

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
June 2



Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter:

ACTS 16:16-34
 REVELATIONS 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
 JOHN 17:20-26

This Sunday at Bethel:

Today: An additional offering will be received in the wicker baskets in support of ELCA World Hunger.

A special thank you to Pastor Steve Nelson, for preaching and presiding at worship this Sunday. Pastor Steve Van Gilder will be attending the MT Synod Assembly and Theological Conference Sunday along with Bethel's voting members Jim and Marilyn Carlson. For those who would like

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:

Connie Titcomb

Lay Assistant:

Terree Wozny

Usher(s):

Mark & Patty Kohoutek

Projectionist:

Ava Fossen

Counters:

Patty Braget

Grant Smith

Nursery Attendant(s):

Allison Marr

Morgan Dunn

Hospitality Host:

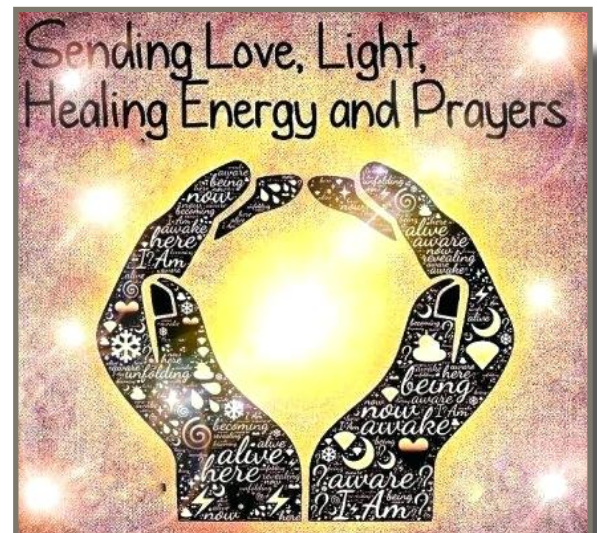
Jo Dee Black

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 for **God's presence and peace for Don Bisgard** as he undergoes another medical procedure next week.
- ✦ 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 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 for all involved in the upcoming **MT. Synod Assembly** for Bishop Jessica, Synod Staff, Synod Council, Voting members, for safe travels and for the Holy Spirit's presence to help us all discern the will of the Lord as we make decisions together and elect a new bishop for the Synod.
- ✦ Prayers for **all seniors**, who will celebrate their commencement at CMR & Great Falls High School this weekend. God's presence for all.... to enhance their joy !





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
crews

Host Family for counselors

post lunch clean up

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:

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!

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](https://flbc.net/summer-camp-programs/) by July 1st!

Visit <https://flbc.net/summer-camp-programs/> to learn more about summer programs & to register. Check out new programs

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

THAT THEY MAY BE ONE

[Jesus prayed] “I ask not only on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one.”

The gospel reading for this Sunday is a prayer. It is Jesus’ prayer and it is intimate and personal. He is praying on the evening before he goes to his death on the cross. He is praying to the Father on behalf of his disciples, all who will believe in him, that they may be one. In other words, he prayed that his life and ministry would be reflected in his disciple’s life and ministry. For the purpose *that the world may believe that God sent Jesus* They are hearing Jesus pray for them.

In his book, *Working the Angles*, author Eugene Peterson speaks of prayer as “praying by the book.” God’s word is the first word spoken and prayer is answering speech. God speaks, and pours out God’s heart and mind. We listen intently for His voice when He speaks and then we answer, pouring out what is on our heart and minds to God. What Jesus prays for is that all who follow Him will be one in love for God, for each other and the world. What holds the relationship between God and us together, is love. God is always the initiator and chief actor. And we are the focus of his love.

Jesus is praying for all those who are gathering for the Montana Synod Assembly and as they come together in love and discernment in the election of the next bishop. Jesus is praying for you as you gather to celebrate the high school graduates this weekend. Jesus is praying for you as you face life’s pain and suffering and as you wrestle with weighty decisions. He is praying for you, that through your love for one another, that the world may believe that God has sent Jesus in love for all. I hope that is good news and received as a promise of his love and care for you, your family and friends, and the world we live in.

Pastor Steve Van Gilder



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.

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.

Prayer for the Bishop Election

by Synod Council Vice President Dick Deschamps

Dear Lord,

God of peace, we ask, that throughout our busy assembly as we struggle with budgets, ponder resolutions and listen intently to bishop nominee speeches, that you help us to be still and know that you are God; to feel your gentle nudge of direction and to hear the small voice that says, "listen to me, listen to the needs of my people."

Help us to always hear the words of Jesus, "to love one another," in all we do. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to come together in a gathering of your people to give honor and praise to you. Amen

Words from the Bishop: Meet the Future Boldly!

In two days, Voting Members from every congregation will be gathering in Great Falls for the 2019 Synod Assembly. A Synod Assembly is a business meeting, but it is also a family reunion. It is a combination of people who have been coming every year, and people who are there for their first time. We worship, we sing, we pray, we learn.

This year we will elect a new Bishop, to start September 1. We'll elect a Vice President and a Treasurer and Synod Council members. We'll also recognize LPAs who have finished their training. And we'll thank the current Bishop at the banquet.

We have 18 workshops in two different sessions. You can learn about everything from Stewardship to Prayer, and lots in-between. Dr. Laurie Jungling will offer a Bible Study on the Parable of the Talents in plenary session.

We have special guests at this Assembly. Bishop Matsumai Manong and Pastor Adam Khunou will be with us from The Cape Orange Diocese in South Africa, our Companion Synod. After the Assembly they will visit various ministry sites. Also from South Africa is Damion Kok, a counselor at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, as part of the Global Mission/Camp Counselor program.

Sister Bishops, Shelley Wickstrom of the Alaska Synod, and Kristen Keumpel of the Easter Washington Idaho Synod will join us, as will the Rev. Phil Hirsch, Churchwide Staff, who will conduct the election for Bishop.

Every year our staff works hard to put on a Synod Assembly. Since this is our last Synod Assembly together as a staff, please thank members of the staff as you see them. They are truly a treasure.

See you at the Assembly!

ELCA WORLD HUNGER RELIEF

More than 820 million people - that's about 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry.

As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Hunger facts

- 821 million people around the world - that's more than 1 in 10 - can't access the food they need to live active, healthy lives. [1]
- According to the most recent estimates, 736 million people live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day. That's 10% of the world's population. [2]
- At some point in 2017 (the most recent year available), more than 40 million people in the United States were unsure where their next meal might come from. [3]
- 39.7 million Americans were living in poverty in 2017. For a family of four, this means their annual household income was below \$25,094. [4]

[1])Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 2018

[2] The World Bank, 2018

[3] USDA, 2018

[4] US Census Bureau, 2018

We here at Bethel are blessed to have such wonderful and dedicated ladies that put their efforts and energy into the amazing ministry. Thank to our World Hunger Ministry leaders Colleen Walker-Nelson, Mary Lou Norbie and Margie Holland for all their efforts and dedication to help fight world hunger.



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.

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

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
- Strategic Planning Committee meeting 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Friday 6/7

- Aitz Chaim using the sanctuary 6:00 PM

**Men's Breakfast
is on break until
September 3rd.
Have a great
summer!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

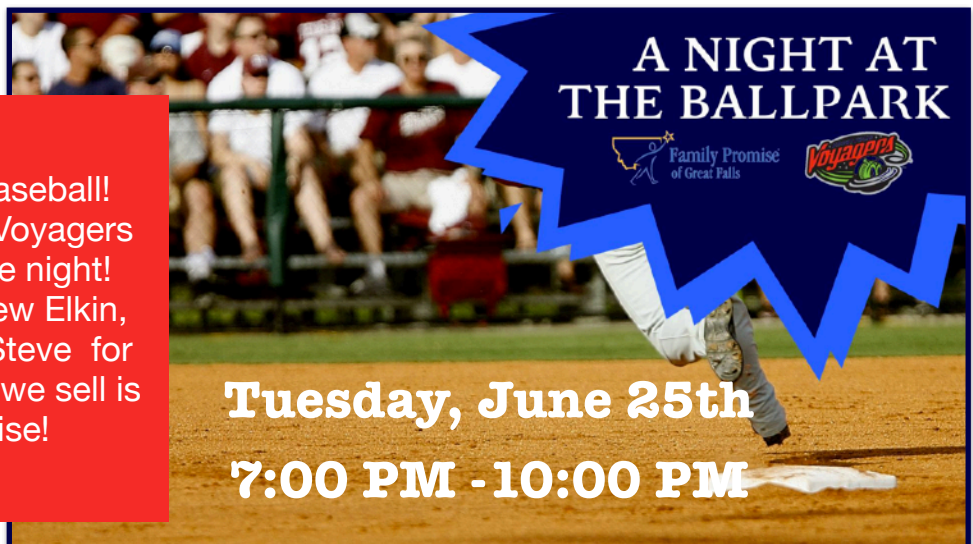
Wednesday 6/12:

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

Saturday 6/15:

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

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!



**A NIGHT AT
THE BALLPARK**

Family Promise
of Great Falls

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