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BETHEL NOTES

Sunday
January 26



Third Sunday after Epiphany

ISAIAH 9:1-4
 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18
 MATTHEW 4:12-23

Sunday at Bethel we celebrate the Third Sunday after Epiphany.

We thank the Jubilate Choir for singing today.

Please stay for the Annual Meeting immediately following service in the sanctuary. 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.

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:

Connie Titcomb

Lay Assistant:

Sue Hesse

Usher(s):

Earl Terwilliger

Projectionist:

Tim Lightbourne

Counters:

Patty Braget

Donna Vinnedge

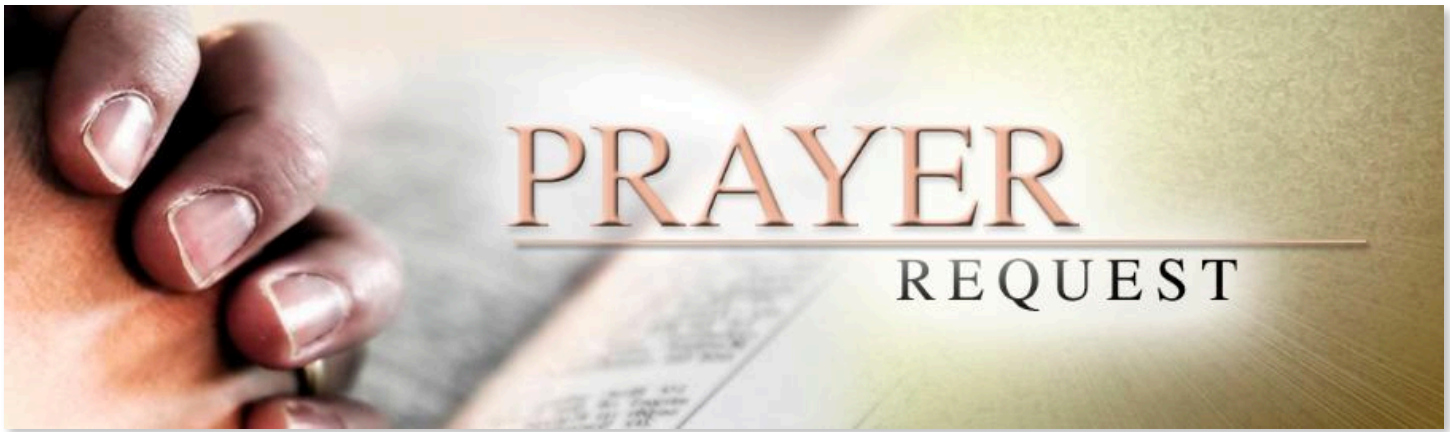
Childcare:

Allison Marr

Isabelle Grosenick

Hospitality:

Patty Braget



- ✦ 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 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 recovering from 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.
- ✦ 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 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 thanks and support for **Mark and Judy Statham** who have taken on the Coordinator for Family Promise for Bethel. Blessings to you both!
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Adam Elkin** as he recovers from an outpatient surgery.



Bethel Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Agenda
January 26, 2020 at 10:45 am

Call to Order – Doug Sexe

Opening Devotions - Pastor Steve Van Gilder

Approval of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes - January 27, 2019

Pastor's Annual Report - Pastor Steve Van Gilder

Financial Report - Dena Wagner-Fossen

February 2019 to January 2020 - Actual

February 2020 to January 2021 - Proposed Budget

Mission Freedom Update -

Elections:

New Council Members:

Anne Vannatta (3 year term)

Greg Grosenick (3 year term)

Allison Marr (3 year term)

Second Term Council Members:

Doug Sexe

Dena Wagner-Fossen

Donna Vinnedge

Nominating Committee (need 4) :

Grant Smith

Montana Synod Assembly Delegates (Need 1 female, 1 male):

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Representatives:

Dan & Steph Richardson

President's Report – Doug Sexe

Adjournment and Closing - Pastor Steve Van Gilder

Voting Members
make sure you
sign in at the
meeting to ensure
a quorum is met.

God calls us. Bethel.

Last week's article was about the call stories of Jesus and the first disciples as told by the gospel writer John. This Sunday (Epiphany 3 A), we will hear more call stories as told by the gospel writer, Matthew. Jesus is at the shoreline of the Sea of Galilee and extends a call to the sons of Zebedee (brothers ~Simon Peter and Andrew). "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people. Immediately they left their nets and followed him." His search for followers continues, leading him to another set of brothers, the sons of Zebedee, James and John. They, too, were called and left immediately to follow Jesus. They were fishermen and not just for sport but as a way of life. They left behind not only their nets and boat but their father, too.

They had a lot to lose by walking away from their businesses and family. I can only imagine how devastating it would have been for a father to watch his sons walk away and for him to suddenly lose his work force and his heirs to the family business.

Change. Disruption. When Jesus comes near and calls us into relationship, to be his disciples, it will bring about a change in other relationships as well. Jesus proclaimed repentance, which means a "change of mind." The kingdom of heaven has come near...in the person of Jesus Christ. We are called to turn away from the world's ways, towards God's ways. With the call to follow, Jesus also promises to "...make us fish for people." Which is to say, that God calls us and uses the gifts and dependable strengths which God gives to each and everyone in order to accomplish God's purposes.

Bethel's Mission Statement

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

Last year, about this time we were looking at the results of the Congregational Vitality Survey we had taken in November of 2018. We learned that we were a vital and sustainable congregation. That we should celebrate! The Strategic Planning Committee worked throughout the year to "dive deeper" into the results and to focus on some growth areas. (see the report in the Annual Report) In order for us to continue to be vital and sustainable we will need to continue to look for ways to foster deeper relationships (with Christ and among one another) and to invest in on-going action plans to develop leadership within the life of the congregation. Calling and

mentoring leaders who are willing to step into leadership/ ministry calls not only within the life of the congregation but also in the community.

God is still calling. God is doing a new thing. It may be disruptive or even surprising. Our relationship with God, our families, and one another will be affected. Some ways of being church will need to be

left behind in order that new ways of doing God's mission can come about. For Matthew the kingdom of Heaven is like a precious treasure worth the letting go of all other treasures. We take heart and are hopeful for the future, because the One who calls will bring it all about in and through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hope to see you at church on Sunday and at the Annual Meeting after the service.

Pastor Steve

Using the New QR Code

Some of our members may be interested in learning how to use the new QR Code to download the bulletin. Below I have listed a couple of ways to utilize your mobile device to access the bulletin.

QR Code Read

Most mobile devices now come with a barcode scanner or QR Code reader installed on your mobile device. If not you can download free barcode or QR scanner from your Apple or android app store.

Activate the app by opening and aim your phones camera at the QR Code box.

In some devices a link will appear on your touch screen to click on the link, others may open the link once the QR code has been scanned.

You now have downloaded the bulletin.

You can scan the link on this page or when you come into the church.

You can also access the bulletin by clicking the link below or going to bethelgf.org and clicking the button on our homepage on the device you want the bulletin downloaded on.

Please feel free to ask Tami Grosenick or Colter McCarty for more help. And remember we will have bulletins printed for those who do not want to use their mobile devices.

Ashyr Tweet is joined by his parent Jeremy and Krystal and his brothers Grady and Eastyn as he joins Bethel at the Lords Table for his first communion.



"I downloaded them from a cloud."

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click this link on your mobile device.

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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



Hello! I want to take a moment to give an update about TLC Center. We are very busy and currently at full enrollment capacity of 60 children. We have 20 staff members. Some days it feels as though we are bursting at the seams! We have rented a storage unit to help with our overflow of belongings, but it doesn't work for those things we need daily like diapers, etc. As you may know children require a lot of "stuff" to be well taken care of. We apologize if it feels we have overtaken this side of the building at times. We appreciate your understanding that providing quality child care requires a lot of equipment and space. We feel blessed that we are doing well as a business.

There is a shortage in our community of quality care – we receive multiple calls/emails/messages a week and our current wait list is for 80+ children. It is difficult to know about the increasing demand for quality childcare and not be able to help alleviate the situation.

We strive to be of the highest quality possible. To achieve this goal, we have chosen to participate in the following two programs.



1. We are part of the Stars to Quality program. We are currently at a level 3. Stars is a quality assurance program through the state of MT. This program has requirements that exceed the minimum standards set by state licensing requirements for childcare.
2. We have partnered with the Early Head Start Collaboration. We have approximately 20 slots for children who qualify for head start ages birth to three years old. The families who have children enrolled with us through Head Start receive the same benefits that all head start students receive such as health screening, family services, diapers, etc. As a benefit to participating in the Early Head Start collaboration, they provide the center with benefits that include equipment, staff trainings and quality monitoring programs. We are required to meet federal Head Start guidelines that are above state licensing requirements such as smaller staff to child ratios.



Thank you, Bethel Lutheran Church, for sharing this facility with us as we wouldn't be who we are without you.

Beth Olson and Staff

THIS WEEK

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

UPCOMING

Sunday 2/2:

- World Hunger Sunday

Monday 2/3:

- Boy Scouts meet at Bethel 6:00 pm

Tuesday 2/4:

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

Wednesday 2/5:

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

Thursday 2/6:

- Council Exec Board conference call 4:30 pm

Friday 2/7:

- Bethel Office is closed
- Aitz Chaim worship 6:00 pm
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Hope Circle

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FAMILY WORSHIP WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 29TH

7:00 - 7:30 PM

MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS

Come and see the quilts the 1st Monday Night Quilters have already completed and join us in tying more. The quilts are given to Lutheran World Relief and then sent overseas and to places in the U.S. Thanks to all who come and help with this worthwhile ministry.

When and Where: Monday evening, February 3, 6-8 p.m., New Hope Lutheran Church, 3125 5th Avenue South, use the back door (in alley).