

Office Hours:

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



## Readings:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

*Sunday*  
March 17

## Serving this Sunday

**Accompanist:**  
Mary Seim

**Lay Assistant:**  
Sue Hesse

**Usher(s):**  
Earl and Trudy  
Terwilliger

**Projectionist:**  
TBD

**Counters:**  
Patty Braget  
Marilyn Carlson

**Nursery Attendant(s):**  
Adam Elkin

## This Sunday at Bethel:

Faith Formation meets today after our service in the Fellowship Hall. Out topic is ***Spirit/Flesh*** (God comes down & sends us out. We can't separate body and soul, flesh and spirit.)



# PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Prayers of healing for **Jan DeGroot** (sister of Marj Vander Aarde) as well as **John Hartog** (Marj's brother).

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 of healing for **Dale Ost** who is recovering from home.

Prayers for **Bernice Jones** (mother of Mike Jones) in Hospice Care.

Prayers for **Dr. Carl Shonk** as he undergoes medical treatment

Prayers for **Mel Fugle** (father of Joni Collins) who is hospitalized.

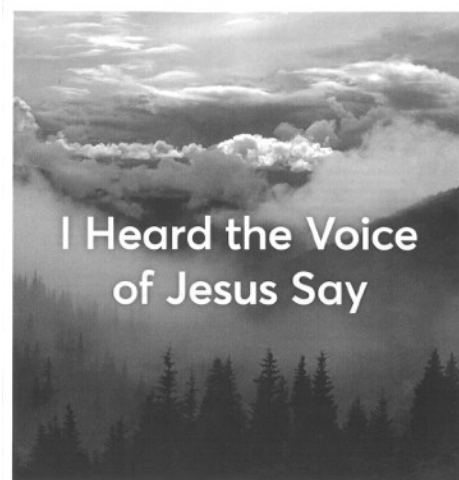
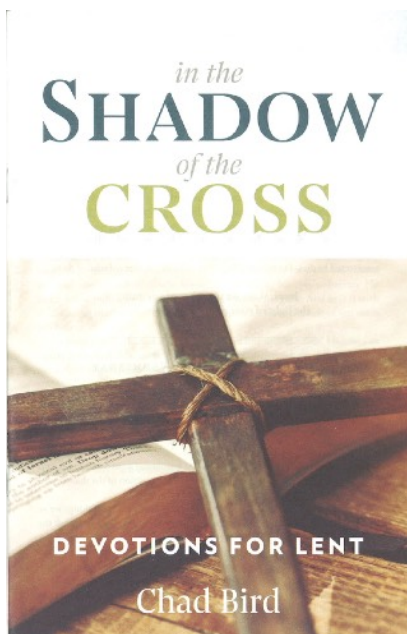
Prayer for **Bonnie Barnes** (mother of Debbie McCarty) recovering after a fall.

Prayer for **Mike Evans** (son of Thelma & Don Seyfert) as he undergoes heart surgery.

Prayers for **Linda** (sister of Sandy Bechard) being treatment for breast cancer.

Prayers for **Dave Scholten and his family** as they mourn the loss of Dave's mom Ardis.

**Lenten  
Devotionals  
Available for  
free. Pick one  
up on the white  
table in the  
Narthex.**



2019 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

LUTHER SEMINARY

**Large print available for**

**I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

# Lenten Soup Suppers

This year we are excited to have members of our congregation share their Faith Story with us during the singing of 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 in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Soup Suppers:**

- March 21st
  - Logos Staff - hosting
  - Greg and Cherie Stordahl - faith story
  - Colter McCarty - Holden Evening Prayer Lead
- March 28th
  - Hope Circle - hosting
  - Jeanne Rankin - faith story
  - TBD - Holden Prayer Lead
- April 4th
  - Bethel Bunch - hosting
  - Dan and Steph Richardson - faith story
  - TBD - Holden Prayer Lead
  - Tom Rosenbaum and Ellen Forslund - special music
- April 11th
  - Chili Night - various hosts
  - Becca Thompson - faith story
  - Pastor Steve - Holden Evening Prayer Lead



**Do you have a special  
chili recipe that  
everyone raves about?  
Then join us in hosting  
the April 11th Chili  
Night! Contact Tami  
Grosenick for details.  
788-9587.**

Don't miss the Week's Faith Story on page 7. This week we heard from Doug Sexe, President of the Bethel Church Council.



## *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 17th**, from 11-12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. It will be repeated on Thursday, March 7th, at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Session #6 of 6 is titled, ***Spirit/Flesh*** (God comes down & sends us out. We can't separate body and soul, flesh and spirit.)

### **Faith Formation**

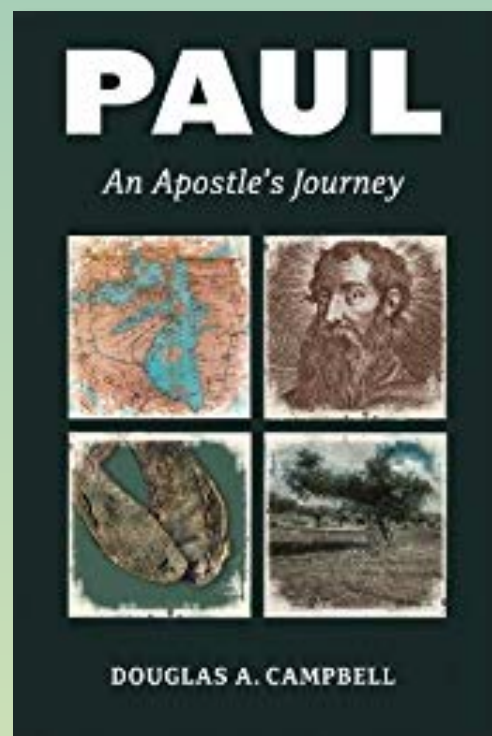
#### **Book Study/ Discussion on the Life of the Apostle Paul**

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](mailto: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 **March 31st**, giving you time to get the book and read it.

Douglas Campbell has made a name for himself as one of Paul's most insightful and provocative interpreters. In this short and spirited book Campbell introduces readers to the apostle he has studied in depth over his scholarly career.

Enter with Campbell into Paul's world, relive the story of Paul's action-packed ministry, and follow the envelopment of Paul's thought throughout both his physical and his spiritual travels.

If you would like to procure the book on your own, [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) has the book available in print or electronic version, order from your local book store or sign up in the Narthex at Bethel and we will order a copy for you.





**Patrick, bishop,  
missionary to  
Ireland, died 461**

A native of Britain,  
Patrick was  
kidnapped by  
pirates at age  
sixteen and sold  
into slavery in

Ireland. After a few years, he escaped,  
returned home, and entered the ministry.  
Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as  
a bishop and missionary there. Source:  
SundaysandSeasons. **A blessed St.  
Patrick's Day!**

Sponsored by The Women of Our Savior's Lutheran Church

ATTENTION: ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS!

# How Does Your Garden Grow?

## Lenten Brunch

April 6, 10:30 a.m.

Mistress of Ceremonies: Laura Vanni-Kelly

Meadow Lark Country Club  
300 Country Club Blvd.

Guest Speaker: Pastor Jessica Obrecht,  
Grace Lutheran and Saint Paul Lutheran  
Churches, Fairfield, MT

Vocalist: Debbie Whitt, Spokane, WA  
Accompanied by Michelle Payton

**Tickets:**  
**\$15.00**

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Stop by Our Savior's Lutheran Church office - 9am - 1pm  
or call 727-4304 for more information.

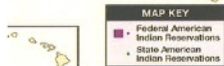


Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come,  
the cooing of doves is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2:12

# Young@Heart Travels to Indian Country

Via a video entitled

"100 Years - One Woman's Fight for Justice"



The video depicts the David vs. Goliath story of Elouise Cobell's courageous fight for justice for hundreds of thousands of Native Americans who were cheated out of billions of dollars by the United States Government. Her questions about the missing trust account money led her into a 30-year fight that resulted in the largest class action suit ever filed against the federal government.

Carol and Stan Juneau, members of Blackfeet and the Mandan/Hidatsa tribes and Pastor Linda Webster from OSLC in Rocky Boy will be on-hand to answer questions.

**Monday, March 18th at 1 pm**

**Our Savior's Lutheran - Lunde Hall**

Fresh Fry Bread Served at Mid-Point of Video

**Spread the word! Bring your friends!**



**NEXT**

# HOPE CIRCLE

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH 7:00 PM**

**TERRY KORPELA'S**

**3025 DELMAR DRIVE**



**American Red Cross**

**Meadowlark Elementary School in conjunction with the American Red Cross are hosting a blood drive.**

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today! The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

**Drive Details:**

**Site:** Meadowlark Elementary School

**Address:** 2204 Fox Farm Rd, Great Falls,

**Room Name:** Cafeteria

**Date:** Wed Apr 17, 2019

**Time:** 02:30 PM - 06:45 PM

**Coordinator Name:** Krystal Tweet

To Schedule an appointment go to:

[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

1. hover cursor over Give Blood
2. click on Find A Blood Drive
3. enter zip 59404 and click enter
4. scroll down to find Meadow Lark Elementary School and click See Times.

**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!!!**



If you are interested in going through the volunteer training required to service as dinner host, evening helper or overnight host, there are two upcoming opportunities both at The Hub at Central Christian Church 1025 Central Avenue.

April 17th 5:30 PM

Please contact Dew Elkin or The Hub to reserve your spot or for more information.

The Hub - 453-4317 or Dew - 452-0988

**DISASTER RELIEF THROUGH THE ELCA**

On March 3, powerful tornadoes hit Alabama, Georgia and Florida, causing widespread destruction. At least 23 people have died in Lee County, Ala., and others are still unaccounted for. More than 1,000 homes have been damaged. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with those in the impacted states, including partnering with congregations in the Southeastern Synod to respond with immediate relief. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "U.S. tornadoes" will be used to help those affected by tornadoes until the response is complete.

Make checks payable to  
Lutheran Disaster Response,  
Write "U.S. Tornadoes" on your check's memo  
line and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009





## Stories of Faith

We kick off the Mid-Week Lenten Suppers with a faith story from our Council President Doug Sexe.

Doug grew up in the Riverview area of Great Falls. His earliest memories of church were going to Sunday School at Redeemer Lutheran Church. His family attended Redeemer as he went to Skyline Elementary, North Middle School and CMR. He was attending the University of Montana when his father suddenly passed away from a heart attack while camping.

Doug said that is when his relationship with God changed. He and his dad had been very close. Losing his father and friend so suddenly and young he became very angry with God and pushed God away as well as “everyone else who cared about him and loved him.”

It was while dating his future wife Sarah and taking an interpersonal communications class at UM that he learned that relationships do not stay static, they get better, they get worse, but you must work on them. He realized that it meant his relationship with God as well, although he was still very angry.

He and Sara married in 1988 and it wasn't until his daughter Allison was born in 1993 that he decided it was time to work on his relationship with God for the sake of his daughter.

Sara and Doug found Bethel and immediately felt at home. They began attending worship services led by Pastor Mark Peterson. They were soon asked to help with the Logos Youth Ministry first by being table parents and eventually leading bible study.

He was then asked to be on the council and was met with budget challenges, starting a capital campaign and holding “cottage meetings” with members to ask for money to build the Gathering Place.

He is now on his second “stint” with the council and is truly excited that his daughter Allison (who along with their son Payton were baptized and confirmed at Bethel) and her new husband Dan (married here at Bethel) are beginning their married life together by attending worship and volunteering with the Logos Youth Ministry.

Doug's message was one of stepping out of your comfort zone, building a relationship with God - even if you don't always agree with his plan, and building a relationship with the church community that you see grow and flourish.

We thank Doug for sharing and look forward to next week as we hear a faith story from Greg and Cherie Stordahl.

### Great Falls Rescue Mission Looking for Volunteers

Children's center  
Front desk Men's Shelter  
Meal serving at all shelters  
Thrift Store

If you are interested call  
Molly McGonigal 406-205-0672

# THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

## **Monday 3/18:**

- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

## **Tuesday 3/19:**

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

## **Wednesday 3/20:**

- LOGOs 5:30 PM

## **Thursday 3/21:**

- Faith Formation in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM
- Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 PM service 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

## **Friday 3/22 - 29th:**

- Pastor Steve on vacation



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Sunday 3/24**

- Jim Carlson is preaching and presiding while Pastor Steve is on vacation
- Congregational Vitality forum following service in the Fellowship Hall - no faith formation this day

## **Monday 3/25:**

- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

## **Tuesday 3/26:**

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

## **Wednesday 3/27:**

- LOGOS 5:30 PM

## **Thursday 3/28:**

- Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 PM service 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- No faith formation
- Bethel Office closed

