

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am to 2:30 PM Closed on Fridays
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BETHEL NOTES

Sunday
July 21

Erickson Family

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.
- ✦ Prayers for **Angela Mart** (daughter-in-law of Jane Mart) as she prepares for surgery.
- ✦ Prayers for healing for **Becca Thompson**.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Gary O'Brien** brother-in-law of Sue Hesse.
- ✦ Prayers for God's presence for **Jane O'Brien** mother of Carrie O'Brien
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Don Bisgard** as he recovers from surgery and extended hospital stay.
- ✦ Prayers for healing **Trina Wagner** (Dena Wagner-Fossen's sister) as she recovers at home.
- ✦ Prayers for **Glenn Vannatta** as recovers from knee surgery
- ✦ Prayers of comfort and consolation for **Patti & Don Godtel** as they mourn the death of Carole Wavra Patti's mother.
- ✦ Prayers for our **FLBC Campers** attending camp beginning Sunday, July 21st.. **Aspen & Sunlyn Rowe, Maya Stringer, Jennie Gresham, Max & Liam Quinn** for a week of fun, faith and safe travels.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Franz** daughter of Ed and Bertha Ferguson .
- ✦ Prayers of thanksgiving and guidance for **Laura Kupfner** as she accepted the call to service as the Director of the Logos ministry.
- ✦ Prayers for the **FLBC Counselors Mari, Theresa, Kristi, Abbie, Caleb and Damian** as for safe travels and an amazing week of VBS!

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped move Ed & Bertha Ferguson.

The Elkins & grandson Adam, Mike & Joyce Harding, Pastor Steve, Earl & Trudy Terwilliger, Joe & Sonja Baumgardner, Sandi Cummings, Leone Nuessle, Warren Johnson, Dina Davis & grandson Kallen.

God Bless you all for hauling, heaving, and getting so much moved from their home to the apartment.

FROM BISHOP-ELECT LAURIE JUNGling

Dear Friends in Christ,



Grace and the peace of Christ be with you in your congregations and ministries as we move forward into God's calling for us during this time of transition. I have just returned from Bishop's Formation in Chicago, affectionately known as "baby bishop school." During my time in what often felt like boot camp, I was alternately overwhelmed with information and inspired by the Spirit-led work of the ELCA staff and the amazing call stories of my fellow new bishops. In all of this, I saw change happening: God-change, Spirit-change, life-renewing change.

Change often feels like a four-letter word. But without change there can be no life. God's creative work always involves transformation – change. Jesus Christ's salvation means transformation into new life –

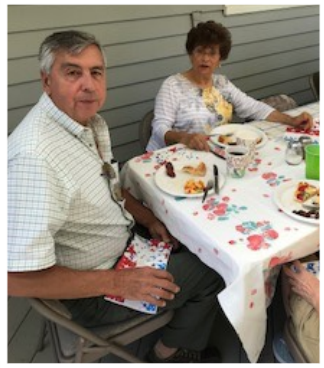
change. The Holy Spirit, even as comforter, is a whirlwind of transformation – change. (Think Pentecost!) Christ's church is always reforming – change. My time at bishop formation opened my eyes again to the life-giving transformations that God is bringing about in the ELCA and the wider Christian Church every day.

But not all change is good. Not all change is necessary. Some change needs to take place in its proper time. So as the Montana Synod prepares for the transitions that will happen in September as I become the synod's new bishop, please let me ease any worries that may be floating about out there. First, call processes are not stopping during this time. Bp. Crist, who is still working as your bishop, and Jason are still guiding call processes forward in their normal ways. Second, the LPA program, NRIT, First Call, and the vitality, stewardship and leadership work of our DEM, Peggy Paugh Leuzinger, are still happening as planned. All of these programs and this work are necessary to the life of the church in Montana/Northern Wyoming and I have no plans to drop any of these from the synod's ministry. However, this does not mean that we won't be exploring over time new ways of doing these ministries in order to update and improve them for this time and place. Third, as mentioned in my previous post, the synod staff will continue in their roles, though again, we will be thinking about new ways to organize the staff according to our best gifts and synod resources. (Remember, always reforming!)

Finally, and most importantly, God has not stopped guiding the synod and its ministries with a grace-filled love and a will for new life. Christ has not stopped walking with us and saving us. The Holy Spirit has not stopped moving, advocating and comforting in your midst. That good news will never change! So as Jesus says to all of us, his disciples, "Be not afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Let us rejoice and be glad in the new life of God's kingdom working among us and forever coming into our lives!

Your Bishop Elect, Pastor Laurie Jungling

BETHEL BUNCH BRUNCH



Ron and Dew Elkin have invited us to their home
Saturday August 10th
10:30 a.m.

There address is 2412 47th Ave. SW. Bring a side dish to share. "Rancho Vista" is one heck of a beautiful spot to overlook Great Falls and Mother Nature.

RSVP to Terry Korpela or The Elkins and let us know what you might be bringing. These are always great times, and we look forward to seeing many of you. So we hope this fits your schedule.

Thanks again to Earl and Trudy Terwilliger for hosting last week!
We had a great time as you can see by the pictures.



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.

While Pastor is Out

If you have any pastoral care while Pastor is on vacation, please let the church office know . We will connect you with a someone to meet your needs.



Thanks you heaps and heaps! This was a most unusual hosting for a family of seven. The parents were both working which is always our goal and the children were in day care in Vaughn so that added to the lateness of their day. They often worked until 8:30 – 9: so all host churches had to adjust the meal schedule. Sometimes the parents would pick up an extra shift, which does show their willingness to work hard to get a head. There was just a lack of communication from them to Family Promise Staff and then to the host churches which became a huge issue. We all are going to work on that as it was very hard on the volunteers. For that I apologize.

Our family of seven was with us over sixty days which gave the staff time to work with them on many goals to success. This family is doing great and we are so happy for them. They did finally get moved in starting Monday at 2: . Ron and I were taking two big boxes of donations of food for them to the Hub and they were just headed out the door to start their move. They were so happy and so very grateful for all that Family Promise did for them. They were thrilled with the food.

Family Promise doesn't quit when they walk out the door. The family will continue to be supported with donations of household goods, some food and lots of counseling. This is the families road to success and we walk it with them.

Thanks you Bethel volunteers for being there and doing what was needed – when it was needed. The outcome is worth our efforts, our service and our commitment. I can't tell you how many times I repeated – God Calls Us – God Transforms Us – God Send Us.

Dew Elkin

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!



July 22nd - 26th
for Pre - K ages 3 & 4 (potty
trained)
Kinder - 6th
Junior Counselors 7th grade and
up for more information go to
www.bethelmt.org

Join Us!

Each day at camp we have an opening worship and a closing worship...JOIN US!! 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Would love to see you and share in the energy and excitement of Camp Week!

If you are interested in helping with camp this year, please contact Tami Grosenick at the church office 761-1543 or email bethelmc.church@gmail.com.

Thank you and hope to see you this summer!



Come learn more about Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp! Meet some of the FLBC staff, join in fellowship and food with other camp fans, and find out ways that you can support this impactful ministry.

When: *Monday, July 22nd 2019*
6 o'clock in the evening

Where: *Bethel Lutheran Church*
1009 18th Ave SW
Great Falls, MT 59404

Know someone who needs to know about FLBC? Bring them! We'll provide the food (but if you would like to bring a dish to share, you are welcome to)! Children are invited too, however there is no special programming.

Can't make it to our Conrad picnic? We'll also be gathering in Great Falls, Havre, Butte, and Missoula on other days! Call 406-75-6602 or email office@flbc.net for info.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



building leadership



**volunteers
make it happen**



for all ages



**it's
fun**

connecting with neighbors



Thank You for supporting VBS!

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Sunday 7/21

- Dave Scholten preaching and presiding
- VBS camp set up and counselor dinner 5:00 PM

Monday 7/22-26

- Vacation Bible School 9:00 am to 1:30 PM
 - Opening worship 9:00 am - all are invited
 - Closing worship 1:00 pm - all are invited
 - FLBC Friendraising 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
 - Pastor Steve back in the office
- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place

Tuesday 7/23:

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30 am.
- VBS and Family Night Pool party and Jaycee Pool 6:00 to 8:00 pm, all are invited

Wednesday 7/24

- Counselor/Jr Counselor Service Project Meadow Lark Elementary 2:15 pm
- FLBC Counselor/Jr Counselor Gathering 5:00 pm West Bank Park

Thursday 7/25

- Vacation Bible School Program and Potluck 6:00 to 8:00 pm, bring something to share all are invited.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 7/28

- Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Sterling Wayne Stubbs

Monday 7/29:

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

Tuesday 7/30:

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

Friday 8/2:

- Aitz Chaim first Friday service in the sanctuary 6:00 pm

Montana SWO Fall Convention and Gathering

WHEN:

September 27 & 28, 2019

WHERE:

Bethel Lutheran Church
1009 18th Ave SW
Great Falls, MT 59404
(near the Heritage Inn)

FEATURING:

Speaker—Rev. Julia Seymour, Big Timber, MT
Church Rep—Lois Bylund
Women's Health

BAPTIZED

AND SET *Free*

Ephesians 4:5-6 One Lord, one faith, one baptism...one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all.

Women of the ELCA 

