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Sunday, May 30th

Holy Trinity

ISAIAH 6:1-8

PSALM 29

ROMANS 8:12-17

JOHN 3:1-17

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

SERVING THIS EASTER SERVICE

Accompanist Lynn Ryan, piano Lay Assistant Walt Nuessle

Usher Dena Wagner-Fossen

Tech Colter McCarty

Counters Patty Braget and Dena Wagner-Fossen

Join us Sunday at 9:30 in-person or online bethelmt.org

OFFICE HOURS:

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

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Prayers Sala

- 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 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 **Dew Elkin** as she continues to heal from a broken foot.
- ◆ Prayers of healing for Paulette Patterson, daughter of Dale and Leona Ost, as she has recovers from shoulder surgery.
- Prayers of healing for Leonard Murphy as he recovers from knee surgery.
- Prayers of healing for Shirley Cayko as she has further testing for her heart..
- Prayers of comfort, support and healing for **Don Bisgard** as he recovers from surgery at home.
- Prayers for healing and patience for Pastor Steve Van Gilder and family as he recovers from a stroke and continues medical testing.
- Prayers of healing for LaRae Veitch as she recovers from knee surgery last week.
- Prayers of healing for Brian Rogers,
 AnneRose Rogers' son, as he recovers from major shoulder surgery.
- Prayers of celebration and joy to all the GFPS Graduates, may they have many blessings in their future endeavors.



This Sunday we welcome and thank Pastor Steve Nelson who is preaching and presiding our worship service.

Reaching Out To Pastor Jessie

Pastor Jessie's official start date at Bethel is June 1st. She will be in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am-Noon to be available for Walk-Ins. She will be scheduling home visits or other visits as needed.

If you would like to meet her for coffee, a meal, a walk, or a home visit, you can reach out to her by emailing her at <u>pastorjessieobrecht@gmail.com</u>. (after June 1st her email address will be <u>bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com</u>)

1st Monday Night Quilters

1st Monday Night Quilters will meet Monday, June 7, 6-8 p.m., downstairs at New Hope Lutheran, 3125 5th Avenue South. Use the alley door.

We have many tops ready to go, so come join us. For more information, call 799-0100.





Devotion for Holy Trinity

taken from Daily Texts 2021 pg 79

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK —

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. Isaiah 6:3

Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 2; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

PASSAGES TO PONDER —

You, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

~Psalm 92:4

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

~Acts 4:33

PRAYER —

God, I praise you in the morning as I walk in my neighborhood, seeing the glory of your handiwork in every home I pass. Thank you for the power of your resurrection in me, filling my soul with gladness. Hear my prayer for others. Make my life a living testimony of your loving kindness to people I meet today. Amen.





GFMA Report 5.20. 2021

Finances

We are currently meeting our operating expenses and continue to receive donations from sources such as grants, faithful congregational benevolence and individual donors. For this we are grateful.

Assistance and Referrals

Since the first week of April, we have received 17 calls for assistance, were able to help 2 families with hotel stays and referred others to local agencies.

Case Manager

Thanks to all for helping to post the part time case manager position. This is a key position which we need to have filled. We are currently headed in the direction of filling this vital position by contracting for this service with a local provider at 10 hours per week.

Executive Director, Board and Committees

The board is very pleased with and grateful for part time Executive Director, Cari Yturri, and all the great work she has done since she was hired in early March. She has focused time and energies in Board and Committee Recruitment, reaching out to her vast network of community connections/support, familiarizing herself with the FPGF affiliate's history and looks forward to the on-going challenge of envisioning with the board, stakeholders and community, future directions and execution of our missional and strategic objectives. At this time we have five board members (an Executive Committee in place) and we have four more potential board members whom we hope to approve and to orient to the board within the next month. There are three committees that are just getting up and running and they are: 1) Communications, PR and Congregational Relations Committee; 2) Finance and Governance Committee; 3) Fundraising and Grant Management Committee.

Grants, Fundraising, Donations

Individual donors, congregational, grants, and events like the FP Day of Giving, April 21, (\$1,000. +) have all strengthened and supported the mission of FPGF towards ending childhood homelessness one family at a time. And for all this faithful support and giving, the entire Board of FPGF is grateful.

Service Model

At the 3.18 Stakeholders meeting there was a great turnout (both in person and online) and good questions were raised. Questions like, 'Will we return to the 'Rotational Model,' again and when? In what way(s) will we utilize congregational, community volunteers going forward? These are all great questions which the Board of Directors and Standing Committees are mindful of and trying to address going forward. Some FP Affiliates have gone to a "Static Site Model," and are bringing the volunteers to the site and serving the families that way. Because of the pandemic, we were forced to abandon the rotational model and churches are constantly assessing and reassessing their safety protocols for in-person worship as well as accommodating groups in their facilities. There are challenges to consider with each of the service models. The FP Board would welcome the feedback of the host and support congregations/volunteers regarding the rotational mode. We have HUMI (Help Us Move In) and other funding sources which are specifically designated for our efforts of diversion and prevention. (ie. hotel stays, eviction diversion and prevention)

Questions and Contact Information

Your support and input are vital to the ongoing efforts/mission of FPGF. Please contact me, Steve Van Gilder, Board President, at stevedvangilder@gmail.com (cell # 406-781- 2232) or Executive Director, Cari Yturri, at cariy@familypromisegf.org (FPGF Phone # (406) 564-5267)

Opportunities to Serve

~Pruning Shrubs in North and West flower beds.

~Sand and stain benches and picnic table on the patio.

~Clean leaves and debris out of the AC unit on the patio.

~West side benches, sand and stain.

~Bethel Sign, scrape and paint.

~Oil the baptismal font, altar, and pulpit.

~Clean large windows in hospitality room and entry way.

If you are would like to help the church or need more information with any of these projects please contact the Bethel Office at 406-761-1543 or bethelgf.church@gmail.com



Heavenly Father,

as our nation pauses to remember

those in the military who have given their lives

for freedoms we enjoy,

we pray we look to you for strength, comfort and guidance.

Be with all who serve in our Armed Forces.

Bless them and their families.

Grant your loving protection.

Let peace prevail among all the nations, O God.

Let your mercy rest on our land.

Preserve the lives of the men and women in uniform as they defend our citizenry.

Most of all, we pray that you would turn

the hearts of all – military and civilian – to your holy Word where we find the true peace.

Move us to know,

take hold and treasure your saving grace.

In the name of Jesus, our Savior and Your beloved Son, gives this peace and hope for eternity, we pray. Amen.

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 <u>here</u>
- go to our website under About Us/ Job Openings

For more information call the Bethel Office 761-1543.





Youth Resource Center Current Needs

Project Needs:

- Partner to help design and provide fixtures and furnishings to make our group room, the Serenity Room, more "Serene"
- Partner to help design and install a state-of-the-art audio-visual system in our Gathering Hall community event space
- Sponsors for summer pro social activities:
 - -Keeping It Cool at the Water Park Day
 - -Happy Trails Hiking Day
 - -Roller Skating Day
 - -A Day at The Museum
- Volunteers who love interacting with youth

Needed Supplies:

- Basketballs, frisbees, footballs, whiffle ball & bat
- Beach towels & sunscreen
- · Craft supplies (beads, paint, sketch paper, etc.)
- Cases of mini bottled waters & Gatorade
- Cup of noodles
- Paper Towels
- Paper plates & bowls
- Plastic forks and spoons
- Individually wrapped snacks (chips, cookies, crackers, fruit snacks, etc.)
- Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, McDonald's, Burger King, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Little Caesars)

For more information about needs at the Youth Resource Center, please contact Kylie Bowen, kbowen@allianceforyouth.org, 406-781-6823



Today's memory verse is John 3:16. You may have heard it before. Fill in the blanks below by finding the missing words in the word search.



"For God so	the	
	_ that He gave his onlys)
that everyone who _	in him will not	
but have	" John 3:16	



LIFE PERISH LOVED WORLD ETERNAL SON BELIEVES





Like this verse? Find it in the Bible and p star near it!



Upcoming At FLBC

Visit https://flbc.net/ annual-programming/ to learn more about our yearround programming.

Summer Family Weekends

Spend time on the lake, enjoy Bible Study sessions led by Pastor Barb Gwynn & Pastor Scott Hedegaard (weekend 1) and Pastor John Lund (weekend 2). July 2 - 4 & July 16 - 18

Summer Camp

Registration is Open! go to 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

email:<u>bethelgf.church@gma</u> il.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 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 for a link to join the meeting.

Men's Breakfast is taking the summer off and will resume this fall.

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.

Hope Circle is taking the summer off and will resume this fall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 5/31

• Memorial Day, Bethel Office closed.

Tuesday 6/1

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Pastor Jessie's first day at Bethel
- Set-up for Montana Synod Assembly

Wednesday 6/2

• Set-up for Montana Synod Assembly

Thursday 6/3

- Set-up for Montana Synod Assembly
- Executive Board Conference call 5:30 pm.

Friday 6/4

- Bethel office is closed.
- Montana Synod Assembly at Bethel

Saturday 6/5

- Close Knit meets in the Gathering Place 9:00 am
- Montana Synod Assembly at Bethel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 6/6

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

Tuesday 6/8

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

Wednesday 6/9

• HS Logos end-of-year party at Valley View Mini Golf

Friday 6/12

• Bethel office is closed.

Pastor Jessie Obrecht

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