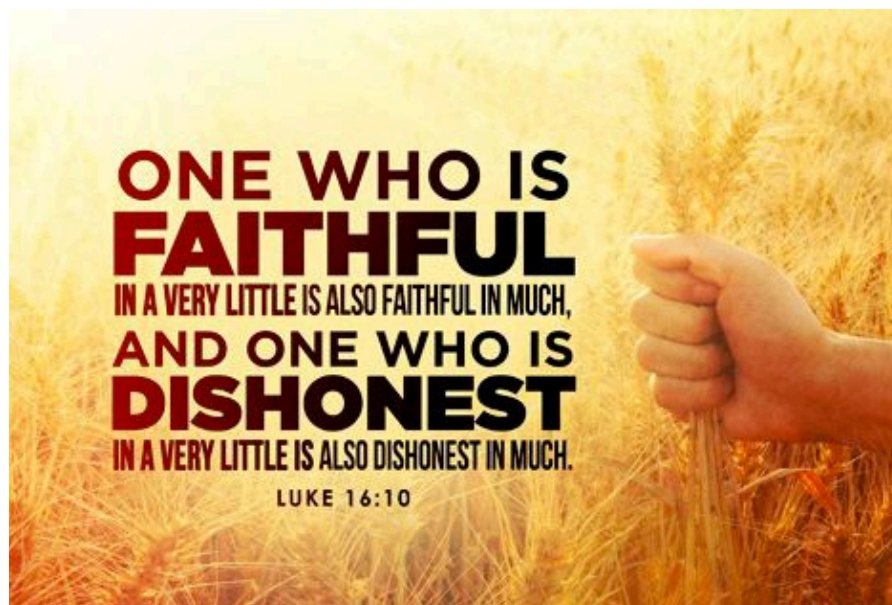


Office Hours:

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

BETHEL NOTES



Readings for the Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost:

AMOS 8:4-7

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

LUKE 16:1-13

This Sunday at Bethel:

we welcome and thank Dave Scholten, LPA who is preaching and presiding at the table today with the permission of Bishop Laurie Jungling of the ELCA. Pastor Steve Van Gilder is taking part in the 60th anniversary celebration of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Helena. He served as associate pastor at Our Redeemer from 1990 to 1992.

There will not be an adult forum this Sunday.

Sunday
September 22

**Serving This
Sunday**

Accompanist:

Lynn Ryan

Lay Assistant:

John Blank

Usher(s):

Mike and Joyce Harding

Projectionist:

Tim Lightbourne

Counters:

Tim Lightbourne

Donna Vinnedge

Childcare:

Allison Marr

Isabelle Grosenick

Hospitality Host:

Mike and Joyce Harding

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 he continues to heal.
- ♦ 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 continues to recover from a recent fall.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Prayers for God's presence and peace for **Mick Davis** as he recovers from heart surgery .
- ♦ Prayers for God's blessing the **Logos youth and staff** for beginning of another Logos year this Wednesday.
- ♦ Prayers for God's comfort and peace for the **Turnbough family** as they mourn the death of their daughter (Pastor Steve & Kaye's niece) Claire Turnbough.
- ♦ Prayers for **Karolina Pepos** as she undergoes some medical testing.



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

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.

GREETINGS FROM ELCA GLOBAL MISSIONARY, GUSTAVO DRIAU

Dear Pastor Steve

Thank you very much for your email. It is a great joy to greet you and thank you once more for your hospitality during my visit in July. I also extend my fraternal greetings to the sisters and brothers at Bethel in Great Falls. I also have in my heart all the people of Bethel and the Montana Synod who pray and work for the global mission of the church.

It is excellent news, and a pleasure, to know that you and Pastor Natalie will be participating in the consultation of synod companions in Guatemala next November!

I will also be there, and I will be a joy to accompany you and Pastor Natalie and Pastor German in your dialogues and in your plans.

I am also at your service for everything that is necessary regarding your preparation for the consultation in Guatemala, jointly with my colleague Paulina Dasse, in Chicago.

We pray for the installation of Bishop Laurie, in Helena on Saturday. God bless Bishop Laurie and her ministry, and Montana Synod congregations and leaders, in this new time of service.

The God of peace be with you all.

Gustavo



ATTENTION QUILTERS!

Lutheran World Relief 1st Monday Night Quilters meets at New Hope Lutheran Church, 3125 5th Avenue South on October 7, 6-8 p.m.. in the Social Hall (Use alley door). We have many tops ready to be tied. No experience necessary, come and see. We meet the first Monday of each month.

Words from the Bishop: Introductions

Dear Friends in Christ,

When someone asks you who you are, how do you identify yourself? Paul, formerly known as Saul, begins every one of his letters by identifying himself with words like these: “Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the Gospel of God...” (Rm 1:1) If you have a moment, page through the first few verses of each letter from Paul to see how he identifies himself in relationship to God and his calling. “An apostle of Christ, a servant of God” – these, according to Paul, are his primary identities.



Imagine introducing yourself to those you meet using a salutation similar to Paul’s. Imagine beginning an email or a text with words like “Alex, a disciple of Christ, called to be a musician for the church,” or “Chris, a servant of God, called as a health care worker to serve those suffering or sick.” Take a minute to think through what identities in relation to Jesus you might use in your introduction...

...Now, imagine using such an introduction every time you speak or write to someone, whether stranger, friend or family. How would such ownership of who you are in Christ affect your relationship with God? Your relationship to those around you? To yourself?

After I was elected in June, some of you may have wondered “who is this person just elected to be our bishop?” For some in the synod, I’m fairly well-known; for others, I am a complete stranger. When facing a stranger, especially from a distance, it is easy to make assumptions, to stereotype, to misunderstand and misrepresent. When I catch myself doing this, I try to remind myself of Luther’s explanation to the 8th commandment “to speak well of them and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.” (Luther’s Small Catechism) But that’s hard to do when you know so little about a person.

So, to make it easier to get to know me, let me introduce myself using Paul’s salutation style. “Laurie, a beloved child of God baptized into the family of Christ; a sinner reconciled into God’s love by Christ; a follower of Christ, called and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a pastor, preacher, teacher, occasional prophet, and now bishop for the sake of proclaiming and energizing the Gospel of new life into the world; definitely NOT God (thank God!); and a ‘little Christ’^[1] called to be a daughter, friend, colleague and neighbor to those in need.”

That’s enough for now. But over the next days, months and years, I hope to have the opportunity to meet you in person so that we can get to know each other better. My plans are to visit each of your communities, congregations, ministries, text studies, celebrations and challenges as my schedule allows. However, please be patient with me; since I am not God (thank God!), I can only be in one place at a time. I’ll do my best to get there when I can. In the meantime, you are all invited to my installation on Saturday, September 21 and to the light-lunch reception afterward for a brief meet and greet with me. I look forward seeing you there!

Your fellow follower of Christ, *Bishop Laurie*

^[1] Martin Luther uses the language of “little Christ” in his essay called “Freedom of a Christian.” He says that in relation to God we are saved by Christ while in relation to our neighbors we are called to be like Christ – little Christ’s.

WORLD HOMELESSNESS MONTH IN GREAT FALLS



For details about
these events go to
familypromisegf.org



Handbell Choir Beginning at Bethel

Sharon Mueller would like to know who would be interested in forming a Handbell Choir to perform for special events and an occasional Sunday. There would be two practice times and then a performance. We are looking for 11 to 13 people minimum and there is no experience necessary. All ages are welcome!

If you and/or your family are interested contact Sharon Mueller at oboecclar@gmail.com or give her a call with questions 406-788-3417.



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

Gathering Schedule – September 28, 2019

8:00 am	Registration
9:00 am	Welcome
9:15 - 9:30 am	Pool of Living Water
9:30 - 10:15 am	Women's Health Update by Ella Tweten
10:15 - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 - 11:30 am	Baptized and Set Free by Pastor Julia Seymour
11:30 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 - 1:15 pm	Singing
1:15 - 2:15 pm	Book Review of Sensible Shoes by Connie Hausauer & Lin Olson
2:15 - 3:15 pm	Baptized and Set Free by Pastor Julia Seymour
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Thankoffering Service with Installation of Officers
5:30 - 6:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 -7:00 pm	Closing of Convention and Gathering



THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Saturday 9/21:

- Bishop Laurie Jungling will be installed at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 3580 North Benton Avenue Helena MT 11:00 am
- Close Knit meets at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

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 in the Gathering Place at 6:00 pm
- 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 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm

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
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 9/29:

- Rosh Hashana 6:00 pm

Monday 9/30:

- Rosh Hashsana 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Scout Troop 1028 meeting at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Place

Tuesday 10/1:

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

Wednesday 9/2:

- Bethel Office Staff meeting in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 am
- Logos Youth Ministry 5:30 pm

Thursday 10/3:

- Council Executive Board conference call 4:00 pm

Friday 10/4:

- Aitz Chaim Friday Shabbat Service in the sanctuary 6:00 pm

Saturday 10/5:

- Close Knit meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am

Sunday 10/6:

- World Hunger Sunday
- Crop Walk in Gibson Park 1:00 pm
- Family Promise host week begins