

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am to 2:30 PM

Closed on Fridays

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BETHEL NOTES



Readings for the Day of Pentecost:

ACTS 2:1-21

ROMANS 8:14-17

JOHN 14:8-17[25-27]

This Sunday at Bethel:

We wish to thank Jim and Marilyn Carlson for serving as Bethel's voting members at last weekend's Synod Assembly. We look forward to information about the Assembly from Jim during the Sunday's announcements.

The Day of Pentecost is a festival in our church calendar. Red is the color of the day if you are so inclined add to the festivities by wearing red!

Sunday
June 9

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:

Lynn Ryan

Lay Assistant:

Kaye Van Gilder

Usher(s):

Mary Gernaat

Projectionist:

Tim Lightbourne

Counters:

Pam Dougherty

Dena Wagner-Fossen

Nursery Attendant(s):

Adam Elkin

Morgan Dunn

Hospitality Host:

By God's Grace

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



- ✦ Prayers of comfort for **Marj and Bob Vander Aarde, Tamy and Dave Scholten and family** as they grieve the death of Marj's sister Jan DeGroot.
- ✦ 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) being treatment for breast cancer.
- ✦ Prayers for **Angela Mart** (daughter-in-law of Jane Mart) as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and strength for **Craig Bimler** as he recovers from surgery and prepares to move to a rehab facility in Colorado.
- ✦ Prayers for healing for **Fran Hardesty** recovering at home following a recent hospitalization.
- ✦ Prayers for healing for **Becca Thompson**.
- ✦ Prayers for healing for **Laura Newby** as she recovers at home from a recent surgery.
- ✦ 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 comfort for **Sandy Pepos** and family as they grieve the death of her Great Aunt Ester Schmidt.
- ✦ Safe travels for the **Middle School Washington DC** trip students and chaperones.
- ✦ Please pray now for God's presence and peace for **Don Bisgard** (Kathi) as Don undergoes a surgical procedure. Prayers for the surgeon, medical staff as they do what they do best.

Summer Office Hours

Beginning Monday, June 10th

Monday through Thursday

9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Closed on Friday



Pentecost Then And Now

People love to talk about the weather, don't they? We make plans for work and leisure around the forecast. It is also hard for us to be satisfied. It's either too hot. Too cold. Too wet. Too windy. As the weather goes and as life goes, we are reminded time and again of the things which are beyond our control.

This was how it was for those apostles who were “all together in one place,” awaiting the promised Spirit of God. The writer, Luke, says, “suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind..” The promised Holy Spirit was poured out on ALL FLESH. Things got crazy. Lives were shaken and stirred up. They were perplexed and amazed and asked one another, “What does this mean?” Yet others sneered and were quick to jump to their negative conclusion..” Just a bunch of drunks, filled with new wine!”

Writer Annie Dillard, capturing the scene in Jerusalem on the first Pentecost, put it this way, “You’d better put on your helmet, strap yourself in because you are about to be launched into a life you never thought possible, into the most exciting adventure and into a journey beyond your wildest imagination.”

The continuation of Pentecost is taking place today, in the lives of God's people. The Holy Spirit is at work in the church. Nudging and enabling it to listen and to be open to others who are different from us, yet made in God's image. Challenging the church to tell others of the mighty acts of God in word and deed.

The Strategic Directions Task Force is meeting and pondering, together, three great listenings: Listening to God's voice in Scripture. (Dwelling in the Word). Listening to God's voice in the congregation. (Small groups...one-on-ones) and Listening to God's voice in the community.



(Intentional engagement with those in our community / neighborhood.) The congregation will be invited into these great listenings and together we will discern God's preferred future for Bethel, to love and bless the world.

The weather report? Wind is in store. God's breath of life is blowing in the church...you and through you. The Spirit is doing something new and beautiful !

Pastor Steve



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
 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!

What's Coming Up at FLBC:

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.

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.

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.



Bethel Inquirers will meet on Wednesday evening, June 12th at 6:30 pm. All those who are interested in joining Bethel will be received into membership in worship on Sunday June 23rd. If interested, please contact Pastor Van Gilder at the church office (761-1543) or email at bethelgf.pastor.steve@gmail.com

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 to be scheduled at a later time. In preparation for his visit, we are going to be posting some of Gusavo's articles about Bolivia.

Lutheran School, in La Paz-Bolivia, 28 anniversary

May 13, 2019

The Lutheran School in El Alto, La Paz; Bolivia celebrated its 28th anniversary on May 2. The Lutheran School was created by the Bolivian Evangelical Lutheran Church on May 2nd, 1991.

Education by Lutheran churches has a long tradition in Latin America.

In 1920 the first Lutheran school in South America was inaugurated. Many years later, in 1991, was instituted the Lutheran School, in La Paz, Bolivia

The contribution of Protestantism and Lutheranism in education has been and is relevant in promoting principles such as the obligation of governments to solve public education, the inclusion of women, the importance of trades, the of citizens' and parent's responsibility to the education of children.

Luther understood education as the necessary process to train citizens so that they can discern about good governance and citizenship.

Several centuries later in Bolivia, the Lutheran College in El Alto continues to comply with those principles of the Reformation promoted by Martin Luther.



This past Christmas Bethel donated \$2590 to the Lutheran School in La Paz, Bolivia for scholarships.

These dollars will give 10 students annual scholarship money

SYNOD ASSEMBLY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP-ELECT LAURIE JUNGLING!



At the Synod Assembly this past weekend, we elected the Rev. Dr. Laurie Jungling to be the next Bishop of the Montana Synod. Her term starts September 1. Pr. Jungling is a native of Montana. She graduated from Montana State University, and Luther Seminary. After serving a call in rural South Dakota, she enrolled in a PhD. program at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, where she also served as campus pastor at PLTS.

While completing her dissertation, she served as Interim Director of NRIT. She then taught ethics and religion at Augustana Religion in Sioux Falls, South Dakota for six years, until financial cutbacks eliminated her position.

Since then she has served in interim ministry in the Montana Synod in the following congregations: Redeemer Lutheran in Great Falls; St. Paul's Lutheran in Cutbank; Hope Lutheran in Powell, Wyoming; Gold Hill Lutheran in Butte.

As a Synod we are fortunate to have had 7 extraordinary finalists for the position of Bishop. In the next months we will finish out my work as Bishop and make the transition to the new administration. I know that you will keep the Bishop-elect in your prayers and she prepared to move into the office.

Thank you for your generous show of support for me and for our current staff at the Synod Assembly.

We appreciate it deeply.

In Christ,

Jessica Crist, Bishop

SAVE THE DATE for Bishop Elect Laurie's installation

Saturday, September 21, 2019 time and place TBA



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God's work. Our hands.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2019 SYNOD ASSEMBLY AND THE DAILY SUMMARIES GO TO WWW.MONTANASYNOD.ORG AND CLICK ON THE INDIVIDUAL SUMMARY FOR EACH DAY.

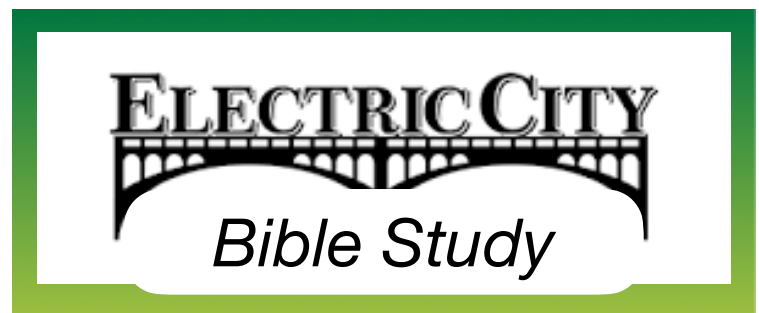
FOR ALL THE EARLY BIRDS

Did you know that Bethel has 2 AWESOME opportunities to get a little biblical inspiration for both Men and Women early in the morning?? *AND* share in delicious food and lets not forget coffee!

Electric City Bible Study is a group of mostly ladies that meets at the Electric City Coffee Bar and Bistro on Tuesday mornings at 6:30 all year long. Sharing in bible text, talk, and treats.

Men's Breakfast is...you guessed it....a group of gents (but they would never refuse a ladies company) who meet Tuesday mornings at 7:00 at Bethel's Fellowship Hall to have a little food, faith, and fellowship to start their day. They only meet from September through May - gotta have those summer mornings to get in an early golf game, we don't get that many in Montana!

Both groups are open to anyone who wants to join in and love welcoming new friends to meet with. If you would like to participate, just come on in, but you will have to wait until September 3rd for Men's Breakfast.



Mr. Elkin Goes To Washington!

Some of you may remember this past year Adam Elkin fund-raising for a trip to Washington DC. Well, it is time for him to go! Bright and very early Saturday morning, June 8th 39 students from East and North Middle Schools, along with 12 adults will be flying out of Great Falls. They will be spending 4 days in DC, then on to New York City where they will spend 3 days, returning Friday, June 14th. Their itinerary is full of historical sight-seeing. There will also be a professional baseball game to enjoy and a Broadway production of "The Lion King". The students have been fundraising for two years to pay for this educational trip. Many Bethel members helped him raise enough money to go and we thank you all for your support.



We pray for their safe travel, for a fun and educational experience and their safe

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Monday 6/10:

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

Tuesday 6/11:

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30 AM
- Church Council meeting 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday 6/12:

- Bethel Inquirers Night 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Saturday 6/15:

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR HOPE CIRCLE'S YEAR END PICNIC.

Thursday June 20th 6:00 p.m.

Korpela's 3025 Delmar Dr.

Korpelas will provide the main course.

Bring a side dish to share, something to drink as well as your spouse or significant other.

We will take July and August off, resuming in September.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 6/16

- Happy Father's Day
- Bobbie Bowen Farewell and Godspeed
- Jeremy Stordahl YAGAM information

Monday 6/17:

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

Tuesday 6/18:

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

Thursday 6/21:

- Youth Group from Living Waters Lutheran Fargo, ND

Join us for an evening of baseball!
Our friends with Great Falls Voyagers are having a Family Promise night!
Buy advance tickets from Dew Elkin, AnneRose Rogers, & Pastor Steve for \$8, because \$4 of each ticket we sell is donated to Family Promise!

