

Bethel Notes

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Sunday, April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

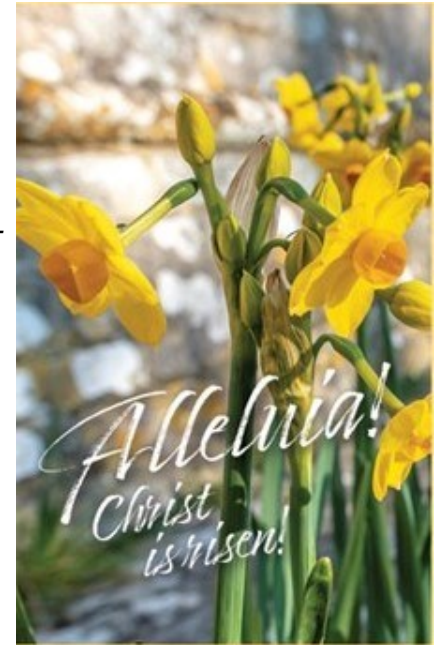
This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10



**Join us Sunday 9:00 AM featuring the Jubilate Choir. In-Person or live stream at bethelmt.org.
11:00 am featuring Bethel Bell Choir and Brass Ensemble In-person only. Children's Church available during this service only.**

Serving This Sunday

Musicians:

9:00 am Connie Titcomb, piano
11:00 am Lynn Ryan, Piano,
Sara Graft, djembe

Lay Assistant:

9:00 am Walt Nuessle
11:00 am Tamy Scholten

Usher:

9:00 am Tim and Johnna Lightbourne
11:00 am The Marr Family

Tech:

9:00 am Adam Elkin

Children's Church:

11:00 am Julia Elkin, Olivia Violett

Counters:

Pam Dougherty, Kelsey Johnson

THIS SUNDAY AT BETHEL...

Today at Bethel we celebrate Easter Sunday.

We would like to thank the **musicians** that make our celebration worship services so very special **Bethel**

Brass Ensemble: Dave Scholten, Jeff Skogley, Sara Graft, Lynn and Kian Ryan, Adam Elkin, Steve and Kurt Mueller. **The Jubilate Choir** led by Jeff Skogley. **Ac-**

companists Lynn Ryan and Connie Titcomb.

Children's Church available during the 11:00 am worship service.



Requesting Your Prayers

- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dick Schmidt**, *Sandy Pepos' uncle*, who is recovering from a stroke.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Janet Hussli**, *Greg Grosenick's aunt*, who's cancer has returned and is advanced.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **Don and Kathi Bisgard** as they manage medical care for Don.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** who is at home, regaining strength.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Cindy Doughty**, *Patty Braget's sister*, as she manages ALS.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Pastor Trina Johnsten** who continues treatment as she manages an illness.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **Caleb Pottratz** who is struggling with depression.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Lynn Klaasen**, *sister of Jan Robitaille*, receiving treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Lindy Coon**, *sister of former Bethel member Laura (Wandke) Overturf*, as she continues to slowly make progress as she recovers at home from a serious injury after a fall.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Colleen Walker-Nelson** as she continues to heal from a broken leg.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Abby Bisgard-Clegg**, *daughter of Don and Kathi Bisgard*, continues to manage health issues, but feeling and doing very well.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues to manage his health.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Linda O'Connor**, friend of *LaRae Veitch*, as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Travis Cushman** as he continues treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of strength in leadership for **Gustavo Driau**, Regional Representative of South America.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.

Montana Synod LPA Program (Lay Pastoral Associate)

A **Lay Pastoral Associate** in the Montana Synod is a congregational lay person who has received religious, educational training, through the Montana Synod, in order to provide (in most cases) short term pulpit supply (ie, preaching) when the pastor is away, or if a congregation is without a pastor. Their role is to fill in for the basic pastoral duties such as providing Word and Sacrament, communion, and other roles as approved by the Bishop.

The LPA program is a 3 year journey of theological education with a cohort of other Lutherans from around Montana and Northern Wyoming in a retreat-type format. A new cohort is beginning in the coming months! If you have any interest in becoming an LPA or simply participating in the LPA training program, please let Pastor Jessie know in the coming weeks.

Holy Week Schedule

April 6th - In-person only

Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM

Last Supper Play will be performed.

April 7th - In-person only.

Good Friday 7:00 PM - performed by the Jubilate Choir

April 9th - Easter Sunday

9:00 am featuring Jubilate Choir, live stream or in-person

11:00 am featuring Bethel Bell Choir and Brass Ensemble, Children's Church will be available during this service. In-person only

APRIL 22 - 5:30 PM
Benefit for Family Promise GF

SOC HOP

*Serving our Community
Honoring our Promise*

Family Promise
of Great Falls

Black Eagle
Community
Center

ON SALE MARCH 1
TICKETS
\$40
from Kaufman's or
1019 Central Ave
\$42
Online at
Familypromisegf.org

SILENT AUCTION

DINNER
Brian's Top Notch
Burgers, Dogs, Fixings

“Camp” Basket Donation for the SOC HOP

To help purchase the firepit or other items like flashlight, bundle of wood, camp chairs, smore's fixin's, roasting sticks, etc. Drop items off at the Bethel Office or donate online or through our weekly offering by noting Camp Basket in the memo line. If you have any questions email Judy Statham at ewe2me2001@yahoo.com



A Note From Pastor Jessie.

Greetings Bethel,

This week as we walk into Holy Week together, I have been uplifted as the sun shines just a little bit longer and the temperatures rise just a little bit higher. Often during this walk of Holy Week we talk about how we ought to be a little more penitent and a lot more morose. There is some truth to that, but this penitence and morose attitude isn't just for show or to punish ourselves for our sinful nature. This walk towards the Cross is one in which we bring our willingness to see the brokenness around us and in us, but not give up. It is a time in which we understand that Jesus saw the brokenness and the wrong turns of the community that surrounded him, and he continued with a commitment to forgive and redeem a world that didn't really deserve it. We give thanks for a God who gave a Son so that the broken could be made whole again. We mourn the fact that in our lives each of us has been a part of that brokenness in one way or another. We yearn for God to make us whole, and to teach us to live in a way that gives hope, life, and love to all whom we meet. During this Holy Week, as we enter into the darkness that is the crucifixion of our Lord, I pray that we might keep our eyes open, to see the world's brokenness around us, and to know that in the coming days God will continue to build in us that incredible resurrection hope...even in the midst of death. Dear friends in Christ, remember that as much as the Cross is a sign of penitence and of sadness and of torture, this week it will be transformed into a sign of strength, hope, and redemption for us all. I look forward to walking this journey alongside you all this week. Blessings on the journey.

-Pastor Jessie



EASTER BLESSINGS FROM THE MONTNANA SYNOD STAFF!



Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom; let his church
with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth: death hath
lost its sting!

Thine is the glory, risen conquering
Son: endless is the victory thou o'er
death hast won!

Thine is the Glory, vs. 2 ELW 376

GOSPEL MESSAGE

April 9, 2023, RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY

The Stone-Moving Power of God

Special effort had been taken to seal up Jesus' tomb. Pilate and the religious authorities had taken great care to make absolutely certain there was no way Jesus' followers could move that stone themselves. They posted armed guards all around.

If they had had the technology back then, we could well imagine that floodlights, security cameras, and an alarm system would have been added to the tomb. But none of that would have mattered. For nothing in heaven or on earth could have stopped the stone-moving power of our God. An angel messenger comes in a brilliant flash to roll that stone away, and then he sits on it to share the good news that Jesus is alive. What had been intended by those who persecuted Jesus as a *period*—a full stop for the Jesus movement—becomes a *pulpit* for proclamation: "Do not be afraid!" (Matthew 28:5). Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

As we remember the story of Jesus' resurrection, we tune our hearts and minds to trust that this God who brings life out of death is still at work. What stones might God be moving today? Might we sense the Spirit at work in our lives here and now, rumbling the ground of our hearts and rolling away the messages of shame, fear, or rejection that have weighed us down? Might God be at work, rolling away stones of oppression and injustice in our world? Might we be sent, like these women, to not let fear rule our hearts, but to go, tell, and witness to a God who continues to open up a new future for us? Yes! The risen Christ appears to us today—present in word, and bread and wine, and water—ready to bless, nourish, call, and send. Nothing can stop this God. Jesus Christ is risen, indeed—Alleluia!

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What's Happening at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp!!!

Summer is coming...



JESUS IS RISEN!
Easter Sunrise Service
AT FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP
ALL ARE WELCOME!
Sunrise worship at the lakefront
 (about 1/8 mile walk from the parking lot to the worship area)
April 9th, 2023 @ 7:00 AM
550 Lutheran Camp Rd, Lakeside MT 59922
 (3 miles south of Lakeside)
Coffee & snacks will be available. Dress warm!



Contact 406-752-6602 or office@flbc.net if you have any questions!




Mother's Day Brunch
 Sunday, May 14th, 2023
Celebrate Mother's Day on the lake at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp!
 550 Lutheran Camp Rd., Lakeside MT 59922
 Three seatings available: 9:30 AM, 11:00, and 12:30
 ~ Buffet Style Service! ~
 \$30 per person ages 12+ | \$18/ages 4-11 | Free/3 & under
 Please call 406-752-6602 or send in the registration form to reserve your spot by May 8th!

2023 REGISTRATION
 Mother's Day Brunch // May 14th, 2023

Memorial Day Work Weekend

May 26-29, 2023 (Fri - Mon)

Cost: By donation, registration required ☺
 Register by May 12th!

You are invited to help transform camp for the summer season. All ages are welcome for this FREE retreat which includes Fun, Fires (campfires, that is), great Food, and Fellowship, and bible study and worship. This retreat is a great way to experience camp for the first time!

Consider applying for your own Thrivent Action Team grant and join us! Contact the FLBC office for project ideas.



Retreat begins with dinner at 6:15pm on Friday (check-in is from 5-6pm) and ends with a sack lunch on Monday

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SPEND YOUR SUMMER WORKING AT Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp!



Scan to go straight to the online application!

Find more information & apply at <https://flbc.net/work-at-camp/>

- We're hiring Cabin Leaders, Lifeguards, Wilderness Guides, Support Staff, Leadership Staff, and much more!
- June 4th-August 4th (or 18th)
- Pay starting at \$400/week plus room + board, & opportunities for bonuses!
- Paid staff training
- Ages 18+

Questions? Contact Karen@flbc.net

Develop skills and make connections that will help you in college, in your career, and beyond: leadership, public speaking, problem-solving, customer service, project management, collaboration, & so much more!

Need an internship? We can work with you to meet requirements for any major!



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Just for *YOUTH*

Jesus lives

John 20:1-18

Mary and the disciples couldn't believe their eyes! Jesus was not in the tomb. Mary's eyes were full of tears. She thought Jesus was taken away. But Jesus' voice told her something completely different. Now Mary could see Jesus with Easter eyes and hear his voice with Easter ears. Jesus was alive, standing next to her!

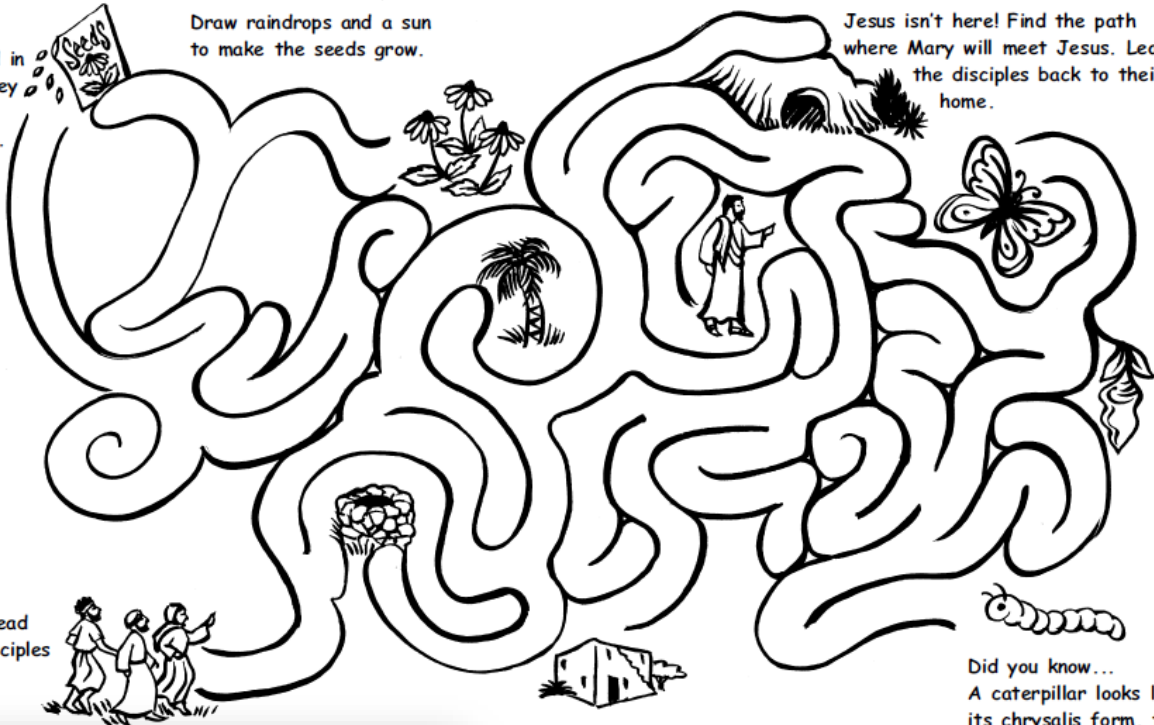
Did you know...

Seeds are buried in the ground so they can sprout into beautiful flowers. Follow the path and add what the seeds need.

Draw raindrops and a sun to make the seeds grow.

Jesus isn't here! Find the path where Mary will meet Jesus. Lead the disciples back to their home.

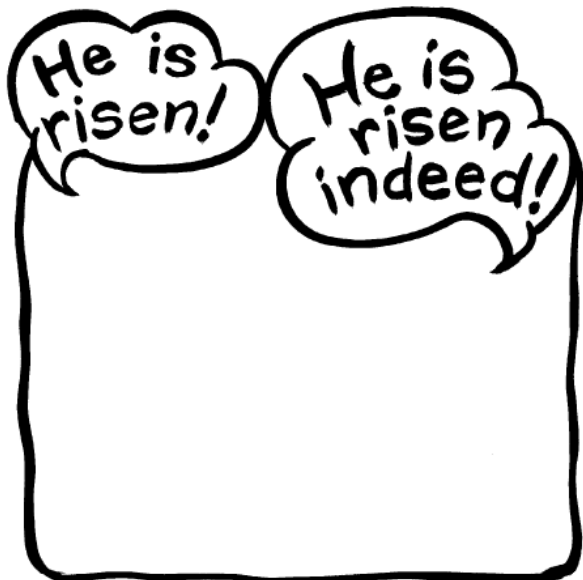
Draw a path to lead Mary and the disciples to the tomb.



Did you know...

A caterpillar looks lifeless in its chrysalis form, then it becomes a colorful butterfly.

Easter brings good news to tell everyone. Draw yourself sharing the Easter greeting with a family member, friend or neighbor.



This Week...

Use colored paper to make a butterfly as a symbol of Easter. Give it to a neighbor or friend.



Dear God, help us share the great news: Jesus Lives!

Amen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 4/10

- Easter Monday, Bethel Office closed

Tuesday 4/11

- Pastor Jessie out this week at Pastor's Retreat
- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast Zoom & in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

Wednesday 4/12

- No text study this week

Thursday 4/13

- Exec Board Zoom meeting 5:30 pm.

Friday 4/14

- Bethel office is closed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 4/16

- FLBC Sunday Pastor Jessie presiding and Margie Fiedler, FLBC Executive Director preaching, in-person and live stream 9:30 am.

Tuesday 4/18

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

Wednesday 4/19

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am

Friday 4/21

- Bethel office is closed.

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 Meets in-person

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 Thursday evenings. 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.

Next meeting: April

Weekly Text Study with Pastor Jessie-online

Wednesdays, 10:00 am via Zoom, Pastor Jessie will be leading discussion on the text readings for the upcoming Sunday. Dig deeper in the interpretation of the readings and discuss ways they give us guidance in our daily lives. If you would like to join this meeting, email bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.