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# BETHEL NOTES

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## Baptism of Our Lord

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### Serving This Sunday

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**Accompanist:** Connie Titcomb

**Lay Assistant:** Shirley Cayko

**Usher(s):** Steve & Donna Vinnedge

**Projectionist:** Ava Fossen

**Counters:** Jody Arvanetes & Donna Vinnedge

**Nursery:** Carly Cushman

### Readings:

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**Genesis 1:1-5**

**Psalms 29**

**Acts 19:1-7**

**Mark 1:4-11**

### Happening This Sunday.

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- An additional offering will be received in the wicker baskets in support of ELCA World Hunger.
- A Budget Forum will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. The 2018 proposed budget will be presented.



Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

## This Week's Events

### Monday 1/8:

- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place.

### Tuesday 1/9:

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

### Wednesday 1/10:

- LOGOS Family Dinner at 6pm and Worship beginning at 7pm. The congregation is welcome to attend.

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday 1/14:

- Worship Planning meeting immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

### Tuesday 1/16:

- Church Council meeting at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place.

### Thursday 1/25:

- Hope Circle meets at 7:30pm at Judy Johnson's home; 624 Robin Court.

### Sunday 1/28:

- 2018 Annual Meeting immediately following worship in the Sanctuary.

## 2018 Budget Forum

It has become a planned and repeated opportunity each January, for the Bethel Council (with the help of the Budget Task Force) to offer a budget forum. What is a budget forum? It is a time when the congregation will receive their "first look" at the 2018 Bethel Budget or as some would refer to it as the Ministry Funding Plan.

Sunday, January 7th after worship (10:45am) Dena Wagner-Fossen and Doug Sexe will present the 2018 Budget in the sanctuary. All are invited to come, listen to the presentation, ask questions, and offer input. Your input will be received and shared by/with the Church Council which meets this coming Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm and will finalize the 2018 Budget which will be voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to make the budget forum this Sunday and would like the information presented, please let Treasurer, Dave Scholten, know and/or any Church Council member.



## 2018 Annual Congregational Meeting

The 2018 annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be discussing the adoption/updating of Bethel's constitution, approving the proposed budget, electing new council members, and congregational representatives.



## Choir Retreat

The Jubilate Choir will be having their first retreat of 2018 on Friday, January 5 at 6:30pm. They will be singing at this Sunday's worship.



## Background Check Policy Meeting

On Friday, January 5, there will be a meeting concerning the background check policy beginning at 6:30pm



## 2018 Daily Text Devotionals

There are only two copies left of the 2018 Daily Text Devotionals If you haven't gotten yours yet we do have more on the way. We will let you know when they arrive.



## Family Promise Volunteer Training Opportunities

### **January 3, 2018**

7:00 pm sponsored by Sun River Ward at the Sun River LDS Church

### **January 13, 2018**

1:30 pm sponsored by the Seventh Day Adventist Church at 16 14th Street South

If you are interested in attending a training, please let Dew Elkin or Tami Grosenick know. All are welcome at any and all sessions!



Prayers for **Marj VanderAarde** as she recovers from surgery. Also for her sister, **Jann DeGroot**, who is battling cancer.

Prayers for **Michelle Meredith** as she recovers from surgery.

Prayers for healing for **Ryan Pottratz** (son of Ed and Myra Pottratz and grandson of Sue Hesse).

Prayers for healing for **Brenda Slater** as she continues her treatment for cancer.

Prayers for healing for **Frank Potter and family** (friend of Doug Sexe) as he battles cancer.

Prayers for **Ed Pottratz and family**.

Prayers for **Todd Whitted** (nephew of Bobbie Bowen).

Prayers for **Anne Trunkle** (friend of Dean Wagner-Fossen) in hospice care. Also prayers for Dena's sister, **Trina**.

Prayers for **Thelma Seyfert** for the loss of her sister-in-law and also her niece within the last month.

Prayers for **Shelly Murphy**.

Prayers for family and friends of **Ashley Shell** (friend of Dena Wagner-Fossen) as they mourn her death.

## New Member Inquiry Night at Bethel

Are you interested in joining our congregation, but have a few questions you would like to have answered? Please join us for some time together to answer your questions and get to know one another. New Member Inquiry Night is scheduled for Thursday, January 11th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is open to all who want to know more about Bethel and the ELCA Lutheran church. Please contact Tami Grosenick at (406) 788-9587 or Pastor Steve at (406) 761-1543 if you are able to attend or have any questions.

## Bethel Wedding Policy



The council meeting has been postponed until Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 PM. The Bethel wedding policy has been drafted by a council subcommittee based on the comments received during the 5 meetings held in the fall of 2017. Thank you to all who participated in the meetings, engaged in conversation, and listened with respect to others. On January 16th, the entire council will discuss and arrive at a decision during this meeting. As a reminder, council meetings are always open to the congregation. For your review, here is a copy of the [draft wedding policy](#). If, after reviewing the draft policy, you would like to offer feedback, please call either council member, Jo Ann Dullum, (406) 899-800 or Pastor Steve (406) 761-1543.

**NEW**

## LOGOS Family Night - Dinner & Worship

Come join us for LOGOS Family Meal Worship Night on Wednesday, January 10th. It starts with dinner at 6:00pm on Wednesday, Nov 1 , followed by worship at 7:00pm. Kids, bring your families, have dinner, and stay for worship.

**NEW**

## *The Comfort Food Classic*

A Benefit for



*February 10, 2018 4:00-7:00*  
*At the Moose Lodge in Black Eagle*

The Comfort Food Classic will be February 10, 2018! If you would like to put together an amateur team of chefs, perhaps your team could take home a prize and bragging rights. Also, we will be accepting desserts to raise additional funds. Entry forms are available in the church office.

Lots of new things are in store this year, so mark you calendar and start planning your entrée! See you February 10th!

