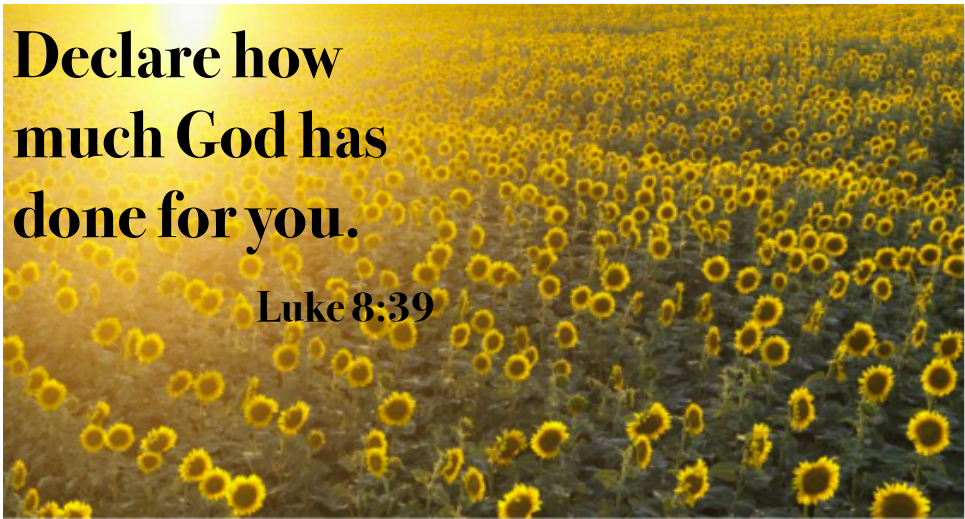


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BETHEL NOTES

Sunday
June 23



Readings for the Second Sunday After Pentecost:

ISAIAH 65:1-9
GALATIANS 3:23-29
JOHN 8:26-39

This Sunday at Bethel:

We have two celebrations. First we celebrate the Holy Sacrament of Baptism for Grayson Newby.

We also celebrate New Member Sunday as we welcome Elizabeth Crabtree, and Cassandra, Joan and Levi Ross as members of our Bethel family.

We have an extension and opportunity for you to get your tickets to the Family Promise night at the Voyagers Baseball game. See Pastor, AnneRose Rogers or Dew Elkin!

- Serving This Sunday**
- Accompanist:**
Lynn Ryan
- Lay Assistant:**
Sue Hesse
- Usher(s):**
Shari Kohoutek
Sue Reppe
- Projectionist:**
Tim Lightbourne
- Counters:**
Tim Lightbourne
Marilyn Carlson
- Nursery Attendant(s):**
Isabelle Grosenick
Adam Elkin
- Hospitality Host:**
Terry Korpela

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 undergoes 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 he prepares for knee surgery on June 25th.
- ◆ Prayers for safety for **Greg Grosenick and the 120th Airlift Wing Maintenance group** as they travel.

SUMMER GIVING!

Summer is a busy time in Montana. Time to get out and enjoy our beautiful state. If you are unable to make it to Sunday services the Stewardship Task Force would encourage you to consider a couple of different possibilities for giving.

First you can setup a one-time or recurring scheduled donation by clicking "On Line Giving" at bethelmt.org.

Another would be to set-up a recurring automated payment through your personal bank.

Finally, you can mail your check to
Bethel Lutheran Church
1009 18th Ave SW
Great Falls, MT 59404

Giving envelopes can be found in the Track Rack near the front entrance.

We hope you enjoy the beautiful weather and all that Montana summer's have to offer.

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 new programs like Treehouse Camp, Navigators (for campers entering 1st & 2nd grade) and Seattle Servant.

Program highlight: *Senior High Rock & Raft, June 30-July 5, July 21-26, August 4-9*

This week of climbing is geared toward climbers of all abilities. Spend four days climbing at Stone Hill, one of Northwest Montana's premier climbing areas. You will learn climbing technique, knots, and belaying. Our climbing guide will set up routes for all climbing levels. Evenings will be spent cooking meals, relaxing, and spending time in Bible study with the rest of the group. At week's end, your group will spend a half-day white water rafting on the Middle Fork of the Flathead River.

If you are interested, one of the attachments in this email is a blessing you could use to send your campers on their way!

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!

Holden Village trip

September 22-26, 2019

This trip will begin at FLBC, from there traveling together by van to Wenatchee, WA for an overnight, before continuing to Holden Village, nestled in the Northern Cascades near Chelan, WA. Spend three nights at Holden Village experiencing fantastic food, gorgeous scenery, hiking, worship, and study time together. **Register online by July 1st!**

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.

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 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.

ONE MORE CHANCE!!

Buy advance tickets from Dew Elkin, AnneRose Rogers, & Pastor Steve for \$8, because \$4 of each ticket we sell is donated to Family Promise!

Hope Circle



This fellowship is a gathering of women of all ages that has been meeting for over 30 years. Hope Circle meets once a month from September through June at an individual's home at 7:30 p.m., where dessert is provided. The evening of Circle is the choice of the hostess, although it usually falls on a Tuesday or Thursday.

The evening consists of a Bible Study whose focus is chosen each September and some social time.

and who might need additional prayers, love and friendship. They have actively supported fellow Hope Circle attendees through marriage, divorce, births, death, illness, cancer, children and grandchildren, or caring for an adult, or elderly family member. They have definitely felt the power of prayer many times throughout the

Besides a Bible Study this group provides support for all attending last 30 plus years.



For additional information or if you wish to attend any Hope Circle gathering please contact Terry Korpela at terry.korpela@gmail.com or home phone 406-761-7409 or cell 406-799-4094 or watch Bethel's weekly Sunday Bulletin and Notes for meetings.

Pictures were taken at Thursday night Hope Circle Picnic. They were joined by the "Hope Circle Spouse's Auxiliary"!



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

Helpers Needed:

Host Family for counselors post lunch clean up
crews Snacks registration/check in
check out

shepherds to walk with campers when we deliver gifts to our neighbors on *Wednesday, July 24th*

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!

ELCA GLOBAL MISSIONARY GUSTAVO DRIAU TO VISIT BETHEL IN JULY

Our global missionary, Gustavo Driau, the Regional Representative for South America will be visiting Bethel and other ELCA churches in Montana from July 5th to July 15th. He will be preaching at Bethel on July 7th and look for a meet and greet following our service on July 7th.. In preparation for his visit, we are going to be posting some of Gusavo's articles about Bolivia.

IELB-Bolivia. 80th Anniversary Celebration



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bolivia, as an integral part of the Lutheran world communion, in this year 2018, commemorates its 80th anniversary of action and presence in ministry and missionary work.

On Sunday, September 9th, IELB worshiped giving thanks for their ministry over the last 80 years as a church in Bolivia. The celebration started on Friday 7th with lecturers y seminars held in the Bolivian Biblical Society. On Saturday 8th was organized in the central area of La Paz, plaza Alonso de Mendoza, a public exhibition of the activities and products of the many organized groups, foundations, projects and institutions that are part of IELB.

The IELB is a church with a strong Aymara and Quechua predominance that has built a Lutheran identity based on its identification as original people.

In 1938 the missionary pastors Ernest Weinhardt and John Carlson arrived in Bolivia, in the Mocomoco region with the support of the League of World Prayer responding to a call from the consulates of Peru and Bolivia to that missionary organization.

The IELB is a community of believers, a community of solidarity, obedient to the Word of God and committed to its people, with concrete aspirations and commitments to build a more just society, in solidarity and peace.

IELB expresses its Christian witness through the proclamation of the faith and growth of the evangelizing work, through service and diakonia in each community and the advocacy and defense of just causes.

IELB celebrates its 80-year journey, serving the Gospel amid the Bolivian people, and affirms in its actions the expression of Pastor Humberto Ramos: "We no longer have to stop being Lutherans to be indigenous, nor stop being indigenous to be Lutherans. "

IELB is today a growing church, expanding, deeply Lutheran and deeply rooted in their people. Bishop Jessica Crist and the delegation from the Montana Synod (the IELB companion Synod) participated in the 80th Anniversary Celebration.

Bishop Jessica Crist; Pastor Lindean Elizabeth Barnett; Pastor Stacey Lee Siebrasse; Pastor Stephen Dale Van Gilder; LPA David Lee Scholten; LPA Cynthia Skillingberg; LPA candidate Alexander James Tooley and Thomas Waldorf integrated the delegation.

Pastor David Wunsch, Director for Unit Operations and Programs, Global Mission represented ELCA/Global Mission.

Pastor Presidente Emilio Aslla expressed in his closing prayer:

We thank God for the blessings given upon us, as we continue to grow in God's Word, reach out with the Good News of Jesus Christ and serve the needs of our people in love. Go in peace serving the Lord. Thanks be to God.



INTRODUCING GUSTAVO DRIAU

Gustavo stewards ELCA's relationships with South American churches and partners through deep engagement and presence in their lives and ministries. As Regional Representative in, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, and Peru, he accompanies the ELCA's companion churches and institutions through ELCA-supported projects and provides support for ELCA mission personnel.

Companion Synods

Bolivia: Montana Synod (1F); **Brazil:** Southern Ohio Synod (6F); **Chile:** Western Iowa Synod (5E) and Indiana-Kentucky Synod (6C) **Colombia:** Southeastern Minnesota Synod (3I) and South Carolina Synod (9C); **Peru:** Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod (4F), and La Crosse Area Synod (5L)

Education

PGC International Cooperation and Development University of Barcelona, Barcelona Spain

PGC Non-Profit and Civil Society Organization Management Latin American School of Social Sciences, Buenos Aires, Argentina

M. Arch. Urban Design, Planning and Management University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Hobbies

Music and gardening

*Special Note

Gustavo has many years of experience serving among Latin American Lutheran Churches and partners with projects and programs for diakonia, mission, development and disaster response through strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation. He has served with the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina and Uruguay and with Lutheran World Federation in Geneva, Switzerland.

Blog

<https://gustavodriausouth.wixsite.com/mysite>



You are invited to meet and greet ELCA Global Missionary, Gustavo Driau. Gustavo lives in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and serves as regional representative, stewarding relationships with South American churches and their partners, in Bolivia (MT. Synod's Companion Synod) Brazil, Chile, Columbia and Peru. Bethel is in a covenant relationship of support for/with Gustavo through ELCA Global Missions. Gustavo will be in worship here at Bethel, Sunday July 7th, sharing the good news of the ministries he accompanies. A forum will follow the service. On Monday evening, July 8th, you are invited to an open house/meet and greet from 6 - 8 at the Synod House (1221 24th Street South). This is open to all congregations in our area. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Living into Your Identity

For about one hundred dollars and a saliva sample you can have your genetic make up mailed right to your home. Learning about our ancestry can provide insights into our histories but a DNA test result cannot inform you of your truest identity. That is to say, the you which God has claimed you to be in Christ Jesus.

“What is your name?” Jesus asked this of the demon possessed man he encountered in Gerasa. “Legion,” he (the demon’s) replied. This man’s true identity had been robbed of him by the many demons which afflicted and held him in bondage. But Jesus would not be hindered by this man’s raving chaos and identity altering affliction. Wishing to set him free, Jesus cast out the demons which had held captive. He brought healing and peace. He restored him to his true identity: Saved (by God).

In the gift of baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, all receive the DNA of Jesus’ life and are given our true identity, a new name: Saved. Child of God. Each day is a gift and a day of grace in which we live into our true selves, our identity as children of God.

This Sunday in worship, we will celebrate the sacrament of holy baptism for Grayson Newby. We will witness the miracle of new life and new identity given by God and shared by all the baptized. Also on Sunday, we will welcome new members into the congregation. They are Elizabeth Crabtree and Cassandra, Joan and Levi Ross. We are brothers and sisters in Christ. We are church, together. We are sent into the world to speak of everything God has done in us...what Jesus has done in us. Come, join in worship this Sunday and be reminded again of our true identity. To live into that identity and calling to love and bless the world !

Pastor Steve



THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Sunday 6/23

- Holy Baptism for Grayson Newby
- New Member Sunday

Monday 6/24:

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

Tuesday 6/25:

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30 am.
- Childbridge meeting 5:30 pm in the Gathering Place
- Family Promise Night at Voyagers Baseball Game 7:00 PM at Centene Stadium



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 6/30

- Healing service
- *Additional offering will be received for Global Missionary Gustavo Driau's visit to Montana*

Monday 7/1:

- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place
- Strategic Planning Committee meeting 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 7/2:

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

Wednesday 7/3:

- Staff Meeting 10:00 AM in the front office

Thursday 7/4:

- Bethel Office Closed for the July 4th holiday. Happy Independence Day!!

Friday 7/5:

- Aitz Chaim first Friday worship 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary
- Gustavo Driau arrives from South America for his visit

Saturday 7/6:

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

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.

Monday 7/8:

- Global Missionary Gustavo Driau meet and greet at the Montana Synod Office 1221 24th Street South 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place