

Office Hours:

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

BETHEL NOTES



Sunday
November 3

For all the
SAINTS

*Today we remember the newly
baptized as well as those who are
now the church triumphant.*

Readings for All Saints Sunday

DANIEL 7:1-3, 15-18

EPHESIANS 1:11-23

LUKE 6:20-31

This Sunday at Bethel:

An additional offering will be received in support of ELCA World Hunger in the wicker baskets.

An Adult Forum will be Dwelling in the Word Luke 10:1-12 following our service.

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:

Kim Peachy

Lay Assistant:

Kaye Van Gilder

Maya Stringer

Usher(s):

Tim & Johnna
Lightbourne

Projectionist:

Dave Scholten

Counters:

Pam Dougherty

Dena Wagner-Fossen

Childcare:

Allison Marr

Isabelle Grosenick

Hospitality Host:

Judy Stratham

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 strength and support for **Don Bisgard** as he continues to heal.
- ♦ Prayers for God's presence and healing for **Linda Juvik** (sister of Sandy Bechard) as she battles cancer and recovers from surgery.
- ♦ Prayers for healing for **Marj Vander Aarde** as she continues to heal.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Robby Brattain**
- ♦ Prayers for **Don Seyfert** as he continues to heal from surgery.
- ♦ Prayers of comfort and healing for **Bert Rogers** father of Judy (Warren). Johnson.
- ♦ Prayers for God's presence and healing touch for **John Korpela**, as he recovers from surgery.
- ♦ Prayers for God's healing for **Scott Murphy** (son of Leonard & Shelly) as he recovers at home.
- ♦ Prayers for comfort for **Janette Rankin** mother of Jeanne Rankin.
- ♦ Prayers for healing for **Karen (Jim) Stutzman**.
- ♦ Prayers of comfort for **The Dunn Family (Crystal & Carl)** as they mourn the death of Crystal's stepfather Al Tomei.
- ♦ Prayers for a safe trip for **Pastor Steve and Pastor Natalie Faltin** as they travel to Guatemala.
- ♦ Prayers of celebration for **John and Becki Barnes** as they welcome their new baby son **Oakley** to their family.
- ♦ Prayer of safe travel for the **Deployed Guardsmen of the 120th Airlift Wing** as they begin their journey home.

*I pray Your blessing over
every child who comes
to my door today.
May they walk in light,
embrace Your truth,
and experience Your love
for themselves.*

A PRAYER FOR HALLOWEEN
WITH AUTHOR

Julie K. Gillies

WHAT IS A SAINT?



Why do we remember the saints? We are a remembering people. It's in our nature to remember and mark our remembering in special ways. By so doing, we extend beyond ourselves and our time. When significant people touch and impact our lives, we want to remember and honor them – not only when they are alive, but also after they are dead. Keeping memory alive keeps us alive. Each memory is a story, and we are part of that story. Remembering is being linked to something bigger than ourselves.

On Sunday, November 3rd ~ All Saints Sunday, during our prayers you will be given the opportunity to come forward and to light votive candles in remembrance of saints, living or deceased. We also remember the newly baptized saints as well as those who died this past year.

The saints that were *baptized* during the past year:

Ashyr, Eastyn, & Grady Tweet
Grayson Newby
David Lockmer
Sterling Stubbs

Lucas Henry (being baptized this Sunday)
The saints that *died* this past year:

Bernice Jones
LaRae Fladstol

A DEFINITION OF A SAINT

Every Christian, including you, and many other persons whom you wouldn't want to hang out with.

In the New Testament, the word *saint* never refers to a special class of super –duper Christians, rather it always refers to all CHRISTIANS. For instance, the Letter to the Ephesians is addressed “to the saints in Ephesus.” Saints are not saintly because of what

they do but because of what Christ has done for them. Christian saints are identified not by their own wisdom, GOOD WORKS, HOLINESS, and wholeness but by the fact that they belong to Jesus.

And that means, of course, that you are qualified to be a saint, too. As is your worst nightmare of a NEIGHBOR. Groucho Marx may have said, “I don't want to be a member of any club that will accept me as a member,” but Jesus said, in effect, “Only sinners need apply-and I will make you saints.”

{Crazy Talk} A Not- So- Stuffy Dictionary of Theological Terms Rolf A. Jacobson, editor Copyright 2008 Augsburg Books. pg. 153



During our Wednesday Worship, Pastor Steve gets help from High School Logos Adam Elkin, Isabelle Grosenick and Olivia Violett to deliver the message.

An Autumn Prayer

God of the seasons, there is a time for everything
there is a time for dying and a time for rising.
We need courage to enter into the transformation process.

God of Autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green,
letting go of what has been.
We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk.
Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves, lying in colored patterns on the ground,
our lives have their own patterns.
As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them;.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights,
there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives.
We always need to recognize your power-filled presence.
May we gain strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain,
many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender.
We must wait for harvest in faith and hope.
Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south for another season,
Your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and
what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs,
may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us
with the freedom to choose life. For all this, we are grateful. Amen



Make It With Wool is the district 3 contest for the Make It With Wool program. There are 6 districts across the state. Contestants will compete for prizes and an opportunity to advance to the state and national level of

competition. Contestants will be presenting garments made from wool or quilting made with wool that they have made. This includes sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning, and weaving wool fabrics and yarns. The objectives of the program are:

- To promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabrics and yarns
- To encourage personal creativity in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning, and weaving wool fabrics and yarns
- To recognize creative skills
- To develop life skills

The contest will be November 2nd at Bethel Lutheran Church.



Family Promise Says Thank You to Dew!

Family Promise of Great Falls introduced a brand new award to honor volunteers who go beyond and above the call of duty for homeless children. This week, during Family Promise Week, former Bethel coordinator Dew Elkin not only received this award, but also had it named in her honor! Every year, somebody will receive the Dew Elkin Hero's Promise Award recognizing their efforts to end childhood homelessness, one family at a time! Next time you see Dew, please thank her for everything she has given since 2013 to create hope in our community.



Family Promise Welcomes New Volunteer Manager

Family Promise of Great Falls brought in a new team member this month! Alyss Ragsdale is the new Development & Volunteer Manager. She will be working closely with volunteers to provide new opportunities and raise awareness of Family Promise's different programs. She will also be working with the executive directors to seek major donors and create new events with something for everybody. She brings a wealth of experience with her and she can't wait to meet everybody!





Wednesday, November 27th

7:00 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

1326 1st Ave N.

This is a combined worship service with First Presbyterian Church, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Bethel Lutheran Church and the addition of First United Methodist. A joint choir will be performing. If you wish to sing in the choir please arrive for rehearsal at 6:00 PM. Pastor Steve Van Gilder is presiding.



Congratulations to the Henry Family, Buck and Kristie and son Travis Palmer for the baptism of Lucas John last Sunday at Bethel.

A heartfelt thanks for their generous hospitality in serving a meal after service last week.

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.

Bethel invites all who would like to participate in this education opportunity to come to the Fellowship Hall and participate via Zoom. This is a gift to our Bethel Members and there is no cost to you. Lunch will be provided, free will donation accepted. RSVP to Tami by text or phone call 788-9587(for lunch count) by November 3rd.



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.



During our Wednesday Worship Pastor Steve and JoAnn Dulum presented the 3rd Graders their Bibles. Kolton Kupfner (Laura & Kent), Kendall Ryan (Lynn & Patrick), Georgia Pike (Malinda & Greg)

PIES PLUS

AUCTION & BAKE SALE!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

11:00 AM

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
& FLBC SCHOLARSHIPS

There are so many ways to participate!

We need:

Bakers to bake items for the bake sale and also for the live auction - this auction gets rowdy and our auctioneer once again this year is Dave Scholten!

We need bidders for the auction and customers for the bake sale!

We need prayers for all the youth and volunteers who are involved in FLBC and our Vacation Bible School.

A huge thank you to Patty Braget for running this years bake sale and auction. And all who will be helping make this fundraiser as success! For more information contact the Bethel Office 761-1543 or talk to Patty Braget or Tami Grosenick.



For any who wish to become members of Bethel, we will provide the opportunity on Sunday November 17th during worship. If you are interested please contact the Bethel Office 406-761-1543.

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Monday 11/4:

- NRIT Continuing Education in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am-2:30 pm
- Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Place

Tuesday 11/5:

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

Wednesday 11/6:

- Pastor Steve leaves for his trip to Guatemala returning November 11th.
- Logos Youth Ministry 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Thursday 11/7:

- Council Exec Board conference call 4:00 pm

Saturday 11/9:

- Handbell Choir rehearsal 10:00 am in the sanctuary

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 11/10:

- Jim Carlson, LPA will be preaching and presiding while Pastor Steve is in Guatemala.

Monday 11/11:

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

Tuesday 11/12:

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30 am.
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am
- Pastor Steve returns to the office
- TLC Staff meeting in the Gathering Place 6:00 pm

Wednesday 11/13:

- Logos Youth Ministry 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Thursday 11/14:

- Hope Circle meets at Laurie Turner's 3408 Bison Lane 7:00 pm

Friday 11/15

- Bethel Bunch Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm

Saturday 11/16

- Close Knit meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am

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.