

Office Hours:

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

# BETHEL NOTES



*Sunday*  
November 17

## Financial Stewardship Commitment Sunday

MICAH 6:1-8

PSALM 98

LUKE 21:5-19

### **This Sunday at Bethel:**

we welcome and thank Rev. Peggy Paugh-Leuzinger who is preaching today. Come join in a conversation after worship about personal stewardship in the Fellowship Hall.

After your prayerful consideration, please return the estimate of Giving Cards in the box as you enter the church or the offering plate during the worship service. There are extra cards, envelopes, and booklets located in the narthex.

We welcome special music today by the Bethel Handbell Choir performing *Now Thank We All Our God*.

We welcome new member's Mark and Judy Statham, Jerry and Patty Kain, Steve and Katie Hurin and their children Luke, Sammy and Macy, Buck and Kristie Henry and their children Travis Palmer and Lucas Henry, Tom Robitaille and Jeremy Hawks to the Bethel family.

### **Serving This Sunday**

#### **Accompanist:**

Lynn Ryan

#### **Lay Assistant:**

Tamy Scholten

#### **Usher(s):**

Walt Nuessle

Earl Terwilliger

#### **Projectionist:**

Dina Davis

#### **Counters:**

Patty Braget

Doug Sexe

#### **Childcare:**

Adam Elkin

Allison Marr

#### **Hospitality Host:**

The Grace of God

# 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 for healing for **Marj Vander Aarde** as she continues to heal.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Robby and Cindy Brattain**.
- ✦ Prayers for **Don Seyfert** as he continues to heal from surgery. Also, for **Thelma Seyfert** as she has follow up tests done next week.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort and healing for **Judy and Warren Johnson and Kelsey and Devin Johnson** as they grieve the death of Judy's father Bert Rogers.
- ✦ Prayers for God's presence and healing touch for **John Korpela**, as he recovers from a second surgery.
- ✦ Prayers for God's healing for **Scott Murphy** (son of Leonard & Shelly) as he recovers at home.
- ✦ Prayers for comfort for **Jeanette 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**.

## A Stewardship Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

You have blessed us far beyond what we deserve.

You have given us your Son as a ransom for our sinful souls,  
And sent the Holy Spirit to guide us back to you.

Now as we pause to meditate on who you are and what  
you have given, we desire to show you our gratitude.

We realize it is not the size of our gift but the heart behind  
it that gives pleasure to you.

Help us to discern how we may joyfully bless you, our  
church family, and our community with gifts of our time,  
our talents, and our treasure.

In giving may we grow in our most precious gift, our faith,  
And may we find new ways to serve and bless others in the  
holy name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

# 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 mission, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod of the ELCA

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 last week, we deepened relationships with one another, heard passionate presentations and engaged in conversations on the topics of deepening companion relationships, migration, gender justice, and were given time to establish goals for our companion synod/church relationships for the next three years.

While there we also created a tangible symbol (a colorful weaving) reflecting our companion synod/church relationship. pictured below. On Sunday, 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. (see picture below)

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 !

Shortly after my MT. Synod colleague and participant, Pastor Natalie Faltin, and I arrived in Antigua, we were informed that our companion

church Pastor Presidente 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, German Loayza,

MT. Synod Bishop Laurie Jungling, ELCA Global/Regional representative and interpreter, Gustavo Driau, Pastor Natalie and myself. 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. In the Fall of 2018, eight of us from the MT. Synod journeyed to Bolivia to help the IELB celebrate eighty years in mission and ministry. We also visited ministry sites and offered the witness of some Lay Pastoral Associates (LPA's), Dave Scholten among them, with the IELB and how valuable the LPA program has been across the MT. Synod. We also will be accompanying the IELB in establishing an LPA program similar to ours in order to serve their ministry needs.

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, 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 !







Crystal Dunn and Ethan Kupfner created a "Church Ladies " kitchen after dinner at Logos Wednesday night. Thinking of all the special people that help bring our program to life. Teacher like Crystal and The Church Ladies: Darci Bernardi, Shawna Rowe, and Traci Orthman. Thank you everyone who gives their time, talent and energy each week. You are so appreciated.

# NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

**For any who wish to become members of Bethel, we will provide the opportunity on Sunday November 17th during worship. If you are interested please contact the Bethel Office 406-761-1543.**

## BETHEL Friday November 15th at 6:00 p.m.

**U** In the Fellowship Hall Come and enjoy a chili dinner!

What to Bring:

- a pot of chili.
- corn bread and butter.
- cookies or bars - like pumpkin, zucchini, etc
- condiments to go with the chili - grated cheese, crackers, sour cream.
- paper bowls, napkins, spoons, knives .
- apple cider or a beverage other than the coffee and water

We are also taking donations for Fish and/or the HS Food Pantries, small items that fit into backpacks are best. **RSVP to Terry Korpela**

**Terry.korpela@gmail.com or 406-799-4094**

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## Coming Up at FLBC

### Montana Pastor/Volunteer Application Opens November 20, 2019!

Don't forget, registration for *Montana* Pastors & volunteers opens Wednesday, November 20th! Don't wait too long to apply, as spaces each week are limited and fill quickly. We are so grateful for your willingness to share your time and talents!

### 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](http://FLBC.net) for more information.

**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.





## 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!!!





**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 the addition of First United Methodist. A joint choir will be performing. If you wish to sing in the choir please arrive for rehearsal at 6:00 PM. Pastor Steve Van Gilder will be preaching.

## **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.

## **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.

Thank you and God bless. Rev. Jeff Wakeley



# 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

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## THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

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**Monday 11/18:**

- Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Place

**Tuesday 11/19:**

- 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

**Wednesday 11/20:**

- Wednesday Worship led by Logos Youth Ministry dinner at 6:00 pm worship at 7:00 pm

**Thursday 11/21:**

- Tami Grosenick on vacation from today until November 27th. Thanks to Dina Davis for covering the office duties.

**Friday 11/22:**

- Jubilate choir retreat at Bethel 6:30 pm
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Sunday 11/24:**

- Christ the King Sunday
- Pies Plus Auction and Bake Sale to raise funds for 2020 Vacation Bible School and FLBC Camperships

**Monday 11/25:**

- Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Place

**Tuesday 11/26:**

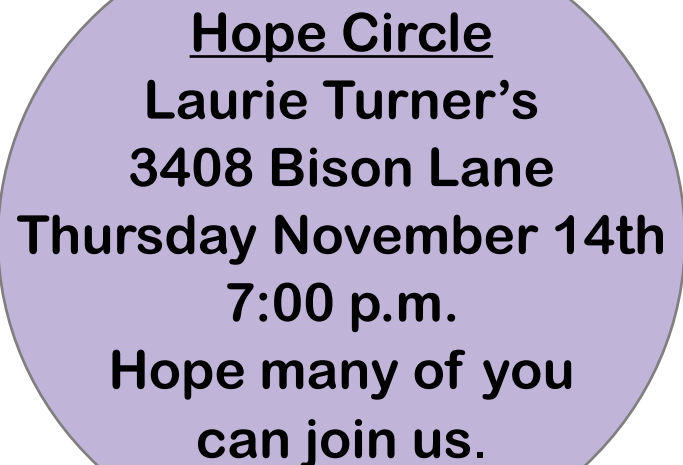
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- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am
- Childbridge meeting in the Gathering Place 5:30 pm

**Wednesday 11/27:**

- Thanksgiving Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1326 1st Ave N. 7:00 pm, Pastor Steve will be presiding.

**Thursday 11/28:**

- Happy Thanksgiving Bethel Office is closed.



**Hope Circle**  
**Laurie Turner's**  
**3408 Bison Lane**  
**Thursday November 14th**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Hope many of you**  
**can join us.**