
BETHEL NOTES

Commitment Sunday

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist: Mary Seim

Lay Assistant: Sue Hesse

Usher(s): Bob & Mary Lou
Norbie

Projectionist: Ava Fossen

Counters: Jody Arvanetes &
Mary Lou Norbie

Nursery: Carly Cushman &
Lillian Erickson

Readings:

Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70

2 Corinthians 9: 10 - 12

Matthew 25:1-13

Stewardship
Talents
Thanksgiving
Gifts Sharing Giving
Blessings
Generosity
Faith
Treasures
Abundance

The Apostle Paul, in his Corinthian correspondence, tells the story of God's work of inspiring generosity in the hearts and lives of God's people. This generosity produced a sacrificial and generous giving by some congregations in Macedonia to help serve the needs of the poor. Enriched by stories of God's generous giving, we are privileged to live generously as our thanksgiving to God.

This Week's Events

Monday 11/13

- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:15pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday 11/14:

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

Thursday 11/15:

- LOGOS begins at 5:30pm.

Thursday 11/16:

- Hope Circle at 7:30pm at the Korpela's; 3025 Delmar Drive.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 11/19:

- Pie Auction to benefit VBS and FLBC Scholarships immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday 11/20:

- Thanksgiving Worship Service with First Presbyterian and Our Savior's at 7pm in the Sanctuary.



Happening on Sunday

• **Living Generously Commitment Sunday for the 2018 Financial Stewardship Campaign.** If you did not receive a publication along with an estimate of giving card (pledge card), there are extra copies available on a table in the narthex. There is also a box in which you are encouraged to return your cards.

• **We welcome Amber Pinski's** story to offer a stewardship message on God's generosity and how it has enriched her life.

• **Worship Planning will meet** this morning immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

• **Great Falls Ministerial Association** is sponsoring another *Hymns and Beer* gathering on Sunday, November 12th from 6 – 8pm at the Cory Block Bakery at 4 5th Street South. They will have coffee, soda, desserts, an entree and an appetizer. If you want to bring your own beer and wine you can do that.



This Saturday is Veteran's Day. As a vet, I would like to take a moment and thank everyone who has served and is currently serving. Often, we don't dwell on the dangers that face our servicemen and women as they work to protect our freedom. But, it is there. We honor and celebrate those who are willing to put their lives on the line for millions of Americans through their service in our armed forces. We also remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom. Let us remember to pray for them and their families. We are grateful to each and every one of you. God bless you all!

-Sarah

Upcoming Events

Thursday 11/23 and Friday 11/24:

- The office will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Wednesday 12/6:

- LOGOS Family Meal Worship Night starts at 6:00pm, worship service at 7:00pm. *Kids and families arrive together at 6:00 p.m., have dinner, stay for worship.

Friday 12/8:

- Bethel Bunch Progressive House Hopping beginning at 6pm at the Nuessle's; 908 37th Ave NE

Saturday 12/9:

- Hope Circle Christmas Party at the Carlson's (329 Hyland Dr) at 6pm. Bring ornaments to exchange, an appetizer to share, something to drink and your significant other.



Stewardship Seminar

Saturday, Nov. 11th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

New Hope Lutheran Church,
Fireside Room
3125 5th Ave S., Great Falls

Bishop Craig Satterlee, serving the North West Lower Michigan Synod, will offer teaching and reflections on Stewardship for clergy and laypeople. Bishop Satterlee, a former professor of preaching, is the author of Preaching and Stewardship: Proclaiming God's Invitation to Grow and presents a compelling vision for preaching about money and living as faithful givers.

Registration/refreshments: 9:30am

10:00 am – 3:00 pm: Presentations, small group discussions, and lunch.

COST: FREE! (but let us know if you're coming so we have lunch for all)
4 Continuing Education credits available through NRIT

*(This Seminar is a model of stewardship as Emily, a member of St. Luke's, Shelby specified in her Will that some of her bequest was to be used for Stewardship education for the Montana Synod.) Thanks to the people of St. Luke's, Shelby, for sharing this gift!

RSVP: Call 406-453-1461 or e-mail cmccarty@montanasynod.org by 4pm.

Thanksgiving Service at Bethel

Each year we have a shared Thanksgiving worship service with First Presbyterian, Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Bethel. This year it is Bethel's turn to host! The Service takes place on Monday, November 20th at 7:00 PM. Pastor Anna Merritt is preaching. There will also be a joint choir performance directed by Jeff Skogley. The offering will be given to Family Promise. Please join us in giving thanks!



Prayers for those **affected by natural disasters; hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, etc.**

Prayers for **Marj Vander Aarde** as she recovers from surgery.

Prayers for **Kevin** (AnneRose Rogers son) who is deployed to Iraq to serve our country.

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

Prayers for **Brenda Slater** as she recovers from surgery.

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

Prayers for **Ed Pottratz and family.**

Prayers for **Colleen Walker-Nelson** as she recovers from surgery.

Prayers for **Jill Fitzgerald** (friend of Beth Olson) who is battling cancer.

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

Prayers to our **servicemen and women** who have served and are currently serving in our armed forces and **prayers of remembrance** for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.



**To Benefit
Vacation Bible School**

&

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Scholarships

Sunday, November 19th, immediately following service.

In The Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us For Our Annual Pie Auction!

This is a wonderful time to stock up on all the goodies you need for Thanksgiving. The proceeds from this auction help to fund our Vacation Bible School, along with our "Paddle Raise" to help raise money for scholarships for Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

This has always been a fun event and everyone looks forward to purchasing that 'perfect pie, dessert, or homemade goodie'. We will be welcoming Steve Smith back as our auctioneer this year!

What makes this event successful... YOU! We appreciate any donations of your favorite pie or your favorite homemade item. If you are able, please bring them to the church on Saturday, November 18th between 1:00 and 3:00 pm as we are going to be setting up at that time and marking items for the auction. Please let us know if your item that needs to be refrigerated and we will make sure that it is after it is marked. Items will of course be welcomed the morning of the auction as well. If you would rather, you can just come and shop from a variety of the best homemade treats in town! We welcome any kind of dessert; pie, cookies, breads, etc. What a great time to buy some yummy treats for your Thanksgiving meal!

Next year our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **July 23rd – 27th 2018 so mark your calendars now!**





Congratulations

Congratulations to James Peterson who became an Eagle Scout this past Sunday. Pastor Steve also awarded James with the God & Church award. James is the son of Eric Peterson and Sandy Bechard and brother of Ben.

Congratulations James!



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FLBC News



Reflections from the FLBC Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp last month was full of smiling faces, people excited about ministry and open checkbooks. Everyone from the youngest toddler to the oldest supporter enjoyed the autumn theme from the dinners, to the trail races, to the autumn activities, to the live and silent auctions. We all enjoyed the excitement surrounding the camp and the ways that so many came together to help support its mission. A special thanks to Kathi Bisgard for helping with the church donation basket and KLJ engineering company for their donation to FLBC in honor of our church. Pastor Steve Nelson did a beautiful job sharing his musical gift during the harvest dinner. Thank you to everyone that held FLBC in their prayers during this annual fundraiser in order to make scholarships and the facilities grow. We hope to see more folks joining in the fun next year at the Harvest Festival!

-Dan and Steph Richardson

What did the High Schoolers do a couple Wednesday nights ago???

Some of you may have heard that the high schoolers went out and about with a specific mission in mind a couple Wednesdays ago... this mission was to PAY IT FORWARD. Dan and Steph Richardson split the high schoolers into a girls group and a boys group. Each group received a \$20 bill. They were told to PAY IT FORWARD to as many people as possible in the Fox Farm/Marketplace area in 1 ½ hours. Each group counted up how many people they effected in that short amount of time. Each group got over 30 people!

Some responses from the community were remarkable. Tellers at stores bought the item that they were about to purchase from their \$20 so they could see the mission last longer. Others were so amazed that this was happening, they asked a bunch of questions to the students and came away feeling like the world was a better place because of their simple actions. There were all sorts of reactions, but the one that shocked a lot of the youth, was the teller at GameStop. She had never heard of the idea of paying it forward. She was blown away by the idea and we left her with a big smile on her face.

We encourage you to PAY IT FORWARD this week. Open a door for someone, flip over a coin on the ground to face heads up, buy someone's latte behind you. One simple action can cause great ripples.

Steph F. Richardson

