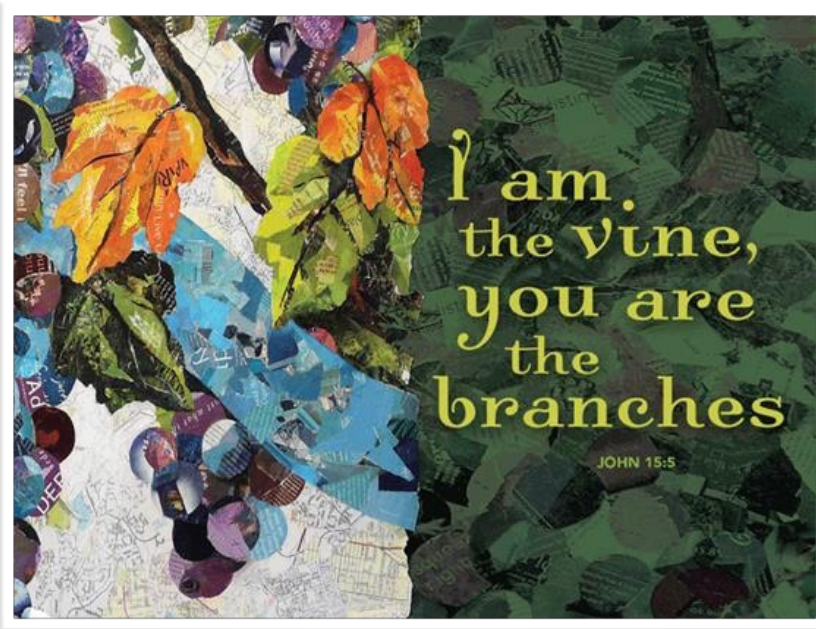


BETHEL NOTES

Renewal of Baptism Sunday



This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

APRIL 29, 2018

This Sunday:

First Communion
Emerson Hamma

Renewal of Baptism
Dylan Erickson, Joseph Frick, Madeline Hamma, Lauren Lindseth, and Ava Olson

Readings:

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:
Lay Assistant:
Usher(s):
Projectionist:
Counters:
Nursery:

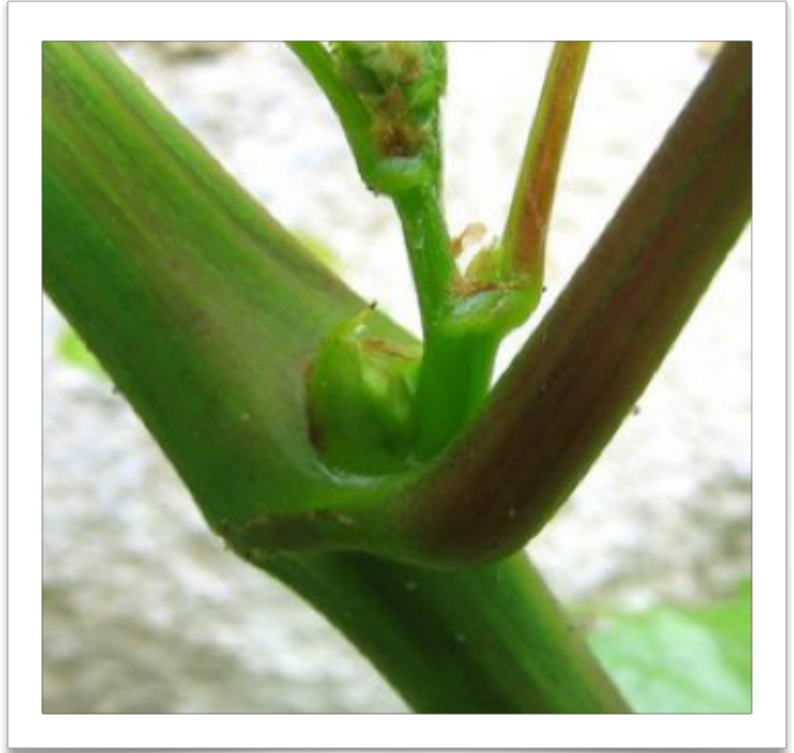
Connie Titcomb
Vann Arvanates
Mike and Joyce Harding
Dina Davis
Tim Lightourne & Dena Wagner-Fossen
Carly Cushman

As I Abide in you.” – Jesus, The True Vine

“Abide” is an English translation of a Greek word which the gospel writer, John, used repeatedly in his gospel. This word is a relational word, one which has the connotation of trust, relaxing into someone’s care, and of sharing life.

Jesus shared the agricultural metaphor of vine dressing, vines and branches with his disciples during his long farewell address. He was preparing them for his departure and the on-going nature of the relationship that they will have with him, with each other and with the world. As Jesus abided in them, they in turn were to abide, relax into Jesus’ care so that they would bear the fruit of faith and love in the world. It was what a branch would do in its relationship with a vine. The image which I have included is of a branch which is grafted into it’s life source ~ the vine. The disciples would need to trust each other and in so doing, they would trust in Jesus.

This Sunday at Bethel we will share the Affirmation of Baptism. Five of Bethel’s eighth graders have completed two years of instruction in the basics of the Christian faith and will affirm the promises of God made in baptism by making public affirmation of the faith and committing to continuing the journey of faith. They are Dylan Erickson (son of Chad & Amber Erickson), Joseph Frick (son of Aaron & Kopper Frick), Madeline Hamma (daughter of Jason & Tammy Hamma), Lauren Lindseth (daughter of Jason & Kelly Lindseth) and Ava Olson (daughter of Tim & Beth Olson). We, the people of God, will



affirm, along with them, the faith into which we were also baptized. We need Jesus and we need each other in order to experience the life God offers us in abundance.

Please keep these young adults in your prayers, asking that God will continue to sustain them in their journey of faith ~ abiding in Jesus’ life and love. May we continue to encourage, mentor and teach one another as disciples of the one who is our True Vine, source of life. Come, join in worship this Sunday and learn of how our assigned lectionary readings speak to our relationship with God, one another, and the world which Jesus has called us to love and serve.

Pastor Steve

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Prayers for *Marj Vander Aarde* as she recovers from surgery. Also for her sister, *Jann DeGroot*, who is battling cancer.

Prayers for *Ed Pottratz and family*.

Prayers for *Todd Whitted* (nephew of Bobbie Bowen).

Prayers for family and friends of *Anne Trunkle* (friend of Dean Wagner-Fossen) as they grieve her death. Also prayers for Dena's sister, *Trina*.

Prayers for *Shelly Murphy*

Prayers for God's presence and comfort for *Esther Schmidt* (Aunt of Sandy Pepos).

Prayers for *AnneRose Rogers* as she recovers from a fractured ankle.

Prayers for *Dick Seim* for upcoming surgery.

Prayers for healing for *Eric Meredith* as he recovers from surgery.

Prayers for God's grace as the *Synod staff* transition to their permanent home, the new Synod House.

Prayers for *Kurt Hesse* (brother of Don Hesse).

Prayers for the friends and family of *Daisy Motschenbacher* as they grieve her death.

Prayers for healing for *LeRoy Diacon* (father of Amber Erickson.)

Prayers for *Cody* (friend of Sue Hesse.)

Let's Get To Know One Another

This summer (and into the Fall) we would like you to share your stories/tales/thoughts about Bethel, how you found your way here, and/or how you carry your fellowship with Bethel into the world. This is a perfect opportunity for each of us to learn something new about each other. You may accompany your article with photos or clipart if you wish.

If you would like to submit, email or one-page story to bethelgf.church@gmail.com or if you do not have access to a computer you may drop a hardcopy off at the church with your name and phone number.

We will be running these stories in the Bethel Notes for the spring and summer and are so excited to hear more about you!!



Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Happenings!



Bring your family to camp to celebrate Mom's special day! Brunch will be served Sunday, May 13th with three seatings at 9:30 am, 11:00 am, and 12:30 pm. Advance reservations are required, call 406-752-6602. Suggested donation for brunch: \$25/adult; \$18/child (age 5-14). Additional proceeds and donation benefit FLBC scholarships & Lighthouse Ministries.

Memorial Day Family Work Retreat

May 25-28, 2018

FREE, but advance reservations are required!

- Help get camp ready for summer!
- Projects include: sewing, painting, planting, building, cleaning and much more!
- Projects for all ages & abilities

To reserve your spot go to flbc.net or stop by the church and pick up a registration form.



Summer Camp Programs

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp offers a Christ-centered camping experience. The staff is trained to help campers understand God's message of grace and to provide positive Christian role models while having an amazing experience in God's great outdoors! Pastor Steve will be attending camp July 29th to August 3rd. The deadline for early sign up with \$25 discount is May 1st so sign up today! Bethel has camp scholarships available, \$100 per camper on a first come first serve basis. To take advantage of this benefit bring or send a copy of your invoice from the camp (*they will send you one as soon as you make the deposit*) and Bethel will send the money to FLBC. To register go to flbc.net

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**July 23rd through 27th
9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.**

We will have a fun, faith filled week of friends, games, crafts, and music. This camp is free for youth going into Pre-K to 6th grade. We also need Junior Counselors for youth going into 7th and up. Pick up a flyer and registration form at Bethel, check out our website bethelmt.org click on the VBS logo on the home page for more information or contact Tami Grosenick at bethelmc.church@gmail.com.

We would love to have your help this year with VBS - if you are interested in helping for a few hours or the whole week! We need assistance with prepping and serving lunch to the counselors and staff. Support with craft projects., walking with the children in the neighborhood, registration/drop off/pick up, serving at the pot luck, or set up and tear down of camp. Contact Tami Grosenick at 788-9587.

CHADWICK FC

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY!!

FOOD CONCESSIONS 2018 SUMMER STAFF

CASHIERS, COOKS, SETUP/TEARDOWN

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

TO APPLY VISIT: WWW.CHADWICKFC.COM/APPLICATION

MONTANA STATE FAIR

GREAT FALLS, MT

JULY 27TH-AUGUST 4TH 2018



-AND/OR-



MONTANA FAIR

BILLINGS, MT

AUGUST 10TH-18TH 2018

(SET-UP WORK AVAILABLE 4+ DAYS PRIOR TO DATES LISTED ABOVE)

FOODS WE LOVE TO EAT & SERVE:

CORNDOGS * LEMONADE * FUNNEL CAKES

PHILLY SANDWICHES * CHEESE CURDS * ELEPHANT EARS

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY:

10% OF WAGES EARNED WILL BE MATCHED & DONATED BACK TO THE CHURCH/SCHOOL ORGANIZATION/CLUB OF WORKER'S AFFILIATION.

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Bethel Bunch

Sunday June 24th Noon - 12:00 p.m.

at Ron and Dew Elkins house

2412 47th Ave. SW

Elkins will provide the main dish - burgers and brats and buns.

Everyone else will need to bring our own beverage as well as a side dish to share.

We need someone to provide chips; condiments; salad and dessert.

So if you could RSVP Terry Korpela at terry.korpela@gmail.com or Elkins at rda.elkingtf@gmail.com and let us know what you would like to bring, this will help get all bases covered.

This Week at Bethel

Monday 4/30:

- Boy Scout meeting in the Gathering Place 6:15pm

Tuesday 5/1:

- Bible Study Electric City Coffee 6:30am
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7am

Saturday 5/5:

- Close Knit in the Fellowship Hall 9am.

Coming Up....

Monday 5/7:

- Boy Scout meeting in the Gathering Place 6:15pm

Tuesday 5/8:

- Bible Study Electric City Coffee 6:30am
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7am
- Church Council meeting at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place.

Wednesday 5/9:

- Staff meeting in the Fellowship Hall 10:00am.

Monday 5/14 - Friday 5/18:

- Pastor Steve on vacation.

Monday 5/14

- Boy Scout meeting in the Gathering Place 6:15pm

Tuesday 5/15:

- Bible Study Electric City Coffee 6:30am
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7am

Thursday 5/17

- Hope Circle 7pm Dina Davis' 1413 3rd West Hill

Builder's Wanted

Trinity Lutheran Church of Sheridan Wyoming will be at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Rocky Boy May 19th to 24th. They are looking for someone with some carpentry skills to help on some projects that other groups will finish this coming summer.

If you are able to join us or would simply like more information please call **Pastor Phil Wold - 307-763-1115.**

Coming Up (cont.)....

Saturday 5/19:

- Close Knit in the Fellowship Hall 9am.
- AlaNon meeting at 11:45am in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday 5/21:

- Cycle Across America - staying at Bethel, details TBA
- Boy Scout meeting in the Gathering Place 6:15pm

Tuesday 5/22:

- Bible Study Electric City Coffee 6:30am
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

Family Promise Events

Early Risers at
First Presbyterian Church
6:30 am May 3rd-24th
\$5 breakfast & special speakers

Family Promise Night at the
Voyagers June 6th

Family Promise

Our next Family Promise host week will be *May 27th - June 3rd*. Due to scheduling conflicts at Bethel, Central Christian Church (The Hub) has graciously offered to allow us to host from their church as the families will already be there.. This is a treat for the families as they will not have to move! And a great opportunity for those of us who have not seen the Hub to stop by and say hello.

We will have sign ups beginning sign ups to help serve and also for food donations beginning May 6th. For anyone donating pantry items, please still drop them off at Bethel and there will be a sheet to sign to let us know who is donating and what you dropping off. We like to know so we can say thank you! Meals are to be delivered to The Hub, if you have need Tami or Dew can help with that. Thank you all for your kind Support!



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