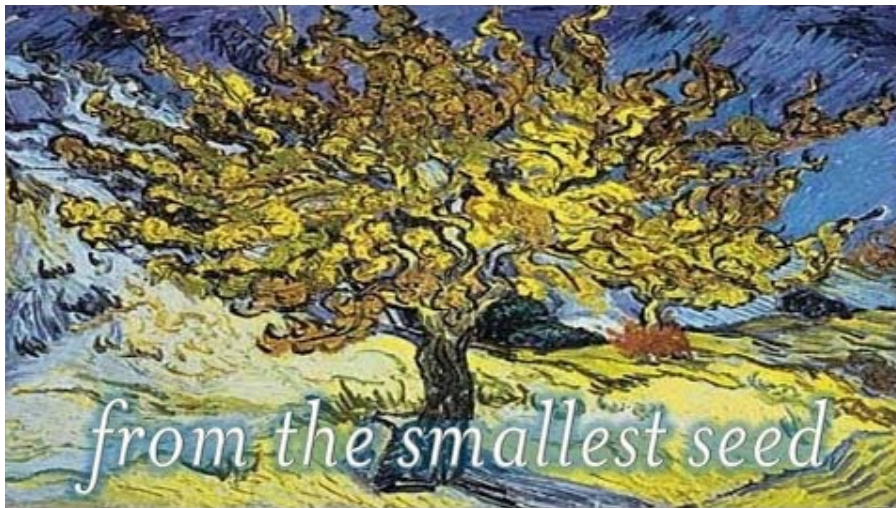


# BETHEL NOTES

## Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

**JUNE 17 2018**

This Sunday:

**Dave Scholten LPA**  
will be presiding and  
preaching .

**Father's Day** grace and peace  
to all who on this day  
experience great joy as well as  
to those who find it a difficult  
day to face, for a variety  
reasons.

Readings:

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

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## Serving This Sunday

Accompanist: Mary Seim  
Lay Assistant: Anne Vannatta  
Usher(s): Don & Kathi Bisgard  
Projectionist: Dean Amor  
Counters: Tim Lightbourne & Matt Crampton  
No Nursery This Week.

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## *2018 Synod Assembly – Strengthen Congregations*

We were honored to represent Bethel at this year's Synod Assembly and Theological Conference. This year's theme was "Strengthening Congregations". Throughout the convention, Pastors from different congregations gave presentations on how their church was serving the community around them. One congregation purchased cloth grocery bags that were made available to members of the church. These would be taken home and over the month filled with food. At the end of the month, the bags were brought back and then taken to local food pantries.

There were several speakers throughout the convention that gave their views on different perspectives. Keynote speaker, Linda Bobbitt discussed the ebbing and resurgence of a church or congregation. A body has to change and adapt to new ideas and processes. As you change, you assess and then, if needed, change again. Without change, you stagnate and cease to be an affective body. Seth Nelson, Pastor at Ronan and author of *The Church Unknown – Reflections of a Millennial Pastor*, discussed changes to consider so as to keep the younger generations interested and active in the church body during his workshop on **Where Are the Young People?** Pastor Brenda Smith gave a workshop on Prayer. Her main message was that each of us pray in a different manner. None of which is wrong. No one can criticize your prayer. There were other speakers as well and each had a message as a call to action.

We attended the dedication and tour of the new Synod House. Many of the Mission Builders also came back for the dedication. If you get a chance, stop by and take a tour.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matt and Judy Crampton



**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](mailto:terry.korpela@gmail.com) or Elkins at [rda.elkingtf@gmail.com](mailto:rda.elkingtf@gmail.com) and let us know what you would like to bring, this will help get all bases covered.



For a long time I have wanted to feature different groups of Family Promise volunteers. So this week I decided to start with the overnight hosts. Family Promise has been going strong for 3 1/2 years of hosting our families in need. Sunday night is often JoAnn Dullum and Anne

Vannatta. But we have also had JoDee Black many times Terree Wozny and sometimes Udo or AnneRose Rogers, Karrie Underdahl, Shari Kohoutek or Dew Elkin. On Monday hosting night Mike and Joyce Harding have stayed every single time - I don't believe they have ever missed. Wednesday nights are LaRae Veitch and Gary Sorum. I believe LaRae has never missed and Gary only once or twice due to visiting family. Friday night was always Vann Arvanetes and often with Shirley Cayko. Sometimes AnneRose Rogers, Bobbie Bowen, Anna Vannatta, Colter McCarty, Dew Elkin or Shari Kohoutek. The Friday overnights have the pleasure of fixing a nice hot breakfast for our guests after they got to sleep in an extra hour. I looked back on my list and I don't think I missed anyone this year but if I did - I am so sorry. The commitment to spending the night is one that other churches have a hard time filling. I do not have any problems getting those slots filled and I can't tell you how wonderful it is not to have to scramble to find volunteers - I am truly blessed and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am on the call list at Family Promise should a church need someone to spend the night and I have spent many nights at other churches. I keep a bag packed with sheets and blanket and I just have to grab My Pillow and a few other things and I am off.

So in highlighting the overnights, I must tell you how very much I have appreciated Vann Arvanetes for being so dedicated to staying so he could cook a nice hot breakfast. I have spent several nights as well and so enjoy fixing breakfast. I will miss Vann greatly for all the other things he did for Family Promise. And Jodi as well - behind every great man is - well you know what I mean. Last week I spent the night as did Shari Kohoutek and we fixed French toast - scrambled eggs - sausage and fresh fruit. It was great and very appreciated by our family. So I will be looking for another Friday night host - not that you have to do it every Friday night but if that fits your schedule, please let me know, I would love to have you.

Thank you overnight angels. You are a blessing and I so appreciate you.

*Dew Elkin*





# Estate Auction

*Saturday, June 16th  
11:00 am*

*An estate auction will be held  
at the home of Marty Johnson.*

*154 Sun Prairie Rd  
Great Falls, MT 59404*

## Family Promise Night at the Ballpark

Batter up as we head out to Centene Stadium to watch the Great Falls Voyagers take on the Helena Brewers, and raise money for Family Promise of Great Falls. We will also be celebrating the retirement of executive director, Sharon Odden! There's a 50-50 raffle, along with other fun surprises!

Fun fact: They have already sold through the first 35 advance tickets, so they have 20 more!! Cost is \$8 each and \$4 of every advance ticket sold goes toward their mission to end childhood homelessness, one family at a time. Call 406-866-0288 to get your tickets today!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Prayers for **Jann DeGroot**, (sister of Marj Vander Aarde) who is battling cancer.

Prayers for **Ed Pottratz and family**.

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

Prayers for **Shelly Murphy**.

Prayers for **Dick Seim** as he recovers from heart surgery.

Prayers for protection and God's blessing for **Katie Smith** (daughter of Grant and Janet Smith) who on a summer mission trip to Asia with InterVarsity.

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

Prayers for **Ardis Scholten and Wally** (parents of Dave Scholten) who is in hospice care.

Prayers for **Jane O'Brien** (mother of Carrie).

Prayers for **Faith Crouch** (granddaughter of Bernice Johnson) as she awaits a double lung transplant.

Prayers for **Sarah Farris**, Bethel's Administrative Assistant, for relief and healing.

Prayers for **Bob Walker** (brother of Colleen Walker-Nelson, who will be having surgery.

Prayers for **Sue Hesse** for healing.



*Bethel Family,*

We would like to thank each of you for your generous contributions and prayers in helping us raise money to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. We did it and we couldn't have done it without you! We look forward to our trip coming up on June 26<sup>th</sup> and can't wait to get back and share our experience with you. Our church family is the best!

*Lillie and Kaleb*



Bethel would like to highlight the TLC Center Daycare located in the Gathering Place. With a highly qualified staff we are thrilled that this facility has a home with us and for those of you who may not know much about the center, here is an excerpt from their website.

*TLC Center is a STAR 4 childcare facility, licensed and registered with the City of Great Falls since 1985. We are an Early Head Start collaborative site. We participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) providing a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. We accept Best Beginnings Scholarships (state paid childcare assistance.)*

*We have 5 classrooms divided by age, a large gym and two fenced outdoor environments/playgrounds.*

*Elizabeth Olson is the Owner/Manager with over 20 years childcare experience. Jennifer McDaniel is the Director and has 20 years of experience.*

*We are open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday-Friday. We are licensed for 50 children ages newborn to 12 years of age. We offer Both Full time/full day and part time childcare and preschool. Our Primary teachers have the educational*

*qualifications, knowledge and professional commitment to support a child's learning and growth. All staff are CPR/1st Aid certified and most staff have Infant/Toddler CDAs or Preschool CDAs.*

Check out their website  
[www.totlotchildcare.com](http://www.totlotchildcare.com) for more information.

### ***Ushers/Greeters Wanted!***

Bethel has added a new way to sign up to be an Usher/Greeter. Now on our website under Bethel Ministries then Ushers/Greeters there is a detailed list of duties and a link to sign up for your opportunity to serve during a Sunday service that works for you! The Usher/Greeter binder is still located in the Narthex who wish to sign up there.

There are lots of open opportunities so check it out and sign up today!

Click here for website  
<https://www.weebly.com/editor/>



## Retreats, Events, and Updates:

For additional information about our upcoming retreats and events, check out our website at [www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net).

### Labor Day Family Retreat

August 31-September 3, 2018

*This weekend is for all ages! Adult bible studies will be lead by Pr. Tanner Howard of Havre, MT. FLBC staff will lead activities for kids. Lots of time for boating, ropes course, crafts and play*

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full calendar of retreats and events. [Like us on Facebook](#) for news and pictures from camp.

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp  
603 S Main St Kalispell, MT 59901  
406-752-6602  
[office@flbc.net](mailto:office@flbc.net)  
[www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net)

**Pastor Steve & Dew Elkin will be going to camp July 29th to August 3rd.**

**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.**

**If you are registered for camp, please let the church office know so that we can make sure you get a card the week you are there.**

There are lots of exciting opportunities this year. Check out their website to see how you can be a part.

[www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net)



**July 23<sup>rd</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.**

Check out our website [www.bethelmt.org](http://www.bethelmt.org) for more information!

## This Week at Bethel

### Monday 6/18:

- Pastor Steve returns to the office.
- Boy Scouts meet in the Gathering Place 6:15pm

### Tuesday 6/19:

- Bible Study 6:30am at Electric City Coffee
- Men's Breakfast 7am Fellowship Hall
- TLC Training Session in the Gathering Place from 6pm to 8pm.

### Sunday 6/24

- Bethel Bunch at Dew and Ron Elkin's 12pm, bring a side dish and RSVP to Dew Elkin or Terry Korpela.

## Coming Up....

### Monday 6/25

- Worship Planning meeting in the Fellowship Hall 4pm. Saturday 6/30:

### Saturday 6/30

- Family Promise night at the Voyager's game.

### Week of July 23rd -27th:

- Vacation Bible School at Bethel.

### Tuesday July 24th:

- Family Pool Night at Jaycee Park 7pm.

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day





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