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BETHEL NOTES

Sunday
January 19



Second Sunday after Epiphany

ISAIAH 49:1-7
 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9
 JOHN 1:29-42

Sunday at Bethel we celebrate the Second Sunday after Epiphany.

This community of faith rejoices with Ashyr Tweet and his family, parents Jeremy and Krystal and brothers Eastyn and Grady, as he joins us in sharing the meal of holy communion.

Please stay after our worship service today to see the proposed budget for 2020. This is an opportunity to ask questions regarding the budget ahead of next week's annual meeting.

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:

Mary Seim

Lay Assistant:

John Blank

Usher(s):

Udo and Terree Wozny

Projectionist:

Ava Fossen

Counters:

Tim Lightbourne

Marilyn Carlson

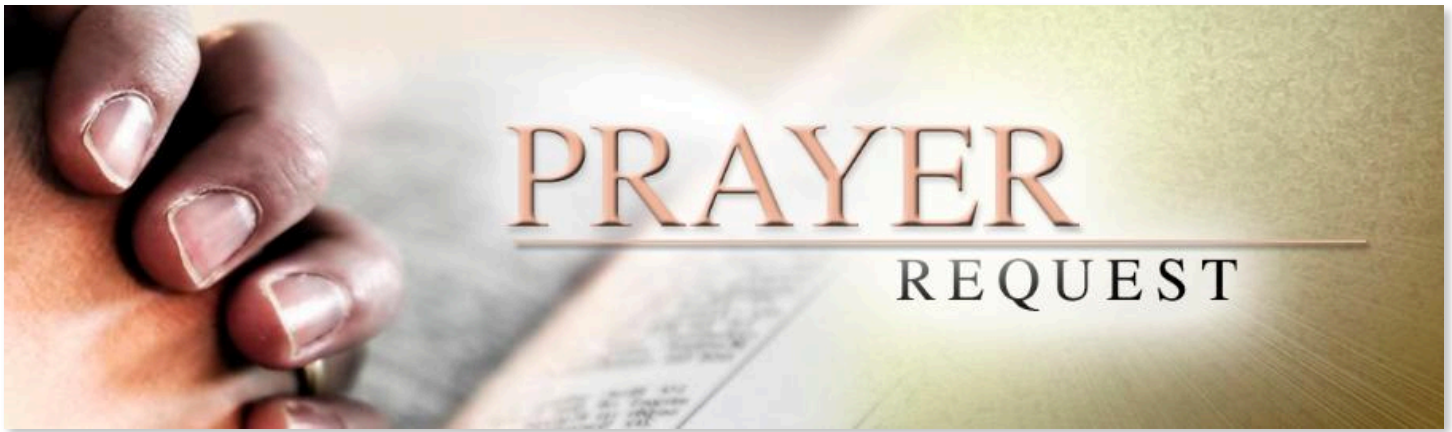
Childcare:

Adam Elkin

Morgan Dunn

Hospitality:

Terry Korpela



- ✦ 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 of strength and support for **Don Bisgard** as he continues to heal.
- ✦ 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**.
- ✦ Continued prayers for the **Nominating Committee** as they seek nominees to serve in leadership positions at Bethel.
- ✦ Prayers for healing for **Linda Walling** (sister of Bobbie Bowen) and for Bobbie as well.
- ✦ Prayers for comfort and peace for **Dave Price, Pastor Steve's uncle** as he is in hospice.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort for **family and friends of Joan Farris** (Sarah Farris' mother-in-law) as they mourn her death
- ✦ 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** (sone of Ryan and Ashley Forde) as he recovers at home from a recent injury & surgery
- ✦ Prayers for healing for **Amber Pinski** as she recovers from a snowmobiling accident.
- ✦ 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 hospitalized today and is undergoing orthopedic 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 for God's comfort for **Arne Buhman and his family** as they mourn the death of his father Gene.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Mick Davis** who is recovering after heart procedure this morning.



The 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th immediately following worship in the sanctuary.

A Ministry Funding Plan Forum aka Budget Forum in preparation for the annual meeting, will be held in the Sanctuary. Sunday, January 19th immediately following our service.

Our congregation's constitution requires a minimum of 65 voting members (10% of our voting members) to conduct business. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important meeting.



With gratitude for your support of the 2019 CROP Hunger Walk
Bethel Lutheran Church
\$780.00 Raised

Next GREAT FALLS CROP HUNGER WALK
Sunday, October 6

Bethel's Mission Statement

**GOD CALLS US.
GOD TRANSFORMS US.
GOD SENDS US.
BETHEL.**

This mission statement was intentionally written to be short and to the point. One that would be easy enough to remember and to remain a part of our lives and the life of this congregation. This mission statement also makes clear that God is the subject and verb...the initiator and actor when it comes to our individual and community of faith's life with God. God is all about a relationship with us and the world we live in. God always takes the lead and acts.

It all begins with a call. In the Season of Epiphany the assigned lectionary readings are God's call stories. Last Sunday, we heard the story of Jesus' baptism. Obedient to God's call, Jesus showed up at the River Jordan to be baptized by John and Matthew's gospel tells us it was to "fulfill all righteousness." In a very public way Jesus' baptism reveals his allegiance to God's righteousness (or justice). The voice from heaven reveals Jesus identity as the Son whom God dearly loves. On Sunday we will hear the call stories of the first disciples. Jesus noticed some following after him and asked them, "What are you looking for?" And they asked him, "Where are you staying?" Jesus invited his curious followers, "Come and see." One of the curious followers was Andrew and he led his brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus.

In our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we were united to Christ, to Christ's church (Body of Christ) and to his mission. In baptism we were ordained into ministry, called to serve God's purposes. It is a disciple of Jesus' foremost vocation. The One who calls is faithful to his promises. The Apostle Paul writes to the church in Corinth, "God is faithful, and you who were called by him to partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." 1 Cor. 1: 9, CEB. As partners with Jesus, may we trust that the God who calls us into relationship will also sustain us in the relationship and mission we share.

Pastor Steve

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Each Sunday at Bethel we print between 60 and 80 bulletins for use during our service. Most of which we recycle when the Sunday has passed.

In an effort to save cost in both the environment and money we are going to begin reducing the amount of bulletins we print on Sundays.

We do not want to discourage people from using the bulletins or taking them home. They have great information about what is happening at Bethel and also gives us an opportunity to dig a little deeper into the readings from Sunday.

We will still offer a limited number of printed copy, both regular and large print bulletins. However, we will be posting the bulletin in a pdf format on our website each week by Thursday afternoon. This will be located on our homepage next to our weekly newsletter Bethel Notes. For those who would like, we invite you to download onto your tablet, iPad or other device to use during worship.

Please give any feedback to Tami Grosenick in the Bethel Office 761-1543 or bethelgf.church@gmail.com



Men's Breakfast

"Pretty happy bunch considering we had just eaten Warren's cauliflower egg muffins!"

~Dave Scholten

Hope Circle
Thursday,
January 23rd
Judy Johnson's.
624 Robin Court
7:00 p.m.

To access the online bulletin you can scan the QR Code on the right or

click this link on your mobile device.

[Bethel Bulletin January 19](#)





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/>

Summer 2020 Registration Opens December 20th!

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!

Day Camp Workshops

March 7th or 14th

Cost: \$10 per person

Ages: Adult Saturday, March 7 at Bethel Lutheran Great Falls: 10am-3pm (Lunch included)

OR

Saturday, March 14 at FLBC: 10am-3pm

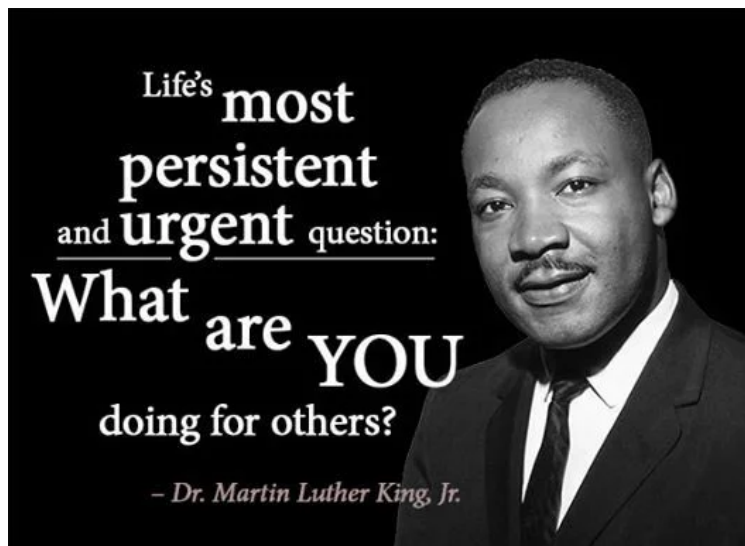
(Lunch included. Overnight accommodations available at no charge.)

Join us for a workshop exploring FLBC's Day Camp program, where camp comes to you! Gather to learn more about hosting a Day Camp team, preview the Bible study curriculum, or get more information about potentially hosting a Day Camp in the future! This retreat is designed especially for pastors & leaders of congregations hosting 2020 Summer Day Camps, but ALL are welcome. Day Camp is a wonderful way for congregations to reach out to their communities--sign up & learn more! (Doing your own VBS? You are welcome to attend and get new ideas!)

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



MLK Day Events

Racism In America And Montana

Monday January 20 at 01:00 pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1326 1st Ave N, Great Falls, Montana

Using material from the Race, Equity and Justice Conference in MT and award-winning author Ibram X. Kendi's book, "How To Be An Anti-Racist," the group will explore racism in America, in Montana, and in our own personal mindset. If we want to dismantle hatred and be what God want's us to be, perhaps we need to become comfortable with the uncomfortable. Plan to come, learn, and enjoy spirited conversation.

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Monday January 20 at 07:00 pm
Mount Olive Christian Fellowship,
2401 6th Ave N, Great Falls, Montana

Guest Speaker:
Mayor Wilmot Collins of Helena

Bethel Lutheran Church

Church Council

Meeting Highlights

January 14, 2020

Bethel Lutheran Council met at the Bethel Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm. Here are some highlights of that meeting:

- Beth Olson and Debbie Blank from TLC (Tender Loving Care Center) gave us an informative up-date on their childcare business. Great Falls has a great need for more childcare. Beth will write a report to publish in our Bethel Notes.
- The out-going council member is Grant Smith.
- Doug Sexe, Dena Wagner-Fossen, and Donna Vinnedge agreed to continue to serve on Council.
- The Budget Forum will be Sunday, January 19, immediately following the service.
- The Bethel Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 26 immediately following the service. We need 65 members present to have a quorum. **Please plan to attend!**
- The council set a February Council Retreat date for Sunday, February 9, 2020 from 1:00 to 3:30 at the MT Synod Office.

To view the December minutes in their entirety, please go to [December 2019 minutes](#)

THIS WEEK

Monday 1/20:

- Boy Scouts meet at Bethel 6:00 pm
- Martin Luther King Jr Day, Bethel Office is open.

Tuesday 1/21:

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30 am.
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am
- Childbridge meeting in the Gathering Place 5:30 pm

Wednesday 1/22:

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

Thursday 1/23:

- Hope Circle at Judy Johnson's, 624 Robin Ct 7:00 pm

Friday 1/24:

- Bethel Office is closed

UPCOMING

Sunday 1/26:

- 2020 Annual Meeting immediately following worship in the Sanctuary

Monday 1/27:

- Boy Scouts meet at Bethel 6:00 pm

Tuesday 1/28:

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

Wednesday 1/29:

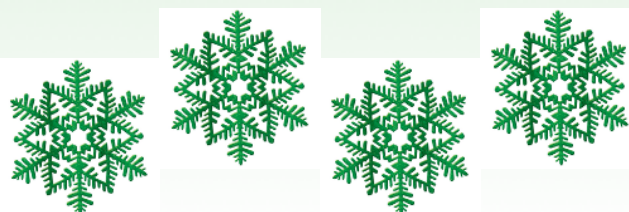
- Wednesday Worship led by Logos Youth Ministry 7:00 pm, First Communion Adalyn Carlson

Friday 1/31:

- Bethel Office is closed

Saturday 2/1:

- Close Knit in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am
- Boy Scout Leadership Seminar 9:00 am in the Gathering Place



BETHEL NEEDS YOU!

We are in need of a coordinator (or coordinators - tasks are always more fun with friends!) for Family Promise.

As you may know, Dew Elkin has stepped down from coordinating our Bethel volunteers and host weeks and we need your help with filling that role.

Primary responsibilities are:

- Attend monthly coordinator meetings
- Communicate upcoming functions/needs for Family Promise to Bethel
- Promote Family Promise within Bethel and recruit volunteers when needed.
- Coordinate during our quarter host week to include:
 - Helping set up the menu
 - schedule overnight hosts and work with our LDS support church to meet needs of guests
 - Work with volunteers to keep track of Bethel supplies

Dew will be happy to work with new coordinator(s) for our next host week coming up FEBRUARY 16TH!

Please contact the Bethel Office or anyone on our nominating committee for more details or if you are interested in volunteering Jo Ann Dullum, Dave Scholten, Kris Voorhees, and Mick Davis.

Photos Wanted! Calling all Bethel Ministries!

When you are meeting and having a great time, we want to share in that with you. Snap a selfie, group photo, or candid shot and email to

bethelgf.church@gmail.com or text it to Tami at 406-788-9587 and we will include them in our weekly notes!



Please make sure you have permission from all who appear in the photo before