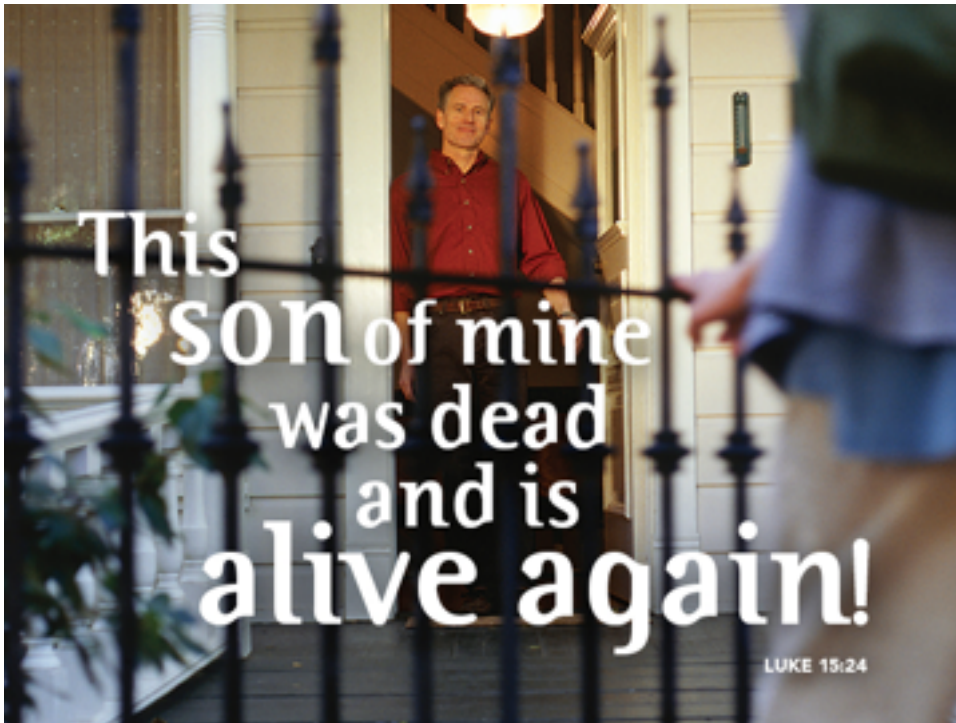


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BETHEL NOTES



Sunday
March 31

Serving this Sunday

Accompanist:
Mary Seim

Lay Assistant:
Sue Hesse

Usher(s):
Dena & Ava
Wagner-Fossen

Projectionist:
Dean Amor

Counters:
Stephanie Cummings
Becca Thompson

Nursery
Attendant(s):
Adam Elkin

Readings:

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

This Sunday at Bethel:

Faith Formation Book study of Paul the Apostle begins after our service in the Fellowship Hall. Along with an introduction to the book we will be covering chapters 1 through 3. This will be repeated at 10:00 AM on Thursday, April 4th.

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 **Mel Fugle** (father of Joni Collins) who is in the care of Hospice.

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

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

Prayers for **Angela Mart** (daughter-in-law of Jane Mart) as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.

Prayers of comfort for **Mary Gernaat and her family** as they grieve the death of Mary's brother Larry.

Prayers for safety for **Jack and Jacki Damm** (niece of Anne Tuomi) and the community of Fairview, MT as they are experiencing flooding of the Yellowstone River and evacuation from their homes.

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:

- 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
 - Ellen Forslund and Tom Rosenbaum - Holden Evening Prayer Leaders - also singing "There is a Green Hill Far Away"



Don't miss next
Week's Faith Story
from Steph and
Dan Richardson

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.

Mark Your Calendar

Vacation Bible School July 22nd - 26th
for Pre - K ages 3 and 4 (potty trained)

Kinder - 6th

Junior Counselors 7th grade and up needed.
for more information go to www.bethelmt.org



Family Promise of Great Falls

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TO LEARN MORE, CALL (406) 866-0288
OR VISIT US ONLINE AT familypromisegf.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

A NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Join us for a Voyageurs home game! 50-50 raffles and more await!

Saturday, June 25, 7-10 pm
Centene Stadium (1015 25th St N)
\$8 in advance

GIVE GREAT FALLS

This is a citywide fundraising drive and a great opportunity to give to Family Promise!

May 2-3, 2019
givegreatfalls.org

RAMP IT UP!

Mark your calendars for the 4th annual Ramp It Up! on the Sip 'N Dip patio! We have live music, food, raffles, auctions, and more!

Thursday, August 22, 5-9 pm
Sip 'N Dip (17 7th Street South)
\$35 at the door, \$25 in advance
\$15 for children under the age of 12

CROP HUNGER WALK

Join our team or join your church's team for the CROP Hunger Walk! Family Promise of Great Falls receives 25% of the proceeds for our mission!

Sunday, October 6, 2 pm
Gibson Park (River's Edge Trail)
Free will donation

CHOIR EXTRAVAGANZA!

Calling all choirs! We're having an interfaith music festival to celebrate the rich history of our partners!

Sunday, October 27
First United Methodist Church (610 2nd Ave N)
Free will donation

AN EVENING WITH JOHN FLORIDIS

Award-winning guitarist John Floridis returns!
Thursday, December 5th, 7 pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church (1326 1st Ave N)
Free will donation

VOLUNTEER TRAININGS

We're having monthly volunteer trainings at Family Promise of Great Falls. Meet our executive director and become part of an interfaith network helping to end childhood homelessness, one family at a time! We're looking for volunteers to stay overnight, cook meals, wash dishes, and more. Additional trainings may be scheduled based on demand.

- Wednesday, April 17, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, May 8, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, June 12, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, July 10, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, August 14, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, September 11, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 9, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, November 13, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, December 11, 5:30 pm

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Family Promise has multiple opportunities to assist with 2019 events, particularly our annual Ramp It Up! celebration. Event planning opportunities include soliciting donations and attending meetings.

Setup/takedown opportunities include moving chairs/tables and other physical labor. You do not have to be a trained Family Promise volunteer in order to help with an event. Call (406) 866-0288 or visit familypromisegf.org to learn more!

FOLLOW US ONLINE!



BOOK STUDY/ DISCUSSION ON THE LIFE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

Beginning this Sunday, 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.

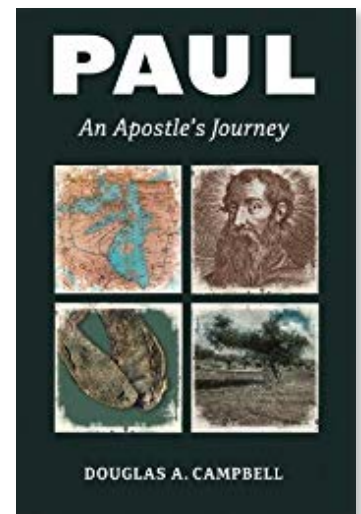
Enter with Campbell into Paul's world, relive the story of Paul's action-packed ministry, and follow the development of Paul's thought throughout both his physical and his spiritual travels.

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 so we begin Part 2 the following week.

- April 28th & May 2nd chapters 10-Enemies & 11-Covenant vs. Contract
- May 5th & 9th chapters 12-Israel 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.



Sign up now for summer camps and save! Register before April 1st and save \$50.00. Go to www.flbc.net to see the variety

of camps for all ages.

Remember that Bethel offers scholarships for campers. Once you are registered, bring in the invoice that FLBC sends you and Bethel will pay \$100.00 per child directly to FLBC camp.

Call the Bethel office for more information 761-1543.

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.

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!!!

Words from the Bishop: In Lent we Deepen

Does your congregation have mid-week services in Lent to give you an extra opportunity to deepen your faith? In some communities the churches do pulpit exchanges, so that parishioners from one congregation can hear from the pastor in another.

Bethel Lutheran in Great Falls features lay speakers at their Thursday Lenten soup suppers. Members of the congregation are invited to share their faith stories. Have you ever done that? It is surprising how few of us have done that. Is it intimidating? Yes. But it is also rewarding. Sharing your faith story in a safe setting like a congregational soup supper can be a way to learn about how to talk about your faith more publicly. Bethel's soup supper presentations are deepening faith and witness.

Freedom in Christ is a ministry in the Montana State Prison. Pastor Rob Nedbalek is able to provide a ministry of word and sacrament in the prison. And he is able to provide a ministry of presence, working with people at different stages of their faith journey. One of the things he is able to do, thanks to volunteers and supporters, is to provide Bibles to inmates who want them. A Montana Synod Christmas Giving Tree program gave participating congregations an opportunity to donate to give Bibles to the ministry. Freedom in Christ is deepening faith and witness.

The Bolivian Evangelical Lutheran Church has several schools—one in El Alto, and one in Santa Cruz. The schools were founded when free public education was not accessible to all children. The Lutheran schools are open to all children, and depend on scholarships to help pay expenses. Many congregations in the Montana Synod have made donations to the scholarship fund, so that Bolivian children could receive an education in a faith-based environment. In response to the Bolivian government's requirement that schools provide English instruction, the IELB is applying for a short-term ELCA missionary to teach English in El Alto. The schools of the IELB are deepening faith and witness.

This coming weekend there will be 2 classes of LPAs learning new ways to serve. The basic LPA class will be working with Pr. Julie Long on how to lead worship. And the LPA 2.0 class will be meeting with Pr. Greg Holler-Dinsmore to learn about preaching for funerals and other out-of-the-ordinary occasions. And the following weekend, the folks in the LPA East class will be learning about pastoral care. There are so many ways that LPAs serve God and neighbor. The trainings that we provide not only deepen their faith, but they help them deepen the faith of others by their witness. LPAs and LPA trainings deepen faith and witness.



Each year Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Rocky Boy, in cooperation with a variety of funding sources, makes it possible for children from the reservation to attend camp at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Our Saviour's and FLBC and deepening faith and witness with kids who might not have another chance.

In response to last week's request on how you are serving the world, Pastor Patty Callaghan, Interim Pastor at Gloria Dei in Butte writes:

"Butte lost their homeless shelter over a year ago, so the community had to step up to provide winter shelter. Since December 2018, the community, through the local community action agency, raised \$98,000; of that amount, \$27,000 was donated by local congregations. Gloria Dei Lutheran donated \$2720 of that amount. I thought you might like to know this. People would likely have died on the cold streets this winter without this effort." Pr. Patty Callaghan.

Let me know how your congregation or ministry is deepening faith and witness.

Jessica Crist, Bishop

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Sunday 3/24

- Book Study of Paul begins after in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday 4/1:

- April Fool's Day!
- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting in the Gathering Place 6:30 PM

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 Worship 7:00 PM

Thursday 4/4:

- Book Study of Paul in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM
- Lenten Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall 6:15 PM

Friday 4/5:

- Aitz Chaim first Friday Shabbat Service in the sanctuary 6:00 PM
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 4/7:

- World Hunger Sunday
- Faith Formation book study after service in the Fellowship Hall

Monday 4/8:

- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting in the Gathering Place 6:30 PM

Tuesday 4/9:

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

Wednesday 4/10:

- LOGOS end of year party 5:30 PM

Thursday 4/11:

- Book Study of Paul in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM
- Lenten Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall 6:15 PM



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