

Office Hours:

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

BETHEL NOTES



God is Where the Lost Things Are

"When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'"

Readings for the Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost:

EXODUS 32:7-14

TIMOTHY 1:12-17

LUKE 15:1-10

This Sunday at Bethel:

there will be an adult forum following our worship service continuing the discussion of the ELCA's decision to be a "sanctuary" church. If you cannot join us, we invite you to come in Thursday, September 19th at 10:00 am for another opportunity to join the discussion.

Today we also have the honor of hearing the Jubilate Choir sing. If you would like to know more about the choir and how to join please see Jeff Skogley or any member of the Jubilate Choir.

Sunday
September 15

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist:

Connie Titcomb

Lay Assistant:

Sue Hesse

Usher(s):

Bob & Mary Lou Norbie

Projectionist:

Ava Fossen

Counters:

Stephanie Cummings

Dena Wagner-Fossen

Childcare:

Morgan Dunn

Allison Marr

Hospitality:

Sandy Pepos

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** for healing as he resumes 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 healing for **Becca Thompson**.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Gary and Linda O'Brien** family of Sue Hesse.
- ✦ Prayers of strength and support for **Don Bisgard** as continues to heal.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Linda Van Hovel** as she recovers at home from a medical procedure.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Marlys Baer** as she recovers from a broken hip.
- ✦ Prayers for God's presence and healing for **Linda Juvik** (sister of Sandy Bechard) as she battles cancer and recovers from surgery.
- ✦ Prayers for God's presence and healing for-- **Dr. Robert Wynia** as he under the care of hospice.
- ✦ Prayers for healing for **Marj Vander Aarde** as she recovers from a recent fall. Also, prayers for safe travels as she and Bob head to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort as **Gary and Bonnie Jensen** mourn the death of his mother.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Crystal Dunn** as she heals from hand surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort and support for **Dave and Tamy Scholten** as they mourn the death of Dave's father Wally.

- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Robby Brattain** who is recovering from surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort for the **Fladstol family** as they mourn the death of Charter Bethel Member LaRae "Ruby" Fladstol. Her service will be at Croxford's this Saturday 1:00 pm.

Young @ Heart Visit South Africa with Peggy Paugh Leuzinger

Pastor Peggy is the Montana Synod's Director for Evangelical Mission. Peggy, a Bozeman native, has served as liaison to our companion synod, the Cape Orange Diocese in South Africa. The ELCA perspective for Companion relationships is on accompaniment rather than missionary models of the past. Peggy will share stories and offer insight into our global relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Africa.

Monday, September 16th at 1:00 PM
Our Saviors Lutheran Church -
Lunde Hall

Jubilate Choir Retreat at
Bethel Saturday, September
14th
9:00 am to Noon.
Come and join the choir!

Hurricane Relief efforts from the Florida-Bahamas Synod

The situation

Hurricane Dorian has caused widespread destruction and flooding throughout the Bahamas and the U.S. Virgin Islands. We have received an initial report from Pr. Cliff Lewis of Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Freeport that his family is okay, that there is extensive flooding and building destruction, but that information is still being gathered about the extent of impact. While we wait for further details, we continue to surround all affected in prayer. Everyone who survived this hurricane will have extensive needs.

Our response

As in all disasters, the ELCA works closely with partners to respond to and support the communities affected. With the Bahamas, Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) International and ELCA Global Mission will work through international relief partners—specifically through Church World Service Disaster Response. LDR-Int'l and Church World Service are committed to both immediate and long-term recovery for the whole area impacted by the storm.

Beyond the vital work being done by LDR-International and Church World Service for the Bahamas, we will be finding additional ways to support and care for the community of Our Saviour Lutheran Church. Donations to the Florida-Bahamas Synod Disaster Response fund allow us to walk with the congregational leaders in ways that meet their specific needs.

Due to the unique international dynamics of the Bahamas, gift cards and supplies are not as helpful as financial donations. These funds—to BOTH the synod disaster response fund AND Lutheran Disaster Response—allow us to be most flexible and responsive to those in need. As soon as it is safe, Bishop Suarez and synod leadership will make a pastoral visit. 100% of donations to both LDR and the Florida-Bahamas Synod Disaster Fund will be directed towards the necessary relief and recovery work.

What you can do

Please pray for people who have been affected by hurricanes. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

Give

Your gifts designated for “Hurricane Response” will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Both LDR and the Synod Disaster Response work will be involved in providing immediate and long-lasting support for those who have been impacted by this hurricane. 100% of financial donations to both LDR and the FBSynod Disaster Response will support the ongoing and long-term work being done by these partners.

Connect

· www.elca.org/ldr and www.fbsynod.com (for information and to donate)



Bethel Lutheran Church Church Council Meeting Highlights September 10, 2019

Bethel Lutheran Council met at Bethel on September 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Here are some highlights of that meeting:

- Council received a letter of resignation from Becca Thompson. The council voted to accept Becca's letter of resignation and would like to thank Becca for her service.
- Pastor led devotions on Dwelling in the Word.
- The storage area in the loft and the choir room closet had been cleaned and organized.
- Many trees on the church grounds have been replaced and pruned, thanks to Forde Nursery as well as a generous donor. . We are very grateful for the generosity!
- November 17 will be designated as Financial Stewardship Commitment Sunday.
- Margie Fiedler will be here on 9/29 and will be selling FLBC raffle/auction tickets for camp scholarships.
- We will purchase a Logitech Camera to film activities at Bethel. This camera will benefit the congregation in a variety of ways.
- We had an informative discussion about The ELCA's declaration as a sanctuary church body.

To view the August minutes in their entirety, please so to [August 13, 2019 council minutes](#)

Church for the Sake of the World

Just how does our faith inform or not inform our being engaged with the concerns and issues of with the world. It is a question that's been asked for centuries...even today. Some would say that our church should stay out of the realm of politics altogether where as others say that our faith should inform our works, our vote, advocacy and our public witness.

The ELCA, a sanctuary denomination. It's risky to engage in a conversation such as this one, so one might be inclined not to participate. After all, we know that some topics are just taboo in many of our households and to be avoided for fear of creating conflict and possible division. But history has shown us that when deliberation and dialogue on topics of faith and culture/society are avoided and stifled for the sake of "not rocking the boat" that it can lead to other undesired consequences in the life of the church.

It was a couple of years ago that Bethel initiated some conversation about same-sex marriage and the church. Those conversations were not easy to have, but for those who entered into the conversation, there was a deeper understanding of who we are and how we felt on the topic before us. I remember that there was fear that conflict and division would occur among us. But we anxiously ventured forward.

There are costs to taking the risky journey of following Jesus. This Sunday's gospel is a stinging reminder of this. Jesus tells us that our willingness to follow him might even cause divisions within our own family. Yikes! So we are called to sit down and count the cost and think about the risks. At times it may seem impossible for us to follow Jesus, but he reminds us that all things *are possible* with God.

So come and engage in the conversation and consider the question of how the call to follow after Jesus intersects with the concerns of the world. It is a risky journey, but also a journey worth taking.

To learn more about this decision go to <https://www.elca.org/SanctuaryChurch> on the ELCA website.

Pastor Steve



Friday
Dinner &
Auction

Saturday
Fun Run, Family
Activities, Annual
Meeting

& More!

Fall Harvest Festival & Auction

October 11th & 12th

Join us as we raise money for camperships!

Tickets available at flbc.net/harvest-festival
(click for more information)

More information about all of these events can be found at flbc.net.

You are invited to the Installation of

**The Rev. Dr. Laurie Jungling as Bishop of the
Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

Saturday, September 21, 2019 - 11 am

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
3580 North Benton Avenue, Helena, MT 59602

Reception and light lunch following at
The Great Northern Hotel, 835 Great Northern Blvd., Helena, MT 59601

Clergy and Lay Ministers are invited to gather at 10:30 in order to vest and process.
Color of the day is red.

Your prayers and presence are requested.

"May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you."
Eph. 1:17-18

A block of rooms has been set aside (under the name Montana Synod, ELCA)
at the Great Northern Hotel until September 10, 2019
To make reservations, call 406-457-5500

TOWN PUMP CHALLENGE

Town Pump has selected FISH to be part of the 18th annual "Be a Friend in Deed, Helping Those in Need" food bank campaign for 2019.

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.

WORLD HOMELESSNESS MONTH IN GREAT FALLS



For details about these events go to
familypromisegf.org



Montana Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Dear Friends in Christ,

As some of you may have heard, the Montana Synod office's Executive Assistant, Susan Hedahl, will be taking her retirement on September 30, 2019 after agreeing to stay for one month after Bishop Laurie Jungling's election. Susan has served the synod faithfully and we will miss her dearly as she leaves us to enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation. Please send her your blessings and keep her in your prayers as she takes this new step in her journey.

With Susan's departure, we are seeking a new office manager to join our team here at the Montana Synod office. Please see the job description attached for more information regarding this position and share it with those who may be interested.

If you are interested in applying, please send:

1. the completed application form (download below)
2. a brief cover letter describing your interest in this position
3. and a professional resume with contact information for references to:

cmcarty@montanasynod.org

or

Montana Synod, ELCA

Attn: Hiring Team

1221 24th St S.

Great Falls, MT 59405-5034

Interviews will begin immediately upon receiving suitable applications. Deadline for application is 5 p.m on Monday, September 23, 2019.

Full-time, hourly + benefits

Start date: September 25 or as soon as possible after hire

Accepting Applications until the position is filled

Position Description:

The office manager for the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is an integral part of the synod staff team whose primary responsibilities involve the day-to-day activities within an office environment including answering phone calls, maintaining paper and on-line filing systems, overseeing schedules, organizing some synod events, and a variety of front office reception tasks.

Compensation & Benefits:

- **Compensation:** starting \$15- \$16 per hour based on experience, 40-hour week, time and a half overtime when needed and approved in advance.
- **Time off:** The Montana Synod values the health and well-being of our employees and supports them in balancing their work and personal lives. Time off includes a mix of holidays, personal days and a minimum of 2 weeks paid vacation per year.
- **Benefits:** health plan, retirement benefits, sick and family leave, continuing education support.



Logos Session About To Begin!

We are very excited as we are gearing up for another awesome fun and faith filled Logos Year!

Regular Logos kicks off on September 18th at 5:30 PM ages Kinder through 8th grade will enjoy bible study, rec time, dinner and worship arts.

For more information, print a registration form go to our website bethelmt.org under youth ministries. You may also pay online by credit card by going to our website listed above and click on "on-line giving" and adding Logos "other giving"

Bring a friend and come enjoy another successful and spirit filled Logos Year! See you soon!





A COMMUNITY OF WOMEN



ABOUT US

What is WELCA? It's an easy way to say Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Our organization includes Lutheran women who gather in more than 6,000 locations in the U.S. and the Caribbean, for service, study, advocacy, fellowship and more! WELCA embraces ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. We have a place for you in Women of the ELCA.

OUR MISSION

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

OUR PURPOSE

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

FIND US ONLINE

Visit womenoftheelca.org to learn how we respond to the world's needs through ministry and action, our free resources, daily devotionals, blogs and publications, like *Gather* magazine, *Cafe* e-zine, *Interchange*, *Bold Connections*, and with a community of women just like you.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

You can contact us anytime through our website or directly.
Call: 800-638-3522 Ext. 2730
Email: women.elca@elca.org



Next Hope Circle

Mark your calendars

Thursday, September 26th 7:00 PM at the Korpela's

3025 Delmar Dr.

Remember circle is open to everyone and what better way to start then in September, so join us!

Terry Korpela



WOMEN OF THE ELCA (WELCA) FALL CONVENTION AND GATHERING TO BE HELD AT BETHEL

**Saturday, September 28th
9:00 am to 7:00 pm**

Featured Speaker:

- Rev. Julia Seymour, has served Big Timber Lutheran since November 2018. Prior to that, she served for 10 years in a congregation in Alaska. Pastor Julia has written many times for *Gather* magazine, including the 2017 Bible study on the Apostle's Creed. She was also a contributing author to the Whirl Story Bible. Pastor Julia enjoys reading, gardening, knitting, and being outside. She and her husband, Rob, have two children, Daniel (9) and Victoria (6).
- More details will be available soon for Saturday's event

Cost is \$75.00 lunch included - registration forms are available in the Narthex

Questions? Contact Connie Hausauer at 406-690- 4947 or hausauer.connie@gmail.com

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Monday 9/16:

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

Tuesday 9/17:

- 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 at 5:30 pm

Wednesday 9/18:

- First night of Logos 5:30 pm

Thursday 9/19:

- Adult Forum discussion "What it means to be a sanctuary church" 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday 9/21:

- Bishop Laurie Jungling will be installed at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Helena MT 11:00 am
- Close Knit meets at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 9/22:

- Dave Scholten, LPA will be preaching and presiding for Pastor Steve Van Gilder who will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Helena. Pastor Steve served as associate pastor at Our Redeemer from 1990 to 1992.

Monday 9/23:

- Boy Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place
- Nominating Committee conference call at 7:00 pm

Tuesday 9/24:

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

Wednesday 9/25:

- Logos Family Worship dinner at 6:00 PM and service at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

Thursday 9/26:

- WELCA convention set up 6:00 pm

Friday 9/27:

- WELCA Member Annual Meeting

Saturday 9/28:

- WELCA Fall Convention 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sunday 9/29:

- Rosh Hashana 6:00pm

Monday 9/30:

- Rosh Hashsana 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday 9/29 continues Monday 9/30:

- Rosh Hashana 6:00 pm Sunday, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday.



Tom and Linda Rosenbaum singing
For Healing of the Nations

September 1, 2019.