

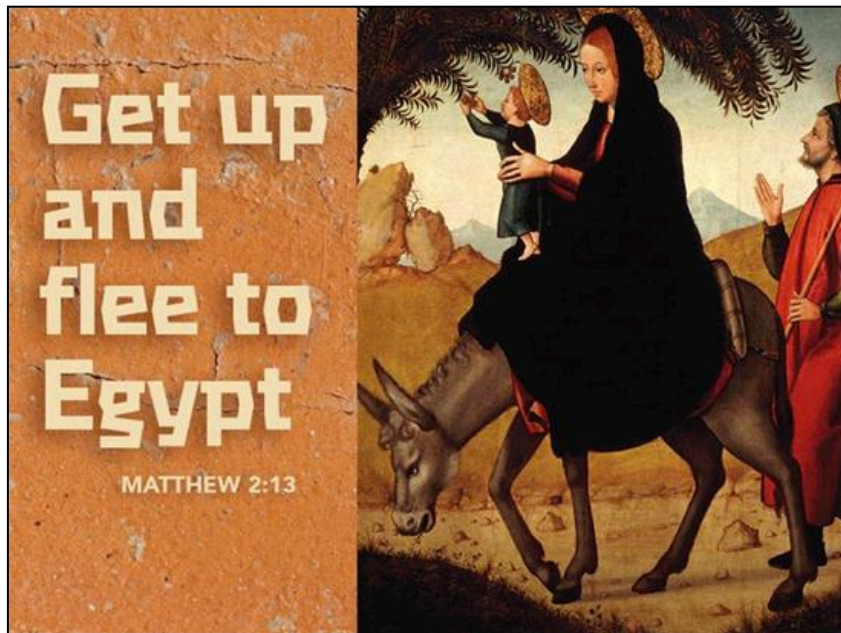
**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 2:30 PM  
Closed Wednesday & Friday

# BETHEL NOTES



We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas!  
This week's Notes are abbreviated.  
Full Notes will return next week!

*Sunday*  
December 29



## Readings for First Sunday of Christmas

ISAIAH 63:7-9  
ROMANS 1:1-7  
MATTHEW 2:13-23

## Serving This Sunday

### Accompanist:

Lynn Ryan

### Lay Assistant:

Anne Vannatta

### Usher(s):

Mary Gernaat

### Projectionist:

Dave Scholten

### Counters:

Pam Dougherty  
Donna Vinnedge

### Childcare:

Allison Marr  
Morgan Dunn

### Hospitality:

Sandy Pepos

## 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** as he continues cancer treatment.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Lee Klette**, son of Russ & Cheryl.
- ✦ Continued prayers for **Angela Mart** (daughter-in-law of Jane Mart) as she finishes treatment for breast cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of strength and support for **Don Bisgard** as he continues to heal.
- ✦ Prayers for God's presence and healing for **Linda Juvik** (sister of Sandy Bechard) as she continues treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Robby and Cindy Brattain**.
- ✦ Prayers for **Don Seyfert** as he continues medical treatment.
- ✦ Prayers for God's presence and healing touch for **John Korpela**, as he continues to recover.
- ✦ Prayers for the **Peoples of Boliva** as they transition into new leadership within the country and prayers for **Pastor Presidente German and the IELB**.
- ✦ Prayers **Eldon Engan** (cousin of Amber Erickson) as he recovers from a double lung transplant.
- ✦ Continued prayers for the **Nominating Committee** as they seek nominees to serve in leadership positions at Bethel.
- ✦ Prayers for healing for **Linda Walling** (sister of Bobbie Bowen) and for Bobbie as well.
- ✦ Prayers for grace and peace for **Dave Price, Pastor Steve's uncle** as he settles into his new home.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort and strength to the family and friends of **Steve Hale**, friend of Sandy Pepos, who lost his life at the tragedy at Emerald City Casino.
- ✦ **Retired Pastor Ken Gjerde** died early Sunday morning after a long battle with congestive heart failure. May God's peace and comfort be with his family, friends and the Montana Synod as together we mourn his death and celebrate his life.

Thank you to all who made our Christmas Eve services so special. Lay assistants Sandy Pepos and Walt Nuessle. Ushers Doug, Sara, and Payton Sexe, Dan and Allison Morris, Udo and Terree Wozny and Earl Terwilliger. Musicians Dave and Aiyana Scholten, Karolina Pepos, Kim Peachy and the Jubilate Choir. Altar Guild Mim Mikulecky and Kari Underdahl. Set up Ed Murphy, Greg, Isabelle and Tyler Grosenick. Projection Dina Davis and Ava Fossen. Counters Dena Wagner-Fossen and Pam Dougherty. And all who attended and brought friends and family to worship!

## Handbell Choir

We have another opportunity to polish up those beautiful bells and add a little music to



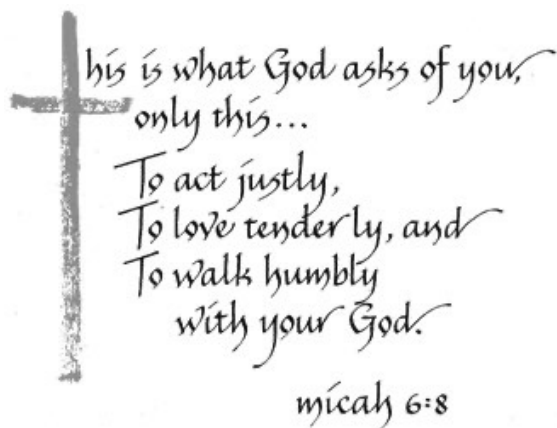
our worship service. If you are are able to attend rehearsals **December 28 1-2:30** and **January 4, 1-2:30** we will play during the **January 5th worship service**. Please confirm with Sharon Mueller if you would like to participate 788-3417.

### Family Promise Update

Bethel will not be hosting Family Promise in December. Our next host week will be in February 2020.

## 2020 Financial Stewardship Campaign

Thanks to those of you that have returned to the church your estimate of giving cards for the 2020 year. If you haven't returned them we encourage you to do so. They may be placed in the box as you enter the church or may be placed in the offering plate during the worship service.



The 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th immediately following worship in the sanctuary.

A Ministry Funding Plan Forum aka Budget Forum in preparation for the annual meeting, will be held in the Sanctuary. Sunday, January 19th immediately following our service.

We need a quorum of at least 65 voting members to attend to conduct business, please mark your calendar for this important meeting.

## Estimate of Giving Update 2020

So far this campaign we have had **55 pledge cards** turned in with the following pledged amounts:

- General Fund: \$189,120.00
- World Hunger: \$840.00
- Mission Freedom: \$5200.00
- Other\*: \$4420.00

For a total of \$199,580.00

A big thank you to all who have returned the Estimate of Giving card. There is still time to turn in your pledge card. They are available in the Narthex or on our website under Stewardship Booklet on the homepage.

*\*Other includes YWCA, Habitat for Humanity, Rescue Mission, Lutheran Social Services, and*



# THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

## **Monday 12/30:**

- No Adult Forum

## **Tuesday 12/31:**

- New Year's Eve, Bethel Office will be open.

## **Wednesday 1/1/2020:**

- Happy New Year! Bethel office is closed.

## **Thursday 1/2:**

- Bethel Office is open.
- No Adult Forum

## **Friday 1/3:**

- Bethel Office is closed.
- Aitz Chaim worship in the sanctuary 6:00 pm

## **Saturday 1/4:**

- Close Knit meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Sunday 1/5/20:**

- World Hunger Sunday
- Handbell Choir performing during worship

## **Monday 1/6:**

- Boy Scouts meet at Bethel

## **Tuesday 1/7:**

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

## **Thursday 1/9:**

- Executive Board for the Council conference call 4:30 pm

## **Friday 1/10:**

- Bethel Office is closed.



Sharon Mueller, Melody Skogley, Dena Wagner-Fossen and Sue Hesse rehearse during the Jubilate Christmas Party at the Scholten's.



Warren Johnson, Steve Mueller and Jeremy Hawks share some Christmas cheer at the Jubilate Choir Christmas Party.



Jeff Skogley and Kim Peachy lead rehearsal for Christmas Eve service.