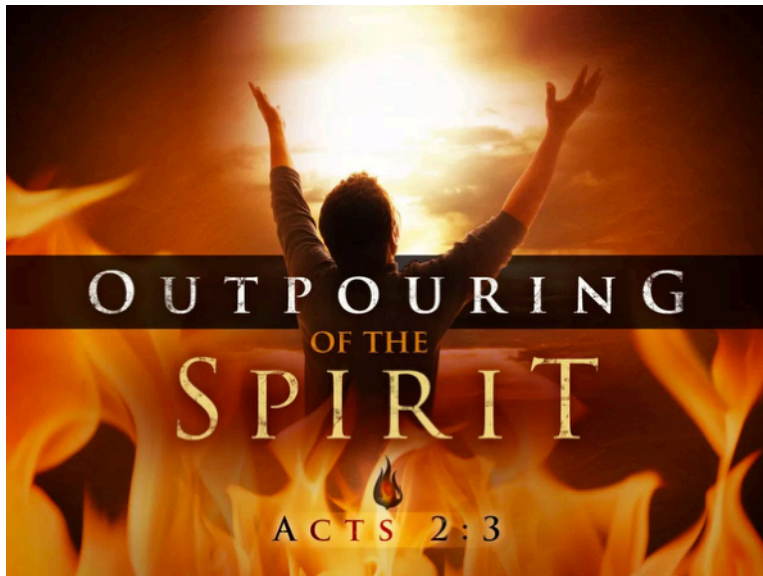


# BETHEL NOTES

## Day of Pentecost



On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

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### This Sunday:

**The Jubilate Choir** will be singing "The Gift of Love." We honor the Jubilate Choir, Director Jeff Skogley and all our musicians who faithfully serve to enhance our worship, bring joy and glory to God! A reception will be held in appreciation of our choir and musicians right after worship.

**Karolina Pepos** will be singing.

**Adult Forum** in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Led by Pastor Steve. We will have a deeper conversation about today's lectionary readings and their implications for our mission and ministry.

### Readings:

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

## Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:	Connie Titcomb
Lay Assistant:	Jim Carlson
Usher(s):	The Grosenick Family
Projectionist:	Dina Davis
Counters:	Pam Dougherty & Marilyn Carlson
Nursery:	Kaleb Stringer



## *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....*

### **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.
- 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.
- 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.

# Church Council News

Bethel Church Council meet on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Here is a brief summary of that meeting. A complete set of minutes can be viewed on-line.

- Pastor Len Shatkus shared his vision for God's Community, a program he is hoping to implement at Bethel.
- Outrigger Construction presented their drainage report. Council voted to get contractor bids and proceed with fixing the drainage problem.
- Pastor Steve gave us information on Mutual Ministries and Council will move forward with call letters.
- A standardized counting procedural report was reviewed and accepted.
- Council voted to send a donation to the up-coming Synod Convention with Bethel delegates, Matt and Judy Crampton.
- The Strategic Planning Committee is on-going with its planning.
- The estate of Marty Johnson is being settled and Bethel will receive some gifts. The Council will decide how to best honor Marty's memory when the estate is settled.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



- This year the FLBC counselors will be joining us **July 23<sup>rd</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We also need Junior Counselors for youth going into 7<sup>th</sup> and up. Check out the Bethel Website [bethelmt.org](http://bethelmt.org) under Youth Programs for more information or contact Tami Grosenick at [bethelmc.church@gmail.com](mailto:bethelmc.church@gmail.com). Stay tuned for more details!

# 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](http://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](http://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.



## 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).

## Family Promise

A very large thank you to all who have signed up to donate their time and/or supplies. We have only a few needs to be met to be all set for our Family Promise Host Week at Central Christian Church. We are in need of two meals one for Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> which is scheduled to be a spaghetti dinner, garden salad with dressing, garlic bread and a dessert. We have both dry pasta and hamburger meat to be used see Dew Elkin or Tami Grosenick. The meal for Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> is scheduled to be lasagna (frozen is fine) garden salad with dressing and bread sticks. We are also in need of two (2) dinner hosts for Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 7:30 pm and on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> we need an evening helper 5:00 - 8:00 pm and two (2) dinner hosts 5:30 - 7:30 pm. If you would like to sign up for any of these you can log on to <http://signup.com/go/RpvixGY> or email or call Tami Grosenick at 406-788-9587 or [bethelmc.church@gmail.com](mailto:bethelmc.church@gmail.com). There will also be a hardcopy sign up this Sunday for any spots that are still open. Thank you all so very much and have a blessed week.

## Our Choir Rocks!!

This Sunday we would like to take an opportunity to lift up our choir and accompanists as they perform their last hymn until the fall. We are so blessed to have such wonderful talent as our church family. There is so much these musically gifted folks do behind the scenes from planning our Sunday services, hours of practice, performing on Sundays and adding the joy of music that enhances our worship time. There are many churches that are not as blessed as we are to have the accompanists here every week and a lovely choir to perform and we have BOTH!!

A sincere thank you for all the hard work that goes into our music program Jeff Skogley for directing, accompanists Connie Titcomb, Lynn Ryan, and Mary Seim. Guitarist Steve Nelson, special brass performances by Dave and Aiyana Skolten and Adam Elkin. And of course our wonderful choir Vann Arvanetes, Kathi Bisgard, John Blank, Lisa Carlson, Marilyn Carlson, Pam Dougherty, JoAnn Dullum, Jennifer Skogley, Melody Skogley, Warren Johnson, Sharon and Steve Mueller, Steve Nelson, Karrie Pepos, Jeanne Rankin, Linda Rosenbaum, Tom Rosenbaum, Lynn and Ryan, Dave Scholten, Connie Titcomb, Kari Underdahl, Anne Vannatta, and Donna Vinnedge.

## Cycling Across America

Bethel is excited to be hosting an overnight stay with some folks who are biking across America to bring much needed attention of the homeless in our country. Here is an excerpt from their web site [halsteaddavid.wixsite.com](http://halsteaddavid.wixsite.com) which you can check out for more information and follow them on their journey.

*This is the story of four friends who decided to do what many might find impossible; travel across the continental United States by bicycle, beginning in Seaside, Oregon on May 4, 2018 and finishing in Boston, Massachusetts, on approximately July 11, 2018. The trip will cover close to 4,000 miles (6,000 Kilometers) in a total of 67 days, including about 9 rest days. They will average about 66 miles per day on their bikes in wind, rain, sun, and who knows what else! The three riders, Dave, Edward, and Lilly, will rely on the skills and expertise of Solange to guide them along the course, prepare food for them on their journey, and set up camp, while trying to find time to play some golf along the way!*

I spoke with Dave Thursday afternoon and they had arrived in Missoula after a little delay with their motorhome. They will be arriving Monday late afternoon. Please feel free to come by and talk with them about their experiences so far. They will be leaving the next morning and heading to their next destination.

## This Week at Bethel

### Monday 5/21:

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

### Tuesday 5/122:

- Bible Study Electric City Coffee 6:30am
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7am.
- Columbia Falls School overnight at 10pm.

## Coming Up....

### Sunday 5/27:

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

### Tuesday July 24th:

- Family Pool Night at Jaycee Park 7pm.

### Monday 5/28:

- Memorial Day - office will be closed.

### Friday 6/1 - Sunday 6/3:

- 2018 MT Synod Assembly at the Heritage Inn.

### Thursday 6/7:

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

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

- Vacation Bible School at Bethel.



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