

# BETHEL NOTES

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*You did not  
choose me, but I  
chose you.*

John 15:16



## Sunday, May 2nd Fifth Sunday of Easter

ACTS 8:26-39

PSALM 22:25-31

JOHN 15:1-17



**World  
Hunger  
Sunday**

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

## SERVING THIS EASTER SERVICE

<b>Accompanist</b>	Connie Titcomb, piano; Steve Nelson, guitar
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	John Blank
<b>Usher</b>	Donna Vinnedge
<b>Tech</b>	Adam Elkin
<b>Counters</b>	Pam Dougherty and Laurie Turner

**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*, continuing to regain strength from double lung transplant.
- ✦ Prayers of thanks for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues with treatment for cancer.
- ✦ 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 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 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 continues cancer treatment.
- ✦ 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 undergoes treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and support for **Sharon Bossie** as she continues medical care.
- ✦ Prayers of support for **Kent Kupfner** as he recovers from surgery.
- ✦ Prayers healing for **Bob Bundi**, *Laura Kupfner's father*, as he is managing multiple health issues. As well as his wife **Linda** after a hospital stay.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Don Bisgard** who is preparing for an upcoming surgery in late May.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Shirley Cayko** as she has further testing for her heart.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Dew Elkin** as she continues to heal from a broken foot.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Donna Fugle**, *Joni Collin's mother*, after a brief hospital stay and testing.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort and support for **Tom and Linda Rosenbaum**, as Tom's health declines that he gets the care he needs as well as love and care to Linda as she cares for him.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Thelma Seyfert** as she recovers from a fall at home.

Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer

## A Greeting From Pastor Jessie



Greetings Bethel!

It is with great joy and excitement that I now have the opportunity to write to you as your incoming Pastor. Thank you for trusting me to lead and guide you in the midst of this next season at Bethel. I look forward to becoming a part of the Bethel family, learning about Jesus together, and witnessing to God's active work in Great Falls in the coming months. Four years ago on my ordination date Bishop Jessica Crist preached in Havre on the Road to Emmaus text (Luke 24:13-35) and entitled her sermon "The road from Havre to Fairfield". She spoke about how God leads us through many ups and downs in life and in discipleship, but that we always end at the table together, breaking bread and being in awe at the ways that Christ continues to show up. For the next month I will be traveling the road from Fairfield to Great Falls. I will be resting, rejuvenating, breaking bread with friends and family, and preparing for this next part of the journey with you all. I will walk this road with great joy and excitement knowing that on June 6th we get to meet together for the first time at the table. We will break bread, worship God, and proclaim a risen Christ together for the first time. We will collaborate on our shared passions for Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, ELCA World Hunger, and Global Mission. I will teach you things that I have learned along the way in my own path of discipleship and Pastoral education, and you will teach me (and one another) the things that you have learned along the way as well. Most of all though, we will take the time and space to stop and remember always the Christ who walks with us, opens up the Scriptures for us, and lights the way through it all. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for entrusting me to be your next Pastor. I look forward to meeting you at the table and breaking bread together soon!

### May Day Clean Up at Bethel

**HELP NEEDED!!**

**Join us Saturday, May 1st 10:00 AM.**



We need your help for a little or big project (your choice) THIS Saturday.

We will be cleaning up debris and pulling weeds on all of the outdoor flowerbeds. If you have some knowledge or expertise with gardening, we would love to get your help with some of the beds. We will not be planting, a little too early for that, but those dandelions are already poking their wee heads through the soil. The outdoor patio needs some attention with picking up debris and setting up the tables and chairs. As the weather improves we are hoping to be able to use that area. We will also be picking up trash, cleaning windows, etc.

There are big projects and little projects and we would love to have as many hands as we can. We have some tools and equipment, but if you have gardening tools you like to use bring them and wear gloves. (Masks only required if doing projects in the church.)

If it is raining or snowing we will move the clean up day to Saturday, May 8th.

If you have any questions, please call the Bethel Office 761-1543.



# ELCA GOOD GIFTS

This Sunday as we celebrate ELCA World Hunger, we lift up ELCA Good Gifts. This program, that we also offer at Christmas, gives you the opportunity to choose where your dollars are spent. Give to the Global Barnyard and purchase livestock for a family in need. The gift of Water can be used to provide clean water to a community. Healthcare, Women and Children, and Growing the Church are just a few areas to choose from. There is a full list below. If you would like to participate in Good Gifts this week, cut the order form below along the dotted line. Mark your gifts and return that to the offering plate or mail to the church with your check, please mark Good Gifts in the memo line. *(Forms will be available on Sunday in the Narthex as well)*

Thank you in advance for your generosity to making the world a better place.



GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Chicks	WHG0106	\$10		
Rooster	WHG0133	\$15		
Family farm	WHG0107	\$715		
Goat	WHG0102	\$50		
Goat + flock of chicks	WHG0154	\$60		
Couple of goats	WHG0147	\$100		
Herd of goats	WHG0155	\$300		
Piglet	WHG0099	\$30		
Piglet + manure	WHG0151	\$50		
Cow	WHG0097	\$500		
Share of a cow	WHG0098	\$50		
Fish farm	WHG0101	\$250		
Share of a fish farm	WHG0152	\$50		
Honeybees	WHG0100	\$20		
Honeybees + vegetable garden	WHG0153	\$220		
God's Global Barnyard	WHG0051	any \$ amount		
WATER	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Simple water well	WHG0108	\$2,500		
Share of a safe water project	WHG0109	\$250		
Water filter	IDG0099	\$30		
Portion of an irrigation project	WHG0111	\$100		
Latrine	WHG0134	\$150		
WOMEN AND CHILDREN	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Farmers' field school for a woman	WHG0148	\$75		
Microloan for a woman	WHG0119	\$125		
School fees and uniform for a girl	WHG0121	\$40		
School supplies for a child	WHG0122	\$10		
School supplies for a classroom	WHG0123	\$300		
Solar-powered lantern	WHG0149	\$30		
AGRICULTURE	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Community vegetable garden	WHG0126	\$200		
Seeds and gardening tools	WHG0157	\$50		
Fruit-tree seedling	WHG0124	\$10		
Fruit-tree farm	WHG0125	\$150		

HEALTH CARE	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Soap and sanitation supplies	WHG0161	\$25		
Mosquito net	WHG0138	\$10		
Mosquito nets for a small village	WHG0139	\$250		
Stock a health clinic for a week	WHG0118	\$75		
Personal protective equipment	IDG0101	\$25		
Nutrition for a child: one month	WHG0116	\$25		
Nutrition for a child: one year	WHG0117	\$300		
Vaccinations for a child	WHG0113	\$30		
INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCIES	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Feed a refugee family: one week	IDG0081	\$50		
Feed a refugee family: one month	IDG0082	\$200		
Blanket	IDG0093	\$10		
GROW THE CHURCH	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Bible	GCS1001	\$12		
Sunday school start-up kit	GCS1003	\$65		
Motorbike for a pastor	GCS1002	\$375		
LEADERS AND CHANGE-MAKERS	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Scholarship support for an int'l woman leader	GCS5001	\$100		
One week of tuition for one seminary course	E270134B	\$150		
One semester of tuition for one seminary course	E270134C	\$2,250		
Vocational training	WHG0158	\$75		
HELP AT HOME	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Stock a backpack with food	WHG0129	\$10		
Month of necessities for a disaster survivor	DDG0080	\$200		
Feed 10 at a soup kitchen	WHG0130	\$20		
Feed 50 at a soup kitchen	WHG0131	\$100		
GIVE WHERE NEEDED MOST	MCG0053	any \$ amount		

**TOTAL**



This Sunday we will be celebrating with Taylah Jaques, her family and friends as she is baptized into Christ's family.

Taylah is a wonderful young woman just finishing up her 7th grade year at North Middle School. She likes reading and sports, playing both basketball and softball this year.

She has been attending Logos with her older brother Traedon. Her father Ben has been one of our Rec leaders for Logos for many years and mom Yenta has been a parent volunteer.

Taylah's sponsors are Bethel Member Veronica Griffith who is Taylah's neighbor and like a grandmother to her. She will also be sponsored by her Aunt Kelly Jaques.

We are so very excited for Taylah and look forward to continuing her spiritual journey.



## Job Opening At Bethel Church Custodian

Bethel is hiring a part time (30-hour per week) position to clean the church, do some maintenance, lawn and property care and coordination with vendors and repair services.

For a detailed job description and job application :

- click [here](#)
- go to our website under About Us/ Job Openings

For more information call the Bethel Office 761-1543.



May issue of Living Lutheran Magazine is in. If you would like a copy mailed to your please call or email the Bethel Office and we will send one to you. [bethelgf.church@gmail.com](mailto:bethelgf.church@gmail.com) or 406-7611543.

Also available for pick up on the Track Rack.

# Mother's Day Brunch

**Sunday, May 9th 2021**

**at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp**

550 Lutheran Camp Road Lakeside, MT 59922

Celebrate Mother's Day on the lake!

3 seatings available: 9:30 am, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm

Please call 406-752-6602 to reserve your spot by May 1st!

Suggested donation:

\$25 ages 12+ | \$18 ages 4-11 | Free ages 3 and under

All donations go towards FLBC camper ships.

Brunch will be served at your table! Choose from a select menu of egg dishes, meat items, and sides and enjoy treats readily available on your table when you arrive.



## Confirmation at Bethel

This year we will celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism with our six confirmands in a special worship service, **Sunday May 16th 1:00 pm.**

Our confirmands this year are: Andrew Dullum, Jack Orthman, Brady Pike, Trevor Shimerdla, Maya Stringer and Regan Will.

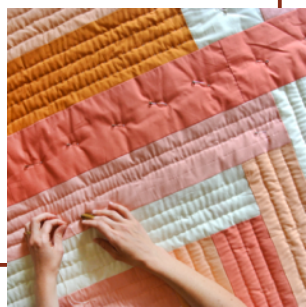
We are asking that family and sponsors only attend the service, and we will live stream for those Bethel Members who would like to participate virtually in the service.

We thank you for your understanding of the need to keep an attentive eye on the worship numbers during this time.

## 1st Monday Night Quilters

Reminder: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Night Quilters will meet Monday, May 3, 2021, 6-8 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran. Again, we will tie the quilts before the last step of binding them is done. Thank you to Peggy for binding last month's quilts and Carol for sewing tops, both helping from home.

Reminder - please wear a mask and park in the alley. Questions, call Trudi, 799-0100.



## When Reliable Technology Fails

We wanted to express our apologies for last Sunday's live stream malfunction. We do our best to keep glitches from happening, but unfortunately we are not always successful. Our projection computer was having difficulty communicating with Youtube.

We have also been asked why the service is not available immediately following worship on Sundays. Once the livestream airs, Youtube uploads the recording to their site. This is done for all live stream services that take place on Sunday mornings, so it is uploaded as time allows.

We appreciate your understanding.





## Healthy Fruit, Healthy Vine

Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. Fruit cannot grow unless it is connected to a vine. We can't grow unless we are connected to God!

What are your strengths? Fill this vine with your strengths—thank God for giving you these gifts!



Jesus says he is the true vine of this world. Search the fruit of the vine to find the letters missing from the memory verse below.

### Memory Verse

"I am the vine, who are  
the branches. Those who abide in  
me and in whom I abide, because  
a part from me you can do nothing." —John 15:5



## 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!

### 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!

Summer Camp Registration is Open!  
go to [flbc.net](https://flbc.net) for camp dates.

Bethel Camperships available.  
Once you register for camp. Send your registration confirmation to  
Bethel Lutheran Church  
1009 18th Ave SW  
Great Falls, MT 59404  
or email: [bethelgf.church@gmail.com](mailto:bethelgf.church@gmail.com)

We will pay \$100 towards your camp fee. If you or someone you know would like to go to camp and finances are an issue, have them call Bethel and we can help 406-761-1543.

# 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 each week's Lectionary texts as we meet via Zoom, **Wednesday 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. 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 Thursday, May 13th**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Tuesday 5/4

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am

### Wednesday 5/5

- Men's Breakfast, via Zoom 7:00 am.
- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 10:00 am
- Confirmation end-of-year party Valley View Garden Golf 6:30 pm
- HS Logos meets in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm.

### Thursday 5/6

- Executive Board conference call 5:30 pm
- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm.

### Friday 5/7

- Bethel office is closed.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday 5/9

- Sunday Worship in-person and live stream 9:30 am.

### Tuesday 5/11

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Council meeting via Zoom 6:30 pm

### Wednesday 5/12

- Men's Breakfast, via Zoom 7:00 am.
- HS Logos meets in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

### Thursday 5/13

- Hope Circle Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm

### Friday 5/14

- Bethel office is closed.

### Saturday 5/15

- Close Knit meets in Fellowship Hall 9:00 am

## Interim Pastor Trina Johnsten

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