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# BETHEL NOTES



*Sunday*  
 July 7

**Serving This Sunday**

**Accompanist:**

Mary Seim

**Lay Assistant:**

Sandy Pepos

**Usher(s):**

Sue Hesse

**Projectionist:**

Dean Amor

**Counters:**

Pam Dougherty  
 Donna Vinnedge

**Childcare:**

Isabelle Grosenick  
 Morgan Dunn

**Hospitality Host:**

Terry Korpela

**Readings for the Second Sunday After Pentecost:**

ISAIAH 66:10-14  
 GALATIANS 6:[1-6] 7-16  
 LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20

**This Sunday at Bethel:**

we welcome ELCA Global Missionary Gustavo Driau and thank him for proclaiming the good news today. Please join us after our service today for a meet and greet in the Fellowship Hall with refreshments.

Global Missionary Gustavo Driau meet and greet at the Montana Synod Office 1221 24th Street South 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

We will receive an additional offering in the wicker baskets in support of ELCA World Hunger.

# 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 undergoes treatment for breast cancer.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Please continue to pray for God's presence and peace for **Don Bisgard** (Kathi) as he prepares for stomach surgery on July 8th.
- ◆ Prayers for healing **Trina Wagner** (Dena Wagner-Fossen's sister) as she recovers at home.
- ◆ Prayers for **Ron Nelson** (Kaleb Pottratz's father-in-law) as he recovers from surgery.
- ◆ Prayers for **Pam** (friend of Tamy Scholten) as she recovers from surgery.
- ◆ 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 of healing for **Don Seyfert** as he undergoes outpatient surgery on Friday morning.



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FOURTH OF JULY!**

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— **GUSTAVO DRIAU** —  
 ELCA/Global Mission  
 South America Regional Representative

Introduction Letter



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Allow me to introduce myself

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”; this is how Paul shared a formal loving greeting to the Church in Corinth (1st Cor 1:3); and it also is how I like to greet you.

My name is Gustavo Driau. I am writing this page to introduce myself to you as your serving missionary in the ELCA Global Mission, as the Regional Representative for South America.

My family and I live in Córdoba city, Argentina. I’m married to Liliana and have been blessed with three daughters, one son and five grandsons; the youngest is Franco, born on last September 3rd.

I knew the Lutheran church in Argentina while attending the Lutheran Elementary School in Buenos Aires, in the 1960 decade. Later I was confirmed in the Lutheran Church in Argentina, and over the years I became an active lay leader serving closely with pastors and congregations in diakonia and mission ministries. Twenty years ago, I was blessed with a call to serve as director for diakonia and mission development in my Church at national level. In 2010 I received a call from the LWF to serve as coordinator of the “LAC Churches Sustainability Program”. Since December of 2016 I am serving as the ELCA/Global Mission Regional Representative in South America.

My service

As Regional Representative for South America I serve accompanying churches and organizations in Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Peru. I also make myself available as a resource person for diakonia and mission projects, and church development and sustainability for other countries in the region. I enjoy my current call, the churches and communities I visit and the leaders and members I meet on my mission visits.

As you know, the ELCA has historic relationships in many parts of the world, some of these relationships we inherited from the ELCA predecessor bodies as well as new churches in relationship in Latin America and other parts of the world.

You might also know that the ELCA predecessor bodies used to send missionaries all over the world who founded churches, schools, seminaries, and social services organizations. Those organizations and the new ones established by local churches are now under local leadership and ownership.

The ELCA, through the Global Mission Unit, provides accompaniment and sometimes grants to assist local churches and institutions to strengthen and develop their sustainability in the amazing services they provide with very modest resources.

The executive director of the ELCA Global Mission Unit is The Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla and the Director for Latin America and Caribbean is The Rev. Jaime Dubon. I also work very close to my three-other colleague of the LAC Team. Accompaniment to the churches in South America has several expressions: World Hunger, Mission, and Ministry Projects, Disaster Response, Leadership Development (international scholarships) and the unique ELCA Companion Synods Program. I work narrowly with all these expressions.

Our relationship

I look forward to connecting with you more, writing the regular newsletters and sharing news about life and ministry of the churches in the region.

I am excited about the opportunities we face together and look forward to serving in the global mission ministry. I encourage you to share your voice, experience, questions, and opinions through anyone of these channels so that we can continue to accompany each other to grow in the call we received to serve. Peace in Christ.

# “WHY AND HOW TO” OF DOING WHAT CHRIST HAS COMMISSIONED HIS CHURCH TO DO

“...the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on a head in pairs to every city and place he was about to go.” Luke 10: 1, Common English Bible

The ELCA Global Missionary we have been lifting up in the prayers of the church, through direct communication and providing financial support for is arriving this Friday in Great Falls. His name is Gustavo Driau and he comes to us from Argentina.

Bethel is currently in an ELCA Global Mission Covenant Congregation relationship with Gustavo. It is an intentional relationship which links us directly with the global mission work he is accompanying among the peoples of South America (including our companion synod, the IELB ~ The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bolivia.) Every couple of years, ELCA Global Missionaries take a break and connect with their supporting partners and we are so fortunate to have him come to Bethel and to the Montana Synod. Most of us remember Justin & Kari Eller, former ELCA Global Missionaries, whom we met, supported and were blessed to have visit us over the years. Gustavo followed them in the position of regional representative to South America in 2016, when they left to come back to serve in the US.

The gospel assigned for this Sunday is the perfect text to connect us with the “why and how to” of doing what Christ has commissioned his church to do and be for the sake of the world. We, the church, are sent out into the world with the task of living simply and dependent upon the hospitality of others. We live as guests, sharing our faith with all those who would welcome us and receive the love and peace of God we share. We build Christ-centered relationships and provide mutual support.

We welcome Gustavo here as our guest to share with us the work God has sent and equipped him to do among the peoples in South America. We will also be able to share with Gustavo the ministries which God has called us to do in our communities across Montana. I met Gustavo in Bolivia this past September and was taken by his servant heart, compassion for the poor, and his wisdom and I believe you will be blessed by meeting him, too.

You will meet and hear Gustavo’s message this Sunday in worship and following the service in the Fellowship Hall. On Monday evening, Gustavo will be available to meet and greet all who stop into the MT. Synod House ( 1221 24<sup>th</sup> Street South) from 6-8pm Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Come, all are invited to welcome our brother in Christ, our guest, our co-worker in the gospel.

*Pastor Steve*

# BAPTISMS AT BETHEL



**Grayson Thomas Newby**  
**Son of Julian and Laura**  
**Baptized June 23rd**

**Christopher David Lockmer**  
**Sponsor Amy Lockmer - mother**  
**Baptized July 3rd**



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](http://www.bethelmt.org)

## You Are Invited!!

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](mailto:bethelmc.church@gmail.com).

*Thank you and hope to see you this summer!*

# Family Promise

We're a non-profit in Great Falls, Montana. We are a non-traditional, non-emergency homeless shelter supported by an interfaith network of churches and volunteers. The churches and their volunteers handle food and lodging, so that our guest families have somewhere to stay for the short-term, and our staff helps the families handle the long-term problems of homelessness in order to find sustainable independence-- housing, jobs, benefits, and whatever else they need to succeed! We're just one of over 200 Family Promise affiliates in communities around the USA, using the same successful gameplan!

## NOT YOUR ORDINARY HOMELESS SHELTER

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It's a non-traditional homeless shelter, tied to a 60-day program designed to help families get back on their feet, and empower them to not just succeed in their own lives, but also give back to their community. On their first day, when they move in, our case manager meets with them to set a series of goals, and outline the steps they'll need to take, the agencies they'll need to talk to, and the resources they'll need to access in order to start building a better life.

Family Promise is where homeless families receive food, lodging, and friendship they need in order to focus on financial stability and long-term independence.

## FAMILY PROMISE AT BETHEL

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At Bethel we are a Host Church so we have guests that stay with us. Where do they sleep? We have 4 large tents and 1 smaller one that were donated and we set them up in the church for the week our guests are here. We serve evening meals and our overnight hosts sleep in the hospitality room or living room off the Narthex (did you know there are movable walls to close this room off for privacy?)

There are so many ways for an individual, couple or family to volunteer with this program. If you wish to work directly with our guests by serving meals or staying the night there is an orientation/training that is a requirement before you begin. These are held at The Hub at Central Christian Church the second Tuesday of each month. Call 866-0288 to reserve your spot and for details on date and time.

You can also get on our Bethel email list. Two weeks before our host week we send out an email with a list of food items and meals that need to be filled. This online sign up is an easy way for you to choose how you would like to help. We also post this sign up on our website's homepage. A hardcopy sign up is also available on Sunday's at Bethel leading up to our host week.

A large thank you and shout out to Dew Elkin and AnneRose Rogers for leading the charge with Family Promise attending meetings and coordinating all of the volunteers not just during our host week, but also helping other churches as needed. This year Pastor Steve was selected to serve on the Family Promise Board.

## What's Coming Up at FLBC:

### Summer camp

It's not too late to register for camp!

Visit <https://flbc.net/summer-camp-programs/> to learn more about summer programs & to register. Check out our programs like Onsite Day Camp, Rock & Raft, and Navigators Camp!

### Upcoming Retreats and Events:

Register by calling the camp office at 406-752-6602 or emailing [office@flbc.net](mailto: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!

## Young Adults in Global Mission

Jeremy Stordahl

has been selected to serve as a missionary in Australia.

He will begin his mission in August 2019

Ways to support my call to serve as a volunteer for the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program!

**To make a credit card gift,** call 800-638-3522 to make a credit card donation. Please specify support for Jeremy Stordahl.



**To give by check,** make your check out to "ELCA Global Church Sponsorship" and write "Jeremy Stordahl giving code: GCS3503" on the memo line. Give through your congregation or mail to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Online at: <http://support.elca.org/goto/JeremyStordahl>

Thank you for joining me and for your support – every gift truly matters!

*To learn more about Jeremy, pick up a brochure in the Track Rack at Bethel.*

## Bethel Bunch Brunch!

**Saturday, July 13th 10:30 AM**  
**Earl and Trudy Terwilligers**  
**141 17th Ave NW**

Please bring a side dish or salad to be shared. Some ideas are eggs, egg bake or quiche, fruit salad, muffins or pastries, etc. Be sure to bring something to drink as well.

RSVP with number and what you are bringing to

Terry Korpela or Trudy Terwilliger.

# THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

**Sunday 7/7:**

- Global Missionary Gustavo Driau will be preaching. Adult forum meet and greet to follow service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be provided. We will conclude by noon.
- We begin our Family Promise Host week.

**Monday 7/8:**

- Global Missionary Gustavo Driau meet and greet at the Montana Synod Office 1221 24th Street South 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place

**Tuesday 7/9:**

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

**Thursday 7/11:**

- Pastor Steve on vacation until July 21st

**Saturday 7/13:**

- Bethel Bunch Brunch 10:30 am at Earl and Trudy Terwilligers 141 17th Ave NW

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday 7/14**

- Rev. John Allen preaching and presiding

**Monday 7/15:**

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

**Tuesday 7/16:**

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30 am.
- Childbridge meeting 5:30 PM in the Gathering Place

**Saturday 7/20:**

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

**Sunday 7/21**

- Dave Scholten, LPA 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 1:30 pm - all are invited

Montana SWO

Fall Convention and Gathering

<p><b>WHEN:</b> September 27 &amp; 28, 2019</p> <p><b>WHERE:</b> Bethel Lutheran Church 1009 18th Ave SW Great Falls, MT 59404 (near the Heritage Inn)</p>	<p><b>FEATURING:</b> Speaker—Rev. Julia Seymour, Big Timber, MT Church Rep—Lois Bylund Women's Health</p>
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**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**