
BETHEL NOTES

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist: Connie Titcomb

Lay Assistant: Walt Nuessle

Usher(s): Tami and Isabelle
Grosenick

Projectionist: Vann Arvanetes

Counters: Pam Dougherty and
Jenny Will

Readings

1 Samuel 16:1-13

John 9:1-41



Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. I was blind, but now I see, declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved sons and daughters. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

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



This Sunday At Bethel.

- Capital Campaign committee will hold a focus group immediately following worship. All are encouraged and invited to attend.

Next Week's Events

- The Nominating Committee will meet at 7pm on Monday, Mar 27.
- Bible Study Tuesday, Mar 28, at 6:30am at Electric City Coffee.
- Men's Breakfast will meet Tuesday, Mar 28, in the Fellowship Hall.
- LOGOS begins at 5:30pm Wednesday, Mar 29. This is also Jump Up night for our 2nd, 6th, and 8th graders.
- Mid-week lenten soup supper at 6:15pm on Thursday, Mar 30 with worship to follow at 7pm. Shirley Cayko, LPA, will share the message.

Upcoming Events

- Bethel Bunch will meet for dinner at Rikki's at 6pm on Friday, Mar 31.
- Palm/Passion Sunday Worship - April 9th at 9:30am.
- The next council meeting is on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- On Sunday, April 30th, we will celebrate 8th grade confirmation during worship.

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 30th – 6:15 pm Soup Supper hosted by Bethel Bunch. Worship at 7:00pm. Shirley Cayko, LPA, will share the message.

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*



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 sundaes)

Easter Sunday

Worship at 10am in the Gathering Place.



Prayer Concerns

Bob Veitch (husband of LaRae) in Hospice

Marj Vander Aarde recovering from surgery

Nominating Committee & the Call Process for nominees to the Church Council.

Mission Freedom Task Force – for campaign plans, focus groups & congregational participation.



Capital Campaign

Capital Campaign Update:

The Church Council has formed a committee to explore the planning for our upcoming capital campaign -thank you to all those that have supported this effort thus far! As a reminder, pledges from our last campaign are set to expire at the end of 2017. Our mortgage payment is funded exclusively from campaign pledges, not from the general fund - we need to secure pledges for 2018 and beyond to continue servicing our mortgage that paid for our beautiful new facility.

Our new committee will be hosting a focus group meeting in the fellowship hall on 3/26 right after the service - all are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will be discussing our preliminary strategy to execute our upcoming campaign and there will be an opportunity to provide feedback on this strategy. We look forward to your participation

First Communion

Congratulations and prayers to Addison, Ayden and Lillian Nicholls, children of Bryan and Katy. They received their first communion this past Wednesday during our Family Worship service. We thank God for you and pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal, until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.



LOGOS NEWS

LOGOS hosted their final Family Worship of the year on Wednesday and it was a fun and faith-filled event. The Nicholls children-Addison, Ayden, and Lillian, received their first communion and the 3rd graders were presented with their Bibles. We had excellent participation among our youth who read, served communion, and joined in song plus the many parents and congregation members who also attended. We also gave a bittersweet goodbye to three long-time LOGOS volunteers: Marsha Martin, Colter McCarty, and Jim Carlson. All are grateful for their selfless and committed service.



Our High School LOGOS group will continue to meet after the regular LOGOS year (for grades K-8) ends on April 5. Please keep these youth in your prayers as they gather for fellowship and growth.



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.

LOGOS End of the Year Party

April 5th will be the LOGOS End of the Year Party from 5:30pm to 7pm.



Vacation Bible School 2007 "Just Add Water"

We are excited to start working on this year's vacation bible school with the theme *Just Add Water*. The week of June 26th to the 30th will be a fun, uplifting experience for both campers and staff alike. We are looking for some volunteers this year. If you would like to be a host family to 2 or 3 of our counselors that will be coming to teach the camp or if you would like to teach our Kindergarten group, please email Tami Grosenick at tamigf@hotmail.com or call her at 788-9587.



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