

BETHEL NOTES

Seventh Sunday of Easter



The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

MAY 13, 2018

This Sunday:

The Jubilate Choir will be singing "Great I Am"

Readings:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:	Lynn Ryan
Lay Assistant:	Shirley Cayko
Usher(s):	Sue Hesse
Projectionist:	Ava Fossen
Counters:	Tim Lightbourne & Grant Smith
Nursery:	Kaleb Stringer



May those with children feel appreciated,

*May those grieving empty arms be
comforted,*

*May those mourning and missing the ones
who gave them life be wrapped in
goodness and love today.*

*"Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright
morning of this world. Mothering Spirit,
nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flower,
until I know"*

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Eamon Ormseth's Blog!

We have put a link to Eamon's blog on our website - below is an excerpt from his story. To read more and see fantastic pictures - go to the Bethel website home page and click the button labeled "Eamon Ormseth's Newsletter"

In a past blog [post](#), I shared about some of my struggles I have faced while living in Palestine. I developed some sort of chronic sinusitis and facial pain in December, and have been on quite the journey trying to solve it. Coupled with my tendency to overanalyze and obsess, this has led to a lot of time spent in worry and frustration. A welcome distraction to this was planning for my mother and sister's ten-day visit in early April. They arrived the day before Western Easter, and I met them at the Lutheran World Federation's (LWF) lovely little guest house on the Mount of Olives....

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 Sunday to help serve and also for food donations. 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!

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 Dena's sister, **Trina**.

Prayers for **Shelly Murphy**.

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

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 will be on a summer mission trip in China with InterVarsity. She leaves May 18th.

Prayers for God's grace as the **Synod staff** settle in to their new home and prepare for the Synod Assembly.

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

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

Prayers for healing for **Arne Buhmann** as he awaits heart bypass surgery.

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

Prayers for **Fern Myhre and family** as they grieve the death of Fern's sister, Midge.

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

Prayers for **Dorothea** (mother of Matt Crampton).

FLBC

It is hard to believe that summer is almost here! We want to make sure that you know of a couple of things as you start planning your activities.

1. Work Weekend at FLBC is Memorial weekend. This is a chance to get up to the camp and help get it ready for a summer of campers! Lodging and meals are included so contact the camp at www.flbc.net to reserve your spot today!
2. Pastor Steve 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.

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

www.flbc.net

As many know, Karolina (Karrie) was selected to be a FLBC camp counselor for this Summer, 2018. We want to thank our Bethel Family for the love, support, and prayers for Karrie this year. It has been her goal to be a Camp Counselor since she stepped foot at the Camp in 3rd grade. There are many people to thank and we say thank you. Karrie leaves for the Camp on June 1. It will be a summer filled with exploring, adventure and deepening her relationship and faith in Jesus. Please keep Karrie in your prayers - she will be back for a few days in August before she goes back to college at Rocky.



- This year the FLBC counselors will be joining us **July 23rd through 27th from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.** We will have a faith filled week of friends, games, crafts, and music.
- Along with pool night and Family Night program and pot luck. 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. Check out the Bethel Website bethelmt.org under Youth Programs for more information or contact Tami Grosenick at bethelmc.church@gmail.com. Stay tuned for more details!

A vibrant poster for volunteering at the 2018-2020 State Summer Games. The word "VOLUNTEER" is written in large, bold, white letters at the top. Below it is a central photograph of three people (two women and one man) smiling, framed by a thick, colorful border. The background is a mix of blue, purple, and pink splatters. At the bottom, the text "RISE ABOVE THE ROAR" is written in a stylized font, with "ROAR" being the largest. Below that, it says "2018-2020 State Summer Games · Great Falls". The largest text on the poster is "SIGN UP HERE" in bold white letters, followed by "or call today 406-216-5327" in a smaller, white, italicized font.

- From May 15-18 in Great Falls, more than 1,000 Special Olympics athletes from 70 plus teams across the state will compete in 11 Olympic-type sports and revel in their hard work and achievements at many special events. Come join us as we celebrate the best of humanity and be a volunteer. Whether you have a few hours, a full day, or are available the entire Games, we have something for you to do to ensure that everyone crosses the finish line a champion. To learn more or to sign up visit www.somt.org or call 406-216-5327.



Carpentry Help Needed

Trinity Lutheran Church of Sheridan Wyoming will be at Our Saviour'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.**



Saturday June 9 - A Day In Fort Benton

- Dinner 5:00 pm. Grand Union Hotel.
- Please RSVP to Terry Korpela no later than
- Friday June 1st if you are coming for dinner
- as we need to get reservations nailed down
- for the hotel.
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- If anyone is interested in lunch and
- exploring the Fort Benton museums let
- Terry know so we can spend the whole day
- if anyone is so inclined.

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.
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- 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 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.

Coming Up....

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 at 6:30am.
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7am.
- Columbia Falls School overnight.

Sunday 5/27:

- Baptism of Hailey Marie Thomas.
- Family Promise Host week at Central Christian Church.

Monday 5/28:

- Memorial Day - office will be closed.

Tuesday 5/29:

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

Thursday 6/7:

- Hope Circle Picnic 6pm Terri Korpela's 3025 Delmar.

Week of July 23rd -27th:

- Vacation Bible School at Bethel.

Tuesday July 24th:

- Family Pool Night at Jaycee Park 7pm.



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