

BETHEL NOTES

Law & Gospel

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist: Mary Seim

Lay Assistant: Walt Nuessle

Usher(s): Mick and Dina Davis

Projectionist: Dave Scholten

Counters: Patty Braget & Matt Crampton

Nursery: Kaleb Stringer & Lillian Erickson

Readings:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Romans 7:7-13

Luke 4:14-21

Happening This Sunday

- **We will welcome Tom Rosenbaum** to offer a stewardship message as to God's generosity in the gift of the choir and special music here at Bethel.
- **There will be an Adult Forum** right after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Steve will lead a discussion based on the questions: Will Bethel have a wedding policy and will it allow Same-Sex Marriage? Together, we will begin to look at some of the biblical passages which have been cited in reference to same gender relations.



**“Telling the Truth
Twice”**

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This Week's Events

Monday 10/23:

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

Tuesday 10/24:

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

Wednesday 10/25:

- LOGOS begins at 5:30pm.

Thursday 10/26:

- TLC Party at 6pm in the Gathering Place.

Friday 10/27:

- Pastor Steve will be attending the Bishop's Convocation in Lewistown.

Saturday 10/28:

- Make It With Wool workshop from 9am to 3pm.

Adult Forums continue, this Sunday after worship in the Fellowship Hall

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Sermon Series in Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

To mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, many Christians from the Reformation tradition will want to hear and learn about essential Reformation teachings. I'm trusting that Bethel is among the many...for I will be using a preaching series developed by Dr. Rolf Jacobson, Professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

OCT. 22, 2017 - "Telling the Truth Twice"

*** Law & Gospel**

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October 20, 2017

Upcoming Events

Sunday 10/29:

- Celebration of Holy Baptism for Kian, Kendall and Kari Ryan, they are the children of Patrick and Lynn Ryan.

Monday 10/30:

- 7pm Joint Lutheran/Catholic worship at Cathedral of St. Helena, 530 N Ewing St, Helena. **

Wednesday 11/1:

- LOGOS Family Worship starts at 6:00 pm, worship at 7:00 pm.

Sunday 11/5:

- Daylight Savings time ends. set your clocks back one hour!
- Eagle Scout Court of Honor at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall until 5:00 pm

- TLC Baby Shower in the Gathering Place 2:00-5:00 pm

Sunday 11/12:

- Worship Planning meeting following worship.

Sunday 11/20:

- Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

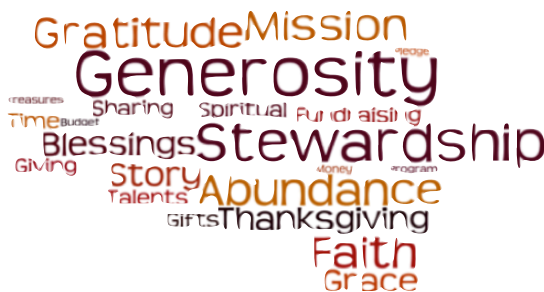
OCT. 29, 2017 - "You Didn't Choose Me, I Chose you!"

* Election

The Heart of the Matter: God doesn't wait for us to make an application for acceptance into the kingdom of heaven, God chooses us. Think of any major character in the Bible: Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Rachel, David and Bathsheba, Peter, Paul and Mary. Did any choose God? No, God choose them. And God chooses you.



Pastor Steve's Message



*"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. **You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.**"*

2 Corinthians 9: 10- 12,

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Generosity. All of us have been on the receiving end of generosity in many and varied ways. We have been overwhelmed, inspired, blessed, and thankful for the ways a generous giver has touched us. This, in turn has moved us to act in generous ways. A number of years ago, I was following a vehicle here in Great Falls that displayed a bumper sticker that read *Live Generously*. This bumper sticker's origin was *Thrivent Financial* and its aim was to inspire the blending of faith and finances in generous ways to serve needs in communities. The idea of living generously actually has its origin in the Creator God, the giver of all good gifts.

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 congregation 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.



Prayers for God's healing for Sharon and Steve Mueller's nephew, **Adam Finnegan**, hospitalized with a brain aneurism in Des Moines, Iowa.

For **LOGOS**, *that ministry needs will be filled* for Bible Study and Middle School teachers and guides.

Prayers for the **people suffering destruction and loss by wildfires in Napa Valley California.**

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

Prayers for the **ELCA Mission Builders, volunteers** and for the on-going needs to be met for the MT. Synod House build.

Prayers for **the victims, their families and the City of Las Vegas** as they grieve.

Prayers for the **Adult Forum discussions.**

Prayers for **Marj VanderAarde** who is recovering from surgery.



Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

Retreats, Events, Updates"

November 3-5: Men's S-S-S Retreat

The S-S-S (Scripture, Scales, and Suds) Retreat is a one-of-a-kind FLBC experience featuring Bible study, fishing, and homebrewing! Register early to secure your spot!

November 3-5: Bread of Life Retreat

Warm hearts and warm ovens unite as you join our fabulous bakers to make 8 different breads throughout the weekend and of course, take the recipes home with you! We will join the S-S-S Retreat participants for morning and evening worship experiences, and enjoy Bible studies on the theme, "Jesus, the Bread of Life." Whether you are new to quilting or an advanced quilter,

November 9-12: Crazy About Quilting!

Whether you are new to quilting or an advanced quilter this retreat is for you! Lots of time for quilting, great food, worship, massages, hiking and more are all included.

This year the Stewardship Task Force at Bethel has chosen to ground our 2018 Stewardship Campaign in Paul's witness to God's generosity which we trust will inspire us to living generously through our faithful stewardship of our time, talents and financial resources. You will be hearing personal testimonies, from Bethel members, the next four Sundays in worship, about an experience of generosity in their lives which enriched them and inspired them to offer thanksgiving to God. Beginning this Sunday, Tom Rosenbaum will share his story of how the choir has generously blessed his life. We will also be publishing their stories in the Bethel Notes and on our website.

Blessed and enriched in every way, we will be able to give generously in every way, as our thanksgiving to God.

Live generously !

Pastor Steve

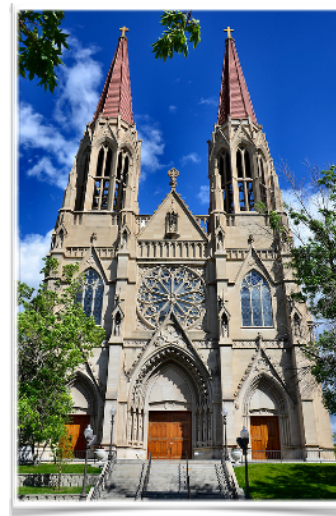
2017 CROP Walk Update:

As of Thursday, October 19th, it was reported that this year's Great Falls Ministerial sponsored Crop Walk has raised a total of \$5,881. (25% is dedicated to Family Promise, Great Falls). This was raised by members and friends of 13 congregations. There were 60 walkers and the congregation which raised the most money was Central Christian (Disciples of Christ) congregation of Great Falls. The individual walker who raised the most money was Pastor Steve Van Gilder...thanks to all of you who pledged ! Thanks also to Sue Hesse who helped with the sign ups at Bethel.

Reformation Commemoration at the Helena Cathedral

On October 30th at 7:00 pm, Lutherans and Catholics will gather for evening prayer at the Helena Cathedral, in a special service to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Based on the prayer service “From Conflict to Communion” held in Lund, Sweden a year ago, with Pope Francis and members of the Lutheran World Federation, the service will include leadership by Bishop Michael Warfel, Diocese of Great FallsBillings; Bishop George Thomas, Diocese of Helena; Bishop Jessica Crist, Montana Synod ELCA, and former Bishop Mark Ramseth. If you are interested in attending this combined service. Pastor Steve will be driving to Helena and coming back the same night. Please see him if would like to carpool.



Hospitality Team



We have a wonderful refreshment program here at Bethel and it is all thanks to our wonderful Hospitality Team! Each Sunday we have people provide yummy goodies for us to munch while we catch up with each other after the service. If you are newer to Bethel and ever wondered how you can participate now is your chance! We are changing things up a little bit on how we sign up to bring these delightful treats. Each quarter we have a sign up online (on Sundays we have a hard copy for those who want to sign up that way) and you may choose to bring 2 or 4 dozen items when it is convenient for you.

Our Hospitality Team leaders will keep an eye on the sign ups for their month and if we have spots that need to be filled, they will be calling their team to pitch in.

To access the sign up online go to our website www.bethelmt.org and click on ministries, scroll down to Hospitality Team and click on the link.

There you will find an explanation of duties and at the bottom a button to click to take you to the sign up page and select your date. You can choose to do all the goodies for a given Sunday or team up with a friend!

Thank you all so very much for all of your treats and if you are interested in being a team leader we have a couple spots available, just contact Tami Grosenick or Amber Erickson.



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. Please join us in giving thanks!



Blessings and Congratulations



Mr. & Mrs. Peterson
and Boy Scout Troop 1028
cordially invite you to attend the

Eagle

Court of Honor



for

James L. Peterson

Sunday, November 5th, 2017
2:30 p.m.

Bethel Lutheran Church
1009 18th Ave SW
Great Falls, MT, 59404

Refreshments to follow

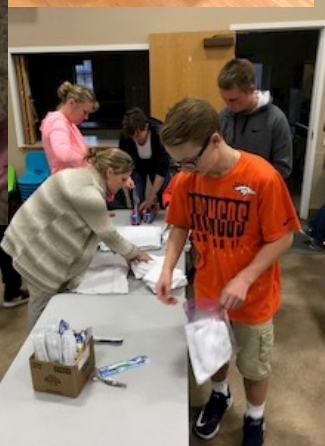
RSVP to sandybechard@gmail.com or
406-788-8458



LOGOS NEWS

LOGOS Does Good Work

In place of our regular LOGOS meeting this week, 30 youth and their parents (around 50 people total) met at Bethel for an hour of food, fellowship, and service. The large group made quick and easy work of assembling 50 hygiene kits. The kits will be shipped to Church World Service (CWS) who will provide the kits to people affected by recent natural disasters all over the world. The kids also happily painted pumpkins to share with their families and loved ones. We are grateful for those (children and adults alike) who gave monetary donations towards the cost of supplies and shipping and the Elkin family who donated toothbrushes for the kits. LOGOS will resume on Wednesday, October 25 with our regular schedule (K-8 starting at 5:30 p.m. and High School starting at 6:00 p.m.) Save the date for our next Family Meal & Worship scheduled for Wednesday, November 1 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!





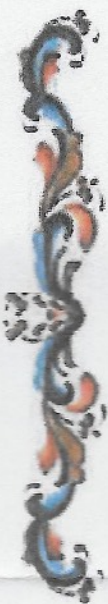
Lutefisk Dinner



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Lutefisk, Swedish Meatballs, Lefse, Rutabagas and all the
Trimnings Served Family Style

Trinity Lutheran Church, Choteau
Sunday, October 29
12:30 to 3:00 p.m.



Tickets sold at the
door. Call the church
office, 466-2191, for
more information.

Take Out Meals Available
Will Deliver in Chateau
Handicap and Wheelchair
Accessible Seating Provided

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| Pre-school - | Free |
| Grades 1-6 | \$6.00 |
| Adults - | \$14.00 |



2017

Fall Festival of Art

Ursuline Center

2300 Central Avenue, Great Falls

(2nd floor)

Saturday October 21 from 10am to 7 pm

Sunday October 22 from 11 am to 3 pm

Tour of the Ursuline Center Saturday October 21 at 2:00 pm