

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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BETHEL NOTES

Sunday
May 26th

THE HOLY SPIRIT
WHOM THE FATHER
WILL SEND IN MY NAME
WILL TEACH YOU ALL
THINGS AND REMIND
YOU OF EVERYTHING
I HAVE SAID TO YOU.

JOHN 14:26



Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter:

ACTS 16:9-15

PSALM 67

REVELATION 21:10, 22—22:5

JOHN 14:23-29

This Sunday at Bethel:

As we observe Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in



us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace.

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:

Lynn Ryan

Lay Assistant:

Sue Hesse

Usher(s):

Walt Nuessle

Earl Terwilliger

Projectionist:

Dean Amor

Counters:

Tim Lightbourne

Dena Wagner-Fossen

Nursery Attendant(s):

Adam Elkin

Hospitality Host:

Patsy Berkley

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 he recovers from cervical spine surgery.
- ✦ 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 strength and healing for **Amy Hollenback** (friend of The Grosenick's) recovering from surgery.
- ✦ Prayers for **Emma Marie Voorhees** daughter of Andrew and Becca Voorhees, granddaughter of Kristine Voorhees will be baptized this Sunday in Bismarck, ND.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Gary O'Brien** brother-in-law of Sue Hesse.

An Invitation

The Mission Endowment Committee at New Hope has arranged to have Beth Adams (the regional gift planner for the ELCA Foundation) available for extended conversation following our Synod Assembly.

She will be at New Hope on Monday, June 3rd from 6-8 pm to talk about charitable gift planning services that are available to individuals as well as to congregations.

Information on such things as donor-advised funds, IRA transfers, qualified charitable distributions, and more will be a part of this important conversation.

To make the most of Beth's time in our area, we welcome you to attend this workshop. Individuals, finance/endowment committee members, other lay leaders and clergy are welcome.



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:

- 3 year old group leader
- post lunch clean up crews
- registration and 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!

LWR QUILTING

**6-8 p.m, Monday, June 3
at New Hope Lutheran Church
3125 5th Avenue South.**

For those who would prefer an evening of quilting, please come. It's easy, doesn't require any knowledge of quilting as you will be tying quilts. One person is needed to thread the needles to stay ahead of those tying. We meet downstairs in the Social Hall; use the back door in the alley. Please join us! Contact Trudi Schmidt, 799-0100 with questions.

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.

What's Coming Up at FLBC:

Summer Spotlight: *Family Camp Weekend, July 5-7*

Bring your family for a weekend of fun on Flathead Lake! Adventure in the water, through the woods or just to the Art Barn while enjoying time with your whole family. Adult Bible study sessions will be facilitated by Pr. Scott Thompson of Bethlehem Lutheran in Kalispell while children will enjoy time learning about their own faith with trained FLBC staff. Families of 2019 Summer Staff come for free!

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.

Upcoming Retreats and Events:

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

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 Briehl, as well as time for relaxation, yoga, massages, boating, great food and more! Pastor Susan will lead us in the 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.

Donor'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 day. The Lakeview Cabin will be ready for guests in the fall, and a blessing will be held on October 12th during our Fall Harvest Festival and Auction. All are invited.

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!



Young Adult In Global Mission

One of Bethel's members has been selected to serve as a missionary in Australia! Jeremy Stordahl will begin his mission in August of this year.

Jeremy is the son of Greg and Cherie Stordahl and was born and raised in Montana. He graduated from CMR in 2015 and has recently become a member here at Bethel. He loves to work outdoors and is a very hard worker with a great sense of humor and love of koala bears!

A note from Jeremy about his mission:

"It is with great excitement that I have accepted the opportunity to serve as a Young Adult in Global Mission volunteer in Australia starting in August. I will be one of more than 85 young adults serving on behalf of the ELCA in 11 different country programs around the world!"

Jeremy will be finding out more about exactly what work he will be doing while in Australia a little closer to his departure date. He will be speaking at Bethel to share more with us during the June 16th worship service.

Please help us congratulate this remarkable young man as he embarks on this journey.



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.

Hope you see you there!

CAMERON FAMILY CENTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Great Falls Rescue Mission has several job openings in great need to be filled:

- Cameron Family Center - Supervisor
- Women's Shelter - Supervisor
- Youth Department - Youth Supervisor
- Youth Department - Camp Counselor

Any one interested may pick up an application at the Administration Office 408 2nd Ave S - East Entrance, during regular business hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. Applications can also be downloaded from the www.gfrn.org website. Copies of the job descriptions are available in the Bethel Office.

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.

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.

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

CLOSE KNIT

Close Knit is a group of crafty women (no men yet, but are always welcome!) that get together to crochet, knit, do crafts of all kinds, or just visit! The Close Knit ministry began over 10 years ago to make **Prayer Shawls**, and so far have made over well over 100. They have also begun to make smaller **Pocket Prayer Cloths** for more a portable way to keep the love of God close for those who need or want. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM - Noon and are a **GREAT** group! If you have any interest in joining us please let Sue Hesse know, or better yet, just show up! They would love to have you join them.

If you or someone you know would like to get one of their prayer shawls or cloths contact any member of Close Knit or stop by the Bethel office. God Bless!

MEMBERS OF CLOSE KNIT

Sue Hesse
Bobbie Bowen
Terree Wozney
Shelley Murphy
Carrie O'Brien
Amanda Johnson
Bonnie Johnson
Kari Underdahl
Pam Castner
Leone Nuessle
Kris Voorhees
Sonja Baumgardner
Becca Thompson
Sharon Bossie
Colleen Kivi



THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

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

Family Promise Volunteer Training

At The Hub
1019 Central Ave

Tuesday, May 28th
5:30 PM

Call to reserve your spot
406-866-0288

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 6/2:

- Pastor Steve Nelson presiding and preaching while Pastor Steve Van Gilder attends the Synod Assembly
- World Hunger Sunday

Monday 6/3:

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

Tuesday 6/4:

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

Friday 6/7

- Aitz Chaim using the sanctuary 6:00 PM

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



**Tuesday,
June 25th**