

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am to 2:30 PM Closed on Fridays

BETHEL NOTES



Sunday

November 24

**Serving This
Sunday**

Accompanist:

Connie Titcomb

Lay Assistant:

John Blank

Usher(s):

Udo & Terry Wozny

Projectionist:

Dean Amor

Counters:

Tim Lightbourne

Donna Vinnedge

Childcare:

Adam Elkin

Morgan Dunn

Hospitality Host:

Sandy Pepos

Jo Ann Dullum

Readings for Christ The King Sunday

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

LUKE 23:33-43

This Sunday at Bethel: we celebrate Christ the King Sunday.

There will not be an adult forum after our service today. Join us after the service for bake sale and live auction to raise money for Vacation Bible School 2020 and FLBC Scholarships.

This evening at 5:00 pm The Strategic Planning Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



- ✦ 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 of strength and support for **Don Bisgard** as he continues to heal.
- ✦ Prayers for God's presence and healing for **Linda Juvik** (sister of Sandy Bechard) as she continues treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Robby and Cindy Brattain**.
- ✦ Prayers for **Don Seyfert** as he continues to heal from surgery and undergo medical treatment.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort and healing for **Bert Rogers** father of Judy (Warren) Johnson.
- ✦ Prayers for God's presence and healing touch for **John Korpela**, as he continues to recover.
- ✦ Prayers for God's healing for **Scott Murphy** (son of Leonard & Shelly) as he recovers at home.
- ✦ Prayers for comfort for **Jenette Rankin** mother of Jeanne Rankin.
- ✦ Prayers for healing for **Karen (Jim) Stutzman**.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Joni Rae Collins** as she recovers from surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of support and healing for **Claire Woods** (a confirmation student) as she recovers at home.
- ✦ Prayers for the **Peoples of Boliva** as they transition into new leadership within the country and prayers for **Pastor Presidente German and the IELB**.
- ✦ Travel mercies and blessings for **those traveling** during the Thanksgiving holiday.
- ✦ Prayers for **Walt Nuessle** as he recovers from surgery.



Good luck and prayers to
players, family and fans!

Go Griz!

Go Cats!

The Gift of God's Global Church

"When companions engage one another in authentic relationships, everyone's lives are changed."

Peggy Contos Hahn, assistant to the bishop for global

I can attest that the above quote is absolutely true for me and for all those whom I met at the Fifth International Consultation of the ELCA Companion Synod Program held last week in Antigua, Guatemala. When we engage with one another in the companion synod program it nurtures and strengthens ministry done within God's global church. While together, we deepened relationships with one another, heard passionate presentations and engaged in meaningful conversations on the topics of deepening companion relationships, migration, and gender justice. We also made time to establish goals for our companion synod/church relationships for the next three years.

Shortly after we arrived in Antigua on the 7th, we were informed that our companion church Pastor Presidente Loayza of the IELB (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bolivia) would not be in attendance due to political unrest within the country. But in lieu of the extenuating circumstances, we convened a Skype meeting with IELB Pastor Presidente Loayza, MT Synod Bishop Laurie Jungling, with ELCA Global/Regional representative and interpreter, Gustavo Driau. We all agreed that we would persevere with the resources of modern communication, the help of the ELCA Global Mission and the guiding presence of the Holy Spirit to accompany one another in the ministries we do in each of our contexts.

While there we also created a tangible symbol (a colorful weaving) reflecting our companion synod/church relationship with words about accompaniment in English, Spanish and Aymara. pictured see right. On the last day of our trip, Sunday the 11th, we were bused into Guatemala City to worship at a number of different locations with our brothers and sisters of the Augustinian Lutheran Church of Guatemala. (ILAG). The group which Pastor Natalie and I were assigned to, worshipped in a classroom with elementary aged children of the Augustinian Lutheran School.

ELCA Bishop Michael Rinehart was the preacher, and until arriving, anticipated an adult aged worshipping community.

He quickly adjusted the proclamation of the gospel so as to speak to the children gathered. Pastor Natalie Faltin sprang from her seat to help lead the singing by offering the sign language for the song, "Jesus Loves Me." Spirit filled worship is indeed spontaneous and joy-filled !

I am grateful for the long term agreement and commitment the MT. Synod has made with the IELB and look forward to the future of this companion/church relationship. I am also grateful for the prayers and the generous financial support which made it possible for me to attend the consultation and represent Bishop Jungling, and the MT. Synod. My gratitude to the MT. Synod for their generous support of Pastor Natalie to represent the MT. Synod at this consultation as well. Our faithful and generous Mission Support sustains this shared and vital ministry !

Please join me in including the people of Bolivia in prayer during these turbulent times and in the process of electing new leadership as well as the on going Companion Synod relationship with the IELB.

Gracias from Pastor Steve and Pastor Natalie Faltin

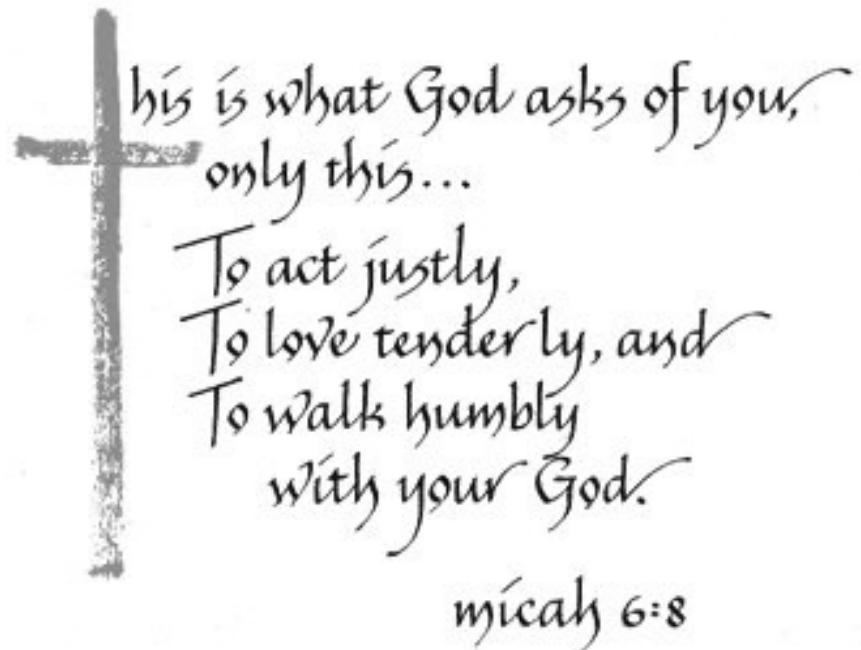


Adult Forums: Let's Take a Closer Look at the Gospel of Matthew

The liturgical calendar year begins with the season of Advent on Sunday, December 1st. In the three year lectionary cycle, we will journey in Year A and the gospel of Matthew will be the gospel most often heard in worship (40 X's). With that in mind, Pastor Steve will be offering a brief overview of the gospel with a focus on material unique to Mathew as well as major themes. This will be a four week series and will be offered on Sunday's (12/1, 8, 15, 22) after worship, Monday nights (12/2, 9, 16 & 23) from 6:30-8pm as well as on Thursday mornings (12/5, 12, *19 combining 2 sessions) from 10-11:15am. Bring your bibles and join in the presentations and conversation. Look for a sign up sheet on a table at church or email Pastor Steve at bethelgf.pastor.steve@gmail.com.

2020 Financial Stewardship Campaign

Thanks to those of you that have returned to the church your estimate of giving cards for the 2020 year. If you haven't returned them we encourage you to do so. They may be placed in the box as you enter the church or may be placed in the offering plate during the worship service.



Welcome New Bethel Members

L to R Jeremy Hawks, Tom Robitaille, Katie, Steve, Macy, Sammy and Luke Hurin, Jerry and Patty Kain, Judy and Mark Statham, Buck Henry and Travis Palmer (not pictured Kristie Henry)

TOWN PUMP CHALLENGE

Town Pump has selected FISH to be a part of the 18th annual "Be a Friend in Deed, Helping Those in Need" food bank campaign for 2019. Your local FISH has seen an over 20% increase this year in the numbers we provide for.

During the 3-month period from September 1 through November 30, Town Pump will match every donation up to \$20,000. What a great way to double your donation to FISH!! Please consider making a contribution during this 3-month period to help FISH.

Coming Up at FLBC

Youth Ski & Snowboard Retreat

January 10-12, 2020

\$115/person (2 adults free with each church group)

Come for an awesome weekend filled with good food, fellowship, snow, worship, and FUN! Try downhill skiing or snowboarding, cross-country skiing, or spend the day hanging out at camp! Post skiing activities to include hot chocolate by the fire, group games, time to relax with new friends, and worship.

Tea Party

February 15, 2020

2-4 pm at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

\$10/person

Grandparents, guardians, parents, bring your kiddos to a Valentine's Day "Tea Party!" All ages are welcome; our programming will focus on children ages 4-12. Food, crafts, singing, and fun with a special "princess" guest!

FLBC.net for more information.

Christmas Elves Needed

Sunday, December 1st

11:00 AM following worship

Stay and help decorate the church for Christmas!

We have:

- 2, 12-ft trees to put up & decorate
- the large Nativity Scene
- assorted lights and other decorations for the narthex and sanctuary

Come on come all and let's share a little holiday cheer as we deck the halls!!!

Junior High & Senior High

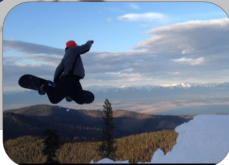


Ski Retreat

January 10-12, 2020
 Grades 7-12
 \$115/person
 (2 adults free with each church group,
 Non-refundable \$50 deposit/person due by January 1st)

Come for an awesome weekend filled with good food, fellowship, snow games, worship and FUN! Spend your days skiing or snowboarding at Whitefish Mountain Resort or Blacktail Mountain Resort with your youth group.

Downhill snow sports not your forte? Some of the best cross-country ski trails in the Flathead Valley are a few miles from camp, or spend the day at camp relaxing, studying and enjoying the view of Flathead Lake. Post skiing activities to include hot chocolate by the fire, group games, time to relax with new friends, and worship.

Retreat begins with dinner at 6:15pm on Friday (check-in is from 5-6pm) and ends with breakfast on Sunday. Sack lunches will be provided for both Saturday and Sunday.





Wednesday, November 27th

7:00 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

1326 1st Ave N.

This is a combined worship service with First Presbyterian Church, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Bethel Lutheran Church and First United Methodist. The offering will be dedicated to Helping Hands, an outreach ministry of First English Lutheran Church. Also, a joint choir will be singing and all are invited to join. . Please arrive for rehearsal at 6:15 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. There will be a time of fellowship at Lunde Fellowship Hall after worship. Pastor Steve Van Gilder is preaching.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE THANKSGIVING DINNER

First United Methodist Church in downtown Great Falls will host the annual Ruthann Knudson *free* Thanksgiving dinner beginning at 1:00 pm on Thanksgiving day.

Ruthann started the dinner for those in the community who would be alone on Thanksgiving day and didn't have the means to provide a meal for themselves. We feel privileged to serve several hundred people most of who are working poor and homeless. We also provide take-out meals for people who cannot come and for people who would like to take food home for the next meal.

We can use your help as we share the heart-warming experience of touching the lives of those in need with the love of God. We are asking for those who can help serve and clean up after the meal. We would also welcome homemade salads or pies. We always accept monetary donations, but the gift of your time would be the most appreciated.

If you can help, please call Karen Thornton at 406-799-7992 or FUMC church office at 453-3114.

PIES PLUS AUCTION & BAKE SALE! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

11:00 AM

Fundraiser for
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
& FLBC SCHOLARSHIPS



There are so many ways to participate, we need:

- Bakers to bake items for the bake sale and also for the live auction - this auction gets rowdy and our auctioneer once again this year is Dave Scholten!
- We need bidders for the auction and customers for the bake sale!
- We need prayers for all the youth and volunteers who are involved in FLBC and our Vacation Bible School.

This year we will also have a few pieces of artwork donated by Marty Johnson's estate. Marty was a huge supporter of our Youth Ministry here at Bethel as well as FLBC, we are very honored that he thought of us and wished to continue his support.

A huge thank you to Patty Braget for running this years bake sale and auction.

And all who will be helping make this fundraiser as success!

For more information contact the Bethel Office 761-1543 or talk to Patty Braget or Tami Grosenick.

*Thank you for the privilege of
your generosity and support*

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Monday 11/25:

- Scout Troop 1028 meeting at Bethel 6:00 pm

Tuesday 11/26:

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

Wednesday 11/27:

- Thanksgiving Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1326 1st Ave N. 7:00 pm, Pastor Steve will be preaching. An offering that evening will be donated to a local charity TBD. A combined choir will be performing the song "Thankful" if you wish to sing in the choir please arrive at Our Savior's at 6:15 pm.

Thursday 11/28:

- Happy Thanksgiving Bethel Office is closed

Friday 11/29:

- Bethel Office is closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 12/1:

- World Hunger Sunday
- Adult Faith Formation study of Matthew 11:00 am in the Sunshine Room
- Decorating the church for Christmas after worship, stay and enjoy cookies and cocoa while we spread some holiday cheer.

Monday 12/2:

- Scout Troop 1028 meeting at Bethel 6:00 pm
- Adult Faith Formation study of Matthew 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 12/3:

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

Wednesday 12/4:

- Logos 5:30-7:30 pm

Thursday 12/5:

- Adult Faith Formation study of Matthew 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Council Exec Board conference call 4:30 pm

Friday 12/6:

- Bethel Office is closed
- Aitz Chaim First Friday Shabbat service in the sanctuary 6:00 pm.

Saturday 12/7:

- Close Knits meets in the Fellowship

New Bethel Handbell Choir

Adam Elkin, Jo Ann Dillum, Rebecca Boucher, Julia Elkin, Ava Fossen, Sonja Baumgardner, Dena Wagner-Fossen, Steve Mueller (baritone) Sharon Mueller (director)

