

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, August 21, 2022

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

Readings

First Readings

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

Psalm

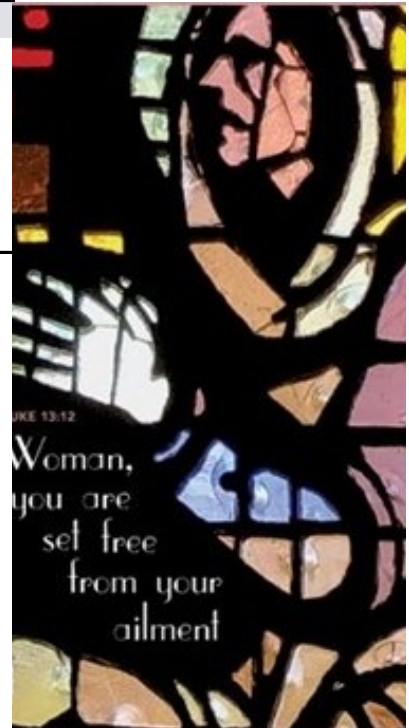
Psalm 103:1-8

Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

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

There will be NO Children's Church this Sunday.



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SERVING THIS SERVICE

Accompanist	Mary Seim, piano
Lay Assistant	Ainsley Kubas
Usher	Walt Nuessle
Tech	Colter McCarty
Children's Church	No Children's Church this Sunday
Counters	Patty Braget and Jeanne Rankin



OFFICE HOURS

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

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- ✝ Prayers of support and comfort for **Kim Barnes and family** on the sudden passing of his wife Rochelle.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dale Ost** who is back in the hospital.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he is in rehab recovering from surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Clark Walburger**, *brother-in-law of Grant Smith*, as he manages health issues.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Carolyn Arves**, *friend of the Grosenick Family*, as she begins treatment for breast cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Abby Bisgard-Clegg**, *daughter of Don and Kathi Bisgard*, as she received good results from her recent test results and will be having a second scan in November.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** who is rehabbing after a recent in-hospital procedure.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Doug Kickbusch** as he begins treatment for a brain tumor.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** who is having continued medical issues.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Heath Poser**, *nephew of Connie Titcomb*, who was diagnosed with inoperable brain tumor and is in Hospice.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Travis Cushman** as he recovers from a procedure and begins treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of support and comfort for **Tony Marcson**, *Jessica Crist's brother-in-law*, as he is in hospice.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dina Davis**, who continues to recover from a broken leg.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Rev. Inge Williams**, *friend of Pastor Jessie*, going through chemotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Eric Peterson** as he continues with immunotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **Elijah**, *godson of Turner Graybill and Jessica Crist*, struggling with mental illness.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Donna Fugle**, *Joni Collins' mother*, who has moved to Eastview Nursing Home.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Cindy Doughty**, *Patty Braget's sister*, who managing ALS.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and strength for **Rick Robitaille**, *brother of Tom Robitaille*, as he receives treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of strength in 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 **Bob Walker**, *brother of Colleen Walker-Nelson*, who is managing kidney disease.



Note from Pastor Jessie

Greetings Bethel!

I am overjoyed to be back in Montana, and catching up on everything after a week away at the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA. We had many great conversations, worshipped together in fantastic ways, and made decisions that I believe will serve the church well into the future. I have tried several times to condense this experience into a small article for the notes, but there was simply too much! If you are interested in learning more about the Churchwide Assembly, what we discussed there, and what memorials and Constitutional provisions were passed, I invite you to please join me on September 18th after worship in the Fellowship Hall. I'll go over some of the details of our gathering, answer questions, and we can discuss what our hopes and dreams are for the future of the ELCA. Thank you so much for your prayers and warm thoughts during this last week. I was incredibly honored to represent the Montana Synod, and I never cease to be amazed at the incredible ministry happening all around the world through this church.

-Pastor Jessie





Logos Youth Ministry

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 opening and closing worship.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



First night of LOGOS, September 14, 2022

***Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting Sunday, August 28th
11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall***

Wednesdays

Pre-K through 8th Grade 5:30—7:30 pm

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

\$70.00 per student

Sliding scale & scholarships available

Contact the Bethel Office 406-761-1543



**Registration
Online
bethelmt.org**

Volunteers Needed!

Teacher Assistants

Kitchen Help

We love to have help with Logos and you do not have to commit to every Wednesday. Any amount of time will be very helpful.

Please let Tami Grosenick know if you would like to help.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LOGOS!!

Our Logos year is gearing up to begin and we need help. We are looking for a couple of people to help with Logos on Wednesday nights. If you have ever wanted to get involved with our youth ministry, but may not be able to commit to every Wednesday, this is the perfect time.

We are looking for:

- Three Cook Teams of 2 people to help prepare, serve and clean up meals.
- 2 teacher assistants to be shadow current teaching staff, help with opening worship and be available to fill in when needed.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please call Tami at 406-788-9587.

Upcoming Book Study: *ONE COIN FOUND*

This fall we will be offering a book study on *One Coin Found* by Emmy Kegler (description below).

For anyone interested in participating in this book study, there will be a sign up on Sundays. You may also email the office at bethelmt.org or call 406-761-1543 and we will add your name to the list. Once we have all who will be participating, we will order the books and receive them the first Sunday of the book study, beginning Sunday, September 25th following worship in the Fellowship Hall.



The stories of Scripture are for everyone. No exceptions.

Emmy Kegler has a complicated relationship with the Bible. As a queer woman who grew up in both conservative Evangelical and progressive Protestant churches, she knows too well how Scripture can be used to wound and exclude. And yet, the stories of Scripture continue to captivate and inspire her--both as a person of faith and as a pastor to a congregation. So she set out to fall in love with the Bible, wrestling with the stories inside, where she met a God who continues to seek us out--appearing again and again as a voice, a presence, and a promise.

Whenever we are pushed to the edges, our voices silenced, or our stories dismissed, God goes out after us--seeking us until we are found again. And God is seeking out those whose voices we too quickly silence and dismiss, too. Because God's story is a story of welcome and acceptance for everyone--no exceptions.

Kegler shows us that even when we feel like lost and dusty coins--rusted from others' indifference, misspent and misused--God picks up a broom and sweeps every corner of creation to find us.

**Joke of the week...
Who was the straightest
man in the Bible?**



... Joseph: Pharaoh made him a ruler



Upcoming Retreats & Events:

Find more information and register online at <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/>

Labor Day Work Weekend & Family Retreat

Join us this Labor Day weekend for one last summer celebration with your family! Enjoy all that FLBC has to offer during this great family retreat: swimming, stand up paddle-boarding, crafts in the Art Barn, sailing, and much more! Come to help us with some work projects or join us for a weekend of relaxation, or both! Either way, there will be

fun, worship, and more for all.

Plus, join us for a **fun run, lake time, and ice cream party** – Dash, Dive, & Dip! – on Sunday, September 4 at 2PM. Make it a part of your Labor Day Weekend Retreat, or come just for the event. \$25/ person supports camperships.

Women's Retreat

September 23-25, 2022 | \$175/person (Full Weekend) \$135/person (Saturday Only)

Join us for a weekend of fun, good company, great food, and rest. Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger, Director for Evangelical Mission at the Montana Synod, will lead our Bible Study focusing on Dwelling in the Word. Plus, spend time enjoying the beauty of camp, doing yoga on the docks, doing pottery, drinking coffee on the deck, and much more.

FLBC Golf Tournament

On Friday, October 7th, 2022, join FLBC for a fun day of golf at Polson Bay Golf Course as we raise funds for camperships! \$150 / player includes green fees, golf cart use, driving range practice & more! Register as a team of 4 or as a free agent. More information can be found online at flbc.net/golf

Can your congregation / business/ organization / family / etc. be a tournament sponsor? From donating a raffle item, to sponsoring a hole, to being the title sponsor, your support makes an un-fore-gettable impact! Contact carlee@flbc.net for more information about supporting the tournament in this way!

NRIT Coming Classes

Fall 2022

Rural Ministry: Revisioning and Reforming for Vitality and Sustainability

Led by Dr. Mark Yackel-Juleen, Wartburg Seminary.

Class offered via Zoom – September 15 from 10am to 3pm (with a lunch break)

Trauma-Informed Approaches - Training

Led by professionals in this area.

Class offered at Hope Lutheran Church, Bozeman MT – September 22 from 9am to 5pm

“Anxiety Makes You Stupid” and other interesting things to consider about our emotional and family systems.

Led by Rev. Jason Asselstine, Associate to the Bishop

Class offered in-person, the afternoon before the Bishop's Convo. Times and location TBD
October 27

Heaven, Hell, Death and Judgement

Led by Rev. Julia Seymour

Class offered via Zoom – November 3rd and 10th from 9am to Noon both days.

Mark your calendar for these events. Registration available soon.



Just for YOUTH



Why worship on Sunday?

Christians worship on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day Jesus rose from the dead. Maybe we should call it Sunday to remember God's Son, Jesus!

What is the sabbath?

Sabbath is resting time, a holy time when we stop our everyday tasks to honor and praise God. Sabbath can be any time we leave our own work or play and put God in the center of things.

When you are away from your church you can still have a sabbath time. Even on vacation you can stop to rest, read the Bible, attend worship, and pray together. We need a time to give our prayers and praise to God every week. Without sabbath time, the six days left in the week seem mixed up.



Keep a sabbath kit (a Bible, a devotional book, and other worship helps) with you when you travel.



Circle seven mixed up things in the picture above.

Dear Lord,
We worship and praise you
always. Amen.

This week

Try a short sabbath during the
week to spend time with God.

gather

Welcome to worship.
We have good reasons to
come to church every week.
Help this family find one of
God's commandments by
following the letter trail.
Print it here:



Sunday is the sabbath day for Christians.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 8/23

- Electric City Bible Study,
Zoom meeting 7:00 am.

Wednesday 8/24

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie
on Zoom 10:00 am
- First Day of School for Great
Falls Public Schools.

Friday 8/26

- Bethel office closed.
- HS Logos Lock-In 7 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 8/28

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie,
in-person & live stream 9:30
am.
- Confirmation Class Parent/
Student meeting after wor-
ship in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday 8/30

- Electric City Bible Study,
Zoom meeting 7:00 am.

Wednesday 8/31

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

Friday 9/2

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

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 on Summer Break

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. We will resume after Labor Day in September, 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

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