

BETHEL NOTES



Sunday, May 31st

Readings

Day of Pentecost

ACTS 1:6-14

1 PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-11

JOHN 17:1-11

Serving this Sunday

ACCOMPANIST

LYNN RYAN

VOCALS

PATRICK RYAN

LAY ASSISTANT

TAMY SCHOLTEN

USHERS

EARL TERWILLIGER

SUE HESSE

PROJECTIONIST

DEAN AMOR

TECH

COLTER MCCARTY

COUNTERS

PAM DOUGHERTY

COUNCIL MEMBER

This Sunday's in-person Worship will also be live streamed from Bethel Lutheran Church at 9:30 am. Live stream link and bulletin at bethelmt.org. This Sunday we will be sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion. You will find the at-home communion guidelines on our website.

Today this community of faith rejoices with **Beckett and Delaney Crouch** and their parents Taylor and Courtney, as they join us at the Lord's table for the very first time..

Please read the Reopening Guidelines on page 6. Masks are required.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 8:00 AM TO 1:30 PM CLOSED FRIDAY

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- ♦ Prayers for **Faith Crouch** (granddaughter of Bernice Johnson) who is awaiting a double lung transplant.
- ♦ Prayers of healing **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Lee Klette**, son of Russ & Cheryl.
- ♦ Continued prayers for **Angela Mart** (daughter-in-law of Jane Mart) as she finishes treatment for breast cancer.
- ♦ Prayers for God's presence and healing for **Linda Juvik** (sister of Sandy Bechard) as she completes her treatments for cancer.
- ♦ Prayers for the **Peoples of Boliva** as they transition into new leadership within the country and prayers for **Pastor Presidente German and the IELB**.
- ♦ Prayers for healing and strength for **Katie Madsen**, niece of Doug Sexe and granddaughter of Arlene Sexe as she is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Jane Mart** as she continues to improve and hopes to be back soon.
- ♦ Prayers of healing and support for **Jeremy Hawks** as he prepares for surgery.
- ♦ Prayers for safety and support for **Eric Poser**, Connie Titcomb's nephew as he is deployed overseas.
- ♦ Prayers of healing and God's presence for **Chad Erickson** and family as they continue to work through medical testing.
- ♦ Prayers for God's presence, healing & grace for **Bob Norbie** as he continues treatment for bladder cancer.
- ♦ Prayers of support and good health for **RN's Katie and Kelsey**, daughters of Grant and Janet Smith.
- ♦ Prayers for God's comfort for **Trudy (Earl) Terwilliger and their family** as they grieve the death of her brother, Mark Dillard.
- ♦ Prayers of healing, strength and support for **Rita Johnson (LaRae Veitch's sister)** as she begins her treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- ♦ Prayers for God's consoling presence for Sandy Bechard's sister (**Linda Juvik**) and her family as they mourn the death of her brother-in-law's (Linda's husband) death.
- ♦ Prayers for God's presence and peace for the mother of **Melinda Pike**, as she recovers from aortic valve replacement surgery.
- ♦ Prayers of comfort the mother of **Greg Pike** as she has been admitted to peace hospice.
- ♦ Prayers for healing for **Bryan Bechard**, (Sandy Bechard's brother), who is recovering at home.
- ♦ Prayers for God's healing for **Holly Lode**, daughter of Bernice Johnson, as she is hospitalized, recovering from a recent surgery.
- ♦ Prayers of joy for **Beckett and Delaney Crouch** as they join the Lord's table today celebrating their first Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Whose Table Is This?

A number of years ago, Pastor Justin Eller, former ELCA Global Missionary serving in IELB (Ev. Lutheran Church of Bolivia), was on furlough and leading worship at Bethel. During the children's message he asked the children, "Whose table is this (pointing to the altar behind him)? In unison the children replied, "Pastor Steve's!" Following the roar of laughter, Pastor Eller went on to explain that it was the Lord's Table (not mine) and that Pastor Steve was called by God to preside at the Lord's Table.



Not just children, but all ages can and do naturally associate a church with a Pastor and/or a people. The church is about relationships, after all. The people of Israel were known as God's people. Jesus' followers were known as his disciples. When the time came, the promised Holy Spirit came on that day called Pentecost. From this Sunday's reading from Acts, *"Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force - no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them."* Acts 2, The Message. On the Day of Pentecost, God's church is born.

The word **church** means "to be called out." Bethel's Mission Statement is short and to the point. God is both the subject and the verb. God is chief actor, activator and sender. God call us. God transforms us. God sends us. Bethel. The church is God's just as the Lord's Table is God's. One of Bethel's Belief Statements is "God works through the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to build relationships which are guided by generosity, hospitality, and forgiveness." We are all witnesses to what the Spirit of the living God can and does do in us and through us. We have stories to share.

During the next month, the time which we have to share together before I transition into retirement, I will be writing and preaching on Bethel's Mission Statement, Belief Statements and Guiding Principles. I hope that, in doing so, that we will be reminded that Bethel is God's church...it always has been and always will be. "God works through the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to build relationships which are guided by generosity, hospitality and forgiveness." I will be sharing stories of relationships, and shared ministry, which God has made happen in and through us. I invite you into the telling of those stories. I hope that in the midst of our goodbyes...our story telling...that we will be able to celebrate this and to know that God....who CALLS US. TRANSFORMS US AND SENDS US will be the glorified. Sola Deo Gloria !

Pastor Steve

FLBC SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

Dear friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our creator, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Oh, what a time we are in! A time we need to be reminded of Christ's grace, love and peace more than ever! On May 26, 2020, the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Board of Directors met and made the difficult decision to **change the focus** of our programming for the Summer 2020 session. Instead of the children and youth programming "as normal", we will be hosting family and small group focused retreat-style programming. This decision comes after careful discussion, research, advice from health agencies, and with copious hours of prayer.



Our goal of providing campers and guests with transformative, Christ-centered, fun, adventurous, camping experiences has not changed, and we are determined to make this an awesome summer of ministry. Under the guidelines established by the CDC and the local health department, we will do our best to maintain a safe and clean camp environment, as well as enforcing all the directives for social distancing, group size etc. We will be in constant communication with the health department, and will make changes as necessary.

We will be transitioning into hosting family camp-style retreats, where a family or other small groups experience camp together. While here, a camp staff member will guide guests through the various activities that camp offers (swimming, Bible study, worship, canoeing, archery, etc.!) If this is something that your family or your church's congregation, women's group, or youth group would be interested in learning more about, please reach out to our office.

We know this is difficult news for many. We are praying for you. And thank you for remembering FLBC in your prayers and with your gifts, during this difficult time. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at office@flbc.net or 406-752-6602. God be with you.

God's love endures forever!

Margie Fiedler
Executive Director

P.S. If you have a camper enrolled or registered in an FLBC program, you will be receiving more information very soon!

Bethel's Vacation Bible School is cancelled for this summer and we look forward to Summer 2021.

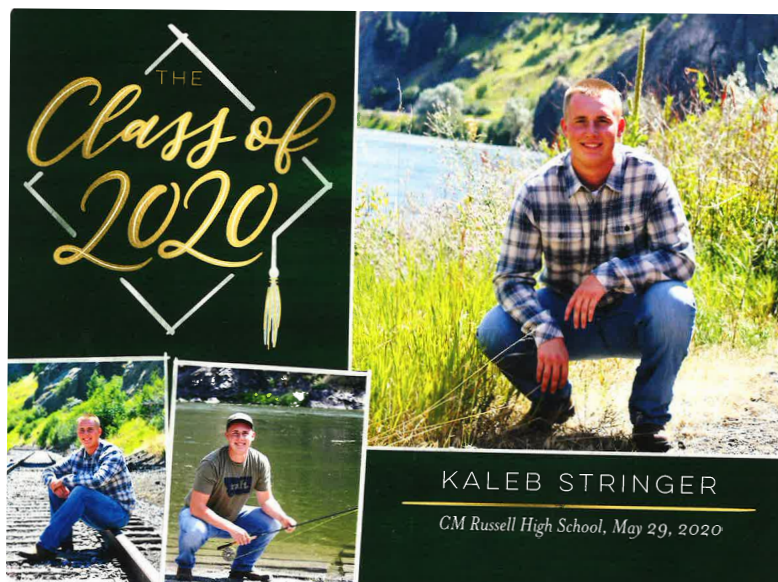
CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020

**May he give you the
desire of your heart
and make all your
plans succeed.**

Psalms 20:4



Chantel Dunn



Kaleb Stringer



Paige Bernardi

Bethel Lutheran Church Church Council Reopening Guidelines

***We will still be offering a live stream of the service
for those who wish to worship from home.***

Guidelines:

- Front doors will be propped open and only entrance into the Church
- Masks will be **required** and we have some available to parishioners.
- A table is at the front doors with hand sanitizer, masks and tissues for your use. Ushers will be there to assist with masks and help people find seats.
- Physical distancing of 6 feet will be observed.
- Holy communion will be offered at a later date. We will be announcing prior to Sunday worship when we resume.
- Windows and doors will be opened to increase air circulation.
- Signs on the restroom doors should be used to indicate if you are in the bathroom in an effort to keep the 6 feet physical distance.
- The Gathering Place doors will be closed and sign posted as well as west side doors will remain locked to prevent cross contamination to the TLC Daycare.
- The kitchen, Fellowship Hall and back office hall doors will be closed.
- Hospitality area will be closed.
- An offering tray is set up as you enter Bethel and will not be passed during the offering plates.
- We will pass the peace in a no-contact fashion.
- Sanctuary will be cleaned with disinfect cleaner after each Sunday worship service.

Please consider the following **before you return to worship:**

- Have you traveled outside the U.S. in the past 30 days?
- Have you been in close contact with anyone who has traveled outside the U.S. in the past 30 days?
- Have you been in close contact with anyone with flu-like symptoms in the past 30 days?
- Have you had any of these symptoms:
 - Fever over 100.4
 - Persistent cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Sudden loss of taste or smell

If you answered YES to any of these questions, please do not enter and contact your health care provider.



Bethel Prayer Ministry

As some of you may know, we have a prayer ministry here at Bethel.

Anyone can call or email us with a special prayer request for themselves, family or friends.

We then send out an email to our Prayer Ministry for them to pray for those in need.

If you would like to be added to this ministry, email Tami in the office bethelgf.church@gmail.com

subject line: Prayer ministry or call the office at 406-761-1543 and leave your name and email.

GLOBAL COMPANION PRAYER SERVICE

The world has been shaken by the COVID-19 pandemic. Everyone, everywhere, is impacted by the disease. There are lockdowns and shelter-at-home policies in many countries. People are showing signs of anxiety, frustration and distress. To whom do we turn?



This prayer service will intervene. Together, we will recognize the anxiety in the world that stresses our relationships and call for God's hope, comfort, peace and solace to be with Christ's people through these long and difficult days.



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God's work. Our hands.

FOR THE HEALING
OF THE NATIONS

MAY 31, 2020

6:00 PM MST

"And the leaves of
the tree are for the
healing of the
nations."

Rev. 22:2b

Join Us

Click [HERE](#) to join
the webinar:

Password: 982124

Thanks for your support of our Bolivian Neighbors




In early May we sent out a request to congregations and individuals of the Montana Synod to help our out companion synod, the Bolivian Evangelical Lutheran Church. Already wracked by political and social unrest, Bolivia was hit hard by COVID 19.

To date the Montana Synod has raised just over \$10,000.00 exceeding our goal of \$3500.00.

Bethel's donation to that amount was \$1550.00 and donations are still coming in. All further donations will be forwarded to the Montana Synod office to be directed toward continued support to give relief to Bolivia Hunger.

If you wish to donate, note in the online form or on your check in the memo line "Bolivia Hunger."

Electric City BIBLE Study On - Line!



What a great way to connect with one another!
Join the Electric City Bible Study on a Zoom conference Tuesday morning at 6:30 am. If you are interested in joining email Laurie Turner at lolli51gus@icloud.com and give her an email or cell number and she will send you a link to the meeting.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us for fun and engaging conversation, and insightful discussion of this week's Lectionary texts as we meet through a social distancing approved Zoom video call each Tuesday morning from 7:00 – 8:00 am. Breakfast recipes and ideas will be provided. If you are interested in more information or would like to be added to the call invitation list, click on the email link below and type "breakfast" into the subject line (and then of course press send).

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EVENTS AT BETHEL

If you have questions about a specific event, please email the church at bethelgf.church@gmail.com or call 761-1543 and we will do our best to answer your questions if a new date has been selected.

Calendar Of Events

Tuesday 6/2:

- Electric City Bible Study Zoom meeting at 6:30 am.
- Men's Breakfast Zoom meeting 7:00 am

Thursday 6/4

- Executive Board conference call 5:30 pm

Friday 6/5:

- Bethel Office is closed

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 6/9:

- Electric City Bible Study Zoom meeting at 6:30 am.
- Men's Breakfast Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Church Council meeting via Zoom 6:30 pm

Friday 6/12:

- Bethel Office is closed

TO BE GIVEN AWAY - IRIS BULBS & RHUBARB

I have a lot of dark purple iris bulbs that need to be transplanted. If anyone would like some, we will dig them and you can come get them.

I also have lots of rhubarb if someone wants some for a pie, crisp, sauce or jam. I will pull it and you can come get it.

Our phone number is 452-0988
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