

BETHEL NOTES

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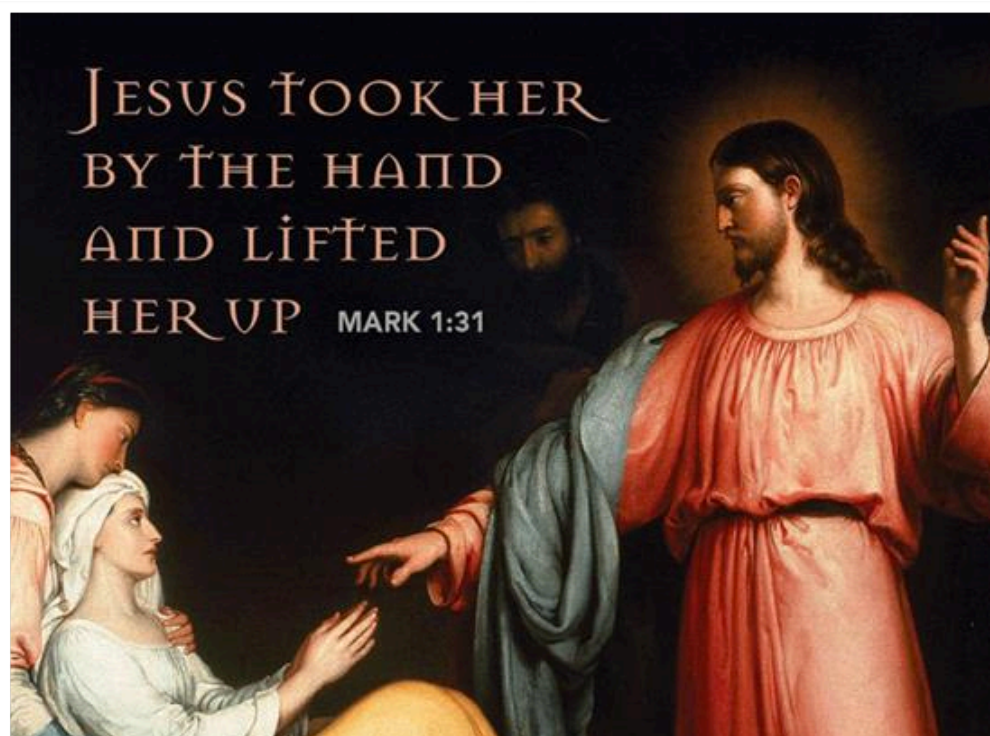
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Sunday, February 7th

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

ISAIAH 40:21-31

PSALM 147:1-11, 20C

MARK 1:29-39

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

SERVING THIS SERVICE

ACCOMPANIST -MARY SEIM - PIANO, PASTOR STEVE NELSON - GUITAR

VOCALIST - DAVE AND TAMY SCHOLTEN

LAY ASSISTANT - CARL DUNN

TECH - COLTER MCCARTY

SUNDAY COUNTERS -STEPHANIE CUMMINGS AND WARREN JOHNSON

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

**Please join us Sunday
at 9:30 am
bethelmt.org**

OFFICE HOURS:

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

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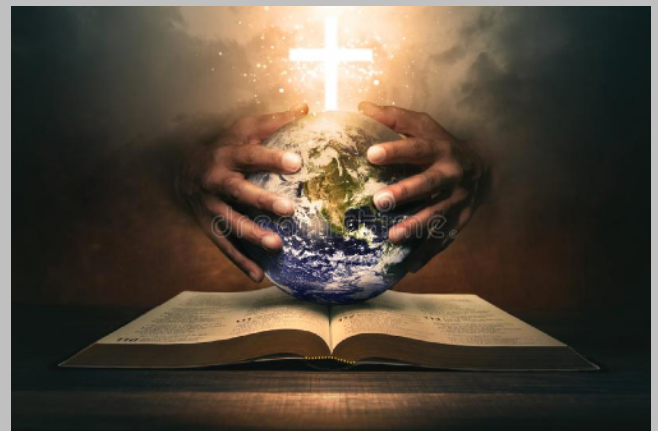
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- ✦ Prayers for **Faith Crouch** (*granddaughter of Bernice Johnson*) who is home and doing well.
- ✦ Prayers of thanks for **Ed Pottratz** as he responds well to cancer treatment.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Lee Klette**, son of *Russ & Cheryl*.
- ✦ 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 solace and strength for family and friends of **Gloria Eriksen**, *Terry Korpela's mother*, who passed away.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and support for **Tom Rosenbaum** who is managing health issues.

FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS



Don't miss Dave and Tamy Scholten as they lead us in *For The Healing of the Nations* this Sunday during the Prayers of the church.

Peace be yours.



FEBRUARY 17, 2021
LIVE STREAM 7:00 PM

We are heading into another season of Lent. Who would have thought we would still be making adjustments to our services because of the pandemic? Well, we are, but we are making the best of our current climate. We thank you all for your patience while we work to keep our members and loved ones healthy as we kick off this Lenten season with a live stream worship service, on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

One very fortunate gift we have in Great Falls is the collaboration with the other ELCA churches in town. 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.

What about Lenten Soup Suppers and the Holden Evening Prayer?

We are going to stay connected during this season in a little different way. While the Council is working on an in-person gathering start date, we will be live streaming the Holden Evening Prayer every Thursday night during lent. Here's where we need your help...do you have a favorite soup recipe that you like to make and bring to our soup suppers? Are you willing to share that recipe with others? Send them to Tami in the office and we will include them in the Notes. Make Thursdays during Lent your Soup Supper Night with a new recipe and then join us for the live stream to follow at 7:00 pm. We will have different singers each week to lead us in this beautiful prayer.

So, one more thing we will need are singers for the Holden Evening Prayer. If you are interested in leading, please let Tami know in the office and we will get you set up to sing!

We all wish we were gathering for a warm and cozy meal and singing the Holden Evening Prayer together. We know one day we will be able to do so again. We hope that this special entry into the Lenten Season will give us each an opportunity to worship remember the reason for the season.

We will be announcing our in-person gathering/worship plan after the Church Council meeting next Tuesday evening. If you would like to share your input, please feel free to do so and we thank all who have submitted their prayerful view. We appreciate each and every one, and thank you for your continued understanding as we work toward making everyone feel welcome, whether at home or in-person.

God's blessings to all,

Tami Grosenick, Administrative Assistant



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



Next 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!"

If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting and would like to view a recording, please email bethelgf.church@gmail.com or call the office

The Knots Prayer

*Dear God:
Please untie the knots
that are in my mind,
my heart, and my life.
Remove the have nots,
the can nots and the do nots
that I have in my mind.*

*Erase the will nots,
may nots,
might nots that may find
a home in my heart.*

*Release me from the could nots,
would nots and
should nots that obstruct my life.*

*And most of all,
Dear God,
I ask that you remove from my mind,
my heart and my life all of the "am nots"
that I have allowed to hold me back,
especially the thought
that I am not good enough.
Amen.*



**Fellowship After Worship on Zoom
this Sunday at 10:30!**

If you would like the link sent to your email, call the office or text Tami at 406-788-9587.

When will we return to in-person worship?

I think we can all agree that the quality of our on-line worship has improved greatly with the new audio and visual equipment. But while our experience has improved, it's not the same as being together as the body of Christ in person. The Bethel Council wants you to know that we are continuing to monitor the cases of Covid in our area with an eye to offering in-person worship again. At this point we are hoping that we can regather sometime in Lent, but only if we feel it can be done safely. Regathering would involve continued social distancing, wearing masks at all times, limited singing, and no coffee fellowship. We will continue to live-stream the service even after in-person worship resumes.

To gauge the desires and concerns of the Bethel community, would you please answer the following questions either by mail or email.

(bethelgf.church@gmail.com or 1009 18th Ave SW, Great Falls, MT 59404)

1. I am ready to gather for in-person worship YES NO
If yes, how many from your household would be attending?
2. If no, what criteria would need to be met before you felt comfortable gathering?
3. Please share with us your thoughts, questions, concerns about gathering for in-person worship.

Spirit of the Rockies

(Fridays in February from 2-3pm): A literature and short story review workshop



looking at the ways that people have understood their relationships with the land, animals, other people and the divine within our regional landscape from a wide array of cultural and historical perspectives. Led by Pastor John Lund, Rai Combs, and Celeste Yeager. Open to all ages and perspectives and friends of Emmaus. This workshop will include a reading packet for all participants (free) and will meet Fridays from 2-3pm in February. Starts February 5th. Contact John john.lund@mso.umt.edu to get the readings. Join the Zoom meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85943586677?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85943586677?pwd=YlIQQVBWUVRdS9ERE9vbK5FcVJLQT09)
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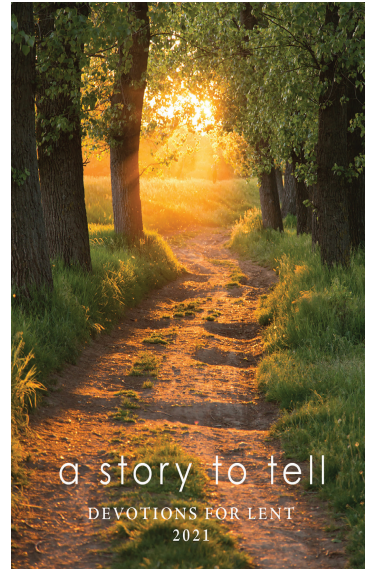
February Book Study: *One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins* by Rev. Emmy Kegler, ELCA (Sunday nights 7:30-8:30pm through February). “Emmy Kegler has a complicated relationship with the

Bible. As a queer woman who grew up in both conservative Evangelical and progressive Protestant churches, she knows too well how Scripture can be used to wound and exclude. And yet, the stories of Scripture continue to captivate and inspire her—both as a person of faith and as a pastor to a congregation. So she set out to fall in love with the Bible, wrestling with the stories inside, where she met a God who continues to seek us out—appearing again and again as a voice, a presence, and a promise.” Starts Feb. 7th. Emmaus has extra books to give away. Please contact Pr. John to get a free copy.

John.lund@mso.umt.edu. Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85943586677?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85943586677?pwd=YlIQQVBWUVRdS9ERE9vbK5FcVJLQT09)
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a story to tell

DEVOTIONS FOR LENT 2021



ISBN 978-1-5064-6949-2

This beautiful, full-color Lenten devotional highlights readings from the gospel of Matthew with 46 entries, one for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Each reading is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, a reflection, and a prayer. This accessible and colorful format makes it easy to incorporate a simple Christian observance into your Lenten journey.

A Story to Tell focuses on texts from the Gospel of Mark that show Jesus' journey from baptism to the cross. The gospel writer has a story to tell, moving quickly from one scene

to the next. The urgent tone of the story grabs us and pulls us in, but all the action comes to a halt when those who see the empty tomb tell no one about this. Is this the end of the story?

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.



Stushie Art Lent 2021



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 <i>1/2 Week: June 27-29 (4-5 year olds & an adult 21+)</i>
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 <i>July 11-13, July 14-16 (NAVIGATORS)</i> ; 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 <i>Mon - Fri 9am - 3pm</i> (NAVIGATORS , EXPLORERS , & PIONEERS); Treehouse Camp (PATHFINDERS , TRAILBLAZERS)
JULY 25-30	Traditional On-site Camp (PIONEERS , PATHFINDERS , TRAILBLAZERS , SENIOR HIGH); 1/2 Week Camp <i>July 25-27, July 28-30 (NAVIGATORS)</i>
AUGUST 1-6	Custom Family & Small Group Camps On-site Day Camp <i>Mon - Fri 9am - 3pm</i> (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 offset 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 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 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 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.

Next meeting February 11th 7:00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 2/7

- World Hunger and Communion Sunday
- Fellowship After Worship on Zoom 10:30 am

Tuesday 2/9

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

Wednesday 2/10

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

Thursday 2/11

- Hope Circle Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm

Friday 2/12

- Bethel office is closed.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 2/14

- Christikon and FLBC Camp Worship 9:30 am online

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.

Interim Pastor Trina Johnsten

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