

# Bethel Notes

## Sunday, November 5, 2023

### All Saints Sunday

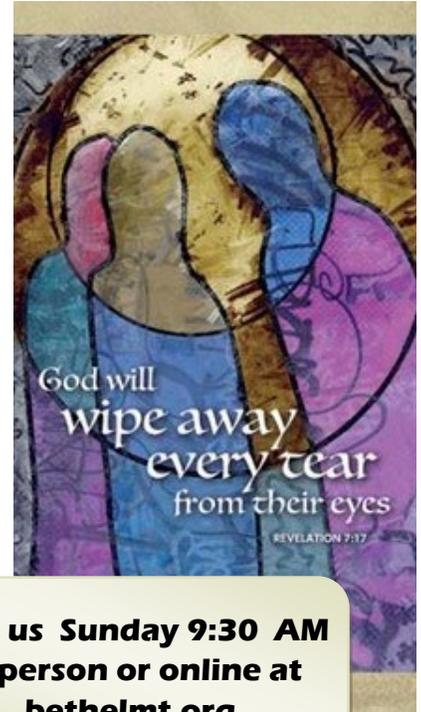
*All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.*

*First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17*

*Psalms 34:1-10, 22*

*Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3*

*Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12*



**Join us Sunday 9:30 AM  
in person or online at  
[bethelmt.org](http://bethelmt.org)**

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### Serving This Sunday

#### Musicians:

Connie Titcomb, piano

#### Acolyte:

Brian Boucher

#### Lay Assistant:

Josie Delorit

#### Readers:

Elle Gustafson, Josie Delorit, Greta Graft, Anna Boucher, Kari Ryan, Jeremiah Mueller, Kendall Ryan, Taitlyn Ames, Sidney Rio, Kenzie O'Leary

#### Usher:

Tesher Reidle and Kelsey Johnson

#### Tech:

Gabe Smith

#### Children's Church:

Tyler Grosenick,

#### Counters:

Patty Braget and Greg Grosenick

## THIS SUNDAY AT BETHEL...

Today at Bethel we celebrate **All Saints Sunday**.

We are so thankful to **welcome Pastor Jessie** back!!

Thank you to all our **Logos Youth** for assisting in worship.

Thank you to the **Jubilate Choir led by Jeff Skogley** for adding special music to our worship.

Join us after worship for our **Potluck**, enjoy fellowship with food, friends, and fun.

### ALL SAINTS

Today we remember the newly baptized as well as those who are now the church triumphant.

The saints that were *baptized* during the past year:  
Sally and Samantha Seidel, Rihanna Whitehead  
Sullivan Davenport, Charlie Link

The saints that *died* the past year:  
Douglas Kickbusch, Thomas Rosenbaum  
Kai Wilder Metzler, Clara Bangert



# Requesting Your Prayers

- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **the family and friends of Vivian Wayne**, *family friend of Isabelle Grosenick*, as they mourn her passing.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for the **family and friends of Russell Herring**, *friend of Shelly Murphy*, as they mourn his sudden passing.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Harper Spurzem**, 8 year old student at Ulm School, receiving chemotherapy treatment for Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **Carmen Goodhart**, *Bernice Johnson's granddaughter*, that she may find safe and affordable housing.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** who home recovering from a recent hospitalization.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Tim Olson**, who is recovering at home after surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of support and comfort for **Pastor Jessie and Jade** as they mourn the loss of their precious baby boy, **Kai Wilder Metzler**.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Kristin**, *Bobbie Bowen's daughter*, as she is manages a cancer diagnosis.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **John Korpela** as he continues with chemotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **Don and Kathi Bisgard** as they manage medical care for Don.
- ✝ 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 from a serious injury after a fall.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues to manage his health.
- ✝ 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.



# Halloween Fun at LOGO's





*give thanks each morning as your day begins*

## Calling All Bell Ringers!

The Bethel Bell Choir will be playing  
Sunday, November 12th. *Rehearsal* will be Saturday, November 11th  
from 10 am to Noon.

If you would like to play in the  
Bell Choir that Sunday, email Sha-  
ron Mueller at  
[oboeclear@gmail.com](mailto:oboeclear@gmail.com) by Tuesday,  
November 7th.



## 1st Monday Night Quilters

The 1st Monday Night Quilters will meet Monday, November 6, 2023, 6-8 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran Church, 3125 5th Avenue South. Please use the alley door.

The quilts we've done this year will be picked up at Redeemer November 20 and taken to Lutheran World Relief in Minneapolis where they will be sent to various places around the world. LWR has been doing this for more than 75 years.

We can always use more people. Some of our quilters take home fabric and cut squares or sew tops at home or measure backs so when we come on these First Monday nights, we tie.. One person in Texas said, "If you can tie your shoes, you can help us make quilts." We have two people who sew the binding on at home, so many hands make a quilt.



**Cat vs Griz**  
**Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**  
**Saturday, November 11th**  
**9:00 am to 7:00 pm**  
**Albertson's on 10th Ave South**



**SCAN HERE  
 TO VOLUNTEER**



**Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner**  
**Sunday November 12th, 2023**  
 Bethel Lutheran Church  
 307 2nd Ave, Joplin, MT  
 12:00 to 3:00

Lutefisk, meatballs, lefse, boiled potatoes, salad bar and Scandinavian cookies

Youth 15 yrs. to Adults ~ \$22.00  
 Children 9 -14 yrs. ~ \$12.00  
 Children 3-8 yrs. ~ \$5.00  
 3 yrs. & younger ~ free

Lefse for sale  
 - while it lasts -

Profits will be used for new church siding.

Great Falls Drama Club Proudly Presents  
**MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**  
 By William Shakespeare

**NOVEMBER 2-4 AND 9-11**  
**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AT 7:30PM**  
**SATURDAY AT 2:00PM**

Tickets are \$5 for Students and \$8 for Adults

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## GOSPEL MESSAGE

November 5, 2023

All Saints Sunday

Beloved Saints

“He must be a real saint!” “She was such a saint!” We say these things about people we know, or have heard of, often in reference to someone who displays great patience or perhaps is extraordinarily kind and generous. It’s not difficult to find such praise at a funeral, for example, as the deceased’s positive influence in the world is remembered. In popular usage, a person earns the title “saint” by doing good works. We think of people such as Saint Francis or Saint Teresa, individuals who were known for being particularly holy or religious. We rarely consider that we ourselves might be saints. After all, most of us haven’t opened orphanages or founded hospitals, given away all our possessions or been imprisoned because of our faith. Even demonstrating exceptional patience toward irritating people or circumstances is beyond most of us on far too many days.



But the scripture readings today make clear that being a saint is not about earning the title. According to the Bible, the “saints” are simply the believers in Christ across time and space. In baptism, our robes have been washed in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:14). *Saint* is a title given to us by God—not as a reward for a job well done, but as an expression of God’s love for us. The characteristic of a saint is not superhuman perfection but rather faith. Faith that the sorrows we mourn, the injustices we encounter, and the persecution we face will one day be put right through the blood of the Lamb. Faith that recognizes and laments the awful brokenness of the world, and of ourselves, and trusts Christ to forgive our sins, wipe away our tears, and make all things new. So, cling to Christ, dear saint, and rejoice that you are God’s beloved child—*now* (1 John 3:2).

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# POTLUCK!

## This SUNDAY!!

This is our first Family Worship of this LOGOs year, it is All Saints Sunday, Pastor Jessie’s first Sunday back, *AND* we will have a potluck to follow the service in the Gathering Place. Bring a dish to share and plan on great fellowship that Sunday!



# Just for *YOUTH*

## We're on God's team!

Matthew 5:1-12

Think about a team you have been on. What were the other players like? What was the coach like? Now imagine you are on God's team. What is God like? Who are the other players? What will you do together?

On All Saints Day we remember we are all on God's team, and God will care for us always!

*This Week...*  
 Check the night sky.  
 What images do you see?  
 Can you



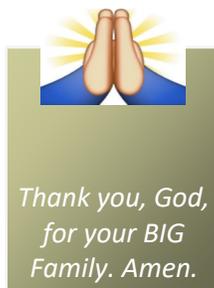
Draw yourself on God's team.  
 Draw pictures of two things you might do together.

## Say hello!

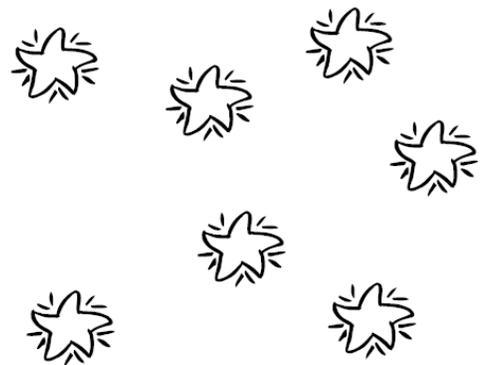
God's family is for all people. If you wanted to say "Hello" to all of God's people you would need to learn almost 3000 languages! Let's start with 10...

Practice saying hello in different languages.

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Hebrew          | Shalom [Sha-LOHM]                 |
| <b>Greek</b>    | <b>Kalimera (Kah-lee-MEH-rah)</b> |
| French          | Bonjour [bohn-ZHOOR]              |
| Spanish         | Hola [OH-lah]                     |
| Finnish         | Paivaa [PIE-vah]                  |
| Chinese         | Ni hao [Nee HaOW]                 |
| Italian         | Buon giorno [bwohn JOR-noh]       |
| <b>German</b>   | <b>Guten Tag (GOOT-en Tahk)</b>   |
| <b>HAWAIIAN</b> | <b>ALOHA [AH-LOH-HAH]</b>         |
| Japanese        | Konichiwa [Koh-NEE-cheewah]       |



Welcome to worship. Today is All Saints Sunday, a day the church remembers all people in God's family—living and dead. There are as many people in God's family as there are stars in the sky. We're all connected by God.



Some people draw imaginary lines between stars in the sky to create pictures.

Draw faces of God's people in these stars.  
 Connect the stars to form a constellation!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Tuesday 11/7

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

### Wednesday 11/8

- Bible Study on Zoom led by Pastor Jessie
- LOGOs Youth Ministry 5:30 pm; High School 6:30 pm

### Thursday 11/9

- Exec Board Zoom meeting 5:30 pm
- Electric City Chorale rehearsal in the sanctuary 7:00 pm

### Friday 11/10

- Bethel office is closed.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday 11/12

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie Obrecht in-person and live stream 9:30 am
- World Hunger Sunday
- Adult Education, The Chosen to follow worship

### Tuesday 11/14

- 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

### Wednesday 11/15

- Bible Study on Zoom led by Pastor Jessie
- LOGOs Youth Ministry 5:30 pm; High School 6:30 pm

### Thursday 11/16

- Exec Board Zoom meeting 5:30 pm
- Hope Circle at Korpela's 7:00 pm
- Electric City Chorale rehearsal in the sanctuary 7:00 pm

### Friday 11/17

- 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 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.

**November 16th, 7:00 pm at Korpela'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](mailto:bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list.