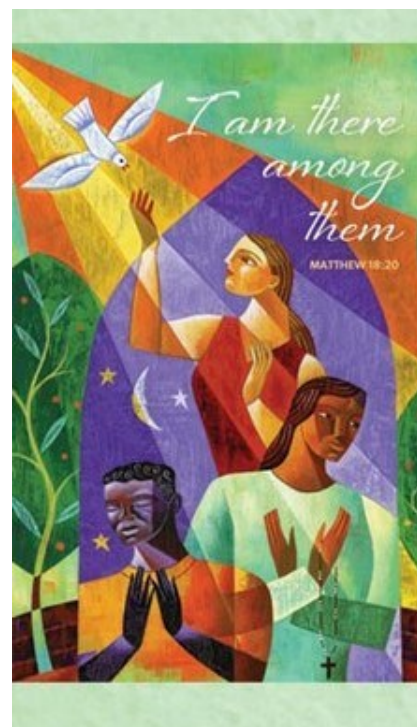


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Sunday, September 10, 2023

15th Sunday after Pentecost

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

First Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Psalm 119:33-40

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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

Serving This Sunday

Musicians:

Mary Seim, piano

Lay Assistant:

Christopher Gleason

Church Council

Usher:

Tami Grosenick

Tech:

No Livestream

Children's Church:

Addi Carlson

Rylee Virts

Counters:

Stephanie Cummings

Sara Sexe

THIS SUNDAY AT BETHEL...

We celebrate the 15th **Sunday after Pentecost.**

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. Join us at noon after our service projects for a potluck.

We are moving **World Hunger Sunday** to next week when we will receive an additional offering for this outreach ministry.

Memorial Service for Tom Rosenbaum
Livestream from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Missoula
at Bethel . Friday, September 8th at 1:00 pm.
Refreshments at Bethel to follow.

Requesting Your Prayers

- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Clara Bangert** as she has been admitted to Peace Hospice.
- ✝ Prayers of celebration for Alex Olson and Zach Albert and the the Olson and Blank families on the birth of **Hudson Timothy James Albert**.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** recovering at home after 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 **Matt, Dena Wagner-Fossen's brother-in-law**, as he continues to monitor his health.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Harper Spurzem**, 8 year old student at Ulm School, who has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
- ✝ 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 at home from a serious injury after a fall.
- ✝ 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.



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



September 10
2023

Service Projects that Bethel is providing. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex or call the Bethel Office for more information.

At Bethel:

- ◆ On the patio, paint the benches around the tree and clean up the leaves and debris—4 to 5 people
- ◆ Assemble Hygiene kits
- ◆ Make cards for Assisted living centers here in Great Falls.

Cameron Center/Rescue Mission/Women’s Shelter

- ◆ They are asking for 6-8 people for each facility.

Angel Center, services the homeless population, by providing, meals, showers, laundry service

- ◆ Prepare meal at Bethel: Spaghetti, Bread, dessert, salad; Deliver and set up - 6

Family Promise, Promise Place Shelter

- ◆ Yard clean up. Pick up debris, leaves, etc., pull a few weeks, tidy lawn—4 people

FISH! -

- ◆ Stocking shelves—2 people

After our service projects are finished about Noon, we will meet back at Bethel for a pot luck.

Like us on Facebook
Follow us on Instagram
Pumpkins for a Cause

Jordan's
Pumpkins for a Cause

**Pumpkin Picking
Popcorn
& Hay Rides**

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 30th, 2023
87 Meridian Lane, Vaughn MT

Free Admission & Free Parking

All donations to benefit Family Promise

Family Promise
FP
of Great Falls

Table Parents Needed for LOGOs

This year we are bringing back table parents. Each Table Parent will have up to 5 children at their table. Each Wednesday we will have conversation cards for the you to use based on bible study topic of the evening, current events, or church events. Table parents will be eating with the kids, teaching manners and serving family style. The table parents will also "assign" one of their kids a task each week for clean up at the end of the meal. For example, one of the kids will be responsible for taking the beverage containers to the kitchen, or collect all the garbage, etc. Each student will be responsible to put their own chair away. We ask that Table Parents arrive by 5:55 pm and will be done by 6:30 pm. If you want to get to know some fantastic kids, eat with them, and share with them then we WANT YOU!!! Can't commit to every Wednesday, but would like to help once or twice a month? We can make that happen!! Contact Tami in the Bethel Office.

INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES AND TRIBAL RELATIONS



September 30 is National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools, and Bethel will be including remembrance in our worship and prayers on October 1. People are encouraged to wear orange, and to hang an orange banner on the Sunday nearest to September 30. We will hang the banner made by Sue Hesse in 2021, when the first group of unmarked graves was found at a former boarding school site in Canada. Since then the Orange t-shirt movement has taken hold of people's imagination. A young girl heading to a boarding school was given a brand new orange t-shirt by her grandmother. When the girl arrived at the school, the t-shirt was taken from her, as part of erasing her identity. As a way to remember the erasure of so many children's identity, the Orange t-shirt movement began. For more information and to order a t-shirt, go to www.elca.org/indigenous/boardingschools.

There are a number of opportunities to learn more about Indian Boarding Schools and other ELCA work with American Indian and Alaska Native people, all on Zoom.

September 13, 6-7 pm Mountain Time **"A Conversation with Indian Boarding School Survivors"**

September 18, 6-7 pm Mountain Time **"A Conversation with Descendants of Indian Boarding School Survivors."**

September 21, 6-7pm Mountain Time **"The ELCA's Truth Seeking and Truth Telling Initiative"**

September 26, 6-7 pm Mountain Time **"Introduction to the Truth and Healing Movement"**

September 28, 6-7 pm Mountain Time **"Indian 101"**

Information on joining the classes (free) is at www.elca.org/indigenous.

Indigenous People's Day is October 9.

November is Native American Awareness Month.

In the 1960's and 1970's the Lutheran Church was very involved in working with American Indian communities, seeking justice and reconciliation. Through the National Indian Lutheran Board, the Lutheran Church was a partner with many tribal communities and movements. Since 2016, the ELCA has re-engaged, first with the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery in 2016, then with the Declaration to American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2021, and now with the Truth and Healing Initiative, coming out of the Office of the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. To learn more about the history and some of the present efforts, go to www.elca.org/indigenous.



Logos Youth Ministry

Wednesdays

Pre-K through 8th Grade 5:30—7:30 pm

High School 9th – 12th grade 6:30—8:30 pm

for youth in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade.

LOGOS is the fun, mid-week youth ministry program which aims to nurture young people into faith and discipleship through Christian relationships.

- LOGOS means “The Word” and this ministry is theology (Word) in practice. LOGOS helps churches like Bethel bring the Word to youth.
- LOGOS is a unique, intergenerational program where people of all ages from our church and community actively participate.
- LOGOS consists of bible study, a shared meal, games and worship.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

LOGOS begins in September

First night **September 20th**

Cost of program per child \$70.00/year

Scholarships available. Contact the Bethel Office for more information.



We are looking for Table Parents, Rec leaders, and someone to team teach Pre K through 2nd Grade with Tami Grosenick. Please talk with Tami Grosenick for more information or if you are interested in one of these volunteer positions.



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GOSPEL MESSAGE

September 10, 2023

15th Sunday after Pentecost

No One Is Lost to God

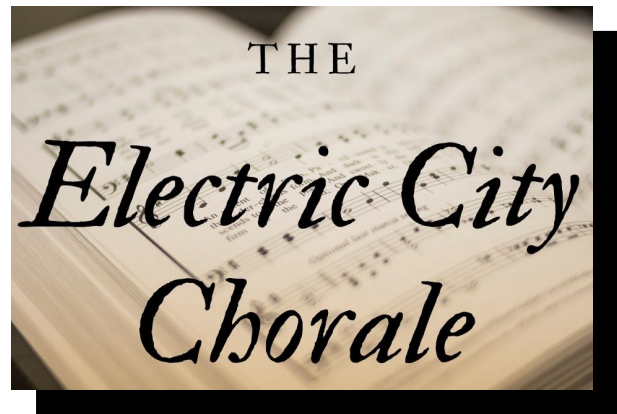
Our relationship to God is bound together with our relationships to one another. We are church together. Whenever hurt or conflict arises in community, Jesus calls us toward reconciliation. But what about those times when, despite our most sincere efforts, the one who has caused us harm refuses to listen? What do we do when it doesn't feel safe to invite them back into relationship? Or what about those times when we ourselves choose to separate rather than return to a community that has refused to believe us?

Sometimes in our quest to do what's right, we might hold so tightly to our checklist for church discipline that we leave little room for grace. In such cases, we might keep the peace or avoid open disagreement without attending to the real wounds at the heart of any conflict. The truth is also that sometimes, whether for our own safety or our own self-respect, we may wisely choose to keep our distance from others who have refused to take to heart the harmful impact of their words or actions. Yet, even when we allow ourselves the space that we need, God remains present.

Jesus doesn't say that whatever we lose on earth will be lost in heaven. The operative word isn't *lose*, but *loose*—as in "release," "set free," or "let go of." When we've responded in good faith to the conflicts that arise between us and have exhausted every option for reconciliation, Jesus invites us to tenderly acknowledge our failure, loosen our grip on the situation, and give that one over to God. We should never take this letting-go lightly. At the same time, we can trust that when we are left to release a member of our community into God's mercy, we do not lose them. For no one is ever lost to God.

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The Electric City Chorale will begin rehearsals at Bethel Lutheran Church on Thursday, September 21. The Chorale is a chamber choir specializing in performing a diverse repertoire of choral music spanning hundreds of years in choral history and modern compositions as well. The choir will also perform music featuring SSAA and TTBB voices. Rehearsals will take place at Bethel Lutheran Church on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be handed out at the first rehearsal. A concert will take place in between late November-early December and will be decided once the choir meets. If you love to sing in community with others and are interested in performing with the Electric City Chorale, please contact Lynn Ryan at (406) 249-3250 (cell-text or call) by September 16.

A promotional graphic for a golf outing. The background is a green and yellow gradient. At the top, the text "PAR-TEE" is in large white letters, followed by "GOLF" in white letters inside a yellow banner with black triangles on either side, and "OUTING" in white letters below. In the center, a white golf ball sits on a wooden tee. Below the ball, the text "THE BETHEL MASTERS" is written in a large, white, serif font. In the bottom right corner, a yellow circle contains the text "2:00 PM" in black. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text: "You are invited to participate in the first annual PAR-TEE Golf Outing. Sunday September 17th at Hickory Swing Golf Course. All are welcome to join after the tournament for refreshments and snacks. Sign up in the Narthex or call the Bethel Office 406-761-1543. For more information contact Earl Terwilliger 406-217-5477".

Just for *YOU*th

I'm sorry

Matthew 18:15-20

Nobody's perfect. We all make mistakes. We need to say we're sorry to make things right with other people. There are many ways to say "I'm sorry." Jesus is with us always no matter what we do.

Solve the puzzles by placing the correct vowels in the blanks to discover a few different ways to say "I'm sorry".

1 = A 2 = E 3 = I 4 = O 5 = U

1. _ _ PS, S _ RRY!
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2. _ G _ _ F _ D
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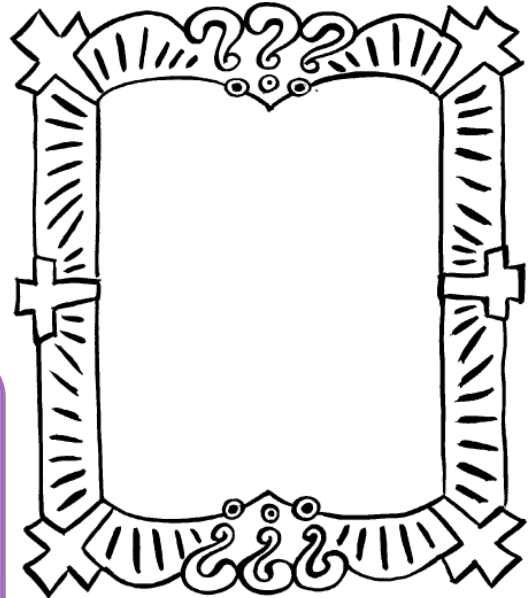
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God questions

Jesus said: "...truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven." WOW! God really hears our prayers! What will you pray about?

Write or draw a picture of your prayer.




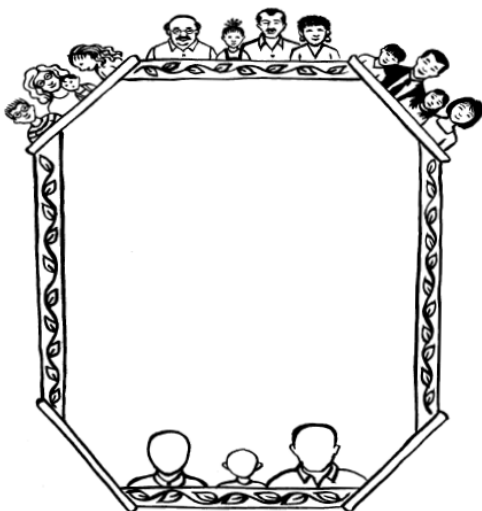
This Week...
When you make a mistake, give yourself a hug and remember Jesus' forgiveness.

Welcome to worship. Jesus said: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus is with you! Who else is with you? Who brought you to church?

How many people did you come with? _____

Draw some of the people with you today.

 Dear Jesus, thank you for forgiving us. Amen.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 9/12

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast resumes 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Council meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday 9/13

- Bible Study on hold until further notice

Friday 9/15

- Bethel office is closed.
- Rosh Hashanah begins 6:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 9/17

- Worship led by Dave Scholten, LPA in-person and online 9:30 am,
- World Hunger Sunday

Tuesday 9/19

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

Wednesday 9/20

- Bible Study on hold until further notice
- 5:30 LOGOs Youth Ministry begins

Thursday 9/21

- Hope Circle Meets at LaRae Veitch's 7:00 pm
- Electric City Chorale Rehearsal 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Friday 9/22

- 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.

Resumes September 12th 7:00 AM

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.

Thursday, September 21st at LaRae Veitch's

Weekly Text Study with Pastor Jessie

—On Hold Until Further Notice



*Fall Harvest
Festival & Auction*
OCTOBER 14, 2023 4:00-7:00PM
ONLINE AUCTION: OCTOBER 1-15, 2023

Click this picture to link
to purchase tickets.

Harvest Festival and Auction at FLBC

Buy your tickets now for the Semi Annual Fall Harvest Fest and Auction, Oct 14th, benefitting Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. A single ticket is \$50 or you can get a whole table (8 tickets) for \$350. This event helps make camp a reality for every single kid or family by offsetting the cost per camper.



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