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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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BETHEL NOTES



Readings:

Isaiah 55:1-9

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

Sunday
March 24

Serving this Sunday

Accompanist:

Connie

Lay Assistant:

Linda Rosenbaum

Usher(s):

Earl and Trudy
Terwilliger

Projectionist:

Tim Lightbourne

Counters:

Pam Dougherty
Doug Sexe

Nursery

Attendant(s):

Adam Elkin

This Sunday at Bethel:

Jim Carlson, LPA will be preaching and presiding in worship on Sunday. He has been authorized by the Bishop of the Montana Synod to provide pastoral services in this congregation this Sunday. Pastor Steve is on vacation and will lead worship on Sunday, March 31st.

The last of our Sunday Congregational Vitality forums will meet following our service in the Fellowship Hall. It will be led by members of the Strategic Directions Task Force.

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

Prayers for **Joni Collins** as she grieves the death of her father Mel Fugle.

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

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

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

Prayers of healing for **Jo Ann Dullum** as she recovers from surgery.

Prayers for our companions, the **IELB Lutheran Church of Bolivia** and for global missionary **Gustavo Driau**, as they hold elections for Pastor Presidente this weekend in LaPaz.

Prayers for healing for **Jay Tuomi** as he recovers from knee surgery.

Prayers for healing for **Gene Bern** (grandfather of Becca Thompson) as he undergoes a medical procedure.

Prayers for God's presence for our Mid-Week Lenten soup supper, worship and for our faith story sharers, the Stordahl's.

Prayers for **Pastor Steve and Kaye** as they leave on vacation for a week, for travel mercies and for rest and renewal.

Prayers for God's presence for **Jim Carlson**, LPA, as he leads worship and preaches this coming Sunday.

Prayers for **Jane Mart's daughter-in-law, Angela**, who was diagnosed with breast cancer and is under-going chemo-therapy.

Prayers for God's comfort and consolation for **Dave Scholten, Tamy, Bridger, Aiyana and family** as they grieve the death of Dave's mother, Ardis. The funeral is tomorrow in Worthington, MN.

Prayers of support for **Mary Gernaat** as her father's health is declining.

Is Anyone Heading for Bozeman on March 30th?

Some friends from South America are heading home and are flying out of Bozeman.

Would anyone be willing to help our travelers on their journey.

Please contact the church office or

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 28th
 - Hope Circle - hosting
 - Jeanne Rankin - faith story
 - Dave Scholten - Holden Prayer Lead
- April 4th
 - Bethel Bunch - hosting
 - Dan and Steph Richardson - faith story
 - Pastor Steve - Holden Prayer Lead
- April 11th
 - Chili Night - various hosts
 - Becca Thompson - faith story
 - Tom Rosenbaum - 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 this Week's Faith Story from Greg and Cherie Stordahl on page 7.

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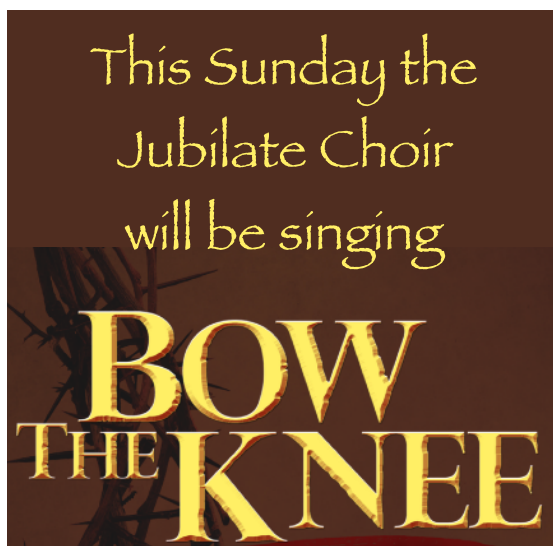
Church Council Meeting Highlights

March 12, 2019

Bethel Church Council met on March 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

- Donna Vinnedge lead devotions, Lutherans' Priesthood of Believers.
- Treasurer Dena Wagner-Fossen discussed the fiscal year audit by Lisa Blades and fiscal year financials were reviewed. It was a very positive report.
- President Doug Sexe reported we have a signed contract with TLC.
- Tami Grosnick has agree to fill the Administrative Assistant position, as well as continuing her position as Ministry Coordinator. We thank Tami for doing a wonderful job.
- Bethel will continue to support the ministry of Gustavo Driau.
- Church Council will host the first soup supper March 14.

To view the February 2019 Council minutes in its entirety, use this link: [Meeting Minutes](#):



Senior Dinner

This school year is passing quickly and there are a couple of ways we wish to honor our graduating seniors.

First we need to know who you are and we would like to spotlight your high school or college career and let our congregation know what your plans are for the future.

Second we would like to host a Senior Dinner for all of our graduating seniors. So I am looking for members of Bethel who love to cook and would like to join this ministry to send our seniors off in style. If you are a parent or sibling of a junior in high school or college we would like to have you participate in hosting this year and then be served next year!

Please contact Tami Grosenick in the Bethel office if you are a senior, know a senior or would like to help with this ministry 761-1543 or email bethelmc.church@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Meadow Lark Country Club

300 Country Club Blvd.

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

BOOK STUDY/ DISCUSSION ON THE LIFE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

Beginning March 31st

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.) You can reach out directly to Pastor Steve at bethelgf.pastor.steve@gmail.com to express your interest in participating in this book discussion.

A little about the book.

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.

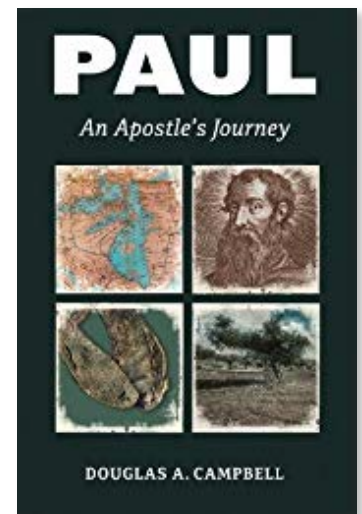
Enter with Campbell into Paul's world, relive the story of Paul's action-packed ministry, and follow the development of Paul's thought throughout both his physical and his spiritual travels.

The Book has 14 chapters and will be broken up into 7 sessions Sundays after worship and Thursdays at 10 AM. The schedule of study is as follows:

- March 31st & April 4th chapters 1-Conversation, 2-Breakthrough, & 3-Networking
- April 7th & 11th chapters 4-Alongsiders, 5-Life Together, & 6-Insights in the Dark
- April 14th & 18th chapters 7-Culture Wars at Corinth, 8-Navigating Sex and Gender, & 9-The Christian City

April 21st is Easter this week off we begin Part 2 the following week.

- April 28th & May 2nd chapters 10-Enemies & 11-Covenant vs. Contract
- May 5th & 9th chapters 12-Israel's Past and Present & 13-God Wins
- May 12th & 16th chapter 14-The Last Journey & book wrap up.





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

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.



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

God Loves Justice

GREAT FALLS RESCUE MISSION 56TH ANNUAL BANQUET

Monday, April 1, 2019
12:00 pm & 6:30 pm
Mansfield Convention Center ~ 2 Park Drive S

SPEAKER: DANIELLE STRICKLAND
Church Leader, Author, Former
Salvation Army Officer, and
Ambassador for Stop The Traffik

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!!!

Stories of Faith

Proverbs 22:6

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Greg and Cheri Stordahl began their faith story last evening with this passage from Proverbs. This is the way they were raised and thus they raised their children in faith as well.

Greg has been strong in the church since is was a child attending Golden West Lutheran Church in Conrad. His mother was active in the Synod and he attended Sunday School, confirmation classes, and youth activities such as Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Those strong roots have carried and connected him to Bethel as his Godmother is Bernice Johnson and the pastor who confirmed him is Pastor Steve Nelson whom Greg said has been an inspiration to him. With such a strong upbringing in faith he knew he wanted the same when it came time to raise his own family.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Cherie too was brought up in faith. Although her experience was different from Greg's. Cherie's parents attended different churches and at times felt it difficult to choose between the them. She always knew God was there and guiding her. She also knew that it was important for her to have a spouse that could be her partner in faith and attend a church together. Little did she know that God would send her a "Lutheran Boy" to fit that order. Being raised Pentecostal she had lots of questions. Greg attended the adult confirmation classes with her and she was confirmed in the Lutheran faith by Pastor Ron Paulson.

This experience brought them close together and created a strong faith foundation for them on which to build. Having a supportive family, faith community, and extended family solidified this and they instilled that in their children.

Cherie says that the Hebrews passage spoke to her upbringing as knowing that God was there and leading her on this journey.

Their inspiring story was summarized in a verse from Borning Cry by Jacque Darragh and as Cherie states, "When I first heard this lyric, I felt that is was written for me."

*I was there when you were but a child with a faith
to suit you well; In a blaze of light you wandered
off to find where
demons dwell.
When you heard
the wonder of the
word I was there
to cheer you on;
you were raised to
praise the living
God to whom you
now belong.*



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

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 and Holden Evening Prayer Service 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Friday 3/29:

- Bethel Office closed.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events

Sunday 3/31:

- Adult Faith Formation: Book Study on the Apostle Paul begins following service in the Fellowship Hall

Monday 4/1:

- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Happy April Fool's Day!!

Tuesday 4/2:

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

Wednesday 4/3:

- LOGOS Family Meal and Worship 6:00 PM meal, 7:00 PM worship service.

Thursday 4/4:

- Faith Formation: Book Study on Apostle Paul at 10am
- Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 PM and Holden Evening Prayer Service 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall
- Childbridge meeting in the Gathering Place 5:30 PM

Friday 4/5:

- First Friday Shabbat Service for Aitz Chaim 7:00 PM

Saturday 4/6:

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