

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, April 24

Second Sunday of Easter/FLBC Sunday Family Worship

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

Readings

First Readings

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm

Psalm 118:14-29

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel

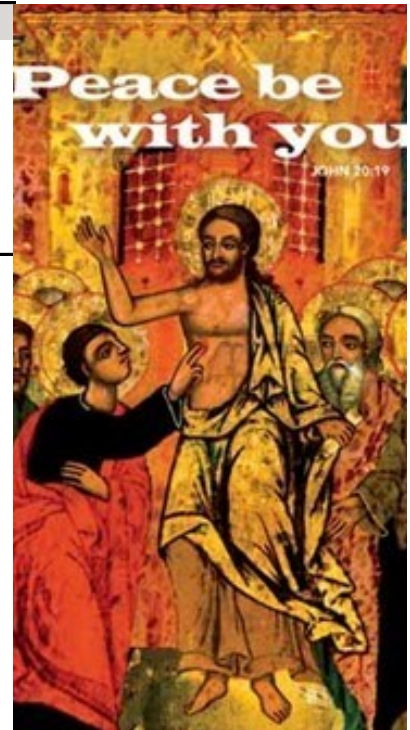
John 20:19-31

Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall as we assemble May Day baskets to be delivered to our neighbors on Sunday, May 1st.

Join us Sundays
9:30 AM in-person or online at bethelmt.org.

SERVING THIS SERVICE

Accompanist Mary Seim, piano; Steve Nelson, guitar
Lay Assistant Ainsley Kubas
Readers Anna Boucher, Macy Hurn, Tyler Grosenick, Jeremiah Mueller, Ethan Kupfner, Emerson Hamma, Hailey and Taylah Jaques, Luke Hurin.
Ushers Teshar Reidle and Sammy Hurin
Tech Colter McCarty
Counters Stephanie Cummings and Dena Wagner-Fossen
Children's Church Ava Fossen and Allison Marr



Inside this issue

Prayer Requests.....	2
Bethel Photos	3
Family Promise Update	4
GF Symphony & Choir ...	5
Community Jazz Band....	5
FLBC Upcoming Events..	5
May Day Baskets.....	6
1st Monday Quilters.....	6
Updated Covid Guide.....	6
Just For YOUTH.....	7
Calendar of Events	8
Online Ministries	8
Contact Pastor Jessie.....	8

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:00 AM TO 4:30 PM CLOSED FRIDAY

OFFICE: (406) 761-1543

WEBSITE: www.bethelmt.org

EMAIL: bethelgf.church@gmail.com



Let Us Pray...

- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sue Hesse** who is in the hospital and will have a medical procedure tomorrow morning.
- ✝ Prayers of thanksgiving for stabilization of **Tony Marcson's** health, *brother-in-law of Jessica Crist*.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Donna Fugle**, *Joni Collins' mother*, as she recovers in the hospital after a fall.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Cindy Doughty**, *Patty Braget's sister*, who has been diagnosed with ALS.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Arlene Sexe** as she continues to recover at home and resumes treatments.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Christie Dennehy**, *sister of Rev. Steve Nelson*, as she recovers from surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of support and healing for **Don and Kathi Bisgard** as they work through some medical issues with Don.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and strength for **Rick Robitaille**, *brother of Tom Robitaille*, as he receives treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Heath Poser**, *nephew of Connie Titcomb*, who has begun treatment for brain tumors and will have surgery once the treatments are concluded.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Mim Mikulecky** as she recovers from knee surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Karla Wagner**, *Dena Wagner-Fossen's mother*, as she manages health issues.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Abby Bisgard-Clegg**, *daughter of Don and Kathi Bisgard*, as she begins treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Rev. Inge Williams**, *friend of Pastor Jessie*, as she has surgery preceding cancer treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Eric Peterson** as he ends treatment for cancer and begins immunotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of strength and healing for **Lisa Leland**, *niece of Sandy Bechard*, as she completed treatment for breast cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of continued healing for **Shirley Cayko**.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and strength for **John Korpela** as he continues chemotherapy treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** as she manages a health issue.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Cody Buus**, *Cindy Considine's nephew*, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of strength & leadership for **Gustavo Driau**, Regional Representative of South America.
- ✝ Prayers of thanks and continued healing for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Bob Walker**, *brother of Colleen Walker-Nelson*, who is managing kidney disease.

Bethel Photo Album

Holy Week 2022



Confirmation class Last Supper Play during Maundy Thursday Service.



Jubilate choir singing during Maundy Thursday Service.



Jubilate Choir reading the Passion and singing during Good Friday Worship.



Logos End of Year Party



First BBQ of the Summer! Too cold to eat outside though.



Pre-K through 6th got to play Twister!



High School Logos taught the Confirmation/Middle School youth to play Sardines after dinner.



With the help of numerous dedicated volunteers, Family Promise has helped 25 children and 13 adults facing homelessness so far in 2022. In addition to the two

families staying at Promise Place Shelter, we have provided emergency hotel stays, rental assistance, deposit, utility expense, and Day Center Services of shuttle, laundry, showers and meals to the

families who have come to us for assistance.

Our Promise Place Shelter Support Team needs volunteers willing to make and/or bring dinners to the families staying at the shelter. Please call or email us if you are interested in joining the Promise Place Shelter Support Team. Volunteer training can be accomplished in person or online. Call us to schedule an in-person visit or request an online training link.

Another way to help is to organize your own team of volunteers and provide dinners or perform a cleanup project. This is a great opportunity for youth and senior groups to practice faith in action.

Clayton FBH (Future Begins at Home) Grant was recently awarded to us. It is a grant for \$10,000 to be used for emergency shelter at hotels, or for eviction prevention assistance for rent, deposit or utility expenses. We need to raise \$10,000 to match these funds at two upcoming online fund-raising events: Family Promise Giving Day and Give Great Falls, If you'd like to help us go to: <https://www.fpgives.org/organizations/family-promise-of-great-falls-f5d89780-a3d4-49c9-b2e0-845f36db327b>. Any amount will help us raise the funds needed for this generous grant.

Welcome Maggie Hooker to our team!

Maggie was recently hired as our Family Advocate. She came to us from the Center for Mental Health where she worked as a Case Manager for over 15 years. She received her BS in Psychology and BS in Human Service degrees from the University of Providence (formerly The University of Great Falls).



What are our current needs?

Sanitizing wipes	Backpacks	Lysol Spray
Pillows	Bath towels	Laundry detergent pods
Kleenex	Clipboards	Paper plates and bowls
Napkins	Toilet paper	Socks (new, all sizes)
Plastic forks	Beanies	Chef Boyardee (pull top lid)
Light gloves	Soup (pull top lid)	Deodorant (men/women)

Thank you to the following businesses who have provided meals and support services so are this year:

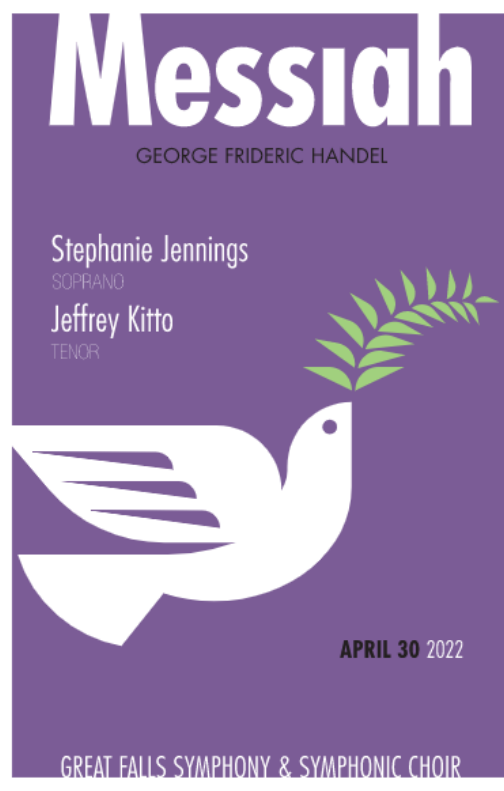
Borries	Entech Network Consulting	Falls Sign Service
Clark and Lewies	Aerus Vacuum Cleaner Store	Alert Security Professionals
JK Property Management	Sletten Construction	

Great Falls Symphony & Symphonic Choir

presents George Frideric
Handel's **Messiah**
Featuring Stephanie Jen-
nings Soprano and Jeffrey
Kitto Tenor.

Click the link for ticket
information.

[https://
www.gfsymphony.org/](https://www.gfsymphony.org/)



Adult Education/ Spirituality Retreat with Dr. Andrew Root

May 1-3, 2022 \$225/person
Monday only: \$175

Join us for this special retreat
with the professor of youth
and family ministry at Luther
Seminary. Expect insightful
sessions such as "Living after
a pandemic...why are we ex-
hausted?" and time for fun
and relaxation at camp, too -
quiet time, reading time, wor-
ship, hikes, pottery, and great
food. This retreat is for all
adults. Pastors, LPA's, Lay
people, youth workers.

Memorial Day Work Re- treat

May 27-30, 2022 FREE
(registration required!)

Enjoy all of the fun activities
camp has to offer, and help
FLBC prepare for summer
camp with some work pro-
jects!

The Great Falls Municipal Band Association presents ...

COMMUNITY JAZZ BAND

under the direction
of JOHN GEMBERLING

Spring Concert

Saturday, April 23, 2022
7:00 p.m.



COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

under the direction
of RON COONS

Spring Concert

Sunday, April 24, 2022
2:00 p.m.



At the New Hope Lutheran Church
3125 Fifth Ave. S., Great Falls

Admission by free-will offering to benefit New Hope Lutheran Church

May Day May Day May Day Baskets!

We will be assembling May Day Baskets for our neighbors! Join us Sunday, April 24th after worship, bring your ideas and creativity and help assemble



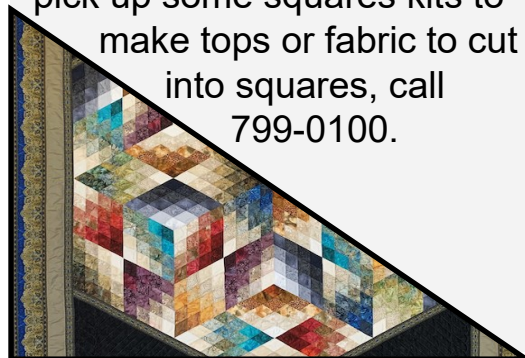
May Day

**some May Day Baskets that we will be delivering to houses in our neighborhood on Sunday, May 1st!
All Are Welcome!**

MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS TO MEET

1st Monday Night Quilters will meet Monday, May 2, 2022, 6-8 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran, 3125 5th Ave. So. Please park in the alley. Again, we will tie the quilts before the last step of binding them is done. Thank you to Peggy for binding the quilts made in April.

If you'd like to help from home, there are many squares kits ready to be sewn into tops, and also fabric to be cut into squares. If you have questions, or would like to pick up some squares kits to make tops or fabric to cut into squares, call 799-0100.



UPDATED Covid Guidelines for Worship

- Masks are welcome, but not required.
- Our chairs will resume full rows, please continue to physical distance to your comfort level.
- Coffee Hour will resume April 24th.

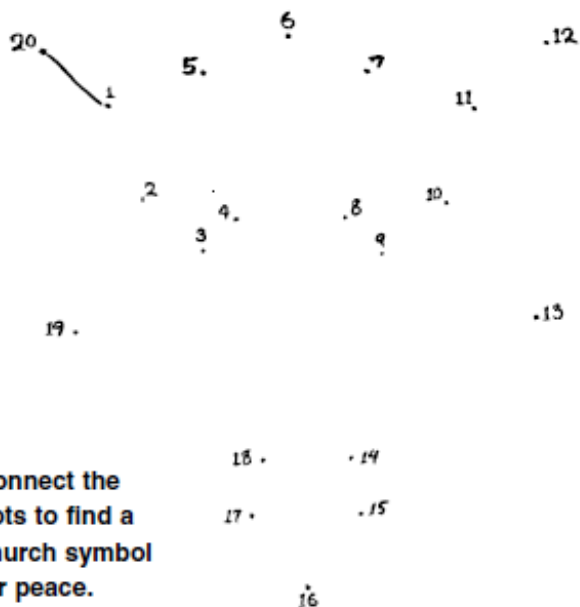
If you have a fever or are feeling unwell, please take care of yourself and join us online for worship.

Just for YOUTH

Jesus gives us peace

John 20:19-31

The first Easter evening Jesus' disciples met in a locked room. They were afraid they were in trouble because they were Jesus' followers. Suddenly Jesus stood with them. They were surprised. Jesus said, "Peace be with you!" Thomas didn't believe Jesus was alive again until he touched the nail holes in Jesus' hands. Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."



Connect the dots to find a church symbol for peace.

Sharing the peace

Jesus said, "Peace be with you," three times when he came to visit the disciples. Jesus' words of peace are for us, too. When people share the peace during worship they welcome each other with Jesus' words, hugs, and handshakes. Today try sharing the peace with someone new.



You can share the peace with someone who can't hear by signing the words Peace be with you.



peace



be



with



you



Dear God, remind me to share your peace every day. Amen

this week

Draw and cut out a beautiful butterfly. Hang it in your window. Leave it up for six weeks to celebrate the Easter season.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 4/26

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

Wednesday 4/27

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am

Friday 4/29

- Bethel office is closed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 5/1

- Worship led by Dave Scholten, in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- Join us as we go out to our neighbors and hang May Day Baskets on doors.

Tuesday 5/3

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

Wednesday 5/4

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am

Thursday 5/5

- Exec Board meeting via Zoom 5:30 pm

Friday 5/6

- Bethel office is closed.
- Aitz Chaim worship 6:00 pm

Saturday 5/7

- Kraft/Achenbach Wedding

Online Ministries

Electric City Bible Study

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 both in person and via Zoom, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at dscholten@dlsconsulting.net for a link to join the meeting or for more information.

Hope Circle

This group meets once a month usually on Thursday evenings. Bible study and fellowship are celebrated with this group of ladies. Contact Laurie Turner at lolli51gus@icloud.com for a link to join the meeting and Terry Korpela to be on the group email for meetings and prayer requests terry.korpela@gmail.com.

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 to be added to the mailing list.

Pastor Jessie Obrecht

Contact information

Email: bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com

Phone: 406-761-1543 ext. 202