

## 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



*Sunday*  
May 5th

## **Serving This Sunday**

### **Accompanist:**

Mary Seim

### **Lay Assistant:**

John Blank

### **Usher(s):**

Sandy Pepos

Dan & Allison Morris

### **Projectionist:**

Ava Fossen

### **Counters:**

Donna Vinnedge

### **Nursery Attendant(s):**

Ava and Alex Olson

### **Readings:**

ACTS 9:1-6[7-20]

REVELATION 5:11-14

JOHN 21:1-19

### **This Sunday at Bethel:**

Eleven of Bethel's eighth graders will affirm their baptismal vows. They have completed two years of instruction and are now ready to publicly profess their faith.

**It is also ELCA World Hunger Sunday**, an additional offering will be received in the wicker basket.

**Our Book study** of Paul continues following service in the Fellowship Hall. *Pastor Steve Nelson will lead.*

# 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 and comfort to **Wally Scholten** as he under care for cancer.

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 **Mike Jones and Carol Berg and their family** as they grieve the death of Mike's mother Bernice Jones.

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

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

Prayers of healing for **Darci Bernardi** as she recovers from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Prayers of healing and strength for **Craig Bimler and his family** (friends of The Grosenick's) as he is in critical condition after an accident.

Prayers for **Thelma Seyfert** as she undergoes some medical tests.

Prayers for **Fran Hardesty** who is hospitalized.

Prayers of joy for **Colin and Brittany Kohoutek** on the birth of their daughter Emery Ann on March 1st.

Prayers for the **people of La Paz, Bolivia**, (MT. Synod Companion Synod) as they cope with the destruction and devastation of the buildings that slid down the mountain and for the recovery efforts.

Prayers for healing for **Fran Hardesty** recovering at home following a recent hospitalization.

Prayers for our **Confirmants and their families** as they affirm their baptismal vows this Sunday. **Dawson Bernardi, Valerie Cushman, Morgan Dunn, Adam Elkin, Isabelle Grosenick, Christopher Kubas, Allison Marr, Benjamin Peterson, Lane Seim, Olivia Violet, and Abbie Virts.**

# TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY!

We are so excited to be planning and preparing for Vacation Bible School Day Camp this year!

Six counselors from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp will be leading a high energy week of games, bible lessons, songs and worship. We are honored to be able to offer this outstanding camp to our community free of charge. But as you know, it takes a village and there are several ways we need your support to make this camp happen.

First a little about VBS for those who haven't attended before. For campers going into first grade through sixth grade, the days begin at 9:00 AM with worship and singing in the Sanctuary. Then the campers are split into their age groups to do one of three counselor-lead activities bible study, small group team building and games, or crafts. They rotate so each group participates in each activity throughout the day. Snack is provided by the camp and we break for brown bag lunch (camper provided) at noon. After lunch there is a counselor-led group talk with each age group to discuss the day and the lessons. Then we finish the day with closing worship and singing. Camp ends at 1:30 PM.

The younger campers will follow a similar format, but they will be grouped by age 3-years, 4- years, and 5- years. These ages are led by volunteer teacher from our community who will be leading age appropriate games, crafts and bible stories. They too begin at 9:00 AM, but the 3 and 4 year olds are done at 11:30 AM and the 5 year olds will be done at 1:30 with the rest of the campers and they will participate in both morning and afternoon worship services and singing.

We have an amazing group of volunteers that make all of this happen, but we are in need of a few more.

- 4 year old group leader
- post lunch clean up crews
- registration and check in
- check out
- crafts assistant - to shadow Terree Wozny
- shepherds to walk with campers when we deliver gifts to our neighbors on Wednesday, July 24th

If you are interested in helping with camp this year, please contact Tami Grosenick at the church office 761-1543 or email [bethelmc.church@gmail.com](mailto:bethelmc.church@gmail.com). Thank you and hope to see you this summer!



Mark Your Calendar  
Vacation Bible School  
July 22nd - 26th  
for Pre - K ages 3 & 4 (potty  
trained)  
Kinder - 6th  
Junior Counselors 7th grade and  
up for more information go to  
[www.bethelmt.org](http://www.bethelmt.org)

## FLBC Updates:

### Upcoming Retreats and Events:

Register by calling the camp office at 406-752-6602 or emailing [office@flbc.net](mailto:office@flbc.net)

### ***Mother's Day Brunch: May 12th 2019***

All are invited to celebrate Mom's special day with a brunch overlooking the shores of Flathead Lake! Brunch will be served in three seatings: 9:30AM, 11:00AM, and 12:30PM.

Advanced reservations required! \$25 suggested donation for adults, \$18 for children 5-14, under 5 free!

### ***Memorial Day Work Retreat May 24-26, 2019***

The best way to kick off your summer! Join in for a weekend of meaningful service work to prepare FLBC for the summer season, fellowship over great food and all the fun of camp! This is a great weekend to introduce someone you love to FLBC- they'll get a taste of camp activities, food and worship... and it's free!

### ***Women's Retreat: Psalms and the Seasons of Life June 7-9, 2019***

Join us for a weekend of engaging Bible Study, led by Pastor Susan Briehl, as well as time for relaxation, yoga, massages, boating, great food and more! Pastor Susan will lead us in exploration of the Psalms and of the seasons and rhythms of our lives as we enter and explore the "incomparable treasure" of the Psalter. We will sing and pray the Psalms together, finding in them and in one another companions for our journey.

### ***Partner's Luncheon & Lakeview Cabin Complex Dedication June 8th, 2019***

Join us for lunch honoring all our generous Annual Fund and Capital Fund donors! Meet the 2019 summer staff and enjoy an afternoon at camp. We will also be dedicating the Lakeview Cabin Complex this afternoon.

## Hope Circle

Thursday May 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Marilyn Carlson's home  
329 Hylande Drive

**This will be our last Circle/Bible Study for the season. We will meet in June for a family picnic/get together and then take the months of July and August off, starting again in September.**

**So come join us on May 9th at Marilyn's.  
Hope to see you there.**

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

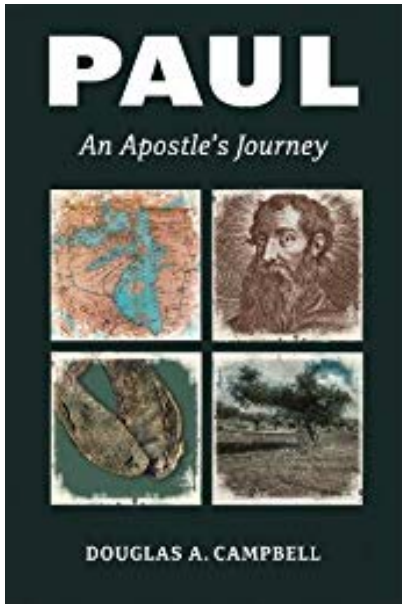
Gracious God, Send your Holy Spirit.

Awaken in me the gifts of discipleship:

- ◆ to live among God's faithful people;
- ◆ to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper;
- ◆ to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;
- ◆ to serve all people, following the example of Jesus;
- ◆ to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Amen.



# BOOK STUDY/ DISCUSSION ON THE LIFE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL



Book study on ***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 he has a couple books available.) 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. Please feel free to join any time!

## **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 envelopment 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:

- May 5th & 9th chapters 12- Israel Past and Present & 13-God Wins
- May 12th & 16th chapter 14-The Last Journey & book wrap up.

## **CLOSE KNIT OFFERING POCKET PRAYER CLOTHS**

Sue Hesse has started crocheting smaller prayer "shawls" or pocket prayer cloths for those who need a little support. The idea came from Don Bisgard who had a similar one knitted for him and he showed it to Pastor Steve. Each little prayer cloth will include the following prayer:

*May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13.*

If you know someone who could use a little TLC talk with one of the ladies at Close Knit or call the Bethel Office.



This Sunday, in worship, eleven eighth graders will make affirmation of the promises God made to them in Jesus Christ at their baptism. The service is called Affirmation of Baptism or as most of us life-long Lutherans have referred to as the Rite of Confirmation. Over the past two years (grades 7 & 8), the bible study time during Logos, has focused on the promises which each will make during the service.

**“Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:**

- to live among God’s faithful people
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus
- to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?”

*(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page 236).*

At the conclusion of their eighth grade Logos/Confirmation time of instruction, each one is asked to write a statement of faith ~ reflecting on each of the promises or intentions listed above. Most find this a stress-full assignment. I assure them that there is no “right” answer that I am looking for, only their thoughts and feelings about faith and daily life at this point in their journey of life/faith. I also assure them that this is not an exam and that there is no pass/fail when it comes to living in the community of faith. My hope is that there will be a faith conversation between youth and parent(s) that will take place and hopefully will be ongoing. When their statement of faith is completed, a meeting is scheduled at which youth, parents and I discuss their statement of faith and about next steps in the journey of faith. Might they continue to wrestle with life’s big questions and how their faith speaks to them? Might they continue to be a part of the Logos High School group? Gather with the worshipping community to hear the Word and share in the Sacraments? Might they spend a week at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp this Summer? Might they continue to discern what their dependable, God-given strengths are and see the ways that they are or could be sharing them in service to their congregation, their neighbor, the world?

These are a lot of questions to ask. Some big promises and intentions to make.

Responsibilities to take on in being a follower of Jesus Christ. All which leads to each of their responses: “I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.” Each “I do,” to live in the promises of baptism will be dependent on God’s help and guidance. Each “I do,” will need the power of the Holy Spirit each day to empower them to affirm and live according to the covenant (promises) God made with them in Holy Baptism. Each “I do,” will need the ongoing support of parents, baptismal sponsors, the congregation, through their prayers and encouragement.

Please include all eleven confirmands, their family and loved ones in your prayers: Dawson Bernardi, Valerie Cushman, Morgan Dunn, Adam Elkin, Isabelle Grosenick, Christopher Kubas, Allison Marr, Benjamin Peterson, Lane Seim, Olivia Violett and Abbie Virts. If you are in worship this Sunday, make the time to greet them following worship during the reception to be held in celebration of their affirmation of baptism.



Pastor Steve



Dawson Bernardi



Valerie Cushman



Morgan Dunn



Adam Elkin



Isabelle Grosenick



Christopher Kubas



Allison Marr



Benjamin Peterson



Lane Seim



Olivia Violet



Abbie Virts

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**CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS!**

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# THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

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## **Monday 5/6:**

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

## **Tuesday 5/7:**

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

## **Thursday 5/9:**

- Faith Formation/Book Study in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM
- 8:430 AM, reception to follow our service

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## **Sunday 5/12:**

- Mother's Day!
- Book Study of Paul concludes following service in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Monday 5/13:**

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

## **Tuesday 5/14:**

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

## **Thursday 5/16:**

- Book Study concludes in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM
- TLC Spring Concert 6:00 PM in the Gathering Place
- Columbus MT Youth Group staying over night at Bethel

## **Sunday 5/19:**

- Farewell Godspeed Lisa Carlson