Bethel Notes

Let's Worship together Sunday 9:30 am
in person at Bethel or livestream at bethelmt.org.
All are welcome!

God calls us
God transforms us
God sends us
BETHEL
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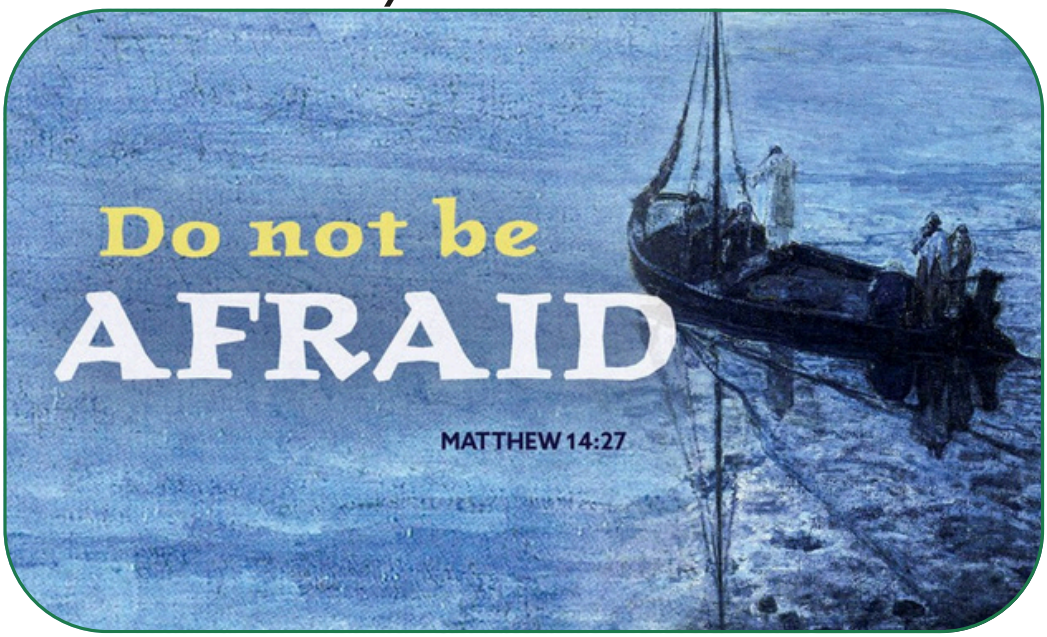
11th Sunday after Pentecost



Readings

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

Serving Sunday

Thank you for your service!

Accompanist
Lynn Ryan, piano
Lay Assistant
Laura Kupfner
Ushers
Earl Terwilliger, Tammy Good
Tech
Gabe Smith
Children's Church
Kendall Ryan, Tyler Grosenick
Hospitality
Laura Kupfner
Altar Guild
Sue Hesse, Laurie Turner
Counters
Stephanie Cummings, Tammy Good

Announcements

Summer Evening worship continues
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm on the patio. Join together for worship and fellowship around the smokeless fire pit. A special thank you to Earl Terwilliger, LMA for filling last Wednesday while Pr. Dawn was at FLBC.

Summer Book Study: A Is For Alabaster continues after worship at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
Today's chapter: W is for Walking on Water.

Jeremiah Book Study will resume Thursday, August 27th 10:00 am

PRAYERS

We hold in prayer those in our community and beyond who are in need of healing, strength, comfort, and peace. We trust that God knows each story more deeply than words can express.

NEW OR CHANGED

Please join us in praying for the **people of Spokane**, especially **Bob and Lisa**, *Sue Hesse's sister and brother-in-law*; *Pastor Dawn's cousin*, **Amber and her family**; and **Tim and Starla**, *dear friends of Greg and Tami Grosenick*. While some have been able to return home after evacuating, they remain under evacuation notice as the wildfires continue to threaten their communities. Surround all those affected by these fires with your protection and peace. Watch over firefighters, first responders, and all who are facing fear and uncertainty. Bring these fires under control, strengthen those serving on the front lines, and comfort those who have experienced loss.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE

Receiving medical treatment

Jeanne Moe, *Kris Voorhees' mother*
Mike Evans, *Tami Grosenick's brother*
Janel, *cousin of Dan and Jenny Woods*
Kathleen Rankin, Jeanne Rankin's sister
Marcia, Sara Sexe's cousin
Ashley, friend of Ali Morris
Carol Ann, Marilyn Carlson's sister

Living with ongoing health concerns

Stephanie Cummings
Jane Mart
Gordon Lord
Jace Binder, young cousin of Kady Murphy
Clarice Skogley, Jeff Skogley's mother
Carrie O'Brien
Bob Underhill, Sue Hesse's brother-in-law
Ed Pottratz
Alex Bostic
Dennis McCarty

Recovering at home or in rehabilitation

Mike Jones
Kristie Henry
Donna Gilbertson, *Randy Gilbertson's mother*
Jim Carlson
Cole Dingle, *great-grandnephew of Sonja Baumgardner*
Doris Winter, *Dena Wagner-Fossen's Godmother*
Rob Kellenbeck, *Dena Wagner-Fossen's cousin*

Serving in the military or law enforcement

Nolan Smith, grandson of Walt and Leone Nuessle

Care-giving loved ones

Carol Berg
John and Debbie Blank
Karen Lord
Debbie McCarty
Marilyn Carlson

Receiving Hospice or end-of-life care

Rita Palmer, mother of Kristie Henry

To add or update a prayer request, please contact the Bethel Office by email or call 406-761-1543. To contact the **HUGS Ministry** for visitation or communion click this link or call the Bethel Office.
Names remain on the list until we are notified of a change.

Life at Bethel

Bethel LOGOs Youth Ministry
Share Your Faith. Build a Relationship.
Make a Difference.

You don't need to be a Bible scholar or a professional teacher. You simply need **a willing heart, a listening ear, and a desire to spend time** with our children and youth. Some of the most meaningful moments happen through simple conversations, laughter, questions, and encouragement.

As a volunteer, you'll help create a safe and welcoming place where kids can grow in their faith, build friendships, and know they are loved by God. Whether you're leading a discussion, helping with an activity, or simply showing up each week, your presence matters more than you know.

If you've ever wondered if God could use your gifts— this may be your invitation. Our young people need to konw there are adults other than their parents who care for them.

Come be part of a ministry that is shaping the next generation, one Wednesday evening at a time.

Interested or have questions? Contact Kelsey Johnson johnsonkelsey149@gmail.com or Tami Grosenick in the church office. We'd love to visit with you and help you find a role that's a great fit.

PASTOR DAWN AT FLBC

Elle Gustafson and Taitlyn Ames with other campers, participate in worship

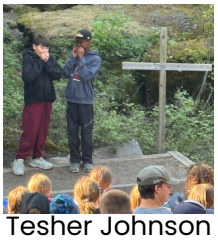
Pr. Dawn, Elle Gustaftson, Taitlyn Ames, and Tesher Johnson

Pr. Dawn and Katie Furr

Taitlyn Ames does a reading during worship

Taitlyn Ames and Pr. Dawn

Elle Gustafson with Pr. Dawn


Tesher Johnson with another camper participate in worship.

Ainsley Kubas and fellow Counselors leading games

Pr. Dawn and Tesher Johnson

Deeper Engagement

Bethel's 75 years in review (2005-2011)

2005

Jubilate Choir started selling Equal Exchange coffee and tea as an ongoing fundraiser. The profits were to be used for unbudgeted worship items that help in education and music. March 11 - 5th annual Loaves and Fishes at Our Saviors benefiting FISH. Jennifer Black received the Montana Council of Churches People of Faith Award. April 9 - Crop Walk to benefit the community food bank. 2005 confirmans - Tanner Veitch, Celeste Smith. April 24 - HIGH school Cantata. John Korpela became Council President. July 22 - week long - Seattle Servants Trip & Creation Fest. High School kids - Jennifer and Megan Black, Colter McCarty, Erin Stutzman, and Colin Kohoutek. Sponsors Pastor Steve VanGilder, JoDee Black, and John Korpela. A service trip to spend with the homeless and hungry in downtown Seattle, followed by the Creation Music festival at the gorge in George, Washington. October 8 - First English 100 Anniversary. December 18 - Children's Christmas program - "Yo Santa". Heather Beck director. Bethel Bunch was resurrected. A social group to meet for food, conversation, fun.

2006

March - Rev. Jessica Crist was chosen to go to Rome, Instanbul & London on an Ecumenical Journey. Jessica was the Associate to the Montana Synod Bishop. March 26 - High School Musical, "The Waiter", directed by Joel Corda to benefit Logos. March 31 - Loaves and Fishes at Our Saviors. April 8 - Crop Walk. 2006 confirmation class included Rachel Braget, Jade Klette, Kathie Munski & Avery Smith. June 4 - "Piece of the Pie", Stewardship Thank you pie social. June 24 - Long time Bethel & Lydia Circle member Illa McComb passed away. July 23- July 30 - Seattle Servants Trio & Creation Fest #2 - Seattle Washington & George Washington. - high school youth Britney Brooks, Maegan Cook, Celeste Smith, Sophia Smith, Megan Black, Colter McCarty, and Colin Kohoutek, and sponsors Pastor Steve, Debbie McCarty, and John Korpela. October - Close Knit group began meeting on Saturdays at church. October 29 - Harvest Brunch - Reformation Sunday.

2007

Confirmation - Allison Sexe. Rev. Jessica Crist became bishop of the Montana Synod.

2008

Confirmation - Kelsey Smith, Abbie Black, Danielle Braget

2009

April 19 - Blooming Bethel dinner & Auction. Bethel rolled out their mission statement, vision statement and guiding principles. Colleen Busby, long time Bethel secretary, retired.

2010

Added staff, part time custodian, bookkeeper and ministry coordination.

2011

Confirmation - Michelle Braget, Payton Sexe.

Upcoming Events & Invitations

Summer Adult Forum: A is for Alabaster

Our summer book study on "A is for Alabaster" by Anna Carter Florence is open for new participants!

Join us for discussions on biblical themes without any homework or book requirement. Each session is independent, allowing for lively conversation.

Upcoming topics include:

- 8/9 W is for Walking on Water
- 8/16 Z is for Zacchaeus
- 8/23 D is for David
- 8/30 D is for Deliverance

Come as you are and be part of the discussion!

Wonder, Wander, and Worship Day

Celebrating 83 Years of Ministry at FLBC

Saturday, October 10

Lunch is at 12:15 p.m. (No charge)

Annual Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Let the Fun Begin from 1:30–4:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come spend an afternoon filled with wonder, wandering, and worship as we celebrate the ministry of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and the countless people who have been part of God's work here for the past 83 years. Rediscover the joy of being a camper again!

Enjoy an afternoon of:

- Games in the big field
- Boat rides on the lake
- Low and high ropes course adventures
- Creative fun in the Art Barn
- Fellowship, laughter, and worship
- Time to explore the beauty of camp
- Be a kid at camp again!

There is no cost to attend, but please call or email the camp office to let us know you're coming so we can prepare to welcome you. Call (406) 752-6602 or email office@flbc.net

Gospel Reflection

Take Heart • Matthew 14:22-33

Can you recall a time in your life when something happened that was so strange or out of place that your initial reaction was fear? Maybe you doubted what you were experiencing or seeing and even thought, This is not possible. This can't be.

The disciples must have been terrified when they saw something so strange that it should have been impossible—someone walking on water, toward their boat, during a storm. They thought they were seeing a ghost until Jesus said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27).

Some say seeing is believing, but sometimes belief comes through experiencing. So, with Jesus' encouragement, Peter stepped out of the boat and began to walk on the water. But when he realized how hard the wind was blowing, Peter started sinking and shouted, "Lord, save me!" Jesus reached out, steadied Peter, and said, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" (vv. 30–31). Then the storm ended.

We may be more like Peter than we realize. Maybe there are times when it's relatively easy to trust in God—until we face something unexpected, frightening, or out of our control. Then doubts immediately overwhelm us.

The good news is that Jesus hears our cries and saves us. He is with us in our weakest moments, holding us even as our spirits sink. Take heart—Jesus is always with you, bringing peace amid the storms, faith amid your doubts, and new life out of death.

JOURNAL QUESTIONS:

1. What "storm" is pulling your focus away from Jesus today?
2. When have you experienced God reaching out to steady you during a difficult season?
3. What is one step of faith you sense God inviting you to take, even if it feels risky or uncertain?
4. When fear begins to take over, what helps you remember that Jesus is already reaching out to you?

Lord, when fear and doubt begin to overwhelm me, help me keep my eyes on You. Thank You for never letting me sink alone. Give me courage to trust You, even when the waves are high. Amen.

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Just for YOUth

Thank you, Jesus, for always being with me. Amen.

This week

Talk about fears that arise in your family and pray about them together.

Walking with Jesus

Matthew 14:22-33

One day, Jesus' disciples were in a boat. Suddenly, they saw Jesus walking on top of the water toward them! The disciples thought he was a ghost, and were afraid. Jesus told them not to be afraid.

Peter said, "Lord, if it is really you, tell me to walk out to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come." Peter started walking on the water toward Jesus. The wind was strong, and Peter became frightened. He cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus reached out and caught Peter. Jesus and Peter got into the boat. The disciples were amazed!

Draw a rainbow over the stormy water as you hear this story today.

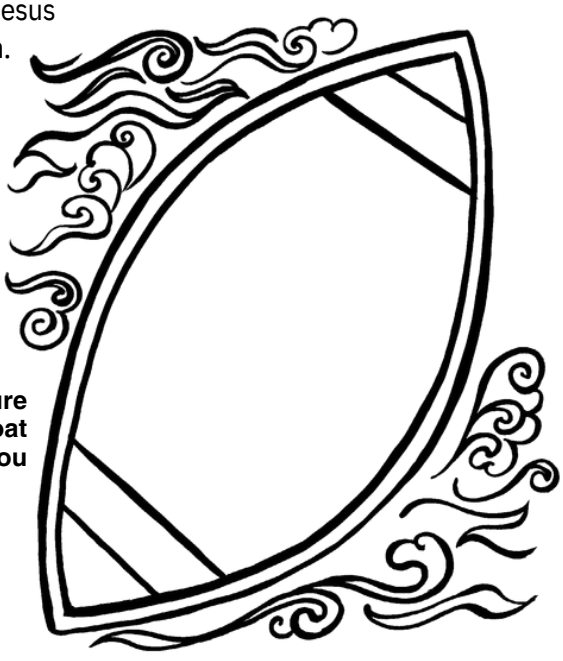
Some people wear or carry crosses in their pockets to remind them Jesus is always with them—whether they are afraid, happy, sad, or angry. How many crosses can you find in your worship space?

Draw some of them here.

The room where people meet to worship is called a sanctuary. This word also means a safe place—where you can go when you are afraid.

This Sunda we will hear about a time when Jesus' disciples were afraid. Jesus came to them. Everyone has times when they feel afraid. Jesus is with us, too.

Draw a picture inside the boat of a time you were afraid.



For all things

Jesus hears our prayers. We can pray about anything. Write a prayer about things like these:

Looking Ahead

This Week | August 9 - August 15

Sunday 8/9
- Worship in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- World Hunger Sunday
- Adult Forum, book study: A Is For Alabaster, topic: W is for Walking on Water

Tuesday 8/11
- Electric City Bible Study – 7:00 am (Zoom)

Wednesday 8/12
- Summer Evening Worship, Holden Evening – 7:00 pm (patio)

Thursday 8/13
- No Jeremiah Book Study, resumes 8/27

Friday 8/14
- Bethel office is closed.

Saturday 8/15
- Handbell Choir rehearsal 10:00 am

Next Week | August 16 - August 21

Sunday 8/16
- Worship in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- Handbell Choir
- Adult Forum, book study: A Is For Alabaster, topic: Z is for Zacchaeus

Tuesday 8/18
- Electric City Bible Study – 7:00 am (Zoom)

Wednesday 8/19
- Summer Evening Worship – 7:00 pm (patio)

Thursday 8/20
- No Jeremiah Book Study , resumes 8/27
- Exec Meeting – 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Friday 8/21
- Bethel office is closed.

**Zoom option available. Please email the Bethel Office at bethelgf.church@gmail.com to receive a link.*

It's been a hot one so come to church on Sunday...
we are **prayer-conditioned!**
Anonymous

ONGOING MINISTRIES

- **Hope Circle** — Monthly gathering for connection and care - contact Terry Korpela by clicking this link Email Terry - **Resumes fall 2026**
- **Electric City Bible Study** — Tuesdays at 7:00 am (Zoom) - contact Terry Korpela by clicking this link Email Terry
- **Men's Breakfast** — Tuesdays at 7:00 am in Fellowship Hall - contact Dave Scholten by clicking this link Email Dave - **Resumes fall 2026**
- **LOGOs Youth Ministry** - Pre K thru High School — Wednesdays 5:30 pm 6:30 pm (HS) - contact Tami Grosenick by clicking this link Email Tami - **Resumes fall 2026.**

There is a place for you here...All are welcome!