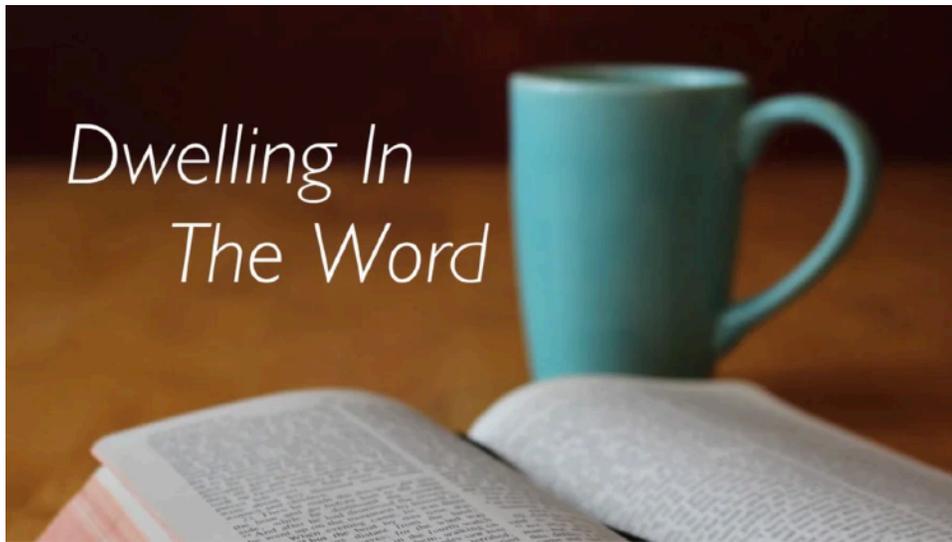


Office Hours:

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

BETHEL NOTES



Sunday
September 29

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:

Connie Titcomb

Lay Assistant:

Sandy Pepos

Usher(s):

Dena Wagner Fossen

Ava Fossen

Projectionist:

Dina Davis

Counters:

Pam Dougherty

Dena Wagner-Fossen

Childcare:

Adam Elkin

Morgan Dunn

Hospitality Host:

Joni Collins

Dwelling In The Word

LUKE 10:1-12

This Sunday at Bethel:

Today at Bethel we will be inviting the congregation to experience the spiritual practice of Dwelling in the Word during worship. Please see Pastors article for details.

Adult forum to follow service to continue the discussion begun with the faith practice of Dwelling in the Word.

We Welcome Margie Feidler, Executive Director of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. She will be sharing information about the upcoming Fall Harvest Festival and Auction held at FLBC on October 11th and 12th. She will also have tickets for the event available for purchase.

We also rejoice in the sweet sounds of the Jubilate Choir.

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 for healing for **Becca Thompson**.
- ◆ 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 comfort as **Gary and Bonnie Jensen** mourn the death of his mother.
- ◆ Prayers of comfort and support for **Dave and Tamy Scholten** as they mourn the death of Dave's father Wally.
- ◆ Prayers of healing for **Robby Brattain** who is recovering from surgery and also **Cindy Berkley Brattain** recovering at home..
- ◆ Prayers for God's presence and peace for **Mick Davis** as he recovers at home after heart surgery .
- ◆ Prayers for God's comfort and peace for the **Turnbough family** as they mourn the death of their daughter (Pastor Steve & Kaye's niece) Claire Turnbough.
- ◆ 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.



A Great Listening: “Dwelling in the Word”

The Strategic Planning Committee (**SPC**) is still at work. We have been meeting and pouring over the results of the Congregational Vitality Project Survey which the congregation participated in about a year ago. The survey is a tool to help us measure the strengths and challenges of the congregation according to three dimensions: **the congregation’s connections with God, each other and the world**. What we learned is that Bethel is a **vital and sustainable** congregation. That is a good thing. But the **SPC** would like to “drill deeper” into the results of the survey in order to discover where it is that we need to focus our (the congregation’s) energies on...going forward.

Drilling deeper will mean that we will need to listen. To **listen to God’s voice in Scripture** (Dwelling in the Word); to **listen to God’s voice in the congregation** (small groups and one-on-one conversations) and to **listen to God’s voice in the community** (intentional engagement with those in our community & neighborhood).

Dwelling in the Word is a simple, spiritual practice that will help us to listen and to pay attention to what God has to say to us. The **SPC** has been learning this spiritual practice at our meetings and has recently shared it with the Bethel Church Council, which has also used this practice at their meetings. Tonight (Thursday) the Hope Circle will be introduced to Dwelling in the Word. The plan is that the congregation’s committees, youth groups, fellowship groups, any and all will be introduced to this practice and to “marinate” in the same passage of scripture (Luke 10: 1-12) at our gatherings for weeks and months. The anticipated outcome is that our meetings will improve our listening, deepen our relationships with each other and with God, and help us to see that our personal/congregational story is an unfolding part of God’s story.

This Sunday, September 29th, we will be doing something out of the ordinary in worship. We will introduce and welcome the worshipping community into the spiritual practice, Dwelling in the Word. It will be introduced where we normally hear the assigned readings, followed by the sermon. There will not be time in worship for the whole assembly to hear from each other as to what captured our imaginations or raised questions while we have intentional conversation about the gospel reading. So, you will be invited to stay after worship for the forum to be held in the Fellowship Hall. It will be there that I and members of the **SPC** will help facilitate the conversation.

I invite us to give ourselves to this simple, spiritual practice called Dwelling in the Word as I believe that it will help us to listen more attentively to God’s voice, to what God is up to, to open ourselves to listen more deeply to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to help us to discern what is God’s preferred and promised future for Bethel.

Pastor Steve

Friday
Dinner & Auction

Saturday
Fun Run, Family Activities, Annual Meeting

& More!

Fall Harvest Festival & Auction

October 11th & 12th

Join us as we raise money for camperships!

Tickets available at flbc.net/harvest-festival
(click for more information)

More information about all of these events can be found at flbc.net.

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Handbell Choir Beginning at Bethel

Sharon Mueller would like to know who would be interested in forming a Handbell Choir to perform for special events and an occasional Sunday. There would be two practice times and then a performance. We are looking for 11 to 13 people minimum and there is no experience necessary. All ages are welcome!

If you and/or your family are interested contact Sharon Mueller at oboeclar@gmail.com or give her a call with questions 406-788-3417.



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,
Mansfield box office, or at the door

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ATTENTION QUILTERS!

Lutheran World Relief 1st Monday Night Quilters meets at New Hope Lutheran Church, 3125 5th Avenue South on October 7, 6-8 p.m.. in the Social Hall (Use alley door). We have many tops ready to be tied. No experience necessary, come and see. We meet the first Monday of each month.

End of Life Considerations

What you should know about wills and trusts, medical/financial powers of attorney, VA and medicaid considerations, and funeral planning.

A workshop on important end-of-life considerations.

- Estate attorney Gary Bjelland will discuss wills, trusts and other legal issues.
- David Hutchinson will speak about Medicaid and the advantage of pre-arranging.
- A Montana veteran’s counselor will discuss VA considerations
- Funeral director Steve Schnider will be available to answer questions.

Tuesday, October 8th 2 to 4 PM

New Hope Lutheran Church

3125 5th Ave S in the Social Hall.

This is a free workshop, but seating is limited. RSVP by October 4th to 406-315-1203 or email: newhopelutherangf@gmail.com



BETHEL PHOTO ALBUM



Pictures shared with us from Rev. Dr. Laurie Jungling's Bishop Installation ceremony.



Readers' Theatre "You Are Special" by Max Lucado during our Family Worship Service September 25th



The Passing of the Mantle for Logos Director and thank you to Shannon Marr for all her service. Laura Kupfner, Pastor Steve, and Shannon Marr.



FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER SOCIALS IN OCTOBER!

CONTACT: Meghan Wakeley, (406) 866-0288

You're invited! As part of Family Promise Week (and World Homelessness Month), Family Promise of Great Falls is holding three Volunteer and Coordinator Social Hours to show our appreciation for everyone who makes our work possible, while looking to the bright future of our organization!

When: Monday, October 21, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm
 Tuesday, October 22, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm
 Wednesday, October 23, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

Where: Family Promise of Great Falls Hub and Offices
 1019 Central Avenue, Great Falls
 (Please come in the side door off the parking lot)

What: Refreshments & Drinks provided
 Meet the new Case Manager
 T-shirt Raffle
 Introduction of the Family Promise Sesame Street Initiative
 Learn more about programs coming soon to Family Promise of Great Falls
 A chance to meet other Volunteers and Coordinators

RSVP: No RSVP needed
 All Family Promise Volunteers, Coordinators, and their families are invited to attend!

In addition, we have some other events coming up in October to celebrate Family Promise Week and recognize World Homelessness Month!

October 1st, 7:00 pm: City of Great Falls Proclamation of World Homelessness Month at City Commission Meeting Hall

October 6th, 1:00 pm: CROP Hunger Walk at Elks Riverside Park

October 10th, All Day: World Homelessness Day with Stand Up For Students

October 24th, 5:30 pm: Open House for the public at 1019 Central Avenue

October 25th: Family Promise Day Of Giving at fpgives.org

October 27th, 2:30 pm: Choir Extravaganza! At First United Methodist Church

Visit us online at familypromisegf.org or visit us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter to learn more! To get email updates, please reach out to seanmcgfamilypromisegf@gmail.com

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Sunday 9/29:

- Rosh Hashana 6:00 pm

Monday 9/30:

- Rosh Hashsana 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Place

Tuesday 10/1:

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

Wednesday 10/2:

- Bethel Office Staff meeting in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 am
- Logos Youth Ministry 5:30 pm

Thursday 10/3:

- Council Executive Board conference call 4:30 pm
- Pastor Steve will be out of town attending his niece's funeral in Fairbanks, AK until October 7th, back in the office on October 8th.

Friday 10/4:

- Aitz Chaim Friday Shabbat Service in the sanctuary 6:00 pm

Saturday 10/5:

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

Sunday 10/6:

- Rev. John Allen preaching and presiding for Pastor Steve.
- World Hunger Sunday
- Crop Walk in Elks Riverside Park 1:00 pm - see Sue Hesse for details
- Family Promise host week begins

Monday 10/7:

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

Tuesday 10/8:

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30 am.
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am
- Yom Kippur celebration begins 6:30 pm
- Church Council meeting at the Montana Synod House 6:30 pm

Wednesday 10/9:

- Yom Kippur celebration 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Logos Youth Ministry at Meadow Lark Elementary School 5:30 pm

Thursday 10/11 - 10/12:

- Pastor Steve continuing ed in Pray, Montana.