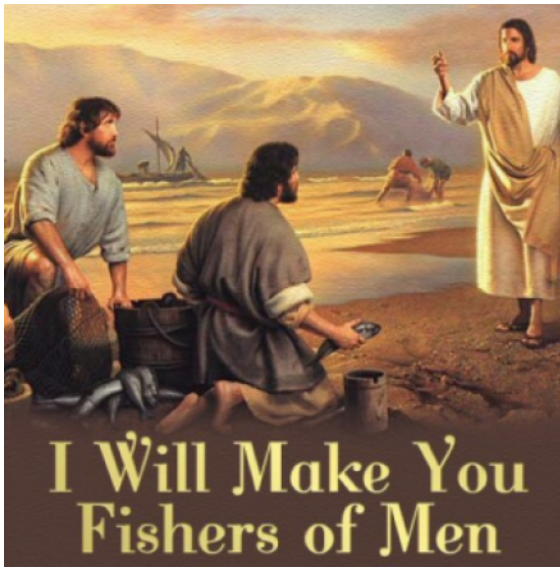


# BETHEL NOTES

## Third Sunday after Epiphany



**JANUARY 21, 2018**

### This Sunday:

We will be receiving Don & Thelma Seyfert and Warren & Judy Johnson into membership.

Pastor Steve will be conducting an adult forum following worship.

### Readings:

Jonah 3:1-5,10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the Time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

## Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:  
Lay Assistant:  
Usher(s):  
Projectionist:  
Counters:  
Nursery:

Connie Titcomb  
John Blank  
Mary Gernaat & Jane Mart  
Dina Davis  
Pam Dougherty & Mary Lou Norbie  
Carly Cushman & Kaleb Stringer

## 2018 Congregational Meeting

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



**NEW**

## New Member Sunday



This Sunday Bethel will receive 2 households into membership. We will receive Don & Thelma Seyfert (parents of Tami Grosenick) by way of affirmation of faith. We will also receive Warren & Judy Johnson who transferred their membership from Zion Lutheran Church in Fairview, MT.



## 2018 Daily Text Devotionals

**NEW**

We have received more of the 2018 Daily Text Devotionals. They are available in the Narthex if you would like a copy.

**NEW**

## Adult Forum

On Sunday, Pastor Steve will lead an Adult Forum in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We will discuss questions raised by an article, [The Millennial Mystery](#) - *A generation distanced from the church, yet longing for community* and how they relate to the scriptures assigned for this Sunday. Copies will be made available in the Fellowship Hall and on a table by the rack near the entrance. How do we proclaim the good news of God's kingdom in our culture..our communities today? Come, join in the discussion!

**NEW**



## Bethel Bunch



Bethel Bunch's next gathering will be on Friday, February 16th at 6pm. Earl and Trudy Terwilliger will be our hosts as we celebrate the Chinese New Year. 2018 is the year of the dog. Bring your favorite Chinese dish to share and your own beverage.  
Location: 141 17th NW.

 NEW Pastor's  
Message

“(Jonah) Get up and go, and speak the message that I tell you.” And Jesus called out to some fishermen on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, “follow me and I will make you fish for people.” There are the calls and admonitions which we hear in this Sunday’s assigned lectionary readings. God’s got a message to be proclaimed, through word and deed, and prefers not to work alone.

Jesus breaks onto the scene and proclaims “the gospel of God’s kingdom” and calls all who will hear to repentance and faith and to share good news. A reluctant Jonah surrendered to God’s call to proclaim God’s message to the Ninevites but only after his “big fishy” ordeal. God wanted the Ninevites to hear God’s message and preferred Jonah to be the one to proclaim it. When Jonah did what God called him to do, the people “believed God, turned from their evil ways.” God changed God’s mind about the Ninevites, too. Fishermen, upon Jesus’ invitation to follow, dropped their nets and left all behind to embrace Jesus and the good news of God’s kingdom on earth.

We have to admit that we are uncomfortable when it comes to the call to “fish for people.” We do not want to impose our faith..our beliefs on others. But how then might we share the good news of God in our neighborhood and communities today ? What does that look like ?

In the December issue of *Living Lutheran*, a monthly magazine published by the ELCA, there was an article titled, *The Millennial Mystery - A generation distanced from the church, yet longing for community.* [Click here](#) for the article. There will also be printed copies of the article available at the church. The article addresses the issues the Millennial generation (ages 17 - 35) has about the church but also some hope-filled comments from them about what they are longing for in and through the church. It features a Millennial pastor, Rev. Seth Nelson, who serves Faith Lutheran in Ronan, MT. - a congregation of the Montana Synod of the ELCA. Rev. Nelson has written a book on the subject, titled, *The Church Unknown*, and it can be purchased through Amazon. In his book he says, “the church has to stop asking why people are leaving the church...and focus instead on why people would want to come and be a part of our communities.”

On Sunday, we will be receiving into membership two households. Let us celebrate and rejoice in and with the Johnson and the Seyfert families and welcome them warmly. I plan to lead an Adult Forum after worship on the questions raised by this article and how they relate to the scriptures assigned for this Sunday. How do we proclaim the good news of God’s kingdom in our culture..our communities today ? Come, join in the discussion !

Pastor Steve



**NEW**

# LOGOS News



LOGOS keeps the good times rolling! Wednesday was "That's Amore" night and the kitchen crew treated us to delicious lasagna and mustaches to boot! Our recreation leaders, Joel Carlson and Ben Jaques led some fun, interactive games. Bible Study was all about the Ten Commandments and Tami Grosenick, our Ministry Coordinator, helped the 3rd-6th graders unwind with a meditation exercise during Worship Arts. We will all be back for more fun next week. Stop by anytime!



**NEW**

## Council News

This was the last meeting for 4 of the council members: Mary Lou Norbie, Kris Voorhees (President), Dave Sholten (Treasurer), and Jenny Will (Secretary). Thank you to all for all your hard work! The Bethel Council approved the Wedding Policy at this meeting. Other topics the council is working on include developing a background check policy and maintenance needed on the church, specifically, the Gathering Place bathrooms and the negative drainage on the west side of the building. In addition, the small kitchen remodel is being done with donated funds and time. This will be completed within the next few weeks.

**NEW**

## Sunday Announcement Change

In an effort to improve communication and keep the church service to about an hour, we are going to streamline the announcements at the end of church service. To do this we need your help. If you have an upcoming event, ministry need or other announcement for our church family you can call or email Pastor Steve, Tami, or Sarah in the office to let us know the information to communicate. We will first use the Bethel Notes, as well as the church bulletin so we can have events written down for your convenience. We will as always use the beginning of the slide show each Sunday to draw special attention to upcoming events. We will also use our website and Facebook page for additional avenues for communication.

End of service announcements will be for last minute changes or announcements that did not make it into the above mentioned avenues and are time sensitive. We will also as always use this time for special attention issues such as council communication or other items that may need more attention.

We thank you in advance for working with us on these changes and should you have feedback for us as we move forward we would love to hear from you.

## IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

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

Prayers for *Terree Wozny* 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 God's comfort for *Frank Potter and family* (friend of Doug Sexe) as they mourn his passing.

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 *Crystal Dunn* as she recovers from surgery.

**NEW**

## Our Savior's Lenten Brunch

You are invited to Our Savior's Lutheran Lenten Brunch on Saturday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m. We will meet at the Meadow Lark Country Club, enjoy a lovely meal, and hear from a wonderful guest speaker, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Tickets will be \$15 and will be available after church, at 11:00 a.m. at OSLC on February 24th, March 4th and 11th, and if the church office. The deadline for ticket purchase is March 12th. We hope to see you there for a



# The Cross

# Our Faith

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Saturday, March 24th  
10:30 a.m.  
Meadow Lark  
Country Club



Guest Speaker:  
Bishop  
Elizabeth  
Eaton

Tickets:  
\$15  
Purchase Deadline:  
March 12th



## This Week at Bethel

### Monday 1/22:

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

### Tuesday 1/23:

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

### Wednesday 1/24:

- LOGOS begins at 5:30pm.

### Thursday 1/25:

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

## Coming Up....

### Sunday 1/28:

- 2018 Annual Meeting immediately following worship in the Sanctuary.

### Wednesday 2/7:

- LOGOS Family Dinner at 6:30pm and Worship with Holy Communion at 7pm.

### Saturday 2/10:

- The Comfort Food Classic, benefit for Family Promise, at the Moose Lodge in Black Eagle from 4pm to 7pm.

### Sunday 2/11:

- Church Council retreat at 12:30pm at Waddell & Reed, Inc. -, 300 Central Ave #600.

### Tuesday 2/13:

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

### Wednesday 2/14:

- Ash Wednesday worship at 7pm.

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