

BETHEL NOTES



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Sunday, May 9th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26

PSALM 1

JOHN 17:6-19, 20-21, 25-26

The gospel for Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

SERVING THIS EASTER SERVICE

Accompanist	Mary Seim, piano; Steve Nelson, guitar
Lay Assistant	Sue Hesse
Usher	Greg and Tami Grosenick
Tech	Adam Elkin
Counters	Pam Dougherty and Greg Grosenick

**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

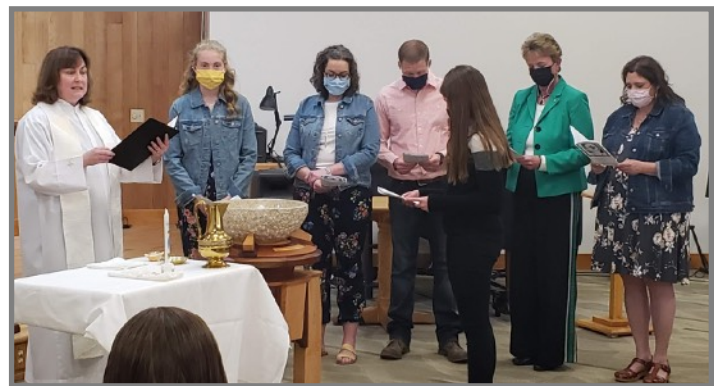
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- ✦ Prayers for **Faith Crouch**, *granddaughter of Bernice Johnson*, continuing to regain strength from double lung transplant.
- ✦ Prayers of thanks for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues with treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Lee Klette**, 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 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 **Dew Elkin** as she continues to heal from a broken foot.
- ✦ 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 comfort for the **friends and family of Agnes Weinzetl**, dear friend of *Thelma Seyfert*, as they mourn her passing
- ✦ 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.



Blessings for Taylah Jaques on her baptism last Sunday. Her parents are Ben and Yenta Jaques and her sponsors are Veronica Griffith and Kelly Jaques.

A Prayer for Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a day of joy for some, and a day of grief for others. For many, it lives in the complicated space where those two emotions meet. This prayer invites into the complexity of the day.

This Mother's Day, give thanks for loving wonderful mothers who have given their children so many invaluable gifts.

Give thanks for new mothers, welcoming new life into the world.

Give thanks for those who choose their children, for adoptive and foster parents, who model the adoptive love of God.

Give thanks for aunts and godmothers and neighbors, who share maternal love with so many children; and for far too often overlooked stepmothers.

Give thanks for those who choose to remain without biological children, sharing love with the world in many ways.

Pray for the many mothers who have had to bear the unimaginable burden of burying a child, and those who have borne the silent grief of stillbirth or miscarriage.

Pray for those who struggle with infertility, whose desire for a child is met with frustration.

Pray for the mothers of children with special needs and chronic illness who know anxiety and exhaustion better than most.

Pray for those who were given abuse and heartbreak by ones called to love them.

Pray for mothers who have made the difficult and loving decision to entrust a child to adoptive parents.

Pray for those whose mothers have died, who on this day celebrate and grieve their mother in her absence.

Amen.



PASTOR TRINA'S LAST SUNDAY IS MAY 16TH.

She will be leading us in a special hymn sing service.

We will be sharing a social hour after worship on the patio at Bethel so we can give her our thanks, prayers, and blessings as she goes on to interim at another Church who will be as lucky and blessed as we have been to have her with them.

Join us Sunday, May 16th or give Pastor Trina a call at Bethel 406-761-1543 or on her cell (402) 984-4306 to share your gratitude for her service.



Thank you to all who gave to our Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp special offering. A total of \$1,398.00 was generously donated to support the camp.

May Day Cleaner-Uppers!

Thank you to all who participated in our clean up day. Warren and Judy Johnson, Dave and Tamy Scholten, Steve and Colleen Walker-Nelson, Debbie McCarty, John Blank, JoDee Black, Mick Davis, Colter McCarty, Tami, Isabelle, and Tyler Grosenick.



Laurie Turner gloving up to get those weeds out!



Dave and Tamy Scholten showing teamwork!



Mick Davis is taking out the trash.



The results of lots of helping hands.



Colter McCarty doing his best impression of Lewis and Clark.



Dave Scholten looks way too happy to be doing hard labor!



Pastor Steve Nelson demonstrates his mighty muscles!



JoDee Black and John Blank taking a quick break for picture.



Debbie McCarty heading to her next task.

Opportunities to Serve

~West Playground (fenced corner) clean up leaves and garbage, pull weeds and remove deadfall.

~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 would like to help the church or would like more information on any of these projects please contact the Bethel Office at 406-761-1543 or bethelgf.church@gmail.com

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.

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.






CONGRATULATIONS JAMES PETERSON!

GRADUATING FROM CMR THIS MAY.



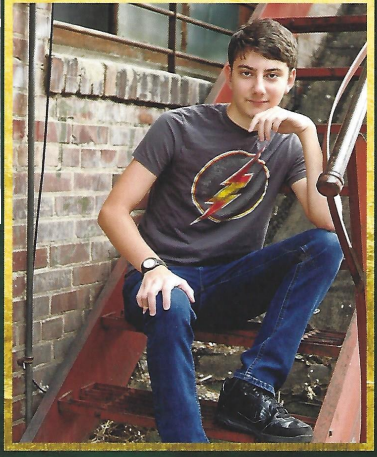


MAY 31, 2021

CM Russell High School

James has been working hard in multiple math, drafting and engineering classes with the intent to attend Montana Tech in Butte this fall to pursue a Mechanical Engineering Degree.

We will have a Graduation Reception/Celebration BBQ following the Graduation Ceremony on Monday May 31st from 3 - 6pm





FROM THE MT SYNOD: NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED NATIVE WOMEN AND GIRLS

Yesterday, May 5th, is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls. There are currently 170 missing persons in Montana, 30% of which are Native American. This is an astounding number, considering Native Americans only make up 7% of the state's population.

Recently, the Racial Justice Task Force (RJTF) of the Montana Synod was asked to turn our attention to this day by donating gift baskets to a Silent Auction hosted by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes' (CSKT) Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Work Group. Money raised will be placed in CSKT's "Victim Services Assistance Fund" to help alleviate burdens faced by families as they search for loved ones and cope with devastation and loss.

Together, members of the RJTF "Strategy Team" assembled four different gift baskets entitled "Made in Montana", "Start Your Morning Right", "A Picnic For Two" and "A Day at the Beach". All items were purchased by Pr. Melanie Martin-Dent, who intentionally purchased items from locally sourced

vendors throughout the Flathead Valley. Items totaled just over \$300, supplemented by a few generous donors from the Strategy Team

If you would like to contribute to these gift baskets as well or the RJTF of the Montana Synod in general, please send a check to the Montana Synod with RJTF on the memo line. Want to get involved in the Racial Justice Task Force? Contact Pr. Stacey Heggem at stacey.heggem@gmail.com or text/call her at 406-670-8886. And stay tuned! More information about the work of the RJTF is forthcoming in subsequent newsletters and Synod reports.

Finally, please be praying for CSKT's Silent Auction and the victims or families of those missing and murdered around Montana. As is the mission of the RJTF, may we also do more than pray as we seek to stand in solidarity and relationship with our Native American siblings battling disparities of health and wholeness throughout our state.



JUNIOR COUNSELORS' NEEDED!

We are gearing up for our Vacation Bible School this summer beginning July 12th to July 16th and we need Junior Counselors for those going into 7th grade.

We have 6 Counselor's coming from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and we are so very excited to have them back this year. But, they cannot run camp on their own so we need to help in a variety of ways:

- Help get campers checked in and direct them to where they need to be
- Help campers feel safe, comfortable and welcome at our church
- Work with the age group and keep the campers engaged and focused on the activity
- Participate in discussion and games to assist the campers in getting the most out of camp
- Communicate with camp leaders any problems or incidents

And you as a Junior Counselor get to participate in camp and the church supplies you with snacks and lunch. We also have a special Counselor/Junior Counselor event in the evening during the week so you can have some one on one time with the FLBC Counselors.

If you are interested and available (even if it only for part of the week) contact Tami Grosenick in the Bethel Office 406-761-1543.

FLBC Counselor's arrive the Sunday Evening before and we have an orientation camp set up dinner for all Junior Counselors and Volunteers.

We also love and need adult volunteers to help with food, at registration and with arts and crafts. If you are interested contact Tami Grosenick in the Bethel Office 406-761-1543.

Upcoming At FLBC

Visit <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/> to learn more about our year-round programming .

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!

5k Fun Run/Walk

Add it to your Memorial Weekend Retreat, or just join us for the event! Run or walk the route at FLBC to help us raise funds for camperships! \$25 per participant includes a Transformation T-Shirt & lunch! Saturday, May 29,

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

or email: 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 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.

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 Thursday, May 13th

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 5/16

- Sunday Worship in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- Farewell to Pastor Trina social on patio after worship.
- Confirmation Sunday service at 1:00 pm

Tuesday 5/18

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

Wednesday 5/19

- Men's Breakfast, via Zoom 7:00 am.
- HS Logos end-of-year party at Valley View Garden Golf 6:30 pm

Friday 5/20

- Bethel office is closed.

Interim Pastor Trina Johnsten

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