

# BETHEL NOTES

## THIS SUNDAY

### Readings:

*First Reading:*  
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

*Psalm:*  
Psalm 1

*Second Reading:*  
1 John 5:9-13

*Gospel Reading:*  
John 17:6-19



## Serving Sunday

### Accompanist

Connie Titcomb, piano;

### Lay Assistant

Tamy Scholten

### Usher

Chris Gleason

### Tech

Gabe Smith

### Projection

Warren Johnson

### Children's Church

Julia Elkin

Tyler Grosenick

### Hospitality

Bethel Lutheran Church

### Counters

Pam Dougherty

Chris Gleason

## This Sunday at Bethel...

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

**Happy Mother's Day** to all the beautiful women in our lives who make the world a better place.

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

Thank you to **The Bethel Handbell Choir led by Sharon Mueller** for performing in worship this morning.

After worship today we continue our **Adult Forum** on the second season of The Chosen.

**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 thanks, **Shirley Cayko** is home and fine.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Earl Terwilliger** as he recovers from eye surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Kathleen**, *friend of Dena Wagner-Fossen*, as she has been released from the hospital, but still awaiting next steps.
- ✝ Prayers of continued healing for **Eric Peterson** as he receives chemotherapy that has slowed the progression of cancer growth.
- ✝ Prayers of strength and support for **Don Bisgard** as he has a recurrence of cancer and they determine best treatment options.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Georgia Miller**, *cousin of Amber Erickson's*, as she has been going through treatment for breast cancer and is doing well. Hoping to only have a couple more treatments to go.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and health for **Seth Boucher** who is recovering from surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** as she manages chemotherapy treatments.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Broc Cole**, *child of a friend of Ali Morris*, as he battles lymphoma.
- ✝ 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 treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Kristin**, *Bobbie Bowen's daughter*, as she continues treatment for cancer.
- ✝ 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 **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.

### **Thank you for the prayers!**

Leona Ost was supposed to have eye surgery. When she went to have the procedure, they told her that the surgery was not longer needed. Her eye had healed and vision had improved. She would only need a new eye glass prescription. Leona wanted to say thank you for all of the prayers. They healed her eye and she did not have to have the surgery.



# Yard Sale!!!

**Saturday, May 11th**

**8:00 am to Noon**

**Bethel Lutheran Church Parking Lot**

*All proceeds go to cover travel expenses for the ELCA Youth Gathering!*

## Donations for the Yard Sale Desired!

If you are doing some spring cleaning in your home and have items you would like to donate to the Yard Sale, please bring them to Bethel anytime before May 11th.

If you have larger items or are unable to get the items dropped off, contact Tami in the Bethel Office and we will coordinate a pick up time.

406-761-1543 or 406-788-9587

You may also email

[bethelgf.church@gmail.com](mailto:bethelgf.church@gmail.com)





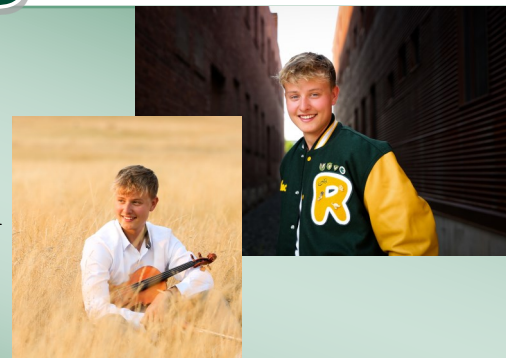
# 2024 Graduating Seniors



## Mac Carlson

Graduating from CMR

Mac plans to attend the University of Montana in the fall where he will major in Music Education and Violin Performance.



## Julia Elkin

Graduating from CMR

Julia plans on attending the University of Montana to earn a degree in Elementary Education, which will allow her to become a teacher for grades K-8. She will also play the piccolo in the Grizzly Marching Band.



## Ava Fossen

Graduating from Great Falls High

Ava plans to attend college to become a nurse.



## Kyle Gilbertson

Graduating from CMR

Kyle plans to attend the University of Montana in the fall, majoring in Business Management of Information Systems.

## James Pinski

Graduating from CMR

James has joined the US Coast Guard and will begin his military career after graduation.



# HAPPY Mother's Day

My Mother kept a garden,  
A garden of the heart.  
She planted all the good things  
That gave my life its start.  
She turned me to the sunshine  
And encouraged me to dream.  
Fostering and nurturing  
The seeds of self-esteem.  
And when the winds and rain came,  
She protected me enough.  
But not too much because she knew  
I'd need to stand up strong and tough.  
Her constant good example  
Always taught me right from wrong.  
Markers for my pathway  
That will last a lifetime long.  
I am my Mother's garden.  
I am her legacy.  
And I hope today she feels the love  
Reflected back from me.



**MAY 19TH  
2:00 PM**

**SUNDAY**

# Live Music

PERFORMANCE BY  
**ELECTRIC CITY CHORALE**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**610 2ND AVENUE NORTH, GREAT FALLS**



## Job Opening



Family Promise of Great Falls is looking for a part-time case manager.

The Case Manager connect clients with resources and services to assist them in resolving their immediate basic needs and establish housing plans.

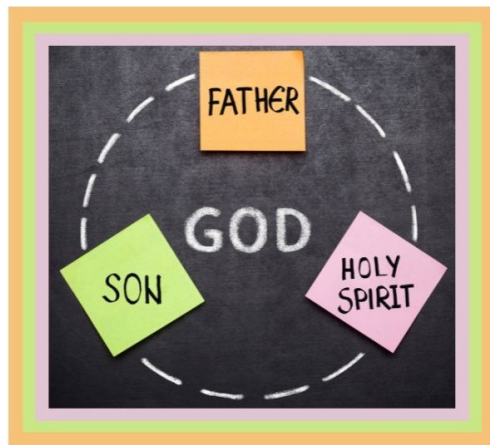
For detailed information regarding this position call Greg Grosenick at 406-590-2610. For more information about Family Promise check out their website [www.familypromisegf.org](http://www.familypromisegf.org).



# GOSPEL MESSAGE

## United in Christ

The concept of the Trinity, one God, three in one, one in three, can be a little hard, sometimes, to get ahold of. But perhaps what scripture's witness to the Trinity boils down to is this: Jesus is in constant communication, continual, active relationship with the Father. The Father is in constant communication, continual, active relationship with the Son. And the Spirit is in and with and between both, always its own presence, but always, nonetheless, one in active relationship, one in ceaseless communication, with both the Father and the Son. Jesus prays that we may be "one" in the same fashion.



Conflict happens in the body of Christ all the time. Sometimes it is over matters of great significance: how we read scripture, how we are to conduct our lives, how the church is to think and act as it comes head-to-head with the constant pull and tug of the culture within and around it. Sometimes the conflict is personal. We resist the neighbor, and worse, out of hurt, anger, and anxiety. Sometimes the conflict can seem to be over a matter of pure nonsense: which way pickles should be sliced, and why they should be sliced that way.

Where and how, then, is our hope of being "one," as our Lord has so prayed?

It is in this: whatever our conflict, we belong to one another. Whatever our conflict, we are called to work at staying in active relationship, honest communication. We are not one, finally, when the issues between us wane, or cease. We are one because the Lord of life holds us together in the promise of his love even when powerful forces, at one and the same time, pull us apart. We are one because the body and blood of Christ have been given to each of us, and all of us.

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**DID SOMEONE SAY  
VOLUNTEER?!!  
YES!!**

If you are interested in helping with VBS this year, let Tami Grosenick know. We need help with kitchen, arts and crafts, first aid, registration/check in and check out. If you can be there one day or the whole week, we would love to see you!



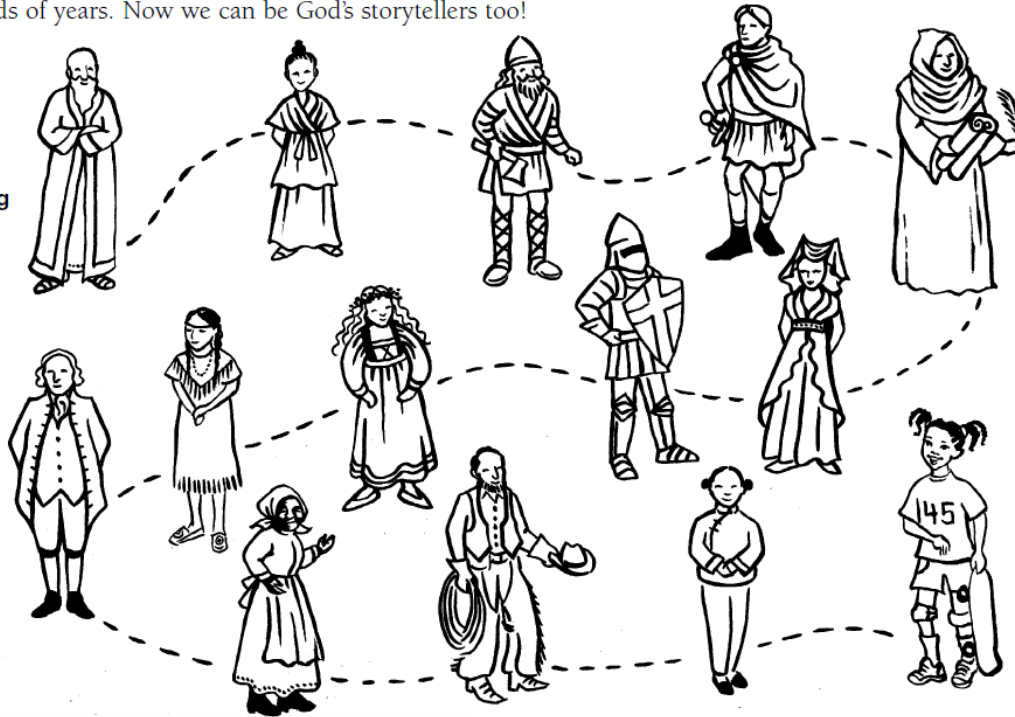
# JUST 4 YOUTH

## Jesus prays

John 17:6-19

Jesus' friends knew that it was their job to share Jesus' stories with everyone. In today's gospel, Jesus prays for his friends. He prays that they will be safe as they spread God's love around the world. God's stories and love have been spread around the world for thousands of years. Now we can be God's storytellers too!

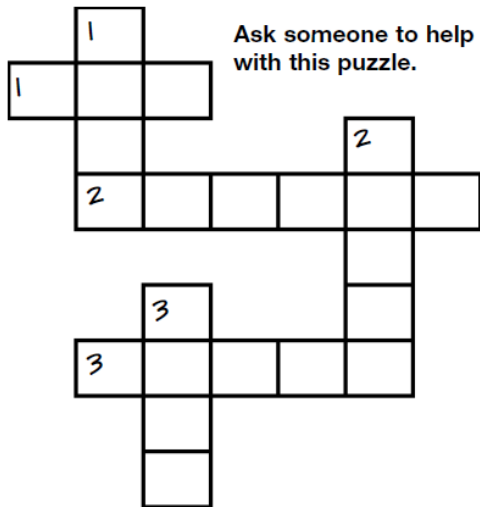
Connect God's storytellers together by tracing the dotted lines, then draw a cross on everyone's forehead because we're all part of God's really big family!



*A question to ponder...*

*Who is God's storyteller for you?*

## Story crossword



Ask someone to help you with this puzzle.

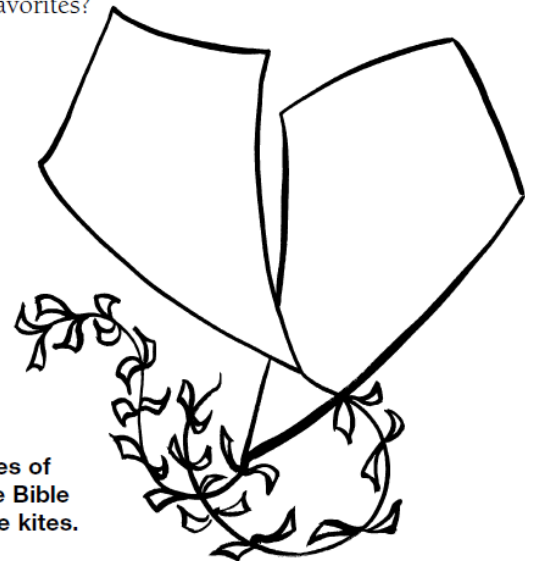
### ACROSS

1. Jesus loves \_\_\_\_ !
2. Jesus ascended into \_\_\_\_.
3. God gave \_\_\_\_  
the 10 commandments.

### DOWN

1. \_\_\_\_ built an ark.
2. \_\_\_\_ rose from the dead.
3. Jesus' new commandment is all about \_\_\_\_.

Welcome to worship. Today is the seventh Sunday of Easter. This past Thursday Christians celebrated Ascension Day, the day Jesus went to heaven to be with God. Before Jesus ascended, he asked his friends to keep telling God's stories. You are one of Jesus' friends, and you can tell the stories. What are your favorites?



Draw pictures of your favorite Bible stories in the kites.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### THIS WEEK

#### Tuesday 5/14

- 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

#### Friday 5/17

- Bethel office is closed.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Sunday 5/19

- Worship service led by Dave Scholten, LPA in person and live stream at 9:30 am
- Adult Forum The Chosen Season 2 in the Fellowship Hall following worship

#### Tuesday 5/21

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

#### Friday 5/24

- 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.

**On hold until September**

#### Preaching And Presiding at Bethel

May 5th	Pastor Jessica Crist
May 12th	Jim Carlson, LPA
May 19th	Dave Scholten, LPA
May 26th	Jim Carlson, LPA
June 2nd	Hymn Sing led by Patrick and Lynn Ryan
June 9th	Jim Carlson, LPA
June 16th	Dave Scholten, LPA
June 23rd	TBD
June 30th	TBD
July 7th	TBD
July 14th	Jim Carlson, LPA