Third Sunday in Easter April 11, 2024



### This Sunday

#### **Readings:**

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

Psalm: Psalm 4

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

Gospel Reading:

Luke 24:36b-48

#### Serving Sunday

Accompanist Lynn Ryan, piano;

#### Lay Assistant Chris Gleason

**Usher** Patty Braget

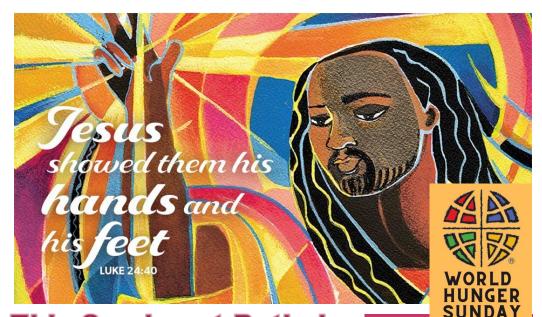
Tech Gabe Smith

Projection Dave Scholten

**Children's Church** Julia Elkin Ava Fossen

Hospitality Tamy Scholten

**Counters** Patty Braget Kelsey Johnson



## This Sunday at Bethel...

We celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter.

We welcome and thank **Pastor Steve Nelson** for preaching **and** presiding in worship this morning.

We lift up **ELCA World Hunger** and receive and additional offering in the wicker baskets.

Thank you to **The Bethel Handbell Choir led by Sharon Mueller** for performing in worship this Sunday.

**Congregational Care Ministry** meets after worship in the Gathering Place.

**Worship Planning Committee** meets after worship in the sanctuary.

After worship today we continue our **Adult Forum** on the second season of The Chosen.

> Join us at 9:30 AM in person or online at bethelmt.org.

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Lord,

in your mercy hear our praye

- Prayers of strength and support for **Don Bisgard** as he has a recurrence of cancer and they determine best treatment options.
- Prayers of healing for Georgia Miller, cousin of Amber Erickson's, as she has been going through treatment for breast cancer and is doing well. Hoping to only have a couple more treatments to go.
- Prayers of healing and health for Seth Boucher who is recovering from surgery.
- Prayers of healing for Sharon Bossie as she manages chemotherapy treatments.
- Prayers of healing for Sue Hesse as she recovers at home after a medical procedure.
- Prayers of healing for Shelly Murphy who continues to recover at home after recent hospitalization.
- Prayers of healing for Kathleen, friend of Dena Wagner-Fossen, as she is in the hospital and awaiting next steps.
- Prayers of healing for Broc Cole, child of a friend of Ali Morris, as he battles lymphoma.
- Prayers of healing for Cindy Considine as she continues to recover at The Grandview from a car accident.
- Prayers of healing for Corey Korpela who is going through treatment for prostate cancer.
- Prayers of positive results for **Tim Olson**, as he has one follow up medical test, post cancer treatment.
- Prayers of healing for Shannon Obrecht, family friend of Karen Lord, as she manages treatment for cancer.

- Prayers of healing for Kristin, Bobbie Bowen's daughter, as she continues treatment for cancer.
- Prayers of healing and strength to continue to fight for Eric Peterson as he continues cancer treatment.
- Prayers of support and comfort for Pat Berkeley.
- Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** as he continues regaining his strength.
- Prayers of healing and answers for Anna Boucher as they determine a cause and treatment for seizures.
- Prayers of healing for Alex Bostic as he continues to manage his health.
- Prayers of strength in leadership for Gustavo Driau, Regional Representative of South America.
- Prayers of healing for Ed Pottratz as he continues cancer treatment.





## **Confirmation Worship 2024**

This year at LOGOs the Redeemer youth have joined our Confirmation Classes. Over this past year they have grown together in faith and friendship. In planning for their Confirmation ceremony, they unanimously wished to be confirmed together.

In honor of their wish and in solidarity with Redeemer Lutheran Church who is also without a pastor, we will be holding Confirmation Worship service at Re-

deemer Lutheran Church, Sunday April 28th at 10:00 am with a potluck at Redeemer to follow.

Pastor Steve VanGilder will be preaching and presiding for this service and will be confirming Josie Delorit and Jeremiah Mueller for Bethel. He will be confirmation Teagan Hegdal and Emma and Julia Woldtvedt for Redeemer.

During this time of change and transition, we are thrilled to join our sister church in celebrating these young people and their choice to confirm their faith.

There will not be a service at Bethel that Sunday, April 28th. Livestream may be view ed on The Redeemer Lutheran Church Facebook Page.



#### We would like to say thank you to all who donated to the Bethel Book Lover's silent auction basket for the Family Promise SOC HOP!!

Our basket included:

- \* Cassiopeia Books gift certificate
- \* Barnes and Nobel gift certificate
- \* Get To Know Your Library
- \* Assorted adult and children's books
- \* Blanket
- \* Socks
- \* Candle
- \* Notepads
- \* Book bag
- Book light and magnifier
- Large mug and assorted tea
- \* Playing cards
- \* Travel mug
- \* Celtic Cross magnets
- \* Candy

Thank you to Laurie Turner and Terry Korpela for assembling the basket! If you want a chance to win this wonderful basket and other great prizes, don't miss the 2nd Annual Family Promise SOC HOP!!!

See you there!



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Bethel Church Council met in person on Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All members were present. Here are some highlights from that meeting.

- Confirmation will be Sunday, April 28 in a combined service at Redeemer Lutheran. Three confirmands are from Redeemer and two from Bethel, with Pastor Steve VanGilder presiding. There will be no service at Bethel on the 28th.
- Randy Gilbertson has purchased airline tickets for our kids to go to New Orleans for the Youth Gathering there. Laura Kupfner is coordinating the next fundraiser.
- Due to the increased cost of Bible Camp, we had a discussion about increasing the amount for scholarships.
- We discussed Family Promise needing a Bethel coordinator, and the need for two board members. Anyone interested in working with Family Promise can talk to Tami in the office. Our silent auction item for the Family Promise SOC HOP, the "Book Lover's Basket" which includes a \$100 gift certificate from Barnes and Noble was delivered to the FP office on April 8.
- There will be a meeting after church April 14th for anyone interested in a Congregational Care Team. Jim Carlson will lead a discussion about having a system for outreach for our own congregation.
- Tammy Good has been in conversation with Carrie Parker at Helping Hands as far as what their needs are and how we can help.
- In Adult Ed, all have been enjoying Season 2 of "The Chosen" and having good discussions. They hope to finish season 2 and get through season 3.
- The Call Committee are working on identifying the top 5 ministry profile needs that they have gathered from congregational input for the MSP. The goal is to get it completed before the end of April when they meet with Pastor Brenda from the synod office again.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Executive meeting is May 2. Next Council meeting is May 14 Respectfully submitted Laurie Turner, Bethel Council secretary

## <u>Meetings After Worship This Sunday</u>

We have a number of groups meeting after church this Sunday.

Worship Planning Committee will be meeting in the sanctuary.

Adult Forum The Chosen Season 2 will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

The new **Congregational Care Ministry** will be meeting in the Gathering Place.— This ministry is open to anyone interested in helping with outreach for our congregation members who are homebound or under medical care. All are welcome.

# LOGOs End-of-Year Carnival!!!

































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# **GOSPEL MESSAGE**



#### From Fear to Faith

Fight, flight, or freeze: that's how our bodies tend to react when we perceive danger. Our heart rate increases, our breathing speeds up, and even our vision changes to take in our surroundings quickly so we can protect ourselves. When Jesus appeared to the disciples on the evening of his resurrection, they seemed to be in the middle of a fight, flight, or freeze response. Their Lord had been crucified. They didn't know what to do next. When Jesus suddenly stood among them, they froze in shock and fear. Jesus overcame the disciples' fright by showing his hands and feet and by eating a piece of fish. As they looked at the scars and watched him eat, the truth of his resurrection dawned on them. The disciples' inclination to fight, flee, or freeze melted away.

Once Jesus had brought the disciples back to a calm resting state, he opened their minds to understand how he had accomplished God's plan to save the world. Jesus told the disciples that now that he was risen, it was their turn to tell his story in Jerusalem and to the ends of the earth. Joy started to flicker in the disciples' hearts as Jesus freed them from fear. He gave them a purpose: to be his witnesses. They were to free others by sharing the good news that Jesus had died and risen again to forgive their sins and give the gift of eternal life to all who believe.

In our world today, many voices spread fear. It's easy to focus on those voices, feel overwhelmed, and freeze. But Jesus came to free us *from* fear and to free us *for* faith. Receiving the bread and wine of his supper reminds us that Jesus lived, died, and rose again for our salvation. We don't have to be afraid of anything. Holy communion strengthens us to be his witnesses and to do his work in the world so others can be set free by the good news of Jesus' love.

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We have reached the end of another LOGOs Youth Ministry year. Bittersweet is a word that is often used when something you truly love comes to an end. "There is always next year," is another platitude.

I have been involved with LOGOs for 12 years. The program has changed in some ways and in some ways, it has stayed very much the same. We have had varying amounts of adult volunteers, rebuilding since Covid with both volunteers and kids, different curriculum, different media to teach that curriculum.



The one constant is the kids. Yes, they are different kids than they were 12 years ago, but they are from all different families, all different backgrounds, and each year they teach me something new. They see me at a basketball game and come up to give me a hug or call out "Hi Miss Tami," across a crowded lobby. They grow with confidence each time they get up to read during Family Worship. They overcome challenges each week. And they allow me to be a part of it. I am so blessed and honored to be a part of this extra-special ministry.

Thank you all for supporting LOGOs. Thank you to our army of volunteers. Kitchen Leaders Kelsey and Judy Johnson, Melissa Pottratz, Jeanne Price, Terry Korpela and LaRae Veitch. High School teachers Colter McCarty, Janet Smith, Ali and Dan Morris. Confirmation teachers Jim Carlson and Warren Johnson. LOGOs teachers Jo Ann Dullum, Sandy Pepos, Laura Kupfner, Hailey Marr, Taylah Jaques, Della Everhart, Amber Pinski. Table Parents Tom and Jan Robitaille, Sandi Cummings, Rachael and Bronson Stubbs. Rec Leaders Ainsley Kubas and Kian Ryan.

If you missed out on an opportunity to work with this ministry and share all this love and learning...there's always next year!



#### Where will you go?

Jesus asks all of his disciples to tell everyone about him. You are one of Jesus' disciples, and you can tell his stories too!

Make your way through the maze, starting and ending at the same house, telling Jesus' good news along the way!



this week

Snuggle together and tell your favorite stories about Jesus.



#### Jesus appears

Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus continued to surprise his disciples after the resurrection. One evening while the disciples were talking together, Jesus suddenly appeared among them and said "Peace be with you." They thought they had seen a ghost until Jesus said he was hungry and ate a piece of fish!



Connect the dots and see what appears!

#### You have a mission...

Jesus gave the disciples an important job. He told them to tell everyone all over the world about him. You have that same job. Imagine that you are planning a trip to tell others about Jesus. What will you pack in your suitcase?

#### Circle everything you will bring with you to tell people about Jesus.



Illustrate a Bible story outside your home with sidewalk chalk. Witness to the world!

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### <u>Tuesday 4/16</u>

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

#### Wednesday 4/17

 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

#### Thursday 4/18

 Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am

#### Friday 4/19

- Bethel office is closed.
- Great Falls Music Teachers Association Festival all day

#### Saturday 4/20

 Great Falls Music Teachers Association Festival all day

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### <u>Sunday 4/21</u>

- Worship service led by Pastor Brenda Frelsi, Associate to the Bishop in person and live stream at 9:30 am
- Call Process Q&A with Pastor Brenda following worship
- Adult Forum The Chosen Season 2 in the Fellowship Hall following worship

#### Tuesday 4/23

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

#### Wednesday 4/24

 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

#### Thursday 4/25

 Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am

#### Friday 4/26

- Bethel office is closed.
- Aitz Chaim worship 5:30 pm

#### Saturday 4/20

• Aitz Chaim Passover Seder 4:30 pm

# Fellowship Ministries

#### Electric City Bible Study—online

What a great way to connect with one another! Join our bible study via Zoom, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Laurie Turner at lolli51gus@icloud.com for a link to join the meeting.

#### <u>Men's Breakfast</u>

Join us for a fun and engaging conversation, and insightful discussion of each week's lectionary texts as we meet in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at dscholten@dlsconsulting.net for more information.

#### Hope Circle—in person

This group meets once a month usually on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. Bible study and fellowship are celebrated with this group of ladies. Contact Terry Korpela to be on the group email for meetings and prayer requests terry.korpela@gmail.com.

#### Thursday 4/18, 2:00 pm

at Marilyn Carlson's.

#### Preaching And Presiding at Bethel

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April 14th	Pastor Steve Nelson
April 21st	Pastor Brenda Frelsi,
	Associate to the Bishop
April 28th	No Worship at Bethel, join
	us at Redeemer Lutheran
	Church for Confirmation.
May 5th	Pastor Jessica Crist
May 12th	Jim Carlson, LPA
May 19th	Dave Scholten, LPA
May 26th	TBD
June 2nd	Hymn Sing led by Patrick and Lynn Ryan