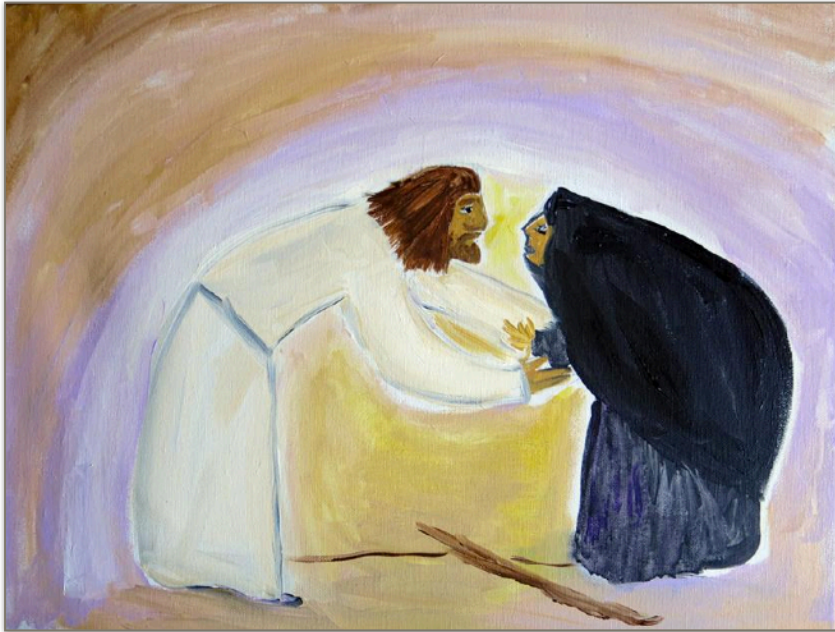


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BETHEL NOTES



Sunday
August 25

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:

Mary Seim

Lay Assistant:

Walt Nuessle

Usher(s):

Mary Gernaat

Projectionist:

Ava Fossen

Counters:

Patty Braget

Marilyn Carlson

Childcare:

Morgan Dunn

Isabelle Grosenick

Hospitality:

Thrivent Action Team

Readings for the Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost:

ISAIAH 58:9B-14

HEBREWS 12:18-29

LUKE 13:10-17

This Sunday at Bethel:

please pick up your mid-year giving statements from our ushers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



- ♦ Prayers for **Faith Crouch** (granddaughter of Bernice Johnson) who is awaiting a double lung transplant.
- ♦ Prayers of healing **Ed Pottratz** for healing as he resumes cancer treatment.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Lee Klette**, son of Russ & Cheryl.
- ♦ Prayers for **Linda Juvik** (sister of Sandy Bechard) undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- ♦ Continued prayers for **Angela Mart** (daughter-in-law of Jane Mart). After weeks of chemo therapy, no lump is detected. She will undergo some further medical treatment to make sure all is well. Jane would like to thank all who have sent their prayers during this time. Our prayers have been heard, God has truly blessed Angela.
- ♦ Prayers for healing for **Becca Thompson**.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Gary and Linda O'Brien** family of Sue Hesse.
- ♦ Prayers of strength and support for **Don Bisgard** as continues to heal.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Jo** (friend of Thelma Seyfert) who's health is failing.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Linda Van Hovel** as she recovers at home from a medical procedure.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Marlys Baer** as she recovers from a broken hip.
- ♦ Prayers for **all students, teachers and staff** as they return to school for a successful and

You are invited to the Installation of

**The Rev. Dr. Laurie Jungling as Bishop of the
Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

Saturday, September 21, 2019 - 11 am

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
3580 North Benton Avenue, Helena, MT 59602

Reception and light lunch following at
The Great Northern Hotel, 835 Great Northern Blvd., Helena, MT 59601

Clergy and Lay Ministers are invited to gather at 10:30 in order to vest and process.
Color of the day is red.

Your prayers and presence are requested.

"May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you."

Eph. 1:17-18

A block of rooms has been set aside (under the name Montana Synod, ELCA)
at the Great Northern Hotel until September 10, 2019
To make reservations, call 406-457-5500

2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly summary of actions

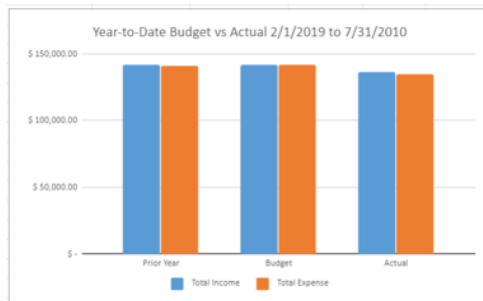
CHICAGO (Aug. 14, 2019) — Gathering under the theme “We are church,” voting members of the 2019 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) made a number of key decisions to further the mission and ministry of this church. The assembly, the chief legislative authority of the church, met Aug. 5-10 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee.

More than 900 voting members:

- Reelected on the first ballot the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton to a six-year term as ELCA presiding bishop.
- Elected Deacon Sue Rothmeyer to a six-year term as ELCA secretary. Rothmeyer, currently serving as executive for administration with the Office of the Secretary, was installed during the assembly’s closing worship on Aug. 10 and will begin her term Nov. 1.
- Approved the social statement *“Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action”* and its implementing resolutions. The social statement, in part, names patriarchy and sexism as sins and calls the church to action on a range of issues, including gender-based violence, workplace discrimination and economic inequality.
- Adopted “A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment,” which will serve as church policy for inter-religious relations. The policy statement was adopted with the witness of 39 ecumenical and inter-religious guests in attendance.
- Approved the triennium budget for 2020-2022, which includes a current fund spending authorization of \$68,378,325 for 2020, a current fund income proposal of \$68,442,034 for 2021 and \$68,507,018 for 2022; and an ELCA World Hunger spending authorization of \$21.5 million 2020, and an income proposal of \$21.5 million for 2021 and for 2022.
- Adopted the “Strategy Toward Authentic Diversity in the ELCA,” which consists of a report and recommendations on how the ELCA exhibits authentic diversity and formulates goals for racial diversity and inclusion.
- Witnessed the presentation of the “Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent,” which was accepted by the Rev. Lamont A. Wells, president of the African Descent Lutheran Association (ADLA), and members of ADLA.
- Adopted 26 memorials en bloc, ranging in topics from gun violence to engagement in the Holy Land and gender identity to seminary tuition.
- Adopted a memorial that affirms the ELCA’s long-standing commitment to migrants and refugees and declares the ELCA a sanctuary church body.
- Adopted a memorial that calls for the development of a social statement and social message on the relationship of church and state.
- Adopted a memorial to encourage all synods and congregations to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ELCA’s ordination of women in 2020, the 40th anniversary of the ordination of women of color in the Lutheran tradition and the 10th anniversary of the ELCA’s decision to remove barriers to ordination for people in same-gender relationships.
- Adopted a memorial to support the vision and goals of the Poor People’s Campaign that align with the ELCA’s social teachings.

- Adopted a series of amendments to the “Constitutions, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,” including one that makes ordination the entrance rite for ministers of Word and Service, and an amendment to no longer count deacons as laypeople for representational principles.
- Adopted a resolution that committed the ELCA to support the World Council of Church’s “Thursdays in Black” campaign toward a world without rape and violence.
- Adopted a resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance in the ELCA for the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9—the nine people who were shot and killed June 17, 2015, during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.
- Adopted a resolution to condemn white supremacy, calling all ELCA congregations to engage in a “study of the structures and rhetoric that empower and fuel racism and white supremacy and to take to heart the teaching of Scriptures, so we may all be better equipped to speak boldly about the equal dignity of all persons in the eyes of God.”
- Celebrated the end of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, which concluded June 30 with nearly \$250 million raised in cash, multiyear commitments and planned gift commitments. At the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, voting members approved the \$198 million campaign to help sustain and grow ministries of the church.
- Elected members to serve on the ELCA Church Council, churchwide committees and churchwide boards, including Portico Benefit Services, the Mission Investment Fund and 1517 Media.

Mid Year Giving Statements Available Now



	Budget	Actual	Difference
Total Income	\$ 141,922.00	\$ 135,893.85	\$ 6,028.15
Total Expense	\$ 141,343.00	\$ 134,676.00	\$ 6,667.00
Net	\$ 579.00	\$ 1,217.85	\$ (638.85)

Overall giving through six months ending July 31, 2019 reflects Bethel’s continuing tradition of generosity. Here is a quick update on the overall church budget.

•Income through the six months has been extremely generous and has not only support our general budget, but our ELCA partnerships and the continued support of Family Promise, World Hunger, LOGOS, Vacation Bible School, etc.

•Operating expenses through July remain within budget. The newly installed dishwasher in the Gathering Place was purchased with council approval out of undesignated memorial funds.

•Mission Freedom giving has also continued to reduce the building loan and as of 7/31/2019 the loan balance was \$ 273,969.21. From 2/1/2019 through 7/31/2019 the Mission Freedom giving was \$19,463.00.

Thank you for your continued generous giving. Please pick up your statement on Sunday.



Bethel donated a Griz-themed basket for Family Promise's fundraiser Ramp It UP. The basket included 2 tickets to the October 26th game against Eastern Washington (given by Greg and Tami Grosenick), Griz tumblers (given by Don and Thelma Seyfert), Griz socks, long-sleeve tee, sweatshirt and blanket (purchased from Family Promise donations to Bethel), and various snacks and goodies (given by Dew Elkin). AnneRose Rogers assembled and delivered the basket. Total value \$206.95. Thank you to all who donated!

TOWN PUMP CHALLENGE

Town Pump has selected FISH to be part of the 18th annual "Be a Friend in Deed, Helping Those in Need" food bank campaign for 2019.

During the 3 month period from September 1 through November 30, Town Pump will match every donation up to \$20,000. What a great way to double your donation to FISH!! Please consider making a contribution during this 3 month period to help FISH.

What's Coming Up at FLBC:

Upcoming Retreats and Events:

Register by calling the camp office at 406-752-6602 or emailing office@flbc.net

Labor Day Family Camp

August 31-September 2, 2019

Join us this Labor Day weekend for one last summer celebration with your family! Camp staff will lead children and youth in classic camp activities such as Bible study, worship, games, hikes, and more. Adults will gather together for special facilitated time of study and discussion led by Pr. Molly and Allen Sasser-Goehner. All join together for worship, fellowship, and games! Enjoy all that FLBC has to offer during this great family retreat: swimming, stand-up paddle boarding, crafts in the Art Barn, sailing, high and low ropes team building, and much more!

To the Mountains: An Adult Wilderness Experience

August 31-September 2, 2019

Spend your Labor Day weekend enjoying the diversity of God's creation in beautiful NW Montana! Join our trained FLBC staff both on foot & by water as we spend an overnight backpacking, a day rock climbing, and a morning sailing on Flathead Lake. Experience the glory of the wilderness alongside new friends and dive into Scripture as you see God reflected in the landscape around you. No previous wilderness experience required, all community gear and food provided.

Wellness and Fun (Grades 6-12)

September 13-14, 2019

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly!" John 10:10. God wants us all to live healthy, fulfilled, abundant lives! This retreat will focus on trying new things for a healthy lifestyle. Learn new skills, get to know your own group better, and meet youth from all over! Discover a balance between mind, body, and spirit. Learn healthy living in a fun way!

High School Logos Float Trip

Thanks to Dan and Steph Richardson and Dean Amor for taking our youth out on the river and have a little end-of-summer fun!



It's A Birthday Celebration!! Sue Hesse's 70th

AT THE BLACK EAGLE COMMUNITY CENTER
2332 SMELTER AVENUE, BLACK EAGLE

SEPTEMBER 8TH, 1:00 PM

COME ENJOY CAKE AND CELEBRATE WITH SUE.

NO GIFTS PLEASE.

RSVP TO HER DAUGHTER MYRA CALL OR TEXT 788-3170

Happy Summer Everyone, from Hope Circle

Mark your calendars the first Hope Circle of the "new" church year will be at

Korpela's

3025 Delmar Dr.

7:00 pm

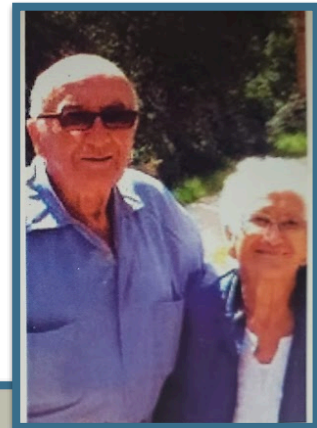
Thursday September 26th.

Bible study will be from the "Gather" magazine unless we come up with something new and different.

Remember circle is open to everyone and what better way to start then in September, so join us!

Thanks everyone. God Bless. See you all in September.

Terry Korpela



*Celebrating
70 Years*

Dale and Leona Ost

Saturday August 31, 2019

Reception 2-4 pm

Bethel Lutheran Church
Great Falls, Montana

Dear Bethel Family,

We are especially grateful and humbled to our Bethel Family for your thoughtful cards, calls, prayers and acts of kindness during this challenging journey. Together, you have helped us experience God's generous miracle of healing. For this, and much more, we thank each of you.

God bless,
Don and Kathi Bisgard



THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Monday 8/26:

- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place

Tuesday 8/27:

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30 am.

Wednesday 8/29:

- First day of school.

Saturday 8/31:

- 70th Anniversary reception for Dale and Leona Ost in the Gathering Place from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 9/2:

- Labor Day Bethel office closed

Tuesday 9/3:

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30 am.
- Men's Breakfast resumes in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

Friday 9/6:

- Aitz Chaim Friday Shabbat Service in the sanctuary 6:00 pm

Saturday 9/7:

- Close Knit in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am

Sunday 9/8:

- 70th Birthday Party for Sue Hesse at the Black Eagle Community Center 1:00 pm

Wednesday 9/11:

- High School/Middle School Logos Kick-Off 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday 9/21:

- Installation of The Reverend Doctor Laurie Jungling as the Bishop of the Montana Synod, Our Redeemer Helena 11:00 am

Mark Your Calendars!

Men's Breakfast is BACK!!

Tuesday, September 3rd 7:00 am

at Bethel in the Fellowship Hall.