

# BETHEL NOTES

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**For God  
all things  
are possible**

MARK 10:27

*Sunday, October 10th*

20th Sunday after Pentecost

AMOS 5:6-7;10-15

PSALM 90:12-17

HEBREWS 4:12-16

MARK 10:17-31

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY

<b>Accompanist</b>	Connie Titcomb piano; Pastor Steve Nelson, guitar
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Tamy Scholten
<b>Usher</b>	Sandy Pepos
<b>Tech</b>	Adam Elkin
<b>Counters</b>	Tim Lightbourne and Marilyn Carlson
<b>Children's Church</b>	Julia Elkin and Olivia Violett

**Join us Sunday at  
9:30 in-person or  
online [bethelmt.org](http://bethelmt.org)**

## OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 AM TO 4:30 PM CLOSED FRIDAY

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- ✦ Prayers of strength and leadership for **Gustavo Driau** as he continues as our Regional Representative for our Companion Synods in South America.
- ✦ Prayers of thanks for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues with treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers for healing and strength for **Katie Madsen**, *niece of Doug Sexe and granddaughter of Arlene Sexe* as she continues treatment for breast cancer and is responding well.
- ✦ Prayers for healing for **Steve Young**, *brother of Sue Hesse* as he continues with back issues.
- ✦ Prayers of support and healing **James Trunkle**, *friend of Dena Wagner-Fossen*, as he continues to manage health issues.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and support for **Bob Vander Aarde** as he continues cancer treatment and recovers from a fall.
- ✦ Prayers of support and healing for **Trudy and Earl Terwilliger** as they are managing with progression and changing of Trudy's cognitive health.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Arlene Sexe** as she continues treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Leonard Murphy** as he works through complications from knee surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort, support and healing for **Don Bisgard** as he continues to recover from surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **LaRae Veitch** as she continues rehab after knee surgery.
- ✦ Prayers for strength and healing for **Eric Peterson** as he undergoes treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Tony Marcson**, *brother-in-law of Jessica Crist*, who is undergoing treatment for lung cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Ron Elkin** as he continues to heal from surgery on his arm.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and support for **Alex Bostic** as he manages results of medical tests.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Bob Walker**, *brother of Colleen Walker-Nelson*, who is ill with kidney disease.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Kim**, *daughter of Dick and Mary Seim*, as she continues to improve in the hospital from covid.
- ✦ Prayers of thanks for the health and wellbeing of **Dick and Mary Seim** as they have recovered from covid and are working on plans to come home.
- ✦ Prayers of thanksgiving for the **Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin Montana** for their help with the train derailment last week.





Greetings Bethel!

When I sat down to look at my October calendar this year I saw something new, or maybe not so new...Indigenous Peoples' Day. When it was brought up one day in the office someone much cleverer than I am said, "Yep! Christopher Columbus' ship has sailed." It seems especially appropriate to note this day as we reflect on the past year of finding mass graves outside of numerous Boarding Schools and the continued crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women raging right in our backyard. But what does this have to do with church? How do we as people of faith and as Bethel Lutheran Church

communally respond and begin to create a better understanding of our Native siblings in Christ and help to create a better reality for all people in the future? We don't have all of these answers, but we do have someone in our congregation who has dedicated years of her life and professional career to being a part of the ELCA's intentional work to do better and to learn more. Retired Bishop and Pastor Jessica Crist will be teaching and guiding us this Sunday immediately following church in a session called, "What does Indigenous Peoples Day have to do with Church?". Not every congregation has the opportunity to hear these stories and in-depth knowledge about how our Church is actively engaging in the world on these topics, so I hope you will join us!

As always if you know of anyone who needs to be added to a visit list or our prayer lists, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to continuing to walk together as Bethel into this fall season.

-Pastor Jessie



## *Adult Education*

**Sunday After Worship Education Hour:** Sundays following worship service in the Fellowship Hall, no sign up necessary. Attend whenever you would like.

Topic this week with guest speaker Retired Bishop Jessica Crist, *What does Indigenous Peoples' Day have to do with church?*



## Bethel's Newest Ministry - Gardening Club Off to a Great Start!

Our landscaping is looking beautiful thanks to our newest Ministry here at Bethel, our Gardening Club. This group has been working hard the last couple of weeks cleaning up flower beds, pulling weeds, trimming shrubs and bushes.

This group will meet periodically throughout the year to keep our landscaping healthy and beautiful.

A big thank you to our group members. Leader Debbie McCarty, Marilyn Carlson, Judy Johnson, Mary Gernaat, Jane Mart and Kelly Johnson.

If you love being outside and like to work in nature, you can join anytime. Contact Debbie McCarty for more information. [djcmccarty@gmail.com](mailto:djcmccarty@gmail.com).



Cleaning up the flowerbeds by the west entrance to the Gathering Place, Debbie McCarty, Marilyn Carlson, Mary Gernaat and Jane Mart are working hard!



We have been enjoying such a beautiful fall with all the lovely colors and warm temperatures. We would like to thank Connie Titcomb for doing such a lovely job with our front planters.

### Good News!

Anna Johns, White Gloves Cleaning LLC, has been keeping our church clean for the last month and will continue her great works! We are so very blessed to have her services.

## Adult and Family Retreats Upcoming At FLBC This Fall

FLBC is currently hiring for our year-round staff! We are seeking a Wilderness/Environmental Education Director and Community Staff. Interested in being a part of the ministry of FLBC or know someone who would be a good fit? Visit <https://flbc.net/employment/#yearround> to see the full job descriptions and instructions for applying.

### Upcoming FLBC Retreats & Events

Visit <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/> to learn more about our year-round programming and find information on registering for each of these retreats.

### Crazy About Quilting & Crafting Retreat - Register by October 21, 2021

November 4-7, 2021  
Bring your quilt and craft projects and work alongside friends old and new on the west shore of Flathead Lake. <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/quiltcraft-retreat/>

### Advent "Preparing for Christmas" Retreat -

Register by November 19, 2021

December 3-5, 2021  
Prepare for the Christmas season by taking intentional time to slow down and enjoy the season. Make awesome crafts, cut your own Christmas tree, and soak in time for worship and prayer this Advent. <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/advent-retreat/>



### *Do you hear what I hear?*

It is the sound of the Handbell Choir gearing up to treat us to their soulful sound. Rehearsal on Saturday, October 16, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and Sunday will perform during worship, arrive at 8:30 to play on the 17th.

The following week we will do it again. Rehearsal on Saturday, October 23, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and Sunday morning at 8:30 to play for the service on the 24th.

Please text, call (788-3417) or email at [oboeclear@gmail.com](mailto:oboeclear@gmail.com) to let Sharon Mueller know if you can commit to one or both of those Sundays.

We are so very excited to have the Handbell Choir play for us once again.

New to handbells, haven't played in a long time...or ever? No problem. Reach out to Sharon today for more information.

## TOWN PUMP CHALLENGE

Town Pump has again selected FISH to be part of the 2021 campaign--"MONTANANS HELPING MONTANANS". This is the 20th year for Town Pump's support of food banks.

From September 1 through November 30, Town Pump will match each dollar collected by FISH up to \$25,000.

If you wish to help reach the FISH goal, please send your donation to:

FISH  
Box 662  
Great Falls, MT 59403





# Having Fun and Fellowship with High School Logos!

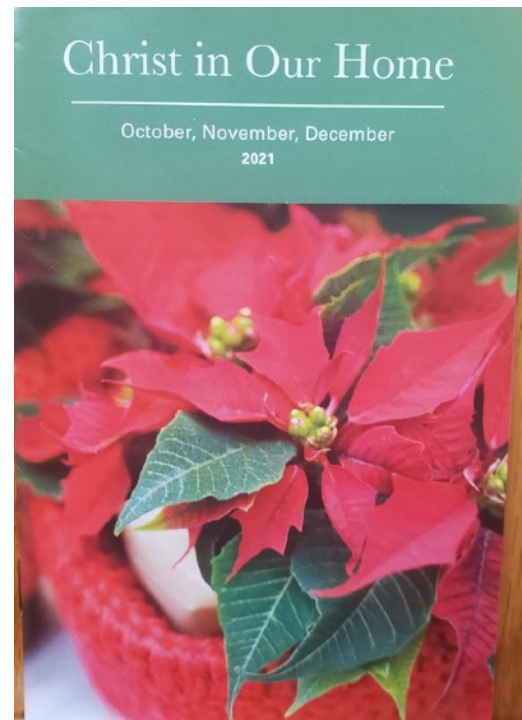
It is easy to see by this picture that the High School Logos group is having a great time Wednesday evenings. We have 16 teens registered and being lead by Colter McCarty and assisted by Hannah Patrick.

These youth are going to be busy this year with service projects planned and fundraising for the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer.

We are so excited to have this energy and excitement from our Bethel Youth and friends. Thank you to Ava Fossen for the selfie!



PICTURED HER PLAYING ONE OF THEIR FAVORITE GAMES. FROM FRONT TO BACK KYLE GILBERTSON, AVA FOSSEN, BRADY PIKE, OLIVIA VIOLETT, MAC CARLSON, ISABELLE GROSENICK, TRAVIS PALMER, TREVER SHIMERDLA, EMMA REINIKAINEN (FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM FINLAND), JACK ORTHMAN, AND SALIYAH SCOTT.



## Covid Guidelines for Worship as of August 10, 2021

Masks are **strongly recommended**, but not required.

Continue Physical Distancing

Coffee Hour on hold

If you have a fever or are feeling unwell, please take care of yourself and join us online for worship.

NEW CHRIST IN OUR HOME REGULAR AND LARGE PRINT ARE NOT IN. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY MAILED TO YOU CALL THE BETHEL CHURCH OFFICE AT 406-761-1543.













### Words of wisdom


Psalm 34:9-14

The Bible is filled with stories and wise thoughts. Some things are hard to understand. "Fear the Lord" doesn't mean "be afraid of God." It means we follow and respect an awesome, powerful, and loving God.

**Make sense out of these confusing words to find today's Psalm verse. Cross out the letters that spell the pictured items. Print the rest of the letters in order on the line beside each picture to find the verse. One has been done for you.**

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ciast		_____	_____
gocakoed		_____	_____

(Psalm 34:10b)



Talk together about confusing words or Bible verses that don't make sense to you.

**Join us for Logos Wednesdays**  
**Pre-k - 8th grade 5:30 to 7:30 PM**  
**High School 6:30 to 8:30 PM**  
**Join any time!**

## MINISTRIES MEETING ONLINE

### ELECTRIC CITY BIBLE STUDY

What a great way to connect with one another! Join our bible study via Zoom Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Laurie Turner at [loli51gus@icloud.com](mailto:loli51gus@icloud.com) for a link to join the meeting.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us for a fun and engaging conversation, and insightful discussion of each week's Lectionary texts as we meet both in person and via Zoom, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at [dscholten@dlsconsulting.net](mailto:dscholten@dlsconsulting.net) for a link to join the meeting or for more information.

### HOPE CIRCLE

This group meets once a month usually on Thursday evenings. Bible study and fellowship are celebrated with this group of ladies. Contact Laurie Turner at [loli51gus@icloud.com](mailto:loli51gus@icloud.com) for a link to join the meeting and Terry Korpela to be on the group email for meetings and prayer requests [terry.korpela@gmail.com](mailto:terry.korpela@gmail.com).

### WEEKLY TEXT STUDY WITH

### PASTOR JESSIE

Wednesdays, 10:00 am via Zoom, Pastor Jessie will be leading discussion on the text readings for the upcoming Sunday. Dig deeper in the interpretation of the readings and discuss ways they give us guidance in our daily lives. If you would like to join this zoom email [bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list for this Zoom meeting.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### This Week

#### Tuesday 10/12

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast combined Zoom and in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am
- Church Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

#### Wednesday 10/13

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos 5:30 pm; High School Logos 6:30 pm

#### Friday 10/15

- Bethel office is closed.

#### Saturday 10/16

- Close Knit meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:30 am

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday 10/17

- Sunday Worship in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- Adult Education with Pastor Jessie immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall

#### Tuesday 10/19

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast combined Zoom and in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

#### Wednesday 10/20

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom 10:00 am
- No Logos

#### Friday 10/22

- Bethel office is closed.

## **Pastor Jessie Obrecht**

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