

BETHEL NOTES

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Sunday, February 14th

Transfiguration of Our Lord

2 KINGS 2: 1-12

PSALM 50:1-6

MARK 9: 2-9



The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

SERVING THIS SERVICE

Year-Round Staff from Christikon &
Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

SUNDAY COUNTERS - PAM DOUGHERTY AND MARILYN CARLSON

**In-person worship is
on hold.**

**Please join us Sunday
at 9:30 am**

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- ✦ Prayers for **Faith Crouch** (*granddaughter of Bernice Johnson*) who is home and doing well.
- ✦ Prayers of thanks for **Ed Pottratz** as he responds well to cancer treatment.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Lee Klette**, son of *Russ & Cheryl*.
- ✦ 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 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 for **Pam Hanson Alfred** *friend of Kris Voorhees* as she continues treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and support for **Bob Vander Aarde** as he undergoes cancer treatment.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Marsha Johnson**, *employee and friend of Beth Olson* as she recovers at home with complications from Covid.
- ✦ Prayers of support and healing for **Trudy and Earl Terwilliger** as they are managing with progression and worsening of Trudy's cognitive health.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Bob Moretti** who is undergoing medical treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort for **Brenda Smith and family** as they mourn the passing of her parents Dale and Luella Olson.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort for **The Geyer Family**, extended family of Thelma Seyfert, as they mourn the death of their father Gary.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **John Korpela** for continued cancer treatment.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Arlene Sexe** recovering from surgery.





FEBRUARY 17, 2021
LIVE STREAM 7:00 PM

Join us online for Live Stream Worship Service for Ash Wednesday.

First English and New Hope will be offering a drive through Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday and invite anyone from Bethel who would like to receive ashes to join them. Ashes will be offered at First English (726 2nd Ave N) from Noon until 1:00 pm under the portico and New Hope (3125 5th Ave S) from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the west parking lot.

Thursday evenings beginning February 25th we will be live streaming the Holden Evening Prayer Service with Lenten reading by Pastor Trina Johnsten at 7:00 pm.

Each week we will share some soup recipes for you to try for your Thursday night soup supper then tune in to sing along with the Holden Evening Prayer service. Share your soup recipe by sending them to Tami in the office and we will include them in the Notes. See the first below.

Slow Cooker Chicken Chili by Judy Johnson

- 2 lb. chicken breasts
- 1 – 15oz can corn
- 1 – 15oz can pinto beans
- 1 – 15oz can white beans
- 4 c. reduced sodium chicken broth
- 16 oz jar green salsa (medium heat works well)
- 1 t garlic powder
- 1 t onion powder
- 2 t cumin

Drain and rinse corn and beans. Place all ingredients in a slow cooker and cook until chicken is done (high 3-4 hours or low 5-6 hours). Take out chicken, shred and return to soup. It's good plain or with toppings (tortilla chips, cheese, sour cream, lime, onion, cilantro).



Worship Sunday, February 14th A Gift from FLBC & Christikon.



This Sunday, **February 14th**, we will join with staff from our two ELCA outdoor ministry programs for worship. Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and Christikon

have prepared a service with FLBC staff doing the music and Pastor Mark Donald of Christikon preaching. The gospel for this week is the story of the transfiguration of Jesus (Mark 9:2-9), which will surely preach well for two places that have "transformed" the lives of so many young people. Access to this video will come to you in the weekly Bethel Notes email and you may also find it on our homepage.

YOUR MONTANA LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRY ORGANIZATIONS

Christikon, McLeod, MT

Established: 1951

Executive Director: Rev. Mark Donald

"Since 1951, Christikon has been a special place for spiritual growth and renewal with friends, old and new; an intentional Christian community where all are welcome, chosen, cherished, loved, forgiven, redeemed, and made worthy by none other than Jesus Christ himself.

Worship begins and ends each day. We study the Bible together, take time to reflect and be alone before God. We work hard, play hard, enjoy time together and time apart, with time for worship & prayer, and time for silliness and song.

Christikon is a place of joy that lifts up God's gift of life. A place for you. You don't have to be Lutheran to be at Christikon. Come with your questions, your doubts, your challenges, and joys."

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, Lakeside, MT

Established: 1943

Executive Director: Margie Fiedler

"Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp is situated in the majestic Rocky Mountains of western Montana. We are a camping ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America committed to proclaiming and living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Camp is owned and operated by 55 ELCA congregations in western Montana and is open year-round to groups of all ages.

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp offers a Christ-centered camping experience for people of all ages. The staff is trained to help campers understand God's message of grace and to provide positive Christian role models while having an amazing experience in God's great outdoors!"

Bulletin is posted on our homepage bethelmt.org. The service will not have projection of the service with readings and songs. To follow along with the service you may want to print the bulletin before you view.

RETURNING TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP FEBRUARY 21ST.

LIVE STREAM STILL AVAILABLE.

COVID 19 UPDATED CHURCH USE POLICY

While Bethel has adhered to a policy of beneficial usage of the buildings which we have been blessed to own as a congregation of the ELCA. It is with regret, that we must institute some restrictions on its use for the protection of our staff, our congregation and members of those organizations which have a historical use of Bethel's buildings.

Usage of our facilities shall hereby be limited to those organizations which are supportive of Bethel's ongoing mission and to the those who have a current contract with Bethel for the use of the church's facilities.

All organizations that are using the facilities will be required to follow all the current use guidelines or any new guidelines adopted by the church council or as mandated by any federal, state or local government agency.

Current guidelines include but are not limited to:

- Masks shall be worn at all times.
- Social Distancing of at least 6 ft.
- No food or beverages shall be served.
- All contact surfaces must be wiped down with a sanitization product before leaving.
- Numbers shall be limited to those guidelines mandated by any applicable govt agency.
- Any additional expense incurred due to requirements for additional sanitation of the facilities, or part of, shall be paid by the responsible parties involved.

This addendum will take effect upon passing and stay in effect until removed by a vote of the church council.

Approved by Bethel Church Council 02-09-2021

Council Meeting Highlights

BETHEL LUTHERAN FEBRUARY 9, 2021

Bethel Lutheran Church Council met on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 by zoom. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

- Tami informed us that the new database will be installed February 25. This will enable us to access information about our church and congregation.
- The new projector is installed, so we have two working projectors in the sanctuary.
- The Call Committee was excited to announce they have three excellent candidates to interview! We look forward to hearing more as the process continues.
- Council reviewed the survey results and discussed the reopening of the church during Covid. We agreed to a reopening date of February 21, with the on-going monitoring of the Covid situation. To see the updated guidelines please go to [February 2021 Reopening Guidelines](#).
- Election of Bethel Council 2021 Officers was tabled until the next meeting.

To view the January minutes in their entirety, please go to [January 2021 minutes](#)

NEW CHOIR AND MUSIC MIC REQUEST

In 2020 with the help of the Bethel Congregation and a Technology grant we were able to update our equipment to offer a better experience to those viewing worship from home.

We have had feedback from those tuning in that the music sound quality could be better.

Since we did not budget to purchase new music specific microphones for the choir, piano and guitar and solo singers we are asking anyone who would like to prayerfully consider giving a donation toward the purchase of this equipment.

The equipment we are looking at purchasing is:

- Piano/Choir Mic
- Wireless Guitar receiver/ transmitter
- Wireless dual vocal system with two wireless mics

Total cost with installation is \$2500.00.

If you would like to donate toward this purchase you can donate on our website or send in a check to Bethel, please note "mic purchase" on your donation.

We will not purchase these items, unless we are able to raise the money for them.

Thank you in advance and may God grace your ears with music throughout your day!

a story to tell

DEVOTIONS FOR LENT 2021

Bethel would like to gift this lenten devotional to anyone who would like a copy. If you would like a copy mailed to you please email Tami at bethelgf.church or call the office at 406-761-1543.



FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP Summer 2021

NAVIGATORS = Entering Grades 1 & 2

EXPLORERS = Entering Grade 3

PIONEERS = Entering Grades 4 & 5

PATHFINDERS = Entering Grades 6 & 7

TRAILBLAZERS = Entering Grades 8 & 9

SENIOR HIGH = Entering Grades 10 to 2021 HS Grads

FAMILY CAMPS & INTERGENERATIONAL opportunities

JUNE 20-25 Ranch Camp (**PIONEERS, PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS**); Staff in Training (**SENIOR HIGH**)

JUNE 27-JULY 2 Traditional On-site Camp (**PIONEERS, PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS**); Basketball Camp (**PIONEERS, PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS**); Sailing (**SENIOR HIGH**); GrandCamp (**All ages**); Bring a Big Person to Camp *1/2 Week: June 27 - 29* (**4-5 year olds & an adult 21+**)

JULY 2-4 Family Camp Weekend with leaders Pastor Barb Gwynn & Pastor Scott Hedegaard

JULY 4-9 Family Camp (**All ages**) with artist Pr. Paul Oman & Pr. Brad Ulgenes; Outback Camp (**PIONEERS, PATHFINDERS**) Week-long family camp is full!

JULY 11-16 Traditional On-site Camp (**EXPLORERS, PIONEERS, PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS**); 1/2 Week Camp *July 11-13, July 14-16* (**NAVIGATORS**); Cross Country Camp (**PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS, SENIOR HIGH**); North Fork Raft (**SENIOR HIGH**); Sailing (**SENIOR HIGH**)

JULY 16-18 Family Camp Weekend (2021 summer staff families are free) with leader Pr. Ben Morris from University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse

JULY 18-23 Custom Family & Small Group Camps

On-site Day Camp *Mon - Fri 9am - 3pm* (**NAVIGATORS, EXPLORERS, & PIONEERS**); Treehouse Camp (**PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS**)

JULY 25-30 Traditional On-site Camp (**PIONEERS, PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS, SENIOR HIGH**); 1/2 Week Camp *July 25 - 27, July 28 - 30* (**NAVIGATORS**)

AUGUST 1-6 Custom Family & Small Group Camps

On-site Day Camp *Mon - Fri 9am - 3pm* (**PIONEERS, PATHFINDERS**); Adventure Camp (**PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS**), Wild Water Week (**PATHFINDERS, TRAILBLAZERS**); North Fork Raft (**SENIOR HIGH**); Pack N Raft (**SENIOR HIGH**)

AUGUST 10-20 Tanzania Trip (**AGES 15+**)

Check with your local Lutheran congregation about an FLBC day camp in your community throughout the summer!

Contact the FLBC office at 406-752-6602 or visit flbc.net to find registration directions for Family Camp Weekend(s), Grand Camp, and Bring A Big Person to Camp, or to design a family or small group adventure during designated weeks.

Registration for **YOUTH CAMP** opens on February 1st! To register, go to flbc.net, call 406-752-6602, or mail in a registration form. **Registration opens early on January 29th for campers who rolled over their 2020 deposit - check your email!**



FLBC has a long tradition of not turning anyone away because they cannot afford to attend. Bethel can help as well!

The friends and family of Jean Humphrey have started a Jean Humphrey Memorial Campership Fund to help send Great Falls area youth to camp. This along with Bethel's own camperships donations from our congregation will help off set the cost of camp by paying \$100.00 per camper.

Once you have registered for camp, send us a copy of the registration confirmation and we will send the money to FLBC to help your student attend this fun and faith filled camp experience.

Call the Bethel Office for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 12TH TO 16TH

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 lolli51gus@icloud.com for a link to join the meeting.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us for a fun and engaging conversation, and insightful discussion of this week's Lectionary texts as we meet via Zoom, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at dscholten@dlsconsulting.net for a link to join the meeting.

WEEKLY TEXT BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR TRINA

This bible study is offered on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and Thursdays at 7:00 pm (except the Thursday when Hope Circle meets). This group studies the lessons for the upcoming Sunday together. Each week stands alone, you can join anytime! No experience necessary! Contact the Bethel office bethegf.church@gmail.com for a link.

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 lolli51gus@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.

Next meeting February 11th 7:00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 2/15

- President's Day, Bethel Office is closed.

Tuesday 2/16

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

Wednesday 2/17

- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 10:00 am
- Ash Wednesday service live stream 7:00 pm.

Thursday 2/18

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

Friday 2/19

- Bethel office is closed.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 2/21

- In-person gathering and live stream, communion service 9:30 am

Tuesday 2/23

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

Wednesday 2/24

- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 10:00 am
- Confirmation Zoom meeting 7:00 pm.

Thursday 2/25

- Holden Evening Prayer Service live stream 7:00 pm with Pastor Trina Johnsten and Dennis Trotter

Friday 2/26

- Bethel office is closed.

Interim Pastor Trina Johnsten

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