and see," he says.

They left family and businesses behind to follow him and along the way, transformation takes place. Transformation takes place through Jesus' teaching spoken and enacted. In the Sermon on the Mount he teaches them about what it is to be blessed as they live in the light of God's kingdom come near. As the Lutheran Study Bible commentator writes about the Beatitudes in Matthew chapter 5, "The Beatitudes create what they declare. Jesus makes the new world of God's rule actual now in this broken world."

Jesus' power to call and transform life continues in our life together. As many of you know, I have recently experienced the death of a loved one. When I received word last Tuesday afternoon that he was very near the end of his life, I reached out for

help to cover some of my duties, and you were there to say, "Go, be with your family.... I will lead worship....our prayers go with you !" I went on my way to Washington State and was at my uncle Dave's side when he peacefully breathed his last breath on Thursday evening. All of these acts of compassion and your sympathy cards are comforting, life sustaining and bear witness that Christ's grace and compassion sustain and transform each of us and our life together.

## Bethel's Mission Statement

**God calls us.  
God transforms us.  
God sends us.  
Bethel.**

This Sunday, we will hear read in the gospel reading from Matthew (Jesus says), "You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world." For me and my family you are Christ' life sustaining salt and Christ's light which dispels the darkness and I thank God for you.

For the gift of Christ's

compassion which transforms life....community.

We each have many more stories to hear and to tell of God's life transforming work. I encourage us to continue to gather in community and in service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God transforms us...Bethel.

*Pastor Steve*

## LOGOS CANSTRUCTION!

**Our Logos CANstruction brought in 160 pounds of food for FISH!  
and creativity with our landscape theme.**



**1st & 2nd Graders!**



**3rd & 4th Grade got most technically  
difficult for their bridge!**



**5th Grade got most creative for their  
mountain and river!**



**6th Grade got best over all for their  
waterfall and river!**

# FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## JOB OPENING

### **New Position 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](#).

## "IT'S MY BAG" PROJECT UPDATE....

Bethel's "It's My Bag Project" is in the works, thank to the generous donations from our Bethel Family! With the \$2,300 that were donated to this project, we will be able to provide approximately 55 duffle bag kits to our Youth In Need of Care in the Great Falls area. Our high school youth are helping to shop for some of the items needed to fill the bags, and they will be assembling all of the duffle bags during their Logos night. We plan on presenting all your generous donations of Duffle Bag Kits on Sunday, February 16th at church. The duffle 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!

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

## Zoom Conference at Bethel

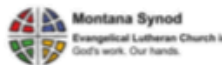
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THE MONTANA SYNOD  
STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE PRESENTS:

### TASTE AND SEE: CULTIVATING GENEROUS CONGREGATIONS

with Pastor Larry Strenge,  
National Coordinator  
for Generous Congregations

Saturday, February 29th, 10a.m. - 3p.m.  
at a location near you!



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

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



Jim Carlson goes “fishing for people” during his message during our Logos Family Worship service. We thank Jim for filling in for Pastor Steve - we had a great service!

Men's Breakfast  
resumes  
Tuesday,  
February 11th.



Jim Carlson introduces Addi Carlson as she joins the Lord's table at her first communion. During Logos Family Worship on January 26th.

Next Family Worship will be  
ASH WEDNESDAY!  
February 26th 7:00 PM  
All Are Welcome!

February Council Meeting at Synod House,  
1221 24th Street South  
If you would like to address the council,  
please let Doug Sexe or Pastor Steve know  
and you may be added to the agenda.



## 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

## 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



Sammy Hurin enjoys his Cheetos stuffed hot dog during the Logos meal.

# THIS WEEK

## Sunday 2/9:

- Scout Sunday with Boy Scout Pancake breakfast fundraiser in the Gathering Place
- Council Retreat at the Montana Synod, 1221 24th Street South from 1:00 to 3:30 pm.

## Monday 2/10:

- GFH/CMR Girls Choir Festival 9:00 am - Concert open to the public 7:00 pm
- Boy Scouts meet at Bethel 6:00 pm

## Tuesday 2/11:

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

## Wednesday 2/12:

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

## Friday 2/14:

- Bethel Office is closed
- High School Logos lock-in at Bethel 6:00 pm to 9:00 am

## Saturday 2/15:

- Close Knit meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am

# UPCOMING

## Sunday 2/16:

- Family Promise Host week begins

## Monday 2/17:

- Boy Scouts meet in the Gathering Place at 6:00 pm

## 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 6:00 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

## Friday 2/21:

- Bethel Office is closed



A few days ago we made this second delivery to the Sunnyside school. The staff was very thankful for the extra food for their little ones. We told them that our plan is to deliver food to a different school each month. They thanked us for assistance with helping out with their hungry children. We told them next month we will be making our deliveries to Whittier School. They thought it was wonderful that our church has chosen to help the school children. They said that Whittier and several other schools really do have a tremendous need. Ron & Dew

## 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.