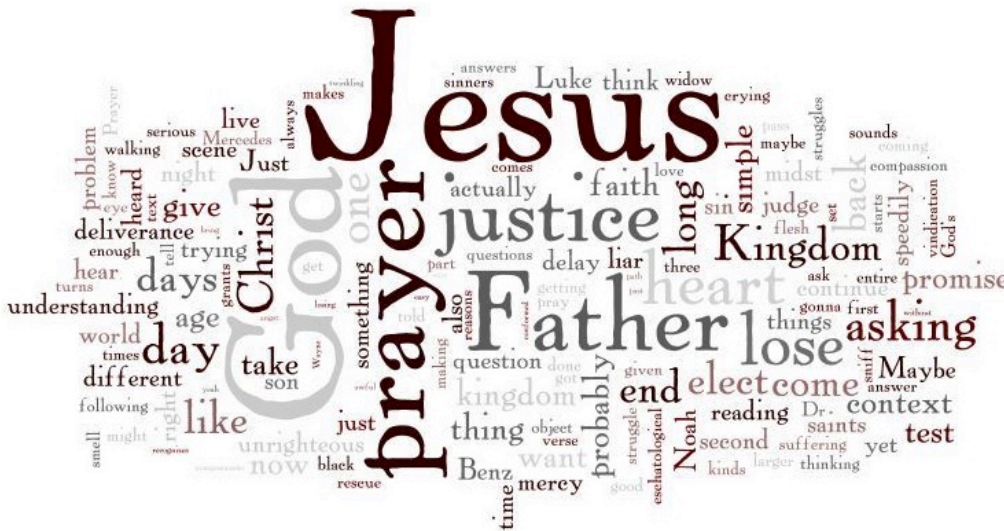


Monday - Thursday 9:00 am to 2:30 PM Closed on Fridays

Sunday
October 20



So what makes you think God won't step in and work justice for his chosen people, who continue to cry out for help ? I assure you, God will. God will not drag his feet."

Luke 18: 7 - 8a, The Message

GENESIS 32:22-31
2 TIMOTHY 3:14--4:5
LUKE 18:1-8

we welcome staff from Family Promise of Great Falls. They will also be a part of the Adult Forum following our service in the Fellowship Hall this morning.

Today in worship we will renew our commitment to Family Promise. Remember to wear purple. Purple is the awareness color for homelessness awareness week.

Lynn Ryan

Lay Assistant:

Terree Wozny

Usher(s):

Dena Wagner-Fossen

Ava Fossen

Projectionist:

Tim Lightbourne

Counters:

Tim Lightbourne

Grant Smith

Childcare:

Morgan Dunn

Isabelle Grosenick

Hospitality Host:

Tami Groesenick

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 prepares for surgery on the 22nd.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Prayers of healing **Sheila Jackson** friend of Dena Wagner-Fossen.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Bob Underhill** (Sue Hesse's brother-in-law) as he recovers from a heart attack.
- ♦ Prayers of comfort and healing for **Bert Rogers** father of Judy Johnson (Warren).
- ♦ Prayers for God's presence and healing touch for **John Korpela**, who undergoes surgery on Monday.

Words from the Bishop: Lenses

What lenses are you looking through? No, I'm not talking about contact lenses or glasses, bifocals or sunglasses. I'm talking about the lenses of life, the worldly lenses that color or cloud how we see what's around us. These lenses can include the experience of our family of origin which helps interpret much of what we see. But there are other lenses through which we see the world: the narratives that come to us from the news or media programming we choose to watch/hear; the social media we choose to engage; the political viewpoints we choose to subscribe to; the peer groups we choose to hang out with. Each of these provide us with more or less healthy lenses by which to see, interpret and even judge the world.

Of course, all of us see the world through various lenses; no one sees anything except through the lenses we put on or are given to us. The question is which lenses are the followers of Christ called to wear?

This question naturally leads us to other questions: through which lenses are we choosing to see the church's activity? God's activity? Through which lenses are we defining Jesus Christ's call to follow him? Are we defining discipleship according to the lenses of social media or the news? Are we seeing God and God's work in the world through lenses of worry, scarcity, fear, or anger? Are we seeing (and judging) the church through lenses of a specific political perspective?

The apostle formerly known as Saul initially saw the newly emerging church and the Way of Jesus Christ through lenses defined by his religious education, his fear of the unknown, his anxiety that this new off-shoot of his tradition would corrupt him and his religion. (Acts 9:2) But all these lenses blinded him to the new way God was working in the world. In his blindness he

was destructive, not only to the people who followed the new Way of Christ but to God's message of good news proclaimed in Christ. It wasn't until he was physically blinded on the road to Damascus, spent three days in prayer, and was healed by his enemy that Paul more clearly saw the world through the lens of Christ. And it changed Paul's life forever. (Acts 9 and following.)



Like Paul, we who are Christ's followers are called on our roads to Damascus to open our eyes and see the world, including the church, through the lens of Christ and the new life he gives us. Instead of seeing and judging the church through the political, social, economic, or social media lenses that are so pervasive in our lives, we are called to see all of our society through the lens of our trust in our faithful God and our commitment to Christ.

Instead of defining what it means to follow Christ according to the culture's standards, we are called to live according to Jesus' standards laid out in the Great Commandments, the Golden Rule, the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, and the call to feed, give water to, welcome, clothe, care for, and visit those in need of God's love and compassion no matter who they are...for they are all to be seen as Christ in our midst (Mt 25:31-46).

Instead of seeing God's work in our churches through lenses of suspicion and anger because they don't match the other lenses we've chosen to wear, we are called to see through the lenses of faith, hope, love and the new life we've been given through the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

So like Paul, I call on you to let go of the lenses of the world that are directing you away from Christ's Way and open your eyes and hearts to the fruit of the Spirit – joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are the lenses, poured into us in our Baptism, shared in Holy Communion and the preaching of the Word, and set into our eyes by the Spirit that define, govern, and guide how we see the world and live in it as followers of Christ.

Praise be to Christ for the new Way to see God's world!
Bishop Laurie

Hope Circle
Laurie Turner's
3408 Bison Lane
Thursday November 14th
7:00 p.m.
Hope many of you can
join us.

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"UNDER THE HARVEST MOON DINNER"**FUNDRAISER****Glazed Loin of Pork with ALL the Trimmings**

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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**332 RIVERVIEW 3 W****GREAT FALLS, MT****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019****4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.**

ADULTS: \$10.00/ADVANCE -- \$12.00/DOOR (ADVANCE DEADLINE DATE: 10-27-19)

YOUTH: Ages 7 – 10 = \$6.00

CHILDREN: Age 6 and under = FREE

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED: CALL – 452-1431 -- 453-0420 -- 453-2351

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

DOOR PRIZE -- FIRE PIT TABLE -- \$10.00/TICKET VALUE = \$800.00

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICE GROUP**BETHEL INQUIRER'S CLASS ~
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND
6:30PM**

A Bethel Inquirer's class will be offered on Tuesday, October 22nd from 6:30 – 8pm for those who wish to know more about the church, ask questions, and are interested in membership. Please RSVP to Pastor Steve or Tami Grosenick.

A new member Sunday will be determined, soon.

Quilters!!

Monday Night Quilters at New Hope Lutheran, 3125 5th Avenue South, use back door November 4, 6-8 p.m.

The 1st Monday Night Quilters will be completing quilts so they can be shipped mid-November to Lutheran World Relief in Minneapolis to then be distributed in the US and around the world. We have several with just binding to sew to finish them, several to put together and tie, and many squares to be sewn into quilt tops. In December we start making the quilts for 2020. No experience necessary, come and see.

Thank you!

A heartfelt Thank You to all who donated food - items and money to Bethel's "We Care" boxes to be sent to Greg Grosenick and the 120th Air Wing deployed overseas. We packed six boxes with all sorts of goodies including at least 10 dozen home baked cookies, peanut butter, nuts, powdered juice mixes, crackers, Pringles, Beef Jerky, candy of several kinds and lots more.

Thank You Walt and Leone Nuessle, John and Terry Korpela and Mike and Joyce Harding for donating the funds to mail the boxes. This was really a very special mission to let our local serviceman and women know we than them and we care about them. There was also a lot of cards and notes that were packed in each box. Thank you everyone for your prayers for strength and their safe return.

Ron and Dew Elkin



Dear Friends,

Thank you all for your efforts to make this year's CROP Hunger Walk another success! With 40 walkers and a gorgeous (if windy) day, we made a difference for people in need here in GF and globally. The totals are not yet in on funds raised, and I know there are at least a few out there yet to be turned in, but a very preliminary estimate is \$5500 - \$6000, which is consistent with the amounts raised in the past couple of years.

I also want to express my deep gratitude to Scott Hedegaard for agreeing to co-chair next year's walk with me! We have a fabulous team! Thank you all so very much!

Joy and peace,
The Rev. Tammy Bull
New Hope Lutheran Church -
ELCA

FLBC Retreats, Events, & Updates:

For additional information about our upcoming retreats and events, check out our website at www.flbc.net

BBBB (Bread-Beverage-Bible-Boats) Retreat
November 8-10, 2019

Our Scripture, Scales & Suds and Bread of Life retreats have combined to be the BEST adult retreat ever! Join in fellowship on the lake as we learn new bread baking recipes & techniques, enjoy fishing from the dock or one of our boats, and try your hand at home brewing! Guests may do as much or as little as they'd like, but all will have the opportunity to join in worship, Bible study, fellowship, and will leave with brewing knowledge and bread baking skills.

Crazy About Quilting & Crafting Retreat
November 14-17, 2019

Join us for a weekend of quilting and fun! Bring your quilt projects and work alongside friends old and new on the shores of Flathead Lake. Evening devotions, worship, and plenty of time for conversation with delicious meals and cozy accommodations will make for a relaxing weekend away.

Youth Ski & Snowboard Retreat
January 10-12, 2020

\$115/person (2 adults free with each church group)

Come for an awesome weekend filled with good food, fellowship, snow, worship and FUN! Try downhill skiing or snowboarding, cross-country skiing, or spend the day hanging out at camp! Post skiing activities to include hot chocolate by the fire, group games, time to relax with new friends, and worship.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full calendar of retreats and events. [Like us on Facebook](#) for news and



October is World Homelessness Month

Thursday, October 24th, 5:30 pm-7:00 pm: Open House at The Hub, Central Christian Church 1025 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!

Friday, October 25th Family Promise Day of Giving

Donate to Family Promise by [clicking here](#) to be linked to the giving website.

Sunday, October 27th 2:30 to 3:30 PM: Choir Extravaganza!

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

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ALL

**NRIT Learning For Life presents: In Memory of Her: Voices of Biblical Women
with Dr. Kathryn Schifferdecker**

November 4th

via Zoom at Bethel Lutheran Church 9:00 AM to 2:45 PM.

In this class, the books of Ruth, Esther, and Song of Songs will be explored. These are all small Old Testament books, often overlooked in Christian preaching and teaching. Yet they contain hidden treasures — great stories, beautiful poetry, humor and strong women's voices.

Cost:
\$75 for clergy \$50 for new to ministry and LPA \$25 for lay, no CEUs

To register go to montanasynod.org and click on the NRIT logo.

For more information contact Jenny Kunka, NRIT at j.kunka@nrit.org



Logos Youth Ministry

OFFSITE ACTIVITIES

HIGH SCHOOL LOGOS CLIMBS TO NEW HEIGHTS!

An offsite trek to the Hi Line Climbing Center offered an opportunity for our high school youth to team build and have some fun. Dylan Erickson swings into action while others “patiently” wait their turn.

THANK YOU TO OUR NEIGHBORS

We at Logos would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Meadow Lark Elementary and staff for allowing us to use the school when our church is not available. We appreciate the accommodation and look forward to ways we can serve one another.

6TH GRADE SAYS THANKS!

Our 6th grade group lead by Johnna Lightbourne put together a thank you sign and gift basket to Fire Station 4 and were treated to a tour from the Fire Fighters on duty.



THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

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 Gathering for anyone interested in learning more about Bethel and it's ministries as well as membership at Bethel. We meet in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 – 8 pm.

Wednesday 10/23:

- Logos 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Thursday 10/24:

- Family Promise Open House at the Hub (Central Christian Church 1025 Central Ave.) from 5:30 - 7pm
- TLC Family Halloween Party in the Gathering Place 6:00 pm

Friday 10/25:

- Family Promise Giving Day. We have provided a link for you to donate online to Family Promise of Great Falls, if you choose.
- Pastor Steve will be attending the Bishop's Convo in Helena MT.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 10/27:

- Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Lucas John Henry, son of Buck and Kristie Henry, luncheon served by the Henry Family after service in the Fellowship Hall all are welcome.
- Worship Planning Committee meets 11:00 am in the Gathering Place
- Choir Extravaganza 2:30 - 3:30 pm at First United Methodist Church (610 2nd Ave N)

Monday 10/28:

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

Tuesday 10/29:

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

Wednesday 10/30:

- Logos Family Worship and 3rd Grader's receive a bible. Dinner at 6:00 pm worship at 7:00 pm.

Thursday 10/31:

- Happy Halloween

Friday 11/1:

- Aitz Chaim first friday Shabbat service in the Sanctuary 6:00 pm

Saturday 11/2:

- Make It With Wool 7:30 AM
- Close Knit meets in the Gathering Place 9:00 AM



Lutefisk Dinner



Lutefisk, Swedish Meatballs, Lefse, Rutabagas and all the Trimmings Served Family Style

Trinity Lutheran Church, Choteau

Sunday, October 27

12:30 to 3:00 p.m.



Tickets sold at the door. Call the church office, 466-2291, for more information.



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