

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am to 2:30 PM
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BETHEL NOTES



Sunday
May 19th

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:

Connie Titcomb

Lay Assistant:

Linda Rosenbaum

Usher(s):

Sue Hesse

Projectionist:

Dina Davis

Counters:

Stephanie Cummings

Matt Crampton

Nursery Attendant(s):

Allison Marr

Morgan Dunn

Hospitality Host:

Sandy Pepos

Tami Grosenick

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter:

ACTS 11:1-18

REVELATION 21:1-6

JOHN 123:31-35

This Sunday at Bethel:

Today we bid Godspeed and farewell to Lisa Carlson who is moving to Seattle, Washington. We wish her good luck and lots of happiness. We pray God's grace and blessing will be sufficient in this time of transition and new beginnings.

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 for **Don Bisgard** as he battles stomach cancer.

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 and his family** (friends of The Grosenick's) as doctors try to stabilize his condition to undergo cervical spine surgery.

Prayers for **Thelma Seyfert** as she undergoes some medical tests.

Prayers for the **people of La Paz, Bolivia**, (MT. Synod Companion Synod) as they cope with the destruction and devastation of the buildings that slid down the mountain and for the recovery efforts.

Prayers for healing for **Fran Hardesty** recovering at home following a recent hospitalization.

Prayers for **Judy and Warren Johnson and family** as they grieve the death of her mother, Adeline Rogers.

Prayers for healing for **Becca Thompson**.

Prayers for healing for **Laura Newby** as she recovers at home from a recent surgery.

Prayers of strength and healing for **Amy Hollenback** (friend of The Grosenick's) undergoing surgery.

Prayer for the Bishop Election by Synod Council member Doug Allie

Dear Lord,

As this year's assembly approaches, please provide safe travel for our attendees, divine guidance, and wise judgement as we select a new bishop, and a pleasant experience for all.

Amen



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:

- 4 year old group leader
- post lunch clean up crews
- registration and check in
- check out
- crafts assistant - to shadow Terree Wozny
- 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!

Council Meeting Highlights

Bethel Lutheran Church Council met Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:30. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

- Kaleb Stringer lead devotions, Lutherans' Priesthood of Believers, "Sacrifice".
- Bethel Ministries will continue to be highlighted each Sunday. Choir will be highlighted May 19.
- The Memorial Fund Policy discussion and revisions continued.
- The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

To view the **April 2019** Council Meeting Minutes in their entirety, go to [Meeting Minutes](#). May minutes will be available next month.

Junior Counselors Needed

Calling all youth who will be entering 7th grade and higher to help with Vacation Bible School this year. Areas where you can volunteer are:

- age group activities
- craft/tee shirt helpers
- photo journalist
- general admin help

You will earn 30 hours of volunteer time for college applications. If you are interested or for more information contact Tami Grosenick at 761-1543.

FLBC Updates:

Upcoming Retreats and Events:

Register by calling the camp office at 406-752-6602 or emailing office@flbc.net

Memorial Day Work Retreat May 24-26, 2019

The best way to kick off your summer! Join in for a weekend of meaningful service work to prepare FLBC for the summer season, fellowship over great food and all the fun of camp! This is a great weekend to introduce someone you love to FLBC- they'll get a taste of camp activities, food and worship... and it's free!

Women's Retreat: Psalms and the Seasons of Life June 7-9, 2019

Join us for a weekend of engaging Bible Study, led by Pastor Susan Briebl, as well as time for relaxation, yoga, massages, boating, great food and more! Pastor Susan will lead us in exploration of the Psalms and of the seasons and rhythms of our lives as we enter and explore the "incomparable treasure" of the Psalter. We will sing and pray the Psalms together, finding in them and in one another companions for our journey.

Partner's Luncheon & Lakeview Cabin Complex Dedication June 8th, 2019

Join us for lunch honoring all our generous Annual Fund and Capital Fund donors! Meet the 2019 summer staff and enjoy an afternoon at camp. We will also be dedicating the Lakeview Cabin Complex this afternoon.



Farewell to Lisa Carlson

As we prepare this Sunday to bid a fond farewell and Godspeed to Lisa Carlson as she moves on to her next journey in life. We asked her to send a note to you, her Bethel family and share a little about her experiences and what her future plans are.

I have been a member of Bethel since I was 10 years old. I have so many fond memories of my involvement with our church and church family. From Logos as a youth to council, choir, and the building committee as an adult, I have had numerous wonderful experiences with incredible people. It's time now for a change, though. I was offered a job working as an educational consultant for Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. I am going to be traveling and training teachers on the programs written by my company. My region will be primarily Washington, Oregon, and Alaska, with my sister region including Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada. So I'll be spending my time on the west side of the country! As such, I am moving to Seattle on May 24. I found an apartment within walking distance of a number of restaurants and shopping centers and also a 5-minute drive from a beautiful state park with a lake for paddle boarding. Perfect! While I am sad to leave Montana and the many amazing people here who have come to mean so much to me, I am excited for this new adventure and can't wait to see what the future holds. Here's to a new chapter!



THE JUBILATE CHOIR

Our Jubilate choir is a joyful addition to our worship services. We want to call special attention to our choir members:

Joe Baumgardner
 John Blank
 Lisa Carlson
 Marilyn Carlson
 Dina Davis
 Pam Dougherty
 JoAnn Dullum
 Sue Hesse
 Warren Johnson
 Colter McCarty
 Debbie McCarty
 Sharon Mueller
 Steve Mueller
 Steve Nelson
 Kari Pepos
 Jeanne Rankin
 Linda Rosenbaum
 Tom Rosenbaum
 Lynn Ryan
 Patrick Ryan
 Dave Scholten
 Tammy Scholten
 Jeff Skogley
 Jennifer Skogley
 Melody Skogley
 Becca Thompson
 Connie Titcomb
 Kari Underdahl
 Ann Vannatta
 Donna Vinnedge



Church choirs add so much to a worship service, here are just a few:

1. Choirs support good congregational singing.
2. They can offer more difficult and complex music than is possible for the greater congregation.
3. Choirs help singers develop and improve their musical gifts.
4. Participation in choir ministry can be an avenue for introducing outsiders to the church and the Christian faith.
5. They add creative artistry and beauty to a worship service.

The Jubilate Choir will be taking their summer hiatus after this Sunday. If you are interested in joining, stay tuned in the fall when they have their retreat to kick off the season.



Thank you to Jeff and Melody
 Skogley for 15 years
 of directing the Jubilate Choir!

SYNOD ASSEMBLY NEWS

Farewell to Bishop Crist

On Saturday night June 1st at 6:00 PM during the banquet at the Heritage Inn, Bishop Jessica Crist will be honored for her years of service in the Montana Synod and



ELCA church-wide. There will be an opportunity for congregations, voting members and visitors to express their gratitude via card collection at the banquet or letters sent to the Synod office before the Assembly. Financial gifts in honor of Bishop Crist and her service may be directed to The Synod House debt retirement. Bishop Crist is providing a lead gift to this fund of \$5,000.00.

If you would like to attend the banquet and farewell, click the link below or call the Synod office 406-453-1461. Banquet tickets are \$30.00 each.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY!

If you are interested in helping out during the assembly we are looking for:

- Help with Worship Preparation
- Workshop coordinator
- Workshop leaders
- Those interested in helping with general errands during the assembly

If you are willing and able to help out in any of these areas please contact:

cmccarty@montanasynod.org

Bishop Election Process

Every six years we call a bishop to serve the Montana Synod community. We create ballots, cast and count votes; and the person with the most votes becomes the bishop. In Montana, we use an "Ecclesiastical Ballot", which avoids pre-knowledge of the nominees, as well as any campaigning, prior to the voting process.

The ecclesiastical ballot is a series of five ballots.

- *The first ballot*, is blank, assembly voting members will write in the name of an eligible candidate.
- *The second ballot*, names of all pastors who accept the nomination will appear regardless of the number of votes received on the first ballot.
- *Third ballot*, seven pastors who received the most votes cast on the second ballot will appear
- The fourth ballot, narrows down to three pastors who received the most votes
- The fifth ballot, are the two pastors who receive the most legal votes.
- Prior to the third ballot, the assembly will be provided with biographical information and each pastor will address the assembly for up to five minutes.
- Prior to the fourth ballot, the three pastors on the ballot will participate in a brief question and answer forum.

All five ballots may not be necessary to elect the bishop.

- If one pastor receives 75% or more of the ballots cast on either the first or second ballot, that pastor will be elected.
- Two-thirds of the ballots cast is necessary to elect the bishop on the third ballot
- 60% of the legal ballots cast is necessary to elect the bishop on the fourth ballot.

The first ballot is scheduled to take place at 3:30 on Friday. In order to participate in this vote, you **MUST** register by 3pm. **Registration will close** at this time and late registration will not open until after the first ballot has been collected.



God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy sacrament, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world. We welcome the Tweet family and friends as we celebrate the holy baptism of:

Asher, Eastyn, and Grady Tweet

their parents

Jeremy and Krystal

their sponsors

Justin and Jenni Cleff

Rob and Heather Johnstone.

Saturday, May 18th

11:00 AM

We welcome them into the body of Christ and into the mission we share; Ashyr, Eastyn and Grady and join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.



Back Row Pastor Steve, Benjamin Peterson, Lane Seim, Adam Elkin, Christopher Kubas, Dawson Bernardi
 Front Row Isabelle Grosenick, Morgan Dunn, Valerie Cushman, Abbie Virts, Olivia Violet, Allison Marr

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Saturday 5/18:

- Close Knit meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM
- Ashyr, Eastyn, and Grady Tweet baptism at 11:00 AM

Monday 5/20:

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

Tuesday 5/21:

- Bible Study at Electric City Coffee at 6:30 AM
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 AM
- Childbridge Meeting in the Gathering Place 5:30 PM

Friday 5/24 and Monday 5/27:

- Bethel Office Closed for Memorial weekend
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 5/27:

- Bethel Office closed for Memorial Day
- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting in the Gathering Place 6:30 PM

Tuesday 5/28:

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

Friday 5/31 thru Sunday 6/2:

- Montana Synod Assembly at the Heritage Inn

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 for \$8,
 because \$4 of each ticket we sell
 is donated to Family Promise!

**A NIGHT AT
THE BALLPARK**

Family Promise
of Great Falls

Tuesday, June 25th
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM