

Bethel Notes

Sunday, June 18, 2023

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

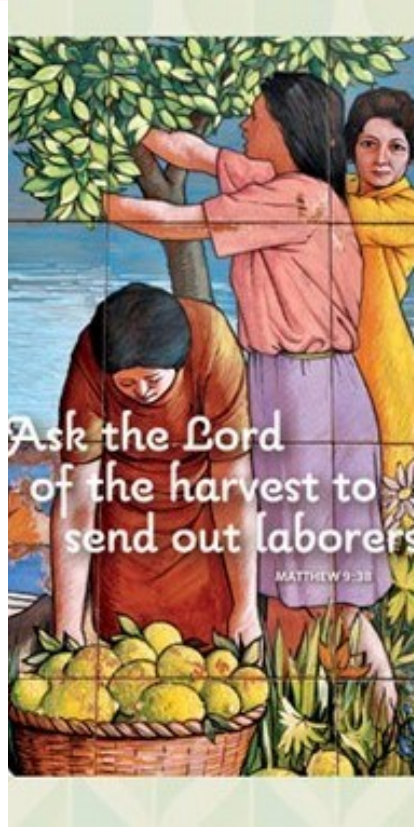
Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalm 100

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:8



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**Join us Sunday 9:30 AM
in person or online at
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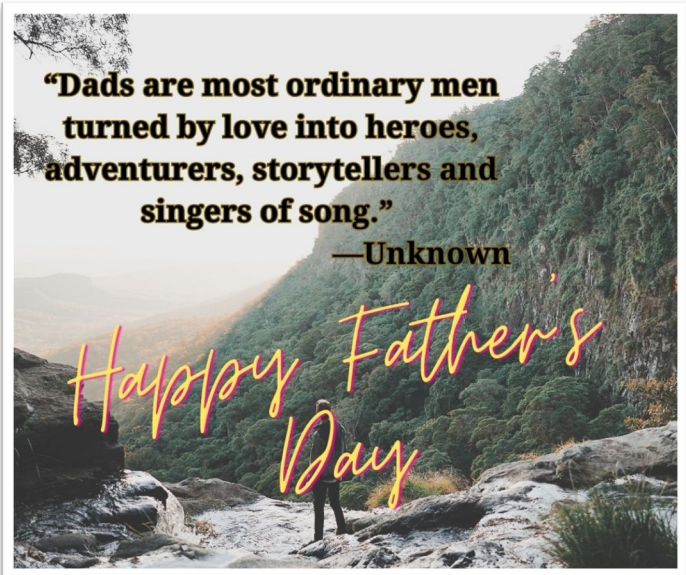
THIS SUNDAY AT BETHEL...

We celebrate the **3rd Sunday after Pentecost.**

Join us after worship for special Father's Day treats on the patio!

Serving This Sunday

- Musicians:**
Mary Seim, piano
- Lay Assistant:**
Sandy Pepos
- Usher:**
Donna Vinnedge
- Tech:**
Jade Metzler
- Children's Church:**
Julia Elkin
Allison Marr
- Counters:**
Stephanie Cummings
Greg Grosenick
- Hospitality:**
Tami Grosenick





Requesting Your Prayers

- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **the family and friends of Tom Rosenbaum** as they mourn his passing.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **the family and friends of Cindy Doughty**, *Patty Braget's sister*, as they mourn her passing.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Kaye and Steve Van Gilder and their family** as they mourn the passing of Kaye's mother.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Dorothy Krueger**, *Greg Grosenick's grandmother*, who is in the hospital with failing health.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Susan Lemelin**, *friend of Greg and Tami Grosenick*, as she is being treated for unknown lung issue and is in critical condition.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and strength for **Matt**, *Dena Wagner-Fossen's brother-in-law* managing adverse reactions to medication after surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Cathy Rankin**, *Jeanne Rankin's sister-in-law*, as she begins treatment for stage 1 breast cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Thelma Seyfert** as she heals after a fall.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Kristin**, *Bobbie Bowen's daughter*, as she manages a new cancer diagnosis.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **John Korpela** as he continues with chemotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Holly Lode**, *granddaughter of Bernice Johnson*, recovering from surgery on her arm after an injury.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Janet Hussli**, *Greg Grosenick's aunt*, managing a stage 4 metastatic cancer diagnosis.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **Don and Kathi Bisgard** as they manage medical care for Don.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** continues to work on regaining strength.
- ✝ 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 **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.

Great Falls Open + Affirming Churches
present:

pride worship

an evening of story & song
celebrating LGBTQ+ folks
as beloved, holy, and whole

Sunday, June 18 @ 7pm
Central Christian Church
1025 Central Ave
all ages welcome

Congregational Meeting Results

During our meeting June 11th following worship, the congregation voted to purchase new chairs for our sanctuary. The Property Management Committee will move forward with the

purchase of the new chairs and reupholstering of the chairs with arms.



Worship Tech's Needed

Do you love working with technology? Then we would love you to join our Sunday Worship team and become a Worship Tech. Our Techs run our live stream and in-person worship on Sunday mornings and for special services at Bethel.

This a paid position at Bethel.

If you are interested and would like to see a full job description. Contact Tami in the Bethel Office or email bethelgf.church@gmail.com and we will send you a copy of the job description. There is an urgent need to train in qualified people as our primary Worship Tech, Adam Elkin, will be leaving for college in the fall. If you are interested or know someone who would be, reach out today!!

A SUMMER CELEBRATION OF CULTURE

JUNE TEENTH


Saturday, June 17, 2023

Free
event

1PM TO 4PM
GIBSON PARK
GREAT FALLS, MT

FEATURING

FAMILY FRIENDLY ★ LIVE MUSIC ★
GAMES ★ FOOD ★ STORIES ★ FAMILY

 400 Park Dr N, Great Falls, MT 59401

Vacation Bible School

July 17th—21st 9:00 am to 1:30 pm



It's time to register for Vacation Bible School for grades (entering) Pre-Kindergarten to 6th. Junior Counselors (entering) 7th grade and up.

More information and online registration at https://www.bethelmt.org/junior_counselors_vbs.html - this camp is FREE for all participants.

*junior
counselors*

*adult
volunteers*

If you are interested in attending Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp at Lakeside this year, Jean Humphrey Camperships are available. Send a copy of your invoice from FLBC (they send you once you register and pay your deposit) to Bethel and we will pay \$250 directly to FLBC.

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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the table Young Adult Gathering

If you or someone you know will be a freshman to graduated senior the fall of 2024 , then you are eligible to go to the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer.

Experience 40,000 youth from around the country worshipping together, learning together and serving together. Past participants have remarked that it is a life changing experience.

Contact Pastor Jessie for more information or to be but on our contact list. Bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com or 406-945-2977. All Are Welcome!

July 16-20, 2024
New Orleans, LA

GOSPEL MESSAGE

June 18, 2023

Assembly Required

Many of us are dumbfounded by instructions, even if we have the patience to read them. We may in fact ignore them, ripping open a cardboard box holding a new gadget, toy, or piece of furniture and launching into assembly without bothering to find the enclosed paperwork. In this story from Matthew, the instructions for the twelve laborers are clear: cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons. Having watched Jesus' ministry of proclamation and healing, they are sent out on their own ministry to do the same.

Are they ready? Who knows. If we're honest, we seldom feel completely ready for tasks before us, even if we've read or heard the instructions. Instructions only take us so far, after all. Then we're on our own. Or better yet, on a team. That's where our creativity and can-do spirit kick in.

Sounds like the church, doesn't it? In this sending of the disciples, the church is cast into the world with the mission of preaching, teaching, and healing. These verses from Matthew, filled with both compassion and urgency, are for the original audience and for us. Jesus sends us too. And more than "some" assembly is required. We need the entire assembly! We laborers are sent first from the front, then week after week from the table.

The words in the service of Holy Baptism send us into the world to "proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace" (*ELW*, p. 228). Thank God for those who labor with us and cheer us on our way. We need both the instructions and the assembly. And most importantly, the Holy One who sends us out.

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Bethel Church Council Highlights

The highlights from the council meeting Tuesday, June 13th, due to crazy summer schedules, we started meeting via Zoom in May.

- Tami is working with Central Technologies on our sound system and microphones, hoping to get better performance in the church and much better sound for folks watching online.
- After visiting with Pastor Tim Brown, who was in town for the Synod Assembly, Kelsey shared some of his ideas on stewardship. We will talk more about these ideas and try to implement some, including his thoughts on simply thanking other people for things, big and little, that they do.
- Patty talked about her visit with John Blank and Tammy Good to the Child Protective Services facilities. They toured the family meeting rooms and tried to assess what kinds of items could be donated to help children and visiting parents engage with each other. Possible ideas like games, puzzles, crafts, maybe a rocking chair? Outreach is working on this as a VBS service project.

Laurie Turner, Council Secretary

Calling All Bell Ringers!

The Bethel Bell Choir will be playing Sunday, June 25th. *Rehearsal* will be Saturday, June 24th from 10 am to Noon.

If you would like to play in the Bell Choir that Sunday, email Sharon Mueller at oboecclar@gmail.com by Tuesday, June 20th



June 2023

Family Promise is proud to announce we have partnered with Onyx Counseling Services to offer counseling to our clients and families who need additional care. Lara Fowler of Onyx Counseling is accepting new clients and has specialized training in parent-child interactions and is a great fit for our program!

Currently, we have two families in our Promise Place Shelter. The two families are doing well and feel supported by Family Promise. They are both working towards their goals of being able to find stable housing once they exit the shelter. We are so proud that both families are working lots of hours to further their goals. Also, both families have adults who are furthering their education which we believe will only serve to make them more successful in their future endeavors. The children in the shelter are excited for the summer and the sunshine and look forward to spending some of their time off being with their parents.

Family Promise Evening with The Great Falls Voyagers! August 25th don't miss out on this fun evening to cheer on our Voyagers Baseball team and support a wonderful local charity. We are seeking businesses to partner with to help sell tickets for the evening. If you know of a business or are a business owner who would be willing to help, please contact the Family Promise office to let us know.

We have a few needs that you may be able to help with.

We are also seeking restaurants to help support our cause, and to partner with us. We are always seeking innovative solutions to be able to better serve our clients.

We offer a limited food pantry to our clients and families in need, but our offerings are running dangerously low. We need your support and donations to be able to continue this service for our clients. Please contact the office to see what you can do to help us, or you can bring any of the items from our current needs list directly to us. We would love to spend a few minutes showing you around so you can see the impact your donation has on our organization and the families we serve. Contact Greg or Tiffany today to set up a time to drop off a donation and tour our facilities.

June Needs List:

- Clorox wipes
- Fruit cups
- Mac n Cheese microwave cups
- 8 ½" by 11" office paper
- Chunky Soup
- Dish Soap Liquid
- Bleach
- Saltine crackers
- Coffee pods regular and decaf
- Chef Boyardee (pull top lid)
- Soup (pull top lid)
- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent pods
- Glass Cleaner in spray bottles
- Baby wipes
- New Pillows
- Bathroom cleaning supplies
- Kitchen garbage bags
- Diapers size 3&4
- Toilet paper
- Uber Cards
- Dollar store cards

We here at Family Promise hope that you are enjoying the summer and staying safe and healthy. Please remember that volunteer opportunities are always available and that we would always welcome extra help. The summer is the time for everyone to enjoy their time off, but please remember that there are still families in our community that need your help. To contact Family Promise call (406) 564-5267 .

Just for *YOUth*

Welcome to worship. Today we think about sharing God's love with people all over the world. That is a big job! We all work together to share God's love.

God loves the people where you live and in every other place in the world!



I live in _____.

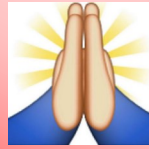
_____ is another place God's love is shared.

The twelve disciples were named Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, Thaddaeus, Simon, and Judas. Remember there were two disciples named James!

Circle the names of the disciples in the puzzle below.

Y	P	E	T	E	R	B	C	A	N	D	R	E	W
F	J	A	M	E	S	P	H	I	L	I	P	U	B
T	B	A	R	T	H	O	L	O	M	E	W	P	C
J	O	H	N	Z	G	W	T	H	O	M	A	S	J
M	A	T	T	H	E	W	O	D	S	Q	R	X	L
P	K	V	Q	J	A	M	E	S	J	U	D	A	S
T	H	A	D	D	A	E	U	S	S	I	M	O	N

You are also one of Jesus' disciples! Find and circle the letters in your name, and write your name here.



God, help me follow the disciple's example and share your love with each others. Amen

Jesus and his disciples

Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

Jesus had many friends. Twelve of his friends were called disciples. Jesus told the disciples to go to many places to tell people about God's love. The disciples shared God's love by helping, healing, praying, and teaching.



This Week...

Practice sharing God's Love everywhere you go.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 6/20

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am

Wednesday 6/21

- Bible Study on Zoom 10:00 am

Friday 6/23

- Bethel office is closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 6/25

- Worship led by Dave Scholten, LPA in-person and live stream 9:30 am.

Tuesday 6/27

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am

Wednesday 6/28

- Bible Study on Zoom 10:00 am

Friday 6/30

- 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.

ON HOLD UNTIL SEPTEMBER

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.

On hold until the fall.

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.

Special Announcement From Pastor Jessie



Greetings Bethel,

I am writing to you today with some exciting news! My wife Jade is currently 16 weeks pregnant, and we are preparing to welcome our first child at the end of November. We are filled with excitement about this grand adventure of becoming parents and can't wait to welcome our little one into the world in a few months. In the coming weeks I will be working with Council to determine maternity leave options, and to ensure that Bethel is in excellent hands for the time I am away right after Jade gives birth. We are thankful to have Bethel as a church family as we dive into this next phase of life and would appreciate your prayers as we prepare for our newest family member to arrive.

-Pastor Jessie

