

BETHEL NOTES



INTRODUCTION

Micah declares God's condemnation of those who abhor justice. Jesus warns against hypocrisy. Called to be humble servants, we gather for worship, seeking justice and welcoming all people to share the banquet of life.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

ACCOMPANIST - LYNN RYAN

LAY ASSISTANT - SUE HESSE

USHER - DONNA VINNEDGE

PROJECTIONIST - KIAN RYAN

TECH - ADAM ELKIN

COUNTERS - PAM DOUGHERTY AND
DONNA VINNEDGE

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Sunday, November 8th

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

MICAH 3:5-12

PSALM 43

MATTHEW 23:1-12

OFFICE HOURS:

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

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- ✦ Prayers for **Faith Crouch** (granddaughter of Bernice Johnson) is improving every day and is now working on building her lung strength on her own after 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 finished treatment for breast cancer and continues to heal.
- ✦ Prayers for God's continued healing for **Linda Juvik** (sister of Sandy Bechard) as she has completed her treatments for cancer and continues to heal.
- ✦ Prayers for healing and strength for **Katie Madsen**, niece of Doug Sexe and granddaughter of Arlene Sexe as she is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and support for **Jeremy Hawks** as he prepares for surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of healing, strength and support for **Rita Johnson (LaRae Veitch's sister)** as she continues treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- ✦ Prayers for healing for **Steve Young** (brother of Sue Hesse) as he recovers from back surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Rob Brattain** (son of Patsy Berkley) as he recovers.
- ✦ Prayers of health and healing **Kathy Meier** (friend of Dena Wagner-Fossen) as she prepares for knee surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of support for **Patti Godel and her family**, as they mourn the death of her **Aunt Allison**.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort to the **family of Mary Pearl Lode** (family member of Holly Lode Bernice Johnson's daughter) as they mourn her passing.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Paul Bossie**, son of Sharon Bossie with a recent diagnosis of diabetes and liver failure.
- ✦ Prayer of healing and health for **Anne Vannatta** as she is recovering at home.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort for **Jeanne Rankin and her family** at they mourn the death of her Aunt Bertha Dean Bucher in Fairbanks, Alaska.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and strength for **JoAnn Robitaille**, Sara Sexe's mother, as she continues to recover from an illness.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Karrie Pepos** as she recovers from Covid 19.



Can You Hear Me Now?!

The long awaited technology update is scheduled to be installed Thursday morning! We will be installing a new sound system and camera in the Gathering Place for future live stream worship services in the big room. In the sanctuary we will be installing new camera and microphones to improve the audio on our live stream. This will also tie the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall into one system so we can view the live service in real time from the Fellowship Hall. We will then be able to use the space for overflow for large services or presentations and offer traditional Sunday School for our young members so they can still participate in worship with the guidance of our staff.

So many exciting updates and changes, but what took so long? When the US shut down due to Covid 19, our factories that make electronics were shut down, this led to a backlog of orders. Some parts come from China, which were very difficult to get imported. Mines where the precious metals used to make electronic components were shut down and caused a shortage of metals. AND everyone needed to have a way to live stream services *at the same time!*



At Bethel we were fortunate to have some equipment to work with and though was not ideal, at least gave us a chance to stay connected when needed.

Once the equipment is installed, we need to set all the settings and train our Tech Team. The first Sunday we are projected to be live streaming with the new equipment is Sunday, November 15th.

Please bare with us as we work out the kinks to give you the best live streaming experience we can.

I would like to give a huge shout out to Colter McCarty who set up our live stream, trained our Tech Team and played an integral part in the purchase of the new equipment. Also to our Tech Team - Colter McCarty, Adam Elkin, Greg Grosenick, Kaleb Stringer and Dan Morris. Also, a thank you to Mission Electric for all the electrical work and Central Technologies for equipment and installation.

To view our live stream or go back and view past services got to bethelmt.org and click on Sunday Worship Service 9:30 AM on the homepage.

If you are interested in joining our Tech Team, email the main office at bethelgf.church@gmail.com and we will get you connected with Colter.

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Holy Father, Thank you for choosing to put me in this country, at this time, and for Your purposes. Please be with this country during this time of decision. Bless it and keep it strong. Help us to remember the things we have in common, and not just our differences. Let there be revival in our country, bringing us closer to You and to each other. As King David wrote, the nation whose God is the Lord is blessed. Please be the Lord over this nation above all else. Protect our people, guide our steps, and strengthen us through this season. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen. (Bethany Vernett)



Bethel Call Committee Up-date

The Bethel Call Committee has had a busy month of October! The Synod Office requires us to complete a Mission Site Profile (MSP). This profile is very comprehensive and interesting! The report includes information about our church and community, as well as traits we are looking for in a pastor. The committee asked for your input in the form of a survey or by verbally sharing your thoughts with any member of the Call Committee. The committee sincerely appreciates all your comments. The predominant thoughts that were shared was an appreciation for the music at Bethel, our youth programs, and our friendly, welcoming atmosphere.

We will complete and submit the MSP to the Synod Office, along with the proper supporting documents, prior to Thanksgiving. Once the report is approved, we will be given names of perspective pastors in our synod. We are also able to submit the names of pastors you may want to recommend for consideration. We encourage the congregation to let any member of the committee know a pastor's name that you would like to recommend. The committee thanks you for your prayers and support and extends a special thank you for the confidence you have placed in us. We promise to do our best and provide a transparent process.

TOWN PUMP CHALLENGE

Town Pump Charitable Foundation has invited **FISH** to be part of the 19th annual "Be a Friend in Deed, Helping Those in Need" food bank campaign.

Town Pump will match each dollar collected by **FISH** up to \$20,000 from September 1 through November 30. What a great way to double your donation!



Daily Texts 2021 Have Arrived

The new 2021 Daily Texts have arrived and are ready for pick up in the Narthex.

This year's focus, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." ~ Isaiah 43:19 (ESV)

The whole world is seeking a new thing to control the spread of the pandemic. These daily verses are also spread throughout the whole world. Each day 1.5 million people speaking 50 different languages look to Jesus to do a new thing by washing away all our sins with the rivers of His forgiveness.

May you daily receive the Holy Spirit's inspiration to live under God's grace so that something new will spring forth in your life.

(above is from back cover of the book.)

The cost of the text did go up a little this year. As in years past, we would be delighted for the first copy you take be with our compliments. If you would like additional copies and are able to help cover the

cost of the texts we would appreciate a suggested donation of \$8.00 per text, or whatever you can afford.

If you are unable to come in to pick up your copy, please call Tami in the office 406-761-1543 and we will be happy to mail a copy to you.



A Basket For FISH!

Ah November. A month where we focus on the things we are thankful for. As Thanksgiving grows near and we make plans to safely celebrate with our families, we wanted to take an opportunity to be thankful for the FISH! ministry and all the good work they do to help feed our community.

Our FISH! baskets remain just inside our entry and are ready for donations to stock the shelves for the holidays.

If you are unable to purchase food and would still like to help. You can mail a donation or go online to bethelmt.org online giving and note that the donation is for FISH!



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**Bethel Lutheran Church
- Great Falls, MT**



November Issue of Living Lutheran Magazine Is Here!

The theme for this month is *Together At The Table*. Great articles include Taste and See readers share recipes and faith stories, food truck ministry, Hunger and holidays, recipe for action, and “Repair the world”.

Feature stories include:

- 3 synods elect bishops
- A legacy of opportunity *New scholarships honor women’s ordination anniversaries*
- “God shows up” Book honors 50 years of Lutheran women in ministry
- We are church, we are called: A blessing for clergywomen
- This is my story *An ELCA Oglala Sioux Lakota pastor reflects on here ministry experience.*



If you would like a copy mailed to your home. Please call the Bethel Office 406-761-1543 and we would be happy to do so. Or you can pick on up on the Track Rack just inside the front



A huge thanks to all who have given a gift towards the purchase of the land on Hughes Bay! This land was purchased

for \$287,500, and thanks to the generosity of many, the FLBC association borrowed just \$125,000. Already, thanks to your wonderful gifts, we have just over \$90,000 to pay back. Thank you thank you thank you!

Crazy About Quilting & Crafting Retreat

November 12-15, 2020

\$210/person (Thurs-Sun) // \$195 (Fri-Sun) // \$65/day (Commuter)

Bring your quilt and craft projects and work alongside friends old and new on the shores of Flathead Lake. FLBC will also be providing opportunities to learn new skills!

Family Advent Retreat

December 4-6, 2020

\$140, Ages 13+ / \$120, Ages 7-12 / \$75, Ages 2-6 / Free Children under 2 / \$480 maximum cost per nuclear family

Join us for time at camp as we prepare for Christmas! Make awesome crafts, cut your own Christmas tree, and soak in time for worship and prayer this Advent

Jr + Sr High Ski & Snowboard Retreat

January 8-10, 2021

\$115/person (2 adults free with each church group // Lift tickets are separate from retreat cost)

Come for an awesome weekend filled with good food, fellowship, snow games, worship and FUN!

[For more information click here](#)

MAC Connect 2020

Speaking up for All Montana’s Children:

Ecumenical Prayer & Citizen Advocacy 101

“Let the Children come to me – Jesus”
Matthew 19:14

Friday, November 13th via

ZOOM 11 AM – 1 PM

Free

To Register: Email mac@macmt.org
www.macmt.org for more information



MAC is a non-partisan organization – that is we have Republican, Democratic, Libertarian, Green, & Independent members—who recognize we are each created in God’s image. We seek to empower Christians to speak up on behalf of the hungry, the prisoner, the homeless and other marginalized populations (Matthew 25: 31-46). Our panel will include legislative and lobbying voices sharing strategies for communicating with your Montana state house and senate representatives.

MINISTRIES MEETING VIA ZOOM

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us for fun and engaging conversation, and insightful discussion of this week's Lectionary texts as we meet through a social distancing approved Zoom video call each Tuesday morning from 7:00 – 8:00 am. Breakfast recipes and ideas will be provided. If you are interested in more information or would like to be added to the call invitation list, click on the email link below and type "breakfast" into the subject line (and then of course press send).

dscholten@dlsconsulting.net

Electric City Bible Study

What a great way to connect with one another! Join the Electric City Bible Study on a Zoom conference Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. If you are interested in joining email Laurie Turner at loli51gus@icloud.com and give her an email or cell number and she will send you a link to the meeting.

Weekly Text Bible Study

Pastor Trina will be offering a weekly Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and Thursdays at 7:00 pm (except the Thursday when Hope Circle meets). Studying the lessons for the upcoming Sunday together. Each week stands alone, you can join anytime! No experience necessary! For the time being, we will meet via Zoom. Please email or call the office if you'd like to receive the Zoom link.

High School Logos

Meets in person at Bethel
in the Gathering Place
Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Face Masks are required.

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME 

The 2020 (virtual) Crop Walk took in \$3866, 25% of which will go directly to Helping Hands to feed folks here in Great Falls. Thank you for helping to support this vital ministry to our neighbors who hunger.

Bethel Lutheran Church

Church Council Reopening Guidelines

We will still be offering a live stream of the service for those who wish to worship from home.

Guidelines:

- Front doors will be propped open and the only entrance into the Church. The west side entrance through the TLC Daycare will remain locked.
- Masks will be **required** and we have some available.
- A table is at the front doors with hand sanitizer, masks, tissues and an offering plate. Ushers will be there to assist with masks and help people find seats.
- Physical distancing of 4 feet will be observed.
- Windows and doors will be opened to increase air circulation.
- Signs on the restroom doors should be used to indicate if you are in the bathroom in an effort to keep physical distance.
- The kitchen, Fellowship Hall and back office hall doors will be closed.
- Hospitality area will be closed.
- We will pass the peace in a no-contact fashion.
- Sanctuary will be cleaned with disinfect cleaner after each Sunday worship service

Please consider the following before you return to worship:

- Have you traveled outside the U.S. in the past 30 days?
- Have you been in close contact with anyone who has traveled outside the U.S. in the past 30 days?
- Have you been in close contact with anyone with flu-like symptoms in the past 30 days?
- Have you had any of these symptoms:
 - Fever over 100.4
 - Persistent cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Sudden loss of taste or smell

If you answered YES to any of these questions, please do not enter and contact your health care provider.

Calendar Of Events

Monday 11/9

- Boy Scouts meet 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday 11/10

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast, via Zoom 7:00 am
- Council meeting location TBD 6:30 pm

Wednesday 11/11

- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 10:00 am
- Confirmation/Middle School Logos 6:30 pm on Zoom
- High School Logos in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

Thursday 11/12

- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm

Friday 11/13

- Bethel Office Closed

Upcoming Events

Sunday 11/15

- Worship Planning Meeting following our service at 11:00 am

Monday 11/16

- Boy Scouts meet 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday 11/17

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast, via Zoom 7:00 am

Wednesday 11/18

- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 10:00 am
- Confirmation/Middle School Logos 6:30 pm on Zoom
- High School Logos in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

Thursday 11/19

- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm

Friday 11/20

- Bethel Office Closed

Saturday 11/21

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

Interim Pastor Trina Johnsten

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