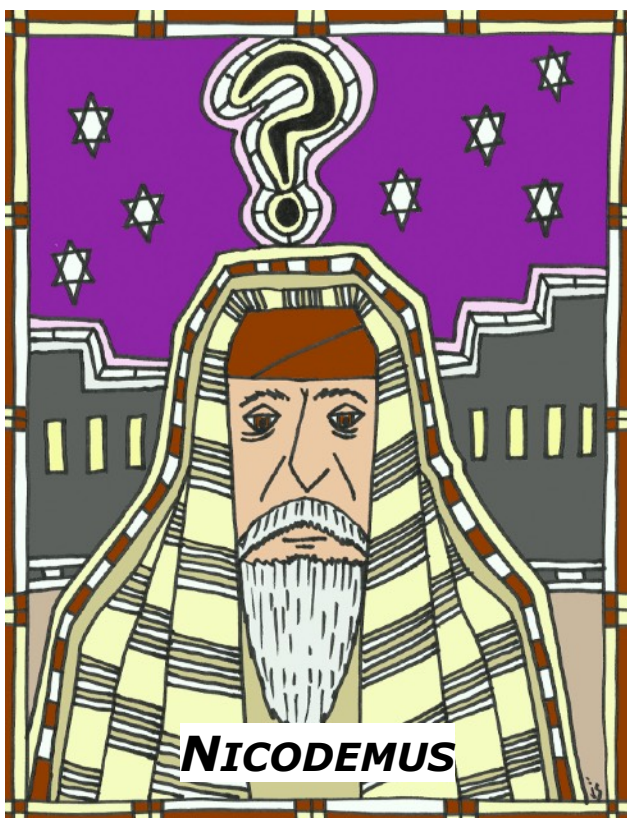


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BETHEL NOTES *Sunday*

March 8



Readings Second Sunday of Lent

GENESIS 12:1-4a
PSALM 121
ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17
JOHN 3:1-17

This Sunday we celebrate Second Sunday of Lent.
Daylight savings turn your clocks ahead 1 hour.
We welcome the **Jubilate Choir** singing this Sunday.
Lenten Book study after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:

Mary Seim

Lay Assistant:

Terree Wozny

Usher(s):

Walt Nuessle

Earl Terwilliger

Projectionist:

Kian Ryan

Counters:

Stephanie Cummings

Anne Vannatta

Childcare:

Adam Elkin

Isabelle Grosenick

Hospitality:

Sandy Pepos



- ✦ 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 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 recovers after medical treatment.
- ✦ Prayers for God's presence and healing touch for **John Korpela**, as he recovers after 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**.
- ✦ 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 of healing for **Jane Mart** as she is home and continues to heal after surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and support for **Jeremy Hawks** as he prepares for surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and strength for **Ann Tuomi** as she continues to recover from surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of of comfort for **friends and family of Sharon Franz** daughter of Ed and Bertha Ferguson as they mourn her death.
- ✦ Prayers for safety and support for **Eric Poser**, Connie Titcomb's nephew as he is deployed overseas.
- ✦ Prayers for **Dakota Green**, great granddaughter of Bernice Johnson as she recovers from a recent surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of support for **Earl Terwilliger** has he undergoes medical tests.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort for **friends and family of Curtis Vanluchene**, Doug Sexe's cousin, Arlene Sexe's nephew as they mourn his passing.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **John Brodbeck**, father of Laura Newby, who continues to recover from a heart attack.
- ✦ Prayers for God's healing presence and peace for **Arlena Crandell's son, Mike**, who is undergoing medical exams.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Leonard Murphy** as he recovers at home from a recent hospitalization.



What is a Prayer Cord?

This Sunday at Bethel hanging on the window of the main office you will see a cloth cord with colored yarn tied to it... why? This is our Logos Prayer Cord, during our Worship Arts time at Logos during Lent we will be tying colored yarn to the cord and each color represents different people in our lives or things we would like to pray for. (See the color meanings below.) A colorful way to remember those people in our lives that need a little prayer.

We even have extra yarn for you. If you would like to tie some yarn on the cord, please feel free to add to it. The yarn is available by the window along with the color guide.

Many blessings as we pray together this Lenten season.

Prayer Cord Color Meanings

Red: - Police, firefighters, EMTs and paramedics, military and all who keep us safe.

Orange: - Teachers, leaders those who ground us and teach us.

Yellow: - For ourselves health, healing, happiness, whatever we are in need of

Green: - Families, friends, pets those in our lives that we love and grow with

Blue: - Those in need or who need strength and support.

Indigo: - Creativity, art, music, story telling, all the ways we create beauty in our lives.

Violet: - Our connection with God and spirit. Remembering to follow his lead and treat others the way we would like to be treated.



Logos Youth
Ministry Tying Their
Prayers to the
Prayer Cord.

Johnna Lightbourne
- Logos teacher,
Hailey Marr,
Kendall Ryan,
Tyler Grosenick,
Colten Kupfner,
Taylah Jaques,
Jack Pinski, and
Ainsley Kubas

Our Mission Endowment Committee Bringing Education To Bethel

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 2, 2020

9:30-4:00

If you are interested in how we might "**do church**" differently for the 21st Century or if you are concerned about the sustainability of the Church in future generations, please come and be a part of the conversations and solution.

The Mission Endowment Committee has invited Dr. Jan Zimbleman to Bethel to give a workshop on the relationship between the Church and western culture, contrasting the 20th and 21st Centuries, and the differences in faith and world views between generations.

Bethel will host Dr. Jan, but this will be presented to congregations throughout the Synod via Zoom, a web conferencing technology.

More information to follow.

IT'S MY BAG

Patty Braget shared the following from CASA:

"I just dropped all 55 bags off to the Department of family services, and I had a box of extra supplies,. They helped me carry them in and they were totally blown away about the graciousness from our congregation.

They kept asking "who did all this, did you get a grant? I just can't believe you were able to bring so many beautiful brand new bags and donate them to us, this duffel bag and the name tag will mean more to these kids than you could ever imagine."

My heart is full! I'm so thankful to be part of such a gracious loving congregation and church family.

Thanks again

Patty"

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH NEW JOB OPENING HELPING HANDS

A food pantry and clothing resource located in the First English Lutheran Church (FELC) Parish House, [112 8th Street N](#). This ministry was formed 35 years ago. It is still going strong, feeding 900-1000 people per month. Our volunteers come from our congregation and people from the community.

The formation of a paid director position is a step forward in best practices for serving our neighbors and recruitment/retention of amazing volunteers. Anticipated hours: 16-20/week.

Qualified applicants may send a cover letter and resume to: Helping Hands Ministry, First English Lutheran Church, [112 8th Street North, Great Falls, MT 59401](#).



Handbell Choir Call

The Bethel Handbell Choir is going to be playing for our worship service on **March 15th**.

Practices will be Friday, March 13th at 6:30 PM and Saturday, March 14th at 10:00 AM

If you are interested in joining them please **call Sharon Mueller** 406-788-3417 and reserve you place.



Colter McCarty leads the High School Logos in a game during their rec time.

Colter McCarty (on floor) Dylan Erickson, Abbie Virts, Kaleb Stringer, Traedon Jaques, Chris Kubas

Pass It On



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Lenten Brunch

Saturday, March 28th, 10:30 a.m.

Meadow Lark Country Club

Tickets on sale following worship on

March 8, 15, 22

or in the church office: \$15

Purchase Deadline:

March 23rd

Guest Speaker:

Pastor Julia Seymour



Next Hope Circle is Tuesday March 24, 7:00 p.m. at LaRae Veitch's. 2005 2nd Street South. No theme, nothing special, just come and enjoy the company, food and Bible Study.

SAVE THE DATE

The 20th annual Loaves & Fishes dinner and silent auction to raise funds for FISH

April 24, 2020

Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

There will be 4:30 pm or 6:00 pm seatings. The dinner will be a free will offering.

FISH is looking for items for the silent auction and for raffle items. I would like to put together a gift card basket. If you are interested in donating, purchase a gift card of your choice for any dollar amount, example \$20.00 to Starbucks and drop them at the Bethel Office.

All proceeds are for the FISH emergency food program.

WHITTIER SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS





Our Lenten season begins with our Ash Wednesday liturgy at 7:00 p.m. on February. 26th and continues on *Thursday evenings at the church at 6:15 with a soup supper to be followed by worship in the fellowship hall at 7:00 p.m.

The Lenten mid-week dates are:

- **March 5th** - 6:15 pm Soup Supper, 7:00 pm Worship hosted by Hope Circle, guest speaker: *Rev. Scott Hedegaard*: Justice toward God. Cantor: *Colter McCarty*
- **March 12th** – 6:15 pm Soup Supper, 7:00 pm Worship hosted by Bethel Bunch, guest speaker: *Jim Carlson, L.P.A.*: Justice toward others. Cantor: *TBD*
- **March 19th** - 6:15 pm Soup Supper, 7:00 pm Worship host Logos, guest speaker: *Rev. John Allen*: Justice. Cantor: *Dave Scholten*
- **March 26th** - 6:15 pm Soup Supper, 7:00 pm Worship host Family Promise Volunteers, guest speaker: *Sharon Odden, LPA*: Justice toward self: stewardship of health, time, energy. Cantor: *Pastor Steve Van Gilder*
- **April 2nd** - 6:15 pm Soup Supper, 7:00 pm Worship host TBD, guest speaker: *Rev. Barb Gwynn*: Justice toward others. Cantor: *Pastor Steve Van Gilder*

This Lenten Season we will be participating in a round robin with the Great Falls ELCA congregations. Jim Carlson will represent Bethel as preacher, as the other congregations meet on Wednesday evenings and Pastor Steve has a commitment to Logos.

We will once again be using the Holden Evening Prayer Service for the worship. The mid-week offerings will be dedicated to Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday April 5th
9:30 AM

Maundy Thursday April 9th
7:00 PM

Good Friday April 10th
7:00 PM

Easter Vigil April 11th
7:00 PM

Easter Sunday April 12th
Worship Service in the
Gathering Place 10:00 AM

Lenten Themes

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

Justice toward God:

Deepening God's reign in your life.

Justice toward Self:

Stewardship of health, time, and energy

Justice toward Self:

Repentance and (self) forgiveness

Justice toward Others:

Our relationship with God's good creation

Justice toward Others:

Almsgiving, advocacy, and accompaniment

Lenten Book Study with Pastor Steve

**Sunday's after worship beginning this Sunday, March 1st until noon and
Thursdays 10:00 AM beginning March 5th**

Entering The Passion of Jesus by Amy Jill Levine

Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward.

Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.

In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

In Amy Jill Levine's own words "This study and the story of Jesus' last days bring with them several challenges: What do we stand for? What do we believe in? When do we stand up for those beliefs? We can also watch the disciples and ask ourselves, when have we denied or betrayed? How can we make it's right? Jesus talks about taking up the cross. The Passion narrative shows him doing that. Can Those who claim to be his followers do the same?".

Schedule of Study:

March 8th & 12th: The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger

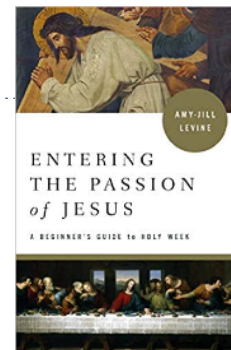
March 15th & 19th: Teachings: Risking Challenge

March 22nd & 26th: The First Dinner: Risking Rejection

March 29th & April 2nd: The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends

April 5th & 9th: Gethsemane: Risking Temptation

Books will be available on Sunday for \$8.39 per copy or you can order directly from Amazon for paperback or Kindle copy



Family Promise of Great Falls is seeking singers for its first-ever Gilbert & Sullivan concert. Experience in traditional choral or opera music is highly preferred. Reading music is not required but will be helpful.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6 pm-7:30 pm, beginning March 4.

Concert dates, Friday, April 17, 7 pm and Saturday, April 18, 7 pm.

All rehearsals and concert held at First United Methodist Church.

All singers will receive sheet music through email.

Please contact (406) 866-0288 or meghanwakeley@familypromisegf.org for additional questions.

There is a \$5 fee for all singers participating.

Lenten Devotional available in the narthex or click [here](#) or [here for large print](#).

THIS WEEK

Monday 3/9:

- Boy Scouts meet at Bethel 6:00 pm

Tuesday 3/10:

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

Wednesday 3/11:

- Logos Youth ministry 5:30-7:30 pm leap up night

Thursday 3/12:

- Lenten Book Study 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Soup Supper 6:15 pm, 7:00 pm Worship hosted by Bethel Bunch, guest speaker: *Jim Carlson, LPA: Justice toward others* Cantor: TBD

Friday 3/13:

- Bethel Office is closed
- Handbell choir practice 6:30 pm, Gathering Place.

Saturday 3/14:

- Great Falls Teachers Association Music Festival 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Handbell Choir Practice 10:00 am, Gathering Place

UPCOMING

Sunday 3/15:

- Handbell Choir will be playing during worship
- Lenten Book Study 11:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Monday 3/16:

- Boy Scouts meet at Bethel 6:00 pm

Tuesday 3/17:

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

Wednesday 3/18:

- Logos Family Worship dinner at 6:00 pm worship at 7:00 pm

Thursday 3/19:

- Lenten Book Study 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Soup Supper 6:15 pm, 7:00 pm Worship hosted by Logos, guest speaker: Rev. *John Allen: Justice.* Cantor: *Dave Scholten*

Friday 3/20:

- Bethel Office is closed

Saturday 3/21:

- Close Knit meets 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall



CAMP UPDATE

Check out our programs on [the FLBC website](#). Register by April 1st to get our early bird discount and receive \$50 off! Volunteer Applications for pastors & adults open now! Adult volunteers, nurses, grandparents, pastors, alumni staff - apply soon as spaces are limited and fill quickly. Find the application [here](#).

Upcoming Retreats

Adult Spirituality Retreat: God with Muddy Hands April 26-28, 2020 (Sunday- Tuesday) \$220/person full weekend; commuter rates: Sun-\$30, Mon-\$150, Tues-\$30

This retreat will help participants understand and experience the loving touch of our Potter through brief teachings, creative exploration and personal time with our Creator. Join us for this retreat led by Beth Ratzlaff and Brenda Satrum.

Mother's Day Brunch May 10, 2020

\$25/person, celebrate Mother's Day with brunch! We have 3 seatings: 9:30 am, 11 am, and 12:30 pm

Memorial Day Work Retreat May 22-25, 2020

FREE. Help us prepare for the summer season AND have a fun! RSVPs are required .

Women's Retreat: Saying No, Saying Yes - A Spiritual Practice

June 12-14, 2020 \$160/person

Join us for a weekend of fun and relaxation as Pastor Miriam Schmidt leads us in engaging Bible study. *CEU credits available through NRIT.*

Partner's Luncheon June 13, 2020

Bring a friend who is new to FLBC's ministry and join us for lunch honoring all our generous Annual Fund and Capital Fund donors! Meet the 2020 summer staff and enjoy an afternoon at camp. Our speaker this year is the Reverend Dr. Laurie Jungling, Bishop of the ELCA Montana Synod.

Scholarships available for camp.

To take advantage of this benefit, turn in a copy of your camp registration confirmation from FLBC to our Bethel Office. \$100 will be paid directly to FLBC from Bethel.

Bulletin for
March 8th

