

BETHEL NOTES

THIS SUNDAY

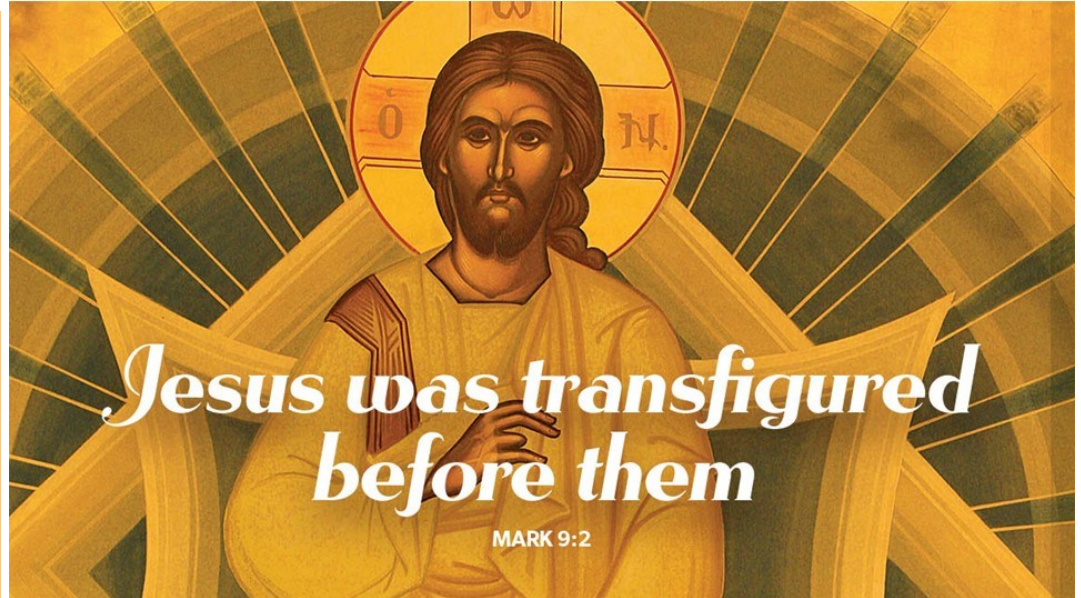
Readings:

First Reading:
2 Kings 5:1-12

Psalm:
Psalm 50:1-6

Second Reading:
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Gospel Reading:
Mark 2:2-9



Serving Sunday

Accompanist

Connie Titcomb, piano;

Lay Assistant

John Blank

Usher

Laurie Turner

Tech

Gabe Smith

Projection

TBD

Children's Church

Tyler Grosenick

Hailey Marr

Hospitality

Laurie Turner

Terry Korpela

Counters

Patty Braget

Jeanne Rankin

This Sunday at Bethel...

We celebrate the **Transfiguration of Our LORD Sunday**.

We welcome and thank **Pastor Sara Mac-Gilvra Branom** for preaching and presiding for worship today.

We are also blessed with the sweet sound of the **Jubilate Choir** led by Jeff Skogley.

Today we lift up **ELCA World Hunger Ministry** and receive an additional offering in the wicker baskets.

Worship Planning Committee meets after worship today in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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*Lord,
in your mercy
hear our prayers.*



- ✠ Prayers healing of **Quentin Kubas** as he recovers at home after an auto accident.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Kristin, Bobbie Bowen's daughter**, as she continues treatment for cancer.
- ✠ Prayers of comfort and healing for **Lynn Klaasen, sister of Jan Robitaille**, they begin in-home hospice care.
- ✠ Prayers of healing and strength to continue to fight for **Eric Peterson and his family** as they seek answers at Mayo for the cancer spreading throughout his body, continue with treatments, and recovering from surgery.
- ✠ Prayers of strength and support for **Don Bisgard** as he continues to manage his health.
- ✠ Prayers of strength and healing for **Kiera Howard, niece of Dave Scholten**, as she prepares for upcoming surgery and treatment.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Lindy Coon, sister of former Bethel member Laura (Wandke) Overturf**, as she is moving to a long term care facility.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Tim Olson**, as he begins radiation treatment.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Bonnie Barnes, Debbie McCarty's mother**, recovering after a fall.
- ✠ 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 and support for **Diane Young, Sandy Pepos' aunt**, recovering at home after a stroke.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Georgia Miller, cousin of Amber Erickson's**, as she has been diagnosed with aggressive breast cancer.
- ✠ Prayers of continued healing for **Travis Cushman** as he continues to manage health issues.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Kristin, Bobbie Bowen's daughter**, as she manages a cancer diagnosis.
- ✠ Prayers of support for **Caleb Pottratz** who is struggling with depression.
- ✠ 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.



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Sharing our faith in Christ by serving all
with respectful compassion.

WEDNESDAY
MUSIC
AT
NOON (15H)

Doors Open at 11:45

Bring a Bag Lunch; Coffee,
Tea, Water, Cookies
Provided

Concerts begin at 12:05 pm
and conclude at 12:55 pm

PREMIERE SERIES

LENT 2020

Wednesday 26 February 2020	ORGAN WORKS OF DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE
Wednesday 4 March 2020	GOSPEL HYMN PIANO ARRANGEMENTS OF BRENT EDSTROM
Wednesday 11 March 2020	ORGAN WORKS OF JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
Wednesday 18 March 2020	JAZZ HYMN PIANO ARRANGEMENTS OF MARK HAYES
Wednesday 25 March 2020	ORGAN WORKS OF GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL
Wednesday 1 April 2020	SPIRITUALS PIANO ARRANGEMENTS OF TIM LUCAS
Wednesday 8 April 2020	ORGAN WORKS OF THEODORE DUBOIS

Presenting Artist – James F. Rickley, Organist, Accompanist, Pianist



James Franklin Rickley (American; b. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; 30 September 1948 -)
Composer, Arranger; University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music Temple
University, Philadelphia, University of Nevada – Reno; Owner of Publishing Firm
WayWordBound with supporting branches Avanti Publishing Services and Tonal Function
Music.

A Free-Will Offering will be accepted to assist with Future Programming

Sponsors

American Guild of Organists – Great Falls Chapter & Great Falls Area Association of Church Musicians
Sunshine Productions, Ltd., Theatrical Design and Production
WayWordBound – Music Publishing Services

Ladies Valentine Luncheon
Tuesday
February 13th
11:30 am
Tickets: \$5

Redeemer Lutheran Church
332 Riverview 3 West
Guest Speaker
Reverend Sara Branom
Monies toward this event provided by Thrivent Financial

On The Road To The ELCA Youth Gathering

GOAL
\$16,500.00

New Orleans, LA

**Kyle and Ryan
Gilbertson
Ainsley Kubas
Austin Kupfner
Kian Ryan**



Starting Amount \$3500.00

Great Falls, MT

Join us for
Brunch after
worship on
Sunday,
February
25th.
Free Will
Offering

A special thank
you to Rebekah
French for the
Thrivent Action
Card to cover the
cost of the food.



of Great Falls

February News

Can you see that the daylight is lasting a little longer? We're excited about Spring coming, and all the events and activities that come along with it. This month we have a fundraiser at MacKenzie River Pizza Company on the 13th, and we're also gearing up to hold a student awareness event in March. So, lots to do here in the office, and we need all the help we can get to spread the word about our events. What can you do to help? Simply sharing our events on social media helps spread the word about our events. Simply like and follow our Facebook page "Family Promise Great Falls" for more information.

A Community Day fundraiser

Join us 2/13/24 at MacKenzie River Pizza Company for their Community Day to benefit Family Promise Great Falls. A voucher is needed to be presented to your server on the event day, and vouchers can be found on our Facebook page. No printer access? No problem, just reach out to Tiffany Wilkson at Tiffanyw@familypromisegf.org and I will print one out for you. You can then just stop by the office to pick it up before you head to the restaurant. 20% of your meal total will then benefit Family Promise Great Falls.

Student Awareness Event

We're currently in the planning process for our awareness event that we're tentatively calling "Night Without a Bed". Our goal is to engage area students and collaborate with them on ways we can solve the invisible crisis that is childhood homelessness. These young minds are our future leaders and engaging them now is the perfect time. We'll talk more about this event in next month's newsletter, so stay tuned for more information.

A New Face and a New Place

We recently accepted a new family into Promise Place shelter. A single father and his daughter have just moved in and are working on establishing goals towards permanent housing. We are in the business of positive outcomes, and with some case management we think this family shows lots of promise. We'll be here for whatever they need for the next few months and will keep you updated on their progress

Current Needs List:

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| Food/groceries | Dollar Store gift cards | Light gloves (all sizes) |
| Coffee go cups | Uber gift cards | 8 ½ x 11 cardstock |
| Creamer and sugar packs for coffee | Post it notes (all sizes) | Vacuum cleaner |
| Diapers (all sizes) | Cleaning supplies | for the shelter (used is fine) |
| Kleenex | Bathroom cleaning supplies | Clorox wipes |
| Office supplies | Mops/brooms/dust pans | |
| | Fly swatters | |

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Just Listen

There are transfiguration moments in everyday life that can absolutely stop us in our tracks with the glory of Christ's presence: The smell of a new baby. Flowering trees blooming in the spring. The embrace of a friend when we need them most. Voices raised in cries for justice. The bravery of difficult conversations. The sacred minutes just before death. It may not be Jesus in dazzling clothes or a visit from the ancestors on a mountaintop, but by God's grace, we perceive the love of Christ shining brightly in these ordinary, yet holy, moments.



When they happen to us, what are we to do? It can be difficult, when in the presence of the divine, to know quite what to say. Peter, grasping at straws, offered to make three dwellings. You can't blame him—we all make weird choices when we are terrified! But a voice came from heaven: "Listen." It is not necessary to do or say anything. This moment is simply a gift. Our job is only to listen to Jesus.

Have you ever spent time just listening? Maybe outdoors, on a hike or in a park—listening to the sounds of creation. Or during a quiet moment in worship—the sound of cars driving by outside, or your neighbor breathing, or your own heart beating. Perhaps you have listened compassionately to a loved one who didn't need advice but just needed to be heard.

As people accustomed to *doing*, we can find it challenging to just listen. We may have learned that it is important for us to have something to say, something to offer, something to provide. But the good news of grace is that Christ's love has come to us even before we could do anything. That's why we baptize even helpless infants. That's why, when we come to communion, we do so with hands outstretched and empty, ready to receive: "This is the body of Christ." All we can do is listen . . . and say, "Amen."

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Altar Flower Cost Increase

Our beautiful altar bouquets come from Herman's Flowers. They have only charged us \$15.00 per bouquet for many years now. With costs increasing across all areas, we will begin to pay \$20.00 per bouquet beginning in March.

This amount is still incredibly reasonable, as anyone who has purchased flowers from a true flower shop lately!

Please let us know if this is a hardship for anyone who has already signed up to sponsor our altar flowers. If you haven't and would like to, there are still many open spots. The binder is located on the table as you enter the church.

Lenten Devotionals are available for free on the table as you enter the church. Please take one and if you have family or friends who would like a devotional, please take additional copies.

If you would like us to mail you a copy(ies) call the Bethel Office 406-761-1543 or email bethelgf.church@gmail.com.

Bethel Church Council Meeting Highlights

Bethel Church Council met in person at their annual retreat on Tuesday, February 6th.

Here are some highlights from that meeting.

- We welcomed new members Tammy Good, Chris Gleason, and Randy Gilbertson. We welcomed Kian Ryan in absentia.
- We started off with dinner from Fire Pizza, then got down to business.
- After introducing ourselves and getting to know each other a little, we discussed elements of the council: finances, governing documents, responsibilities, etc.
We had an election of officers:
 - Patty Braget - President
 - Tammy Good - Vice President
 - Laurie Turner - continue as Secretary
 - Kelsey Johnson - Treasurer.
- We're looking forward to working together for the next year for the good of our home, Bethel Lutheran.

Next meeting March 12th 6:30 pm.



Summer registration is OPEN! – send us an email or call the office if you would like a copy of the brochure sent to you. Adults of former campers can watch their email for a message with reminders of your login information and notes on registering for a new year of camp. Please feel free to contact the camp office with any questions.

Volunteer Application is OPEN! Pastors and volunteers-get your first choice of weeks for summer 2024! Go to our website at www.flbc.net for the application. We are excited for this summer's theme "Created to Be," a curriculum based on the same verses as this summer's ELCA Youth Gathering.

It's all about God's Love! FLBC's **Valentine Tea Party** will be held on February 10th. Come spend the day at camp with crafts, snacks, and a special princess visitor! Registration is open on the FLBC website now – Register today!

FLBC's is offering a **Confirmation Retreat** on March 15-17, 2023 titled, "Guides for the Way: Three Biblical figures and what their stories can teach us about God, life, and everything!" This will be a kick-off for the "campfirmation" program that FLBC is forming, which will launch in September of 2024. Call the camp office for more information or to register.

For more information or register for any of these events, go to flbc.net

Women's Spring Retreat April 26-28, 2024

For over 50 (or maybe 60?) years, the WELCA women of the Great Divide and Five Valleys Clusters have been hosting a Women's Spring Retreat at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Each year we look forward to meeting together in this beautiful place with an inspirational speaker, a service project to benefit a non-profit and lots of time for hikes, conversation, worship, and fellowship with women of faith. Join us this year **April 26-28, 2024**.

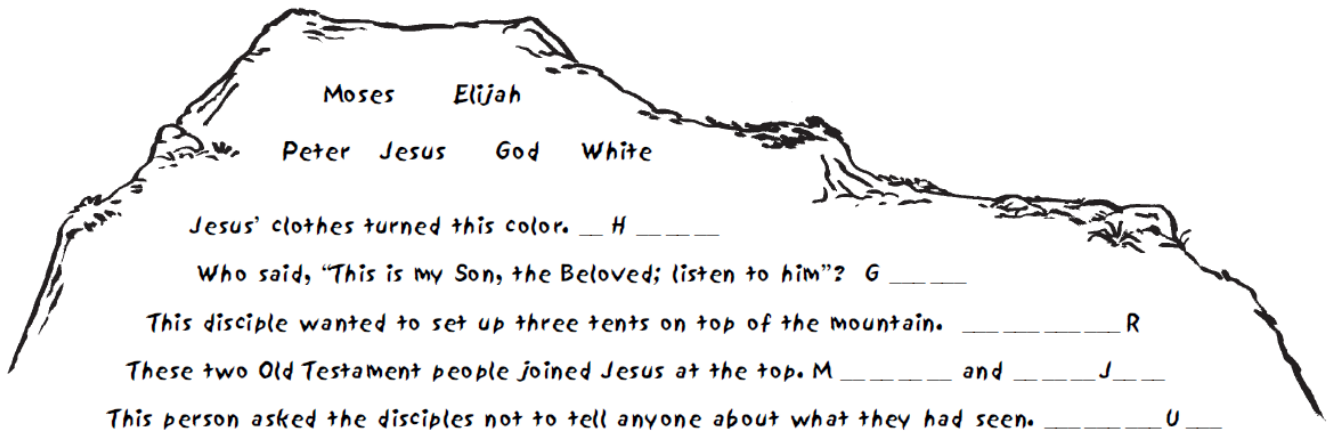
Registration will open February 1st at www.Impluchurch.org/womensretreat All are Welcome! Bring a friend, a daughter, a sister! Come spend some time together! Hope to see you there! Questions- contact Nancy Solum at WomensSpringRetreat@gmail.com

JUST 4 YOUTH

On the mountain

Mark 9:2-9

Peter, James, and John hiked with Jesus up to the top of a mountain where they saw and heard some really amazing things. Using the words below, answer the Transfiguration questions to learn more about this spectacular day, then draw a picture of what happened.



Is there a large Christ candle in your worship space? If so, what do you notice about it?

Peter, James, and John had such an amazing experience on the top of the mountain that they didn't want it to end. Have you ever had a day that you wanted to go on forever because it was so much fun? What were you doing? Who were you with?

Draw a picture or write a poem about your best day in the space below, then tell someone about it.

My Really Great Day



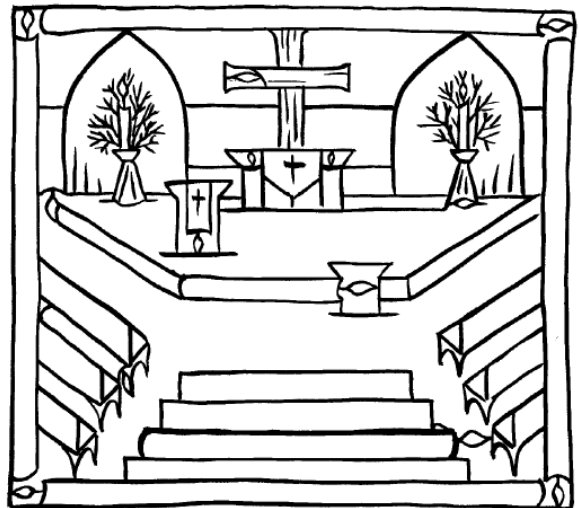
Thank you, Jesus, for being with us on really great days. Amen

this week

Share stories about the "really great days" you've had in your life.

Welcome to worship. Today is Transfiguration Sunday, a bright day at the end of the season of Epiphany.

Look around your worship space and count all the candles you see, then color in all 15 of the Epiphany candles in the picture below.



I can see _____ candles.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 2/13

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

Wednesday 2/14

- Bible Study on Zoom led Pastor Jessie Obrecht
- NO LOGOs Youth Ministry
- Ash Wednesday worship service 7:00 pm

Thursday 2/15

- Hope Circle at Laurie Turner's home 2:00 pm
- Electric City Chorale rehearsal in the sanctuary 7:00 pm

Friday 2/16

- Bethel office is closed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 2/18

- Worship service led by Pastor Jessie in person and live stream at 9:30 am

Tuesday 2/20

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

Wednesday 2/21

- Bible Study on Zoom led Pastor Jessie Obrecht
- LOGOs Youth Ministry 5:30 pm; HS LOGOs 6:30 pm

Thursday 2/22

- Lenten Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm
- Holden Evening Worship Service in the sanctuary 6:45 pm

Friday 2/23

- 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

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.

February 15th 2:00 pm, Laurie Turner's

Weekly Text Study

with Pastor Jessie

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.