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# BETHEL NOTES

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*Sunday*  
October 13

**Serving This  
Sunday**

**Accompanist:**

Connie Titcomb

**Lay Assistant:**

Sue Hesse

**Usher(s):**

Mick & Dina Davis

**Projectionist:**

Ava Fossen

**Counters:**

Pam Dougherty

**Childcare:**

Allison Marr

Isabelle Grosenick

**Hospitality Host:**

Patsy Berkley

Dina Davis

**Readings for the Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost:**

2 KINGS 5:1-3, 7-15C

2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15

LUKE 17:1-19

**This Sunday at Bethel:**

We welcome DJ Lott, Executive Director of Family Promise Great Falls as he addresses the issue of homelessness during our Adult Forum in the Fellowship Hall following our service.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



- ♦ Prayers for **Faith Crouch** (granddaughter of Bernice Johnson) who is awaiting a double lung transplant.
- ♦ Prayers of healing **Ed Pottratz** for healing as he resumes 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 of healing for **Gary and Linda O'Brien** family of Sue Hesse.
- ♦ Prayers of strength and support for **Don Bisgard** as he continues to heal.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Marlys Baer** as she recovers from a broken hip.
- ♦ Prayers for God's presence and healing for **Linda Juvik** (sister of Sandy Bechard) as she battles cancer and recovers from surgery.
- ♦ Prayers for God's presence and healing for-- **Dr. Robert Wynia** as he under the care of hospice.
- ♦ Prayers for healing for **Marj Vander Aarde** as she continues to recover from a recent fall.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Robby Brattain** who is recovering from surgery and also **Cindy Brattain** recovering at home..
- ♦ Prayers for God's presence and peace for **Mick Davis** as he recovers at home after heart surgery .
- ♦ Prayers for **Karolina Pepos** as she undergoes some medical testing.
- ♦ Prayers for **Don Seyfert** as he recovers from out patient surgery.
- ♦ Prayers of strength and comfort for **Mick Voorhees** brother-in-law of Kris Voorhees as he battles cancer.
- ♦ Prayers for the **Nominating Committee** as they seek nominees for positions on the church council as well as a nominee to serve as Bethel's Family Promise Coordinator.

## Bethel Inquirer's Class ~

**Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm**

A Bethel Inquirer's class will be offered on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 – 8pm for those who wish to know more about the church, ask questions, and are interested in membership.. A new member Sunday will be determined, soon.

# WHO HAS THE INSIDE TRACK?

Don't we all like to be part of the "in-crowd?" How often do we read about parents signing up their young child for the "right" kindergarten, moving into neighborhoods with the "best" school system, going to the "best" university? Once in a while ethics may be put on the back-burner in the attempt to be part of that in-crowd. Over the past few months we read in the news about Hollywood parents "buying" their children's admission to universities.

In preparation for this article, I found the following quote in ELCA's Sundays and Seasons ([www.sundaysandseasons.com](http://www.sundaysandseasons.com)) for this Sunday. "Samaritans were ethnically and religiously distinct from the Judeans. It is characteristic of the human phenomenon of religion that it embraces the insiders in the protection of their beliefs and distances itself from those who are other. Thus often religion gives its adherents a secure identity in contrast with the outsider who is somehow dangerous."

Unfortunately, this is even true within the wider Lutheran world. For some congregations, participation in Holy Communion may require membership in a specific Lutheran body or prior approval by the congregation's pastor. However, I never ran into this in any ELCA congregation over the past 40 years nor with any Protestant military chaplain.

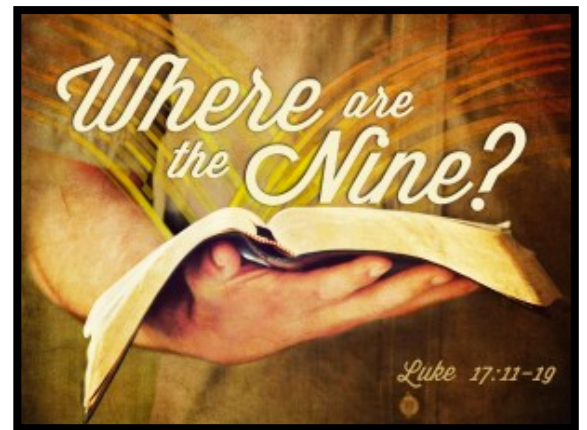
Luke's gospel reading for Sunday tells the story of Jesus cleansing ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19). We only know that 1 leper was a Samaritan, definitely an outsider in Jesus' world. We don't know anything about the other 9 lepers. After being made well, only the Samaritan came back, praised God with a loud voice. Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." (Verse 19)

As the lepers were told to show themselves to the priests, one might assume, that the 9 lepers were Judeans who were originally part of the insiders. Their illness made them outsiders, and Jesus' healing returned them to being insiders. Confusing? Yes. As insiders, they may have felt it unnecessary to return to Jesus. Could they have praised God in front of the priests? We will never know.

Jesus does not ask if the 10 are insiders or outsiders. For Jesus, healing is not based on that. Healing is much more than restoring someone from an illness. A prayer from "Christ In Our Home" some 3 decades ago makes the point,

*THURSDAY — Healing — In this broken world, Lord, bring us your healing power, and work through us to sooth pains and mend wounds. Create in us a mending nature that can heal the hurts we see in those around us. Where there is racism, injustice or un-love, help us to be your healing hands. And heal us, too, Lord, that we may heal others. Amen*

*Udo Wozny*





## Pastor Steve to Attend the 5<sup>th</sup> International Consultation with Synods and Companion Churches in Antigua, Guatemala ~ Nov. 6-11, 2019

Pastor Steve was invited by Bishop Laurie Jungling to represent her and the MT. Synod at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Consultation with Synods and Companion Churches in Antigua, Guatemala ~ Nov. 6-11, 2019. This consultation is sponsored by the ELCA – Global Mission Companion Synod Program and is meant to serve Synods and Companion Churches. The theme is Relationship, Migration and Gender Justice. He gladly accepted her invitation and will be traveling with MT. Synod pastor/colleague Natalie Faltin as we are able to bring 2 representatives to this conference. They will meet with Pastor Presidente German from the IELB (Ev. Lutheran Church of Bolivia) and with ELCA Global Missionary, Gustavo Driau in order to plan for the next three years goals for our Companion relationship. Jim Carlson, LPA, will be preaching & presiding on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in Pastor Steve's absence.



### Thank You!

*Bethel would like thank Steve Mueller. He recently took some xylophones whose cases had seen better days and made brand new wooden cases. He also repaired the Handbell Choir tables with adjustable legs. We are so blessed to have such caring and "handy" members who take such great care of us.*

*Thank you Steve, you are a true blessing.*

# HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR SPEAKING IN GREAT FALLS

"Peter Metzelaar was 7 years old when the Nazis stormed his family's home in Amsterdam and seized everyone except him and his mother. The Dutch Underground contacted Klaus and Roefina Post on the Metzelaar's behalf seeking a place of refuge. The Posts risked their lives to shelter Metzelaar and his mother on their small farm in northern Holland, where they remained in hiding for more than two years before having to move to a new secure location." Metzelaar will share his Holocaust story:

Tuesday, October 15

7:00 Mansfield Theater, Civic Center

Tickets: \$5.00      [ticketing.greatfallsmt.net](http://ticketing.greatfallsmt.net),  
Mansfield box office, or at the door



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## BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 8, 2019

Bethel Lutheran Council met at the Montana Synod Office on October 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Here are some highlights of that meeting:

- Devotions on Dwelling in the Word: We had a discussion about the church service held on September 29, when the congregation participated in the Dwelling in the Word.
- A.T. Klemens installed the new garbage disposal on 9/23/2019
- The sprinkler system blow-out was scheduled for 10/5/2019 and was completed.
- Trees/Landscaping issues : The clearing out and trimming of dead tree limbs was provided by a gift from a member. They will look at completing the remaining clean-up in November.
- Family Promise Coordinator: Dew Elkin's resignation letter was received. The nominating committee will work on a call to fill this position.
- Bethel Mission Endowment's first meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 14, 2019 at 5pm.

To view the September minutes in their entirety, please go to [September 2019 Minutes](#)

# October is World Homelessness Month

**Thursday, October 10** is World Homeless Day, an international day of recognition about homelessness and community engagement. Stand Up For Students, an initiative of the Great Falls Association of Realtors, has some wonderful ways to get involved and show your support for homeless students in the area!

There will be a free-admission showing of *Many Voices*, a documentary based on the Converge: E Pluribus Unum play, at the Paris Gibson Museum of Art at 6 pm.

Look below to see the different businesses who will be donating a portion of their sales to Stand Up For Students!

**Thursday, October 24th, 5:30 pm-7:00 pm:** Open House at The Hub, 1019 Central Ave! The general public is invited to learn more about Family Promise of Great Falls! Meet our staff, get a tour from our board, and chat with our coordinators!

**Sunday, October 27th 2:30 to 3:30 PM: Choir Extravaganza! Calling all choirs!**

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

First United Methodist Church (610 2nd Ave N)

Free will donation

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**Donating \$1 Per Pint Sold**

**Donating 20% of Food Sales**



**REALTOR'S STAND UP FOR STUDENTS FUNDRAISER**

**COMMUNITY NIGHT VOUCHER**

NRP/CA and Realtor's Stand Up for Students Homeless Fundraiser invite you to dine with us on Great Falls on THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 2019.

Order your favorite items from our fresh, daily menu and Realtor's Stand Up for Students Homeless Fundraiser will receive a donation of 20% of your meal dollars from MRP/CA. Present this voucher when settling your bill to ensure Realtor's Stand Up for Students Homeless Fundraiser receives your contribution!

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019**

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**Donating 20% of Food Sales**





*October 11th & 12th*

**Join us for FLBC's Fall Harvest Festival & Auction October 11th & 12th as we raise money to bring more kids to camp! Here are some ways you can help us:**

1. Donate an item (maybe a themed basket, a gift card, an experience, etc.) to our auction. Use [this form](#) to let us know if you can!
2. [Buy a ticket](#) and attend Friday (10/11) night's dinner and bid on something awesome!
  3. Bring a friend or fill a table of 8.
  4. Bid online on select items, available 9/20.
5. Purchase a raffle ticket; the grand prize is \$3,000 worth of FLBC experiences!
6. Join us on Saturday for the Bear Valley Fun Run (or walk), family activities, the Annual Meeting, and a blessing of the Lakeview Cabin Complex.

Visit [www.flbc.net/harvest-festival](http://www.flbc.net/harvest-festival), call 406-752-6602, or email [carlee@flbc.net](mailto:carlee@flbc.net) for more information and to buy a ticket for Friday's dinner.

## **Reminder!**

**Bring in your items and cards for the "We Care" Packages on Sunday to be mailed out beginning of the week. For more info see Dew Elkin.**

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## THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

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**Sunday 10/13:**

- Family Promise host week ends

**Monday 10/14:**

- Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Place

**Tuesday 10/15:**

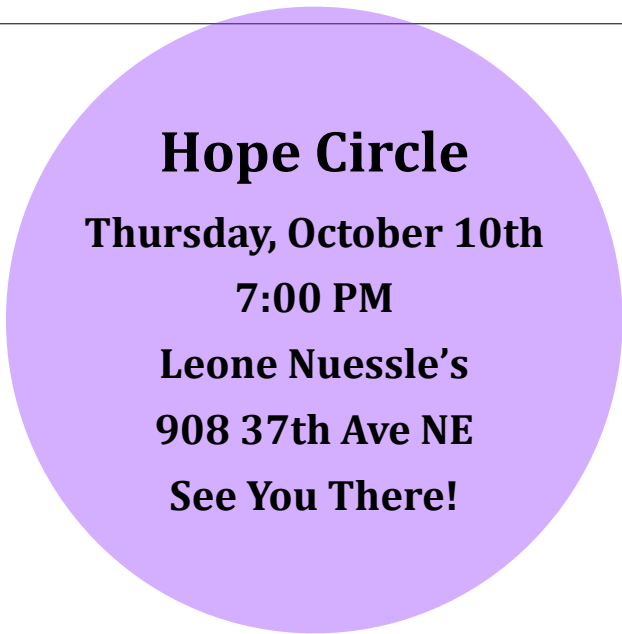
- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30 am.
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am
- Childbridge Meeting in the Gathering Place 5:30 pm

**Wednesday 10/16:**

- No Logos

**Saturday 10/19:**

- Close Knit meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am
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**Hope Circle**  
**Thursday, October 10th**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Leone Nuessle's**  
**908 37th Ave NE**  
**See You There!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Sunday 10/20:**

- Family Promise recommitment Sunday wear purple

**Monday 10/21:**

- Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Place

**Tuesday 10/22:**

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30 am.
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am
- Bethel Inquirer's Group for anyone interested in joining Bethel in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

**Wednesday 10/23:**

- Logos 5:30 pm

**Thursday 10/24:**

- TLC Family Halloween Party in the Gathering Place 6:00 pm

## TOWN PUMP CHALLENGE

Town Pump has selected FISH to be a part of the 18th annual "Be a Friend in Deed, Helping Those in Need" food bank campaign for 2019. Your local FISH has seen an over 20% increase this year in the numbers we provide for.

During the 3-month period from September 1 through November 30, Town Pump will match every donation up to \$20,000. What a great way to double your donation to FISH!! Please consider making a contribution during this 3-month period to help FISH.