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# BETHEL NOTES

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## Second Sunday of Lent

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### Serving This Sunday

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**Accompanist:** Connie Titcomb

**Lay Assistant:** Sue Hesse

**Usher(s):** Mike and Joyce  
Harding

**Projectionist:** Lisa Carlson

**Counters:** Patty Braget and Dena  
Wagner-Fossen

### Readings

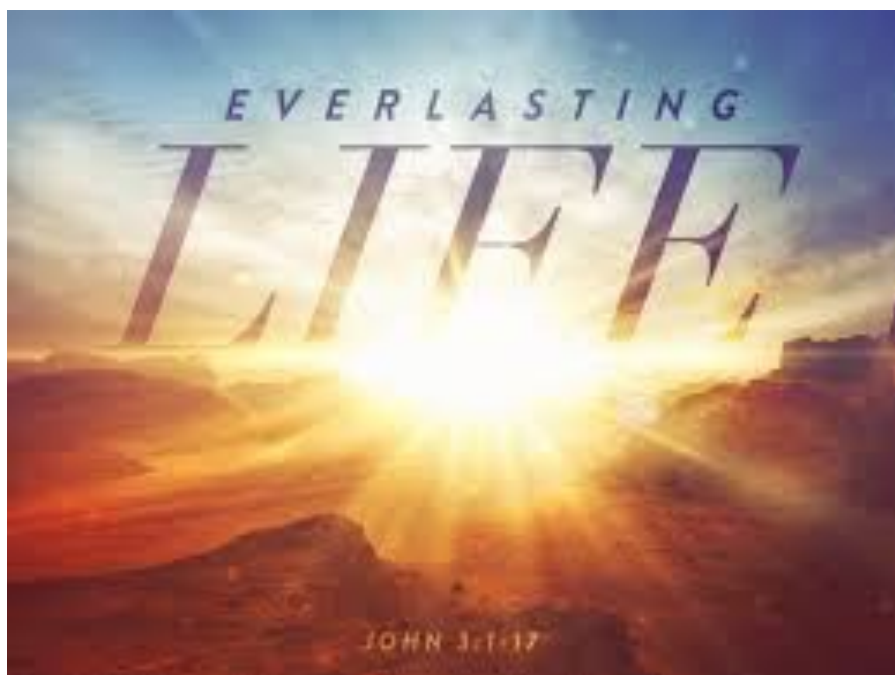
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**Genesis 12:1-4a**

**Psalms 121**

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

**John 3:1-17**



During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as daughters and sons of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

Source: Sunday's and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2017 Year A

## This Sunday At Bethel.

- The worship planning team will meet immediately following worship.

## Next Week's Events

- Bible Study Tuesday, Mar 14, at 6:30am at Electric City Coffee.
- Men's Breakfast will meet Tuesday, Mar 14, in the Fellowship Hall.
- The church council will meet Tuesday, Mar 14 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- LOGOS begins at 5:30pm Wednesday, Mar 15.
- Mid-week lenten soup supper at 6:15pm on Thursday, Mar 16 with worship to follow at 7pm.

## Upcoming Events

- LOGOS Family Worship will be Wednesday, Mar 22, at 7:15pm. 3rd grade bibles will be presented.
- Palm/Passion Sunday Worship - April 9th at 9:30am.

## Lent 2017

Our theme for the 2017 Lenten Season will be Living Our Baptism... Five Gifts of discipleship. During the five mid-week worship gatherings we will spend time reflecting on the five gifts of discipleship which are rooted in the Baptismal as well as the Affirmation of Baptism liturgies found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal. This year we are observing the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and so it is good, right, and salutary that we would make available to you a devotional book, Free Indeed, which is now available and brings Martin Luther's Small Catechism into your devotional life during Lent. Our mid-week Lenten worship will continue on Thursday evenings, beginning on March 9th with a soup supper served at 6:15pm and followed by worship at 7:00pm. The Lenten mid-week dates and themes are as follows:

**March 16th** – 6:15 pm Soup Supper hosted by Close Knit Group and Men's Breakfast Group. Worship at 7:00 pm.

Gift of Discipleship: *Hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's Supper.*

**March 23rd** – 6:15 pm Soup Supper hosted by the Council. Worship at 7:00 pm

Gift of Discipleship: *Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.*

**March 30th** – 6:15 pm Soup Supper hosted by Bethel Bunch. Worship at 7:00 pm

Gift of Discipleship: *Serve all people following the example of Jesus.*

**April 6th** – 6:15 pm Soup Supper hosted by Jubilate Choir. Worship at 7:00 pm

Gift of Discipleship: *Strive for justice and peace in all the earth*

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## Just a reminder...

Sunday is Daylight Savings.  
Make sure you set your clocks  
ahead one hour.

## Holy Week Schedule

### Maunday Thursday

Liturgy, April 13th at 7:00 pm

\*\*Holy Communion; Jubilate  
Choir

### Good Friday

Liturgy, April 14th at 7:00 pm

\*\*Jubilate Choir

### Easter Vigil

Liturgy, April 15th at 7:00 pm

\*\*Holy Communion & Feast of  
Milk & Honey (Ice cream

*It's Party Time!*



## LOGOS Staff Party

When: Wednesday, April 12 at 6 p.m.

Where: Beef o'Brady's, 1600 Fox Farm Rd.

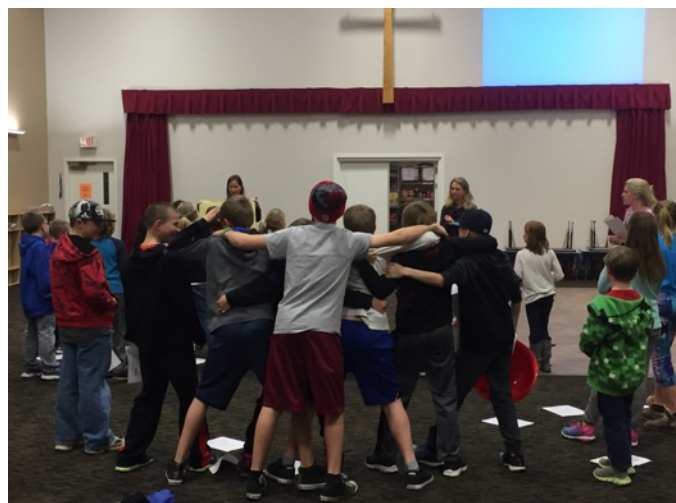
Please join fellow LOGOS volunteers to celebrate  
your awesomeness! We will buy your dinner and  
recognize your outstanding service this year.

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## LOGOS News

LOGOS kids continue to have fun and learn! This week, Katy Nicholls and Amber Pinski led the 3-6<sup>th</sup> graders in Worship Arts in song and praise, including learning the Books of the Bible song and C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N song. We're also getting students excited about Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and Vacation Bible School by singing some of their FLBC and VBS favorites. LOGOS only meets for four more weeks.

Please plan to attend our final Family Worship on Wednesday, March 22. Family Worship will include two special events including the presentation of Bibles to our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class and recognition of two longtime LOGOS volunteers: Marsha Martin and Colter McCarty. Please join us!





## Family Promise

On Sunday, February 26, Bethel Lutheran Church and LDS Two Rivers Ward began hosting two families consisting of dad, mom and either two or three little ones. Our tent encampment was set up in the Gathering Place and all food and accommodations were set up and ready for our guest



families. On Thursday, we received another family of grandparents and granddaughter. We had six adults and six children under the age of four. On Thursday Ron and Dew Elkin were dinner hosts with the assistance of four Americorp volunteers. Family Promise Executive Director Sharon Odden and husband Daryl came to share dinner with us. There was a total of 19 for hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and hot dogs plus salad, fruit and lots of trimmings. We also shared root beer floats about 7:30.

Pictures were taken that night so our congregation could again see how we share our food, shelter, love and true

spirit of compassion for others. Everyone really enjoyed the evening with lots of visiting and sharing of possibilities of a good life ahead. Our guests shared with all of us many times during the week, how much they appreciate what Family Promise is doing for them and how much it means to them that the churches and volunteers are truly encouraging and willing to help them gain their independence. Bethel is truly a blessing to this wonderful program with willingness to host, to volunteer and to do God's Work With Our Hands.



Thank you each and everyone for your monetary donations along with food, dinner hosting, evening helper, overnight hosting and laundry. We are also very grateful for your enthusiasm, your encouragement and the participation of so many that make our service to the homeless children and their families of Great Falls. We truly do make a difference - a BIG difference in the lives of many. And it makes a BIG difference in our lives as well.

Bethel will hold a Family Promise orientation with Exec Dir Sharon Odden on April 19th at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. There are several here at Bethel who wish to have orientation so they can work directly with our families. We will also open it up to all churches to join us if they too have volunteers that require orientation. Please join us so you can be parts of this wonderful program. Please let Dew Elkin, Terree Wozny or Tami Grosenick know if you would like to volunteer.





# Financial Update

## Fiscal Year End Financials - January 31, 2017

Fiscal Year End (twelve months) Feb 1 - January 31, 2017

	<u>General</u>					<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Designated *</u>	<u>Rental</u>	<u>Investment</u>	<u>Other</u>			
<b>Income</b>	\$ 226,745.42	\$ 22,892.64	\$ 12,825.00	\$ 2,121.95	\$ 1,559.12	<b>\$ 266,144.13</b>	<b>\$ 249,396.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,627.67</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						<b>(\$262,659.73)</b>	<b>(\$254,011.86)</b>	<b>(\$8,647.87)</b>
<b>Net</b>						<b>\$3,484.40</b>	<b>(\$4,615.86)</b>	<b>\$1,979.80</b>

\* Designated Funds Received: \$ 22,892.64

VBS	\$ 8,908.39	Logos	\$ 7,010.50
Family Promise	\$ 2,808.25	Other	\$ 1,083.75
Pastor's Discretionary	\$ 3,081.75		

Funds Distributed Outside of Bethel (% of Budget)		
Benevolence	Pass Through	Total
\$ 24,230.49	\$ 29,226.72	\$ 53,457.21
10%	12%	21%

### Pass Through Funds - (Funds received by Bethel designated for specific benevolence)

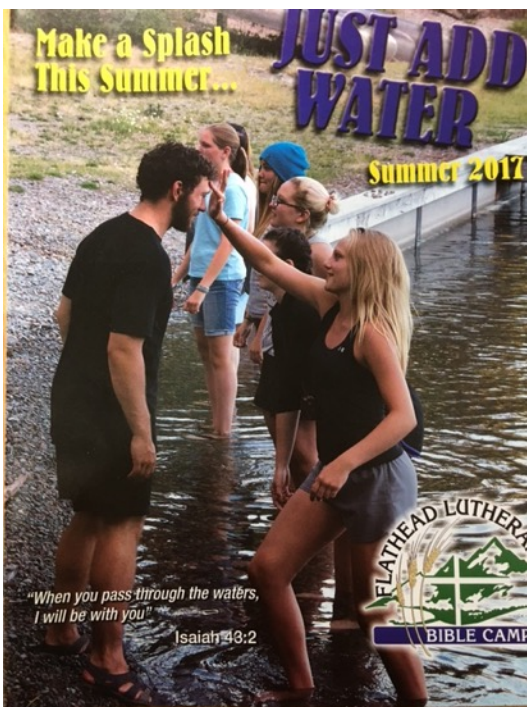
Pass Through Funds Received **\$ 30,059.82**

Pass Through Funds Disbursed **(\$29,226.72)** *Difference is due to timing of disbursements.*

*(Last month's receipts are distributed the following month.)*

Other	\$ 2,646.89	Missionary Support	\$ 100.00
World Hunger - Refugee Fam	\$ 100.00	Malaria Campaign	\$ 61.77
World Hunger - Vaccination	\$ 150.00	Lutheran World Relief	\$ 380.00
YWCA	\$ 1,239.37	Lutheran Social Services	\$ 905.56
World Hunger	\$ 21,699.23	Habitat For Humanity	\$ 520.00
Rescue Mission	\$ 640.00	Global Barnyard	\$ 1,362.00
Montana Synod	\$ 240.00	FISH	\$ 15.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 30,059.82</b>

Detailed Financial Statements are available upon request. Please contact Dave Scholten: 406.781.5288 or dscholten1118@gmail.com.



# Summer Camp Registration is OPEN!

Save \$50 by registering by April 1<sup>st</sup>

Save \$25 by registering by May 1<sup>st</sup>

Pastor Steve will be in camp July 23-26

**\*\*We have limited scholarship funds available and will be disbursed on a first come first serve basis. Please contact Pastor Steve if you are interested in a scholarship.\*\***

Register online at [www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net)

Questions? Call: 406-752-6602 or Email: [registration@flbc.net](mailto:registration@flbc.net)

Or Mail Registration to: FLBC 603 S. Main St. Kalispell, MT 59901

## Hospice Volunteer Training



Become a volunteer for **Peace Hospice!** Areas of opportunity include helping serve meals at the Peace Hospice House, Patient and Family Care, Office Assistance, Bereavement and Children's Bereavement Team.

Required: Pre-registration and a pre-training interview

Registration deadline: Friday, March 24, 2017

Training location: Benefis Hospitals, Great Falls

Session Dates: April 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, & 20

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

*Attendance at every session is required*

"There is a light in this world...through the lives of ordinary people who hear a call and answer in extraordinary ways."-Mother Teresa

**For more information call (406) 455-3040**