

# BETHEL NOTES

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As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

Genesis 17:4



*Sunday, February 28th*

**Second Sunday of Lent**

GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16

PSALM 22:23-31

ROMANS 4:13-25

MARK 8:27-38

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

## **SERVING THIS SERVICE**

**Accompanist**  
**Lead Vocals**  
**Lay Assistant**  
**Usher**  
**Tech**  
**Counters**

Mary Seim piano; Pastor Steve Nelson, guitar  
Warren Johnson and Jeanne Rankin  
Sandy Pepos  
Donna Vinnedge  
Adam Elkin  
Patty Braget and Anne Vannatta

**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 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 continued healing for **Marsha Johnson**, *employee and friend of Beth Olson* as she is doing much better and is anxious to come back to work.
- ✦ 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 support and healing for **Earl Terwilliger** as he undergoes tests for an unknown abdominal lump.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Bob Moretti** who is undergoing medical treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Arlene Sexe** as she recovers from surgery.
- ✦ Prayers for **Colleen Walker Nelson** as she had knee surgery on Monday.
- ✦ Prayers for **Laurie Turner's uncle Don** as they await diagnosis of his congestive heart failure and pneumonia.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort for **Shirley Cayko and Karen Beatty** mourning the sudden death of Karen's father, Robert Smith, and for Karen's mother **Carol** as she grieves.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort to the families and friends of the youth who died in car accident in Billings Friday evening. **Thomas Christopher Lindsay**, *friend of Ava Olson*, **Conner Hunter Devere**, and **Kylie Rae Larsen**. Also, prayers of healing for the survivor of the accident who's name has not been released.

## Pastoral Call Committee Update

We are happy to inform you that we have completed our first round of interviews for our three candidates.

The interviews went well and we will keep you up to date as the process continues. Thank you for your continued blessings and support.

## Close Knit Resumes Saturdays at 9:00 AM Beginning March 6th.





We missed Dale Ost's birthday last March 13th. So we want to say a big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for 90 years strong to Dale!



### New Mics Have Been Ordered.

Bethel would like to give a huge thank you to all who donated toward the purchase of the new mics. We have enough and the order has been placed. Music to our ears!

## INSTALLATION OF 2021 BETHEL CHURCH COUNCIL



Pictured from left to right: Sara Sexe, Anne Vannatta, Warren Johnson, Kaleb Stringer and Dena Wagner - Fossen. In back: Pastor Trina Johnsten

Members not pictured: Marilyn Carlson, Greg Grosenick, Allison Marr and Laurie Turner

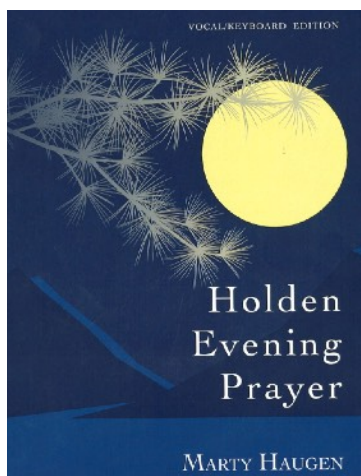
## MID - WEEK LENTEN SERVICE

### HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER LIVE STREAM

### THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:00 PM

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.



This week's recipe was shared by Jessica Crist and Turner Graybill.

Leading the Holden Evening Prayer for Thursday, February 25th is Pastor Trina Johnsten and Dennis Trotter

### **Cantor Schedule**

#### **February 25th**

Pastor Trina Johnsten and  
Dennis Trotter

#### **March 4th**

Dave and Tamy Scholten

#### **March 11th**

Warren Johnson and  
Pastor Steve Nelson

#### **March 18th**

Patrick and Lynn Ryan

#### **March 25th**

Colter McCarty and  
Morgan Dunn

## Quick Chicken Wild Rice Soup

- 1 can Cream of Chicken Soup
- 1 can milk
- 2 cans water
- 1 package wild rice mix
- 2 cups cooked cut up chicken (bite size)
- 2 cups spinach leaves, torn into bite size pieces
- 1 ½ cups carrot slices
- 1 onion, cut up and sauteed in 2 tablespoons butter till soft



Combine all ingredients in soup pot and simmer gently for 15 minutes, stirring periodically. Serves 8.      Enjoy!

## WHAT IS HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

*"Holden Evening Prayer is a vespers service that was written during the winter of 1985-1986 while my family and I were living at Holden Village in the North Cascade Mountains of Washington state. The community living there that winter sang through (and commented upon) many revisions of each part of the service; in that sense, this is the most collaborative project I have ever done."* Marty Haugen

It has been a tradition at Bethel that Thursday evenings during Lent we come together at 6:15 and enjoy a soup supper with a variety of soups, breads and desserts (for those of us who haven't given up sugar for Lent.) Then at 7:00 we are lead through the Holden Evening Prayer service by a cantor that sings the beautiful prayers and readings as we respond in song. For me personally it is somewhat magical...mesmerizing...and a special service that I have come to look forward to as a chance to worship a bit differently than on Sundays, but also a quieter and more cozy worship on cold nights with my fellow Bethel Members and guests.

Last year we were able to hold a couple of these most precious evenings before our world changed. At that time, I had no idea that we would not be holding the same supper and service during 2021 Lent as in 2020.

But, pandemic be *darned* we will open the walls of Bethel to embrace the homes of all of us as we will be able to sup and sing together if not right next to one another.

Thursday Evenings will still be a time to participate in this beautiful service as we live stream from the Bethel Sanctuary. The link will be on our Bethel website homepage just like the Sunday service and will be available to view as many times as you like. We will be led by different cantors each week and Pastor Trina will be doing a Lenten reading.

So for those who have not yet had the pleasure of our full Lenten Soup Suppers it is something to be excited for next year as we all are. Have a bowl of soup, light a candle, and worship with us.

*Tami Grosenick*



Family Promise is gearing back up and moving ahead in 2021. With a new board member, support from Churches and community members in Great Falls as well as the national office.

Here are a few highlights from a letter to the Great Falls Ministerial Association from Family Promise:

*Donna Watson Lawson (Bozeman), serving the Family Promise national office, has offered to support our efforts to reach out to congregations and stakeholders in our community. We need more board members, among them one who would be willing to serve as treasurer. There are a couple of board meetings scheduled for early next week, one of which is to speak with a member of the community who has expressed interest in serving as the next executive director. The hope is to schedule and announce another stakeholder's meeting sometime next month to share an update.*

If you or someone you know would like to serve on their board, call their new phone number 406.564.5267.

We look forward to more exciting news from Family Promise.





There are so many things that 2020 has taught us about how we worship and communicate with everyone about what is happening at the Church.

With that in mind we would like to introduce a tool that will help us do just that. Servantkeeper is database software designed for churches.

First and foremost, we would like to send out a huge thank you to Udo Wozny. Without his development and implementation of our current database, this change would be very difficult and labor intensive. Udo took a lot of time and effort to design and input data to keep our records current and give us a Church Directory.

This database will give us a dynamic directory that we will be able to update as needed and our church members will have access to. You will also be able to set up a user login to see your giving statement at your convenience. This will also give us an option to send out information such as

changes to the worship service or upcoming event reminders. It will give us the capability to send information to specific groups such as youth ministry, voting members, etc. Our intention is not to fill your inbox with information you do not need or that does not apply so we look for your feedback as we learn how to use this valuable part of the software.

Look for more information in future Bethel Notes as we begin working with this new database.

### 1st Monday Night Quilters

The 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Night quilters will meet to again tie quilts. February 1, we tied three quilts in the two hours, and thanks to Leanna for binding them at home. Thanks also to Carol for making some tops, at home, and Joanne for cutting squares for quilts, at home.

If anyone would like to cut some squares or sew tops and do it at home, please call me and I will meet you at the church.

So, March 1, 6-8 p.m. in the Social Hall at New Hope Lutheran, 3125 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, use the alley door and please wear a mask. Questions? Call Trudi, 799-0100.

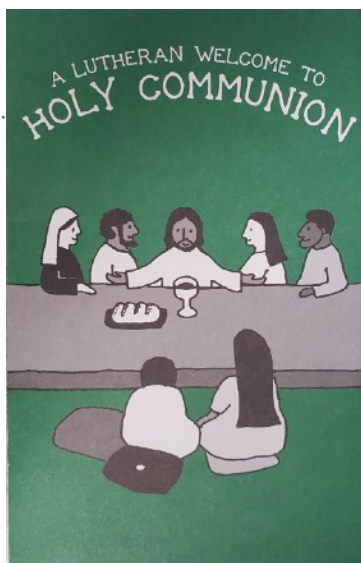




## Is It Time for First Communion?

Holy Communion connects God's spoken announcement of forgiveness with the embodied actions of eating bread and drinking wine together. Receiving these elements of communion forms us into a body as well. Each time we receive communion together God makes us a community of thanksgiving, created by the saving story and personal invitation of Jesus.

At Bethel as with other ELCA Churches first communion can and does happen at many different ages.



*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's set of priorities for the practices of word and sacrament, The Use of the Means of Grace, notes that, "There is no command from our Lord regarding the age at which people should be...first communed". As a result, the age at which baptized members of our congregations receive their first communion reflects a variety of practices and understandings.*

How do you know if or child (or adult) is ready for their First Communion? If they are curious and ask questions about communion and why it is a part of our worship service. They may even ask if they can take communion. We have a great booklet in the Track Rack by the front door entitled "A Lutheran Welcome to Holy Communion" (pictured above) that can give you a great start to the conversation.

If you or your child would like to receive Holy Communion, Pastor Trina will be excited to visit with you about the process. It is very easy and encompasses learning what communion is, why we practice this and what the meaning of the ceremony is.

Please reach out to Pastor Trina (Email [bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com) Phone number 406-761-1543 ext 202) or call the Bethel Office and we will get you connected with her.

## Upcoming At FLBC

Visit <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/> to learn more about our year-round programming and to find additional COVID-19 related information.

Keep your eyes open for more information coming to you soon about FLBC's backpacking trip with Bishop Jungling, taking place August 22-26, 2021!

We hope to see you online at the free, online educational series on "Inspiring Generosity Today!" March 8th, March 15th, and March 22nd. [Click here to learn more](#)

### Spring Environmental Education Field Day

Saturday, April 10th, 2021 10am - 4pm  
\$25 / student / \$12/adult chaperone - includes lunch!

Join us for a day of fun and learning at FLBC! Learn more about the world around you and enjoy the fun activities camp offers at our Environmental Education Field Day. Visit <https://flbc.net/field-trip/> to learn more and register.

### Memorial Day Family Retreat & Work Weekend

May 28-31, 2021

FREE! Registration still required :-)  
Come have a fun weekend and help FLBC get ready for summer!

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 is on hold during Lent due to Holden Evening Service. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:terry.korpela@gmail.com).

**Next meeting March 16th 7:00 pm**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Tuesday 3/2

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

### Wednesday 3/3

- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 10:00 am
- Confirmation on Zoom 6:30 pm.

### Thursday 3/4

- Exec Board conference call 5:30 pm
- Holden Evening Prayer service live stream 7:00 pm with Dave and Tamy Scholten

### Friday 3/5

- Bethel office is closed

### Saturday 3/6

- Close Knit meets 9:00 am in the Hospitality area
- FLBC Day Camp Workshop in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 am

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday 3/7

- Worship with communion in-person and live stream 9:30 am
- World Hunger Sunday

### Tuesday 3/9

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

### Wednesday 3/10

- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 10:00 am
- Confirmation on Zoom 6:30 pm.

### Thursday 3/11

- Holden Evening Prayer service live stream 7:00 pm with Warren Johnson and Pastor Steve Nelson

### Friday 3/12

- Bethel office is closed.

## Interim Pastor Trina Johnsten

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