

Bethel Notes

Sunday, June 11, 2023

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

First Reading: Hosea 5:15—6:6

Psalms 50:7-15

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26



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

World Hunger



Serving This Sunday

Musicians:

Lynn Ryan, piano

Lay Assistant:

Chris Wilson

Usher:

Earl Terwilliger

Tech:

Jade Metzler

Children's Church:

Addi Carlson

Olivia Violet

Counters:

Pam Dougherty

Laurie Turner

Hospitality:

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THIS SUNDAY AT BETHEL...

We celebrate the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost.

We lift up **World Hunger Sunday**. We will be receiving an additional offering in the wicker baskets.

Special Congregation Meeting today after worship to discuss and vote on replacing the chairs in the sanctuary.

Worship Planning Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall after Congregation Meeting.



Requesting Your Prayers

- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Susan Lemelin**, *friend of Greg and Tami Grosenick*, as she is being treated for unknown lung issue and is in a fragile and 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 is managing a new cancer diagnosis.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **John Korpela** as he begins 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 healing for **Cindy Doughty**, *Patty Braget's sister*, as she manages ALS.
- ✝ 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.

New Chairs for the Sanctuary?

The property committee has put many hours into finding the best prices and products for our future chairs in the sanctuary! According to our Constitution, whenever the Council wishes to spend money on things that are not in the budget, and cost above 2% of the annual expenses for the church, there must be a congregational vote. Therefore, the Council is calling a Congregational Meeting on June 11 at 10:45am (or directly following worship) to take a vote approving the purchase of 150 new chairs and the reupholstery of ten chairs. The ten chairs are ones that have arms, and are needed for several members in the congregation, but are not able to be ordered with the rest of the chairs. The total cost of this project is \$11,032.23 (including shipping). We will be having a "Sponsor a Chair" drive to pay for a portion of the chairs, and any remainder will be paid out of the Memorials Account. We need a quorum of at least 32 people there, so please join us in person or on Zoom so that we can make this important decision and move forward!

THIS SUNDAY! Congregational Meeting

We will be holding a meeting to discuss and vote on new chairs for the sanctuary.

June 11, 2023

following worship,

estimated start at 10:45 am.

We will be offering an online Zoom Meeting option as we need a 32 voting member quorum to be able to vote.



A SUMMER CELEBRATION OF CULTURE

JUNE TENTH

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



Auditor Needed

Do you have a background in bookkeeping? Are you familiar with tax and payroll practices? Bethel Needs You! We need to have an annual audit done, as soon as possible. The volunteer who has done this for us in the past has stepped down. If you are interested or have questions about this audit please contact Kelsey Johnson
bethelgf.council.treasurer@gmail.com

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_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 1, 2023, The Holy Trinity

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 font, 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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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Rihanna Whitehead



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



A candlelight vigil was held at Bethel on Thursday, June 1, at 8 pm, honoring and remembering Missing and Murdered Indigenous Montanans. The Vigil was sponsored by the Racial Justice Task Force of the Montana Synod.



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.

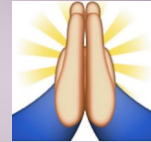
If you are interested and would like to see a full job description. Contact Tami in the Bethel Office or email bethelgf.church@gmail.com and we will send you a copy of the job description. There is an urgent need to train in qualified people as our primary Worship Tech, Adam Elkin, will be leaving for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

Just for *YOU*th

Sharing God's love

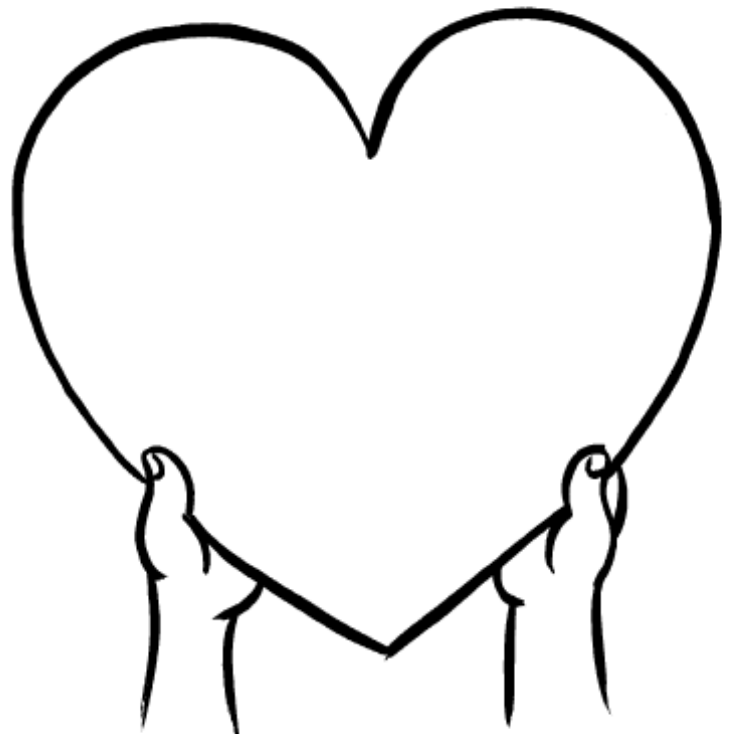
God asks us to show compassion for others. Below are three pictures showing acts of love and kindness.

Draw your own ideas about ways you can show compassion.



Dear Lord, Thank you, for loving and caring for me. Amen

This Sunday you will hear about compassion—showing love and kindness to others. Look for signs of love or kindness in your life. Draw an act of compassion in the heart.



This Week...

Talk with someone you love about ways you share love and compassion with each other.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 6/13

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Council meeting Zoom 6:30 pm

Wednesday 6/14

- Bible Study on Zoom 10:00 am

Friday 6/16

- Bethel office is closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 6/18

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- Happy Father's Day, join us on the patio after worship for a celebration!

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.

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 loli51gus@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.