

# BETHEL NOTES

## THIS SUNDAY

### Readings:

*First Reading:*  
Acts 4:32-35

*Psalm:*  
Psalm 33

*Second Reading:*  
1 John 1:1—2:2

*Gospel Reading:*  
John 20:19-31



## Serving Sunday

### Accompanist

Mary Seim, piano;

### Acolyte

Brian Boucher

### Lay Assistant

Kendall Ryan

### Readers

Anna Boucher, Charley Goroski, Elle Gustafson, Ellie Kosanda, Ethan Kupfner, Greta Graft, Jeremiah Mueller, Josie Delorit, Kari Ryan, Renee Delorit, Rylee Gustafson, Samantha Seidel, Sidney Rio, Taitlyn Ames

### Peace Leaders

Cailyn Chadbourne, Emmy Kosanda, Ginger Graft, Sierra Rio

### Ushers

Jackson Duff and Teshar Reidle

### Baptism Assistant

Kolton Kupfner

### Tech

Gabe Smith

### Projection

Tim Lightbourne

### Children's Church

Julia Elkin and Tyler Grosenick

### Hospitality

Terry Korpela

### Counters

Pam Dougherty and Laurie Turner

## This Sunday at Bethel...

We celebrate the **Second Sunday of Easter**.

We welcome and thank **Jim Carlson, LPA** presiding in worship this morning. Jim has been authorized by the Bishop of the Montana Synod to provide pastoral services in this congregation this Sunday.

We also welcome **Karen Rumage, Program Director Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp** for preaching today, join us in a Q&A after worship and find out all about Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp for all ages.

Thank you to our **LOGOs Youth** for assisting in leading worship this morning, we have had a great LOGOs year and look forward to continuing our Family Worship each month throughout the year.

**Join us at 9:30 AM in person or online at [bethelmt.org](http://bethelmt.org).**

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*Lord,  
in your mercy  
hear our prayers.*



- ✝ Prayers of comfort and strength for the **Kubas Family** as they come together on Saturday along with friends and church family to celebrate their beautiful **Karen** who was called home too soon.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and health for **Seth Boucher** who is recovering from surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** as she begins chemotherapy.
- ✝ 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 continued healing for **Beverly Finnegan** as she recovers after a recent illness and hospitalization.
- ✝ 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 a new cancer diagnosis.
- ✝ 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 strength and support for **Don Bisgard** as he continues to manage his health.
- ✝ 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 **Georgia Miller**, *cousin of Amber Erickson's*, as she has been diagnosed with aggressive breast cancer.
- ✝ 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.



LORD IN YOUR MERCY,

**Hear Our Prayer**

**SHAKE  
RATTLE  
& ROLL**  
Proceeds Benefit  
Homeless Families  
**APRIL 27 - 5:30-10 PM**

Family Promise  
**FP**  
of Great Falls

**SOC  
HOP**

Serving our Community ★ Honoring our Promise

**ELKS CLUB**  
Tickets: \$50  
Inquire about table options  
1019 Central Ave  
10-4 p.m. M-Th; 10-2 p.m. F or online at  
[www.familypromisegf.org](http://www.familypromisegf.org)  
406-564-5267

**DINNER**  
Classic '50s Fare  
By Clark and Lewie's  
DJ: Caleb Ford  
**SILENT AUCTION**



## BOOK LOVERS BASKET

Bethel is donating a Silent Auction Basket for the Family Promise SOC HOP! This year's theme is BOOK LOVERS BASKET. If you would like to pick up an item or two to include in the basket we would love to include your donation in the basket.

Items such as:

- Books
- Book Lights
- Reading Socks
- Candles
- Tea
- Mugs
- Candy
- Journal with Pen
- Gift card to book seller
- Any other creative idea you can think of!!!

Baskets are due to Family Promise by April 8th, so donations can be brought to Bethel by Sunday, April 7th.

Thank you for your help with this project and LETS GO TO THE HOP!!!!!!

## Calling All Bell Ringers!

The Bethel Bell Choir will be playing Sunday, April 14th. *Rehearsal* will be Saturday, April 13th from 10 am to Noon.

If you would like to play in the Bell Choir that Sunday, email Sharon Mueller at [oboecclar@gmail.com](mailto:oboecclar@gmail.com) by

Tuesday, April 9th.





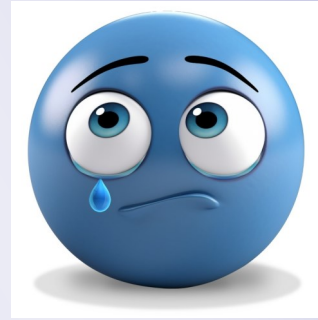
Call Committee Survey be completed and turned in by **April 7th**.

Click link to complete online.

[Online Call Committee Survey](#)

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 21st Pastor Brenda Frelsi, Associate to the Bishop will be preaching and presiding at Bethel. Pastor Brenda is walking with us through this call process and after worship that Sunday, she will be holding an Adult Forum talking about the call process and answering any questions you may have.

Join us, all are welcome!!



We are so very sorry...due to a technical miscommunication, we did not live stream the Easter Worship Service and it did not get recorded. We have taken steps to prevent this from happening in the future. We are so very sorry to disappoint those who were counting on worshipping from home.

## Celebration of Life for Karen Kubas

Saturday  
April 6, 2024  
11:00 am

Reception to follow  
in the Gathering Place.



# LOGOs Service Project Night

Thank You to  
all who donated!



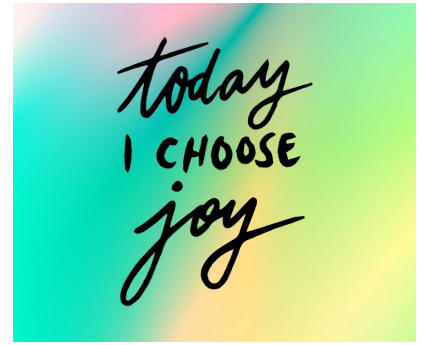
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# GOSPEL MESSAGE



## Sharing Joy

"Thank you for sharing our joy," said the parents of the bride to the wedding guests. This simple message sums up the reason we gather with loved ones to celebrate the best moments of our lives. When we share our joy, it multiplies.

When the disciples were gathered in a locked room, the appearance of the risen Jesus transformed their fear into joy. On the evening of the resurrection, all the disciples except Thomas were together. They got to see Jesus standing among them, and they rejoiced! Immediately, Jesus gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. He also sent them out to continue his work in the world, including the forgiveness of sins.

With that commissioning, Jesus channeled the disciples' joy into a sense of belonging and purpose. Now they were no longer afraid or isolated. Jesus was alive. Everything had changed! Their risen Lord made them into a new community. But Thomas wasn't there when Jesus first stood among them, and he couldn't grasp the good news. He saw the joy radiating from the other disciples' faces, but he didn't share it.

As a gift of grace, Jesus appeared again and brought Thomas into the new community. He let the skeptical disciple see and touch the wounds on his body. By doing so, Jesus extended the joy and sense of belonging that the others had experienced to Thomas, who responded with joy, "My Lord and my God!"

As disciples of Jesus, we belong to the same resurrection community that our risen Lord created that first Easter evening. We get to share our joy in the promise of forgiveness of sins and eternal life with those around us. Our believing and sense of belonging fortify each other. As today's reading from 1 John declares, when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and carry out God's work in the world together, our joy is made complete.

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I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who pulled together to make this Holy Week such a success. Going into Lent and Holy Week without a pastor at first was a daunting thought, but our Bethel Family made everything beautiful, special, and so much easier.

Our worship leaders Pastor Jessica Crist and Dave Scholten.

Jeff Skogley and the Jubilate Choir for beautiful music throughout Holy Week.

Especially the meaningful Good Friday service. Joe Baumgardner, John Blank, Marilyn Carlson, Greg and Tyler Grosenick, Warren Johnson, Steve Nelson, Karrie Pepos, Jeanne Rankin, Patrick Ryan, Dave Scholten, Melody and Jennifer Skogley, Kari Underdahl, and Donna Vinnedge.

All of our musicians Lynn Ryan and Connie Titcomb on piano. Brass ensemble Kurt Mueller, Dave Scholten and Jeff Skogley. Jennifer Skogley on oboe.

Ushers Patty Braget, Randy, Kyle and Ryan Gilbertson, , Tammy Good, Earl Terwilliger, and Laurie Turner, Lay Assistants Chris Gleason, Walt Nuessle and Sandy Pepos.

Altar Guild Debbie McCarty and Patty Kain. And Patty Braget for the special Easter Backdrop for pictures.

With all of my heart, thank you. Tami Grosenick.

# JUST 4 YOUTH

## Jesus visits disciples

John 20:19-31

On Easter evening, ten of Jesus' disciples locked themselves in a house because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of them and said, "Peace be with you." Then Jesus showed his friends the nail marks in his hands and side, and they believed that Jesus was alive!

What did the disciples faces look like? Draw them here.



Write the words that Jesus spoke under this picture.

## Share Jesus' peace

Many congregations "pass the peace" during worship. People shake hands or give hugs and share a short greeting of peace. All of us share the peace of Jesus when we care for others.

Think of one way you share Jesus' peace for each of the letters in the word PEACE.

P  
E  
PLAY WITH FRIENDS  
C  
E

## One week later...

A week after Easter, all of the disciples (including Thomas) were locked inside the house again. Again Jesus appeared and said, "Peace be with you." Thomas put his fingers in the nail holes in Jesus' hand, and placed his hand in the wound in Jesus' side. Thomas finally believed that Jesus was alive, and he said, "My Lord and my God!"

What did Thomas's face look like? Draw it here.



Write the words that Thomas spoke under this picture.

Welcome to worship. Today is the second Sunday of Easter. Did you know that the Easter season is much longer than one day? This is wonderful news!

Count the crosses, the eggs, and the butterflies. Add them all together and you'll know how many days are in the Easter season.

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Crosses      Butterflies      Eggs      Days of Easter

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Monday 4/8**

- Electric City Chorale rehearsal 7:00 pm

### **Tuesday 4/9**

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am
- Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

### **Wednesday 4/10**

- LOGOs Youth Ministry End-of-Year Carnival, all ages 5:30 pm

### **Friday 4/12**

- Bethel office is closed

### **Saturday 4/13**

- Handbell rehearsal 10:00 am

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday 4/14**

- Worship service led by Pastor Steve Nelson in person and live stream at 9:30 am
- World Hunger Sunday
- Bethel Handbell Choir performs
- Adult Forum The Chosen Season 2 in the Fellowship Hall following worship
- 4H meeting in the Fellowship Hall 2:00 pm

### **Tuesday 4/16**

- 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**

- Hope Circle at Marilyn Carlson's 2:00 pm
- 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

## **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.

### **Men's Breakfast**

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**

April 7th	Jim Carlson , LPA and Karen Ramage, FLBC
April 14th	Pastor Steve Nelson
April 21st	Pastor Brenda Frelsi, Associate to the Bishop
April 28th	Pastor Sara MacGilvra Branom
May 5th	Pastor Jessica Crist
May 12th	Jim Carlson, LPA