

BETHEL NOTES

In This Issue:

Page 2

- Prayer Requests
- Update on Pastor Trina

Page 3

- Note from Pastor Jessie
- Installation Invitation

Page 4

- New Council Guidelines
- Pastor Jessie's First Sunday

Page 5

- Juneteenth Program
- Construction Season

Page 6

- Opportunities to Serve
- Job Opening at Bethel
- Lawn Mower Needed

Page 7

- Just for YOUth:
- FLBC Events

Page 8

- Online Ministries
- Calendar of Events
- Contact information for Pastor Jessie.



Sunday, June 13th
3rd Sunday After Pentecost

EZEKIEL 17:22-24
PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15
2 CORINTHIANS
5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17
MARK 4:26-34

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

SERVING THIS EASTER SERVICE

Accompanist	Lynn Ryan, piano; Pastor Steve Nelson, guitar
Lay Assistant	Sandy Pepos
Usher	Sue Hesse
Tech	Adam Elkin
Counters	Tim Lightbourne and Marilyn Carlson

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

OFFICE: (406) 761-1543 WEBSITE: WWW.BETHELMT.ORG EMAIL: BETHELGF.CHURCH@GMAIL.COM



- ✦ Prayers for healing **Faith Crouch**, *granddaughter of Bernice Johnson*, as she recovers from hernia surgery.
- ✦ 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 **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.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Brian Rogers**, *AnneRose Rogers' son*, as he recovers from major shoulder surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of strength and healing for **Pastor Trina Johnson** as she is in the hospital undergoing medical testing.
- ✦ Prayers of celebration for **Pastor Jessie Obrecht** as she installed as pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** as he undergoes medical testing.
- ✦ Prayers of support and care for **Thelma Seyfert** as she moves into her new home at The Grandview.

Pastor Trina is back home and continues to heal. She and her family appreciate continued prayers as she regains her health and is expected to make a full recovery.



Greetings Bethel!

It is good to be with you. As I said this past Sunday, it has been a long time coming! We finally have the opportunity to worship together and begin doing ministry together. This Sunday, June 13th at 2:00pm I will officially be installed as your Pastor. Please join if you are in town! During the installation service I will be tasked with the many responsibilities that come with being a Pastor, and we will together be tasked with setting out on this venture of doing God's work together here at Bethel and in the community at large. As we make these promises and celebrate this new beginning, we will have guests from all over the Synod here to celebrate with us.

As a part of this service, I have a special request of you. I would like you to write down what your hopes and dreams are for Bethel in the next 5 years and bring them to this service (or to the Church before or after the service if you are out of town). We will have a box out to collect these hopes and dreams, and will use them to guide us as we dream about the future of this place and of God's church in the world. I can't wait to dream together with you, and to follow the active work of the Holy Spirit into these coming years together!



New Worship Guidelines

During the Bethel Church Council meeting Tuesday, June 8th, the following guidelines were adjusted for worship:

- Masks are voluntary and are recommended anyone who is more comfortable wearing them. We respect everyone's comfort level.
- Physical distancing will still be set in the sanctuary and narthex.
- Coffee hour after worship is on hold until fall. For special circumstances or events permission can be made by submitting a request to the Council. Contact any member of the Council or contact Tami in the office and she will assist in facilitating the request.

Above all we want to keep our congregation healthy and still enjoy fellowship and worship together.

A WORD FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Members of Bethel,

As you can see elsewhere in the notes, the Bethel Council has changed our worship policy to allow worship and meeting in the church without masking. First of all, I would like to thank all of you for so graciously adhering to the Covid-19 policies that have been in effect for the past 14 months. You made things work!! As we go forward this summer, we would still appreciate the same gracious attitude for those who may still be uncomfortable without a mask and to practice those things that will allow us to worship as the Bethel family we all enjoy! God bless and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Council President,
Warren Johnson

An Awesome First Sunday with Pastor Jessie!



A wonderful Children's Message.



An excellent sermon.



We showered her with flowers!



Yummy goodies from Patty Braget.

*Thank you to those who helped with her first Sunday.
AnneRose Rogers, Patty Braget, the Call Committee, Marilyn Carlson, Laurie Turner, and the Church Council.*

You all made her first week with us special!



Greetings, friends.

Join us for a Juneteenth program that includes presentations from the Mayor, Malmstrom AFB, YWCA, and a presentation on the historical significance of Juneteenth.

We are in need volunteers to help set up, cook and serve the food, and cleanup.

We would also like to have a community member give a little inspirational talk on the importance of Juneteenth for everybody. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

And, finally, some have offered to help with donations. If that is something you would like to do, it would be appreciated. Donations can be made through the Great Falls Public Library, Juneteenth Celebration.

We would love to see you there!

Jessica Crist

If you have questions for Jessica, email or call the Bethel Office. bethelgf.church@gmail.com or 406-761-1543.



The City of Great Falls is working on the water mains in Fox Farm area and there is road construction involved. If you are coming from the East Side of Town or the North Side, the "turn only" lane coming into Fox Farm that brings you to the church is still open, but it is the only one so please be aware that traffic may be slower than normal.

Exiting Bethel to head North you will be detoured through the Fox Farm neighborhood and routed back to Fox Farm Road by the Dairy Queen.

Exit 0 is open with no diversions.

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.

~Clean large windows in hospitality room and entry way.

If you 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

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.



Do you have a lawn mowing business or do you know someone who does?

Mowing help needed for the summer, for 5 acres of land. Must have own riding lawn mower - owner only has push mower.

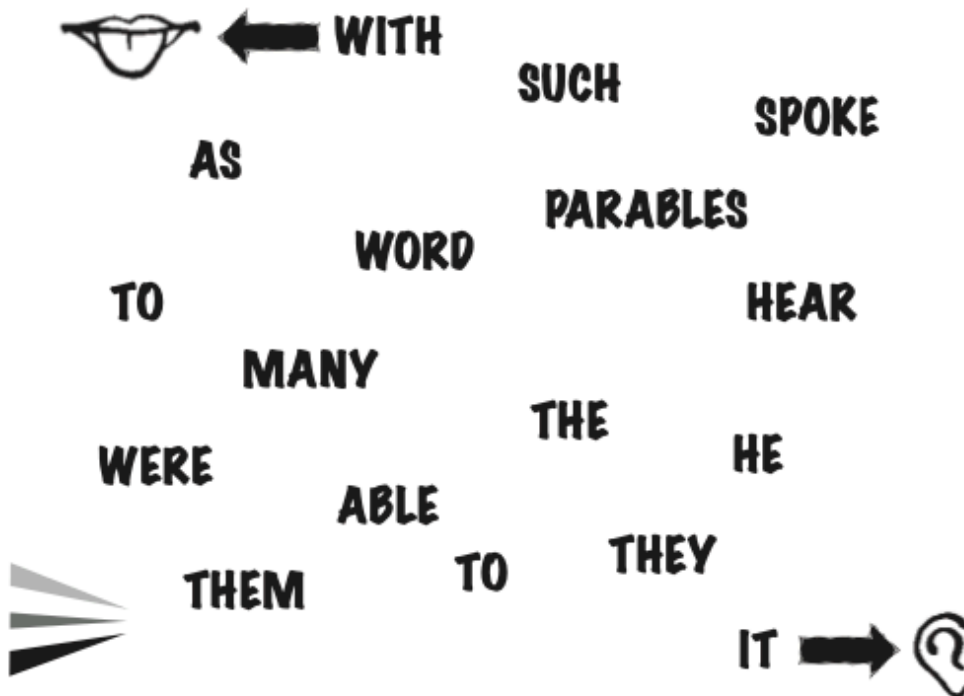
If you are interested or know someone who would be, call

Cindy Considine
218-866-0142.



Just for YOUTH!

This verse is going from Jesus' mouth into a disciple's ear. Make sure it gets there! Draw arrows to put the words of Mark 4:33 in order.



It's Like This...

Fill in the blank. Then sketch your idea.

I think the kingdom of God is like _____

I think the kingdom of God looks like this:

Upcoming At FLBC

Upcoming FLBC Retreats & Events

Visit <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/> to learn more about our year-round programming and to find information on how to register for each of these retreats.

Summer Family Weekends - Register 2 weeks ahead of time July 2 - 4 & July 16 - 18, 2021 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).
<https://flbc.net/annual-programming/summer-family-weekend/>

BACKPACKING WITH THE BISHOP! - Register by August 8 August 22-26, 2021 Join FLBC Staff and Bishop Laurie Jungling for a backpacking trip through the Jewel Basin. Find more information at <https://flbc.net/backpackingwiththebishop/>

Labor Day Weekend Retreat - Register by August 20 September 3-6, 2021 Join FLBC for this *free* retreat over Labor Day Weekend! Enjoy good food, fellowship and fun, while helping camp with some work projects!

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 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 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.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 6/15

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

Friday 6/18

- Bethel office is closed.

Saturday 6/19

- Close Knit meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 6/20

- Sunday Worship in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- Happy Father's Day!

Tuesday 6/22

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

Friday 6/25

- Bethel office is closed.

Pastor Jessie Obrecht

Contact information:

Email: bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com
Bethel 406-761-1543 ext 202

