

BETHEL NOTES

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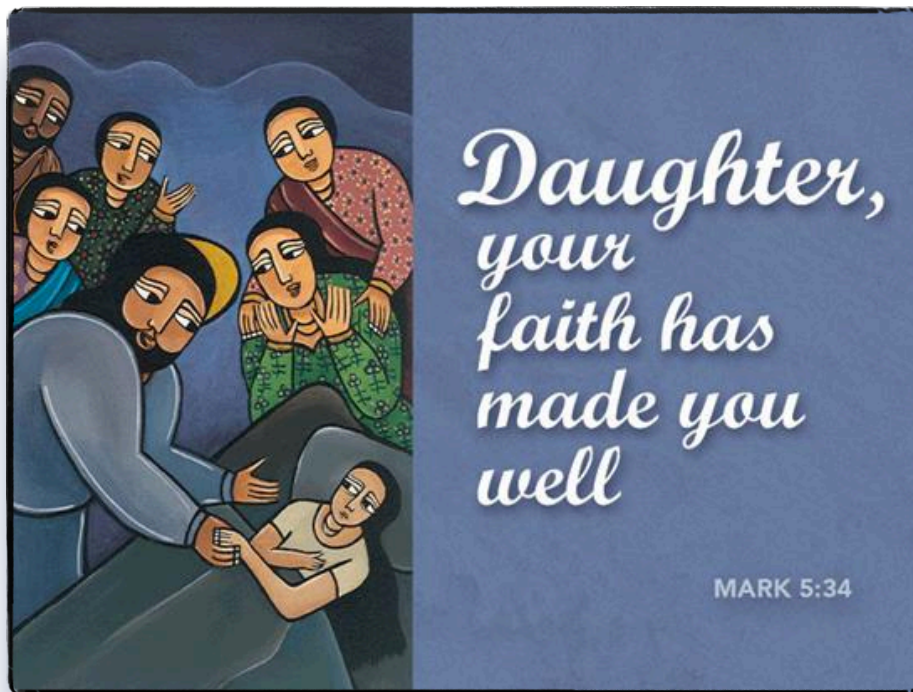
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Sunday, June 27th

5th Sunday After Pentecost

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-33

PSALM 30

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

MARK 5:21-43

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

SERVING THIS EASTER SERVICE

Accompanist	Mary Seim piano; Pastor Steve Nelson, guitar
Lay Assistant	Walt Nuessle
Usher	Dena Wagner-Fossen
Tech	Kaleb Stringer
Counters	Stephanie Cummings and Dena Wagner-Fossen

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- ✦ Prayers for healing **Faith Crouch**, *granddaughter of Bernice Johnson*, as she continues to heal from surgery and is doing well.
- ✦ 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 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 continues to recover from surgery.
- ✦ Prayers for healing and patience for **Pastor Steve Van Gilder and family** as he continues to heal and make positive progress.
- ✦ 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 home and doing very well. Also, prayers of thanksgiving for the medical staff of **Benefis Healthcare and University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City** for their excellent care.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** as he undergoes medical testing.
- ✦ Prayers for strength and continued healing for **Holly Lode**, *daughter of Bernice Johnson*, recovering at home from pneumonia.





**The Third Biannual
Fall Sojourn to Holden
September 26th - October 3rd**

Now is the time to make plans for a special week at Holden Village and invite your friends!

Holden is a retreat center for adults and families, nestled in a beautiful valley in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State.

Fall is a wonderful time to visit the Cascade Mountains. While at Holden Village you will have the opportunity to create your own rhythms of each day according to your interests. Teaching sessions and opportunities for creative engagement will be bountiful. You are encouraged to take time for rest and recreation - hiking, fly-fishing, weaving, other crafts, and a host of other activities. Please spend some time exploring Holden's website (holdenvillage.org) and consider exploring the Village in person.

After the busy summer schedule, fall is quieter and a beautiful time to visit. This late September week will feature the following teaching staff.

- **Rick Brown, PhD - Clean Energy as a Core Strategy to Address Climate Change.** Rick is Founder and President of TerraVerde Energy from 2009-2020. He has led a team that has developed over \$4,500 Million in clean energy projects. He has also been deeply involved in California legislation and regulation regarding clean energy and has been called on by the California Public Utilities Commission, California Energy Commission, and the Legislature to provide expert testimony on a wide range of clean energy issues.
- **Pr. Jessica Crist - The Doctrine of Discovery — How Rick Santorum (and just about everyone else) Got it All Wrong.** Jessica has degrees from Yale and Harvard and is the former Bishop of the Montana Synod. She coordinated the ELCA's commemoration of the women's ordination anniversaries and currently co-chairs the ELCA's Task Force implementing the 2016 repudiation of the doctrine of discovery. She has been an advocate for Native American issues.
- **Pr. Mark Gravrock - The Reign of the Gathering God: The Gospel of Mark for 2021** Mark is a teacher and pastor, and has found the same vital center of joy in each setting of ministry: the place where the living word of God intersects with real, concrete daily life. He has taught Bible, Greek, and Christian spirituality for 22 years at Trinity Lutheran College in Washington.

If you are interested or have questions, contact Darius Larsen ASAP at: dariuslarsen@msn.com.

To discover more about Holden Village, go to: www.holdenvillage.org/visit.

This Sunday!

We welcome and thank Pastor Steve Nelson for filling in while Pastor Jessie volunteers to help get Granite Peak Chalet ready for the season in Glacier National Park.

OUT OF THE PENS OF BABES

The following answers are taken from a Catholic Elementary School Test about the Old and New Testaments. Here are some of their answers, spelling errors have been left in...

1. One of the Opposums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
2. The Epistels were the wives of the Apostles.
3. Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the Battle of Geritol.
4. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
5. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
6. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
7. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
8. When the Three Wise Guys from the East side arrived they found Jesus in the manager.
9. St. John the Blacksmith dumped water on his head.
10. Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.

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Residents wanted!

Know a student who wants to live in an accepting, close-knit, Christian community, across the street from UM? Contact John or Kristen!

Finding Your People



By Rev. John Lund

As we reached the end of this trying year, students reflected on the importance of having the Emmaus resident community still intact.

In a time of isolation and digital classes, it meant a lot to be able to meet with real people over shared meals and have deeper conversations about struggles and family and life choices and politics and faith. They realized how important it is to have a trusted group with whom you can talk openly and honestly and process the important things over time. It also felt good to be part of something bigger than themselves.

The truth is we all need people we can do this with, and it needs to be more than a Facebook or social media group. We need real people who are committed

to each other to talk about real life. For me, this is part of what I hope a church family to be: a safe place where diverse people can come as their full self in deeper conversation, reflection, and contemplation as they carry and experience the joys and hardships of life together. A church community also offers a narrative of hope and possibility that is outside of ourselves as well as room for failure, forgiveness, renewal, and rebirth. These are the things that enrich and deepen our lives and help us live with direction, intention and courage for a greater good around us.

This year we are sending out a larger number of graduates into the world. When I asked them where they would find their group, most were not sure. They could only say that it is important and that they would have to find it. They will likely build friendship groups through work, sports, hobbies and maybe volunteerism. But my guess is that it won't be the same without the focus on that hopeful narrative.

I don't know if they will have the courage to walk through the doors of a church. If they do, I wonder if they will find that community they will be searching for. Will we have a place for their concerns for the world and their questions? Will they be accepted and loved and given a chance to share and learn and grow with others? Is there a way they can be part of something bigger and meaningful and healing? They have passion and skills and they are ready to go big in this world. Are we ready for them?

Save the Date!

Oktoberfest is back, October 24!

We look forward to safely gathering again to celebrate the work of Emmaus Campus Ministry.

It's not too early to brainstorm donations to the auction! Are you a quilter or a woodworker? Do you enjoy taking people out to hunt or fish? Do you have a cabin or vacation rental to offer for a weekend?

Share your resources and help raise funds to sustain Emmaus! Contact Kristen at ecmumt@gmail.com.



We're happy to tell you that Family Promise is serving homeless families in a limited, but effective, capacity. We were able to collaborate with Opportunities Incorporated to provide us with two professional case managers who will be in the HUB on a daily basis. They will provide family support, case management, and agency services navigation for the families we serve.

A critical part of our service is also providing gracious hospitality to families. In order to do this, we need you! We want to staff the Day Center on a daily basis from 10 AM to Noon, Monday through Friday. For this need a volunteers to clean and organize the HUB, to serve snacks, to help parents with job searches, and to drive the shuttle van.

If you're willing to help, please contact Cari Yturri by calling 406-564-5267 or email cariy@familypromisegf.org

THIS IS GREAT NEWS ABOUT FAMILY PROMISE!!

At Bethel we are looking forward to doing God's work with our hands through Family Promise.

As we move forward in partnership,, we would like to get some feedback from our Bethel Congregation on what that will look like in the future. Family Promise is working on how they can best serve the Great Falls Community with support of us, their church partners. We cannot answer that honestly unless we hear from you.

The main question is, if Family Promise will resume the "rotational" program (having churches host guests in their buildings) or move to a "static" site program where there is a main house or center where the families will stay and churches will support by having volunteers serve at the static site.

We are including a short survey link below, if you would take a few minutes to give us your thoughts. There are also be hard copies of this survey at Bethel for those who would like to fill it out and return it to the church.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejsH6yko3JPiq5-9spA37tmW4A6YjmgcUsguBoB9wBAXAxzw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thank you for taking the time to share your opinion, we truly appreciate it.



An Opportunity for Generosity

The Montana Synod is offering a special opportunity for individuals to share in the gift of CAMP this summer. Make a special donation today to allow EVERY KID the chance to go to camp.

100% of donations made to the MT Synod for this campaign will be split equally between Christikon and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp for post COVID needs.



[Click here for a video from Christikon](#)



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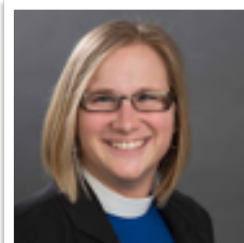
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Thank you for your generosity!

HOPES & DREAMS FOR BETHEL

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!



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As Of Thursday, June 24th:

Route is same as last week, coming from the North or East side of town, you can turn onto Fox Farm Road but cannot turn onto 18th Ave SW. To get to Bethel you can turn into the P. Gibson's or The Max parking lots and go through to where they connect to 17th Ave SW by the Fox Hollow Apartments or you can continue on Fox Farm Road to Meadow Lark Elementary School and turn right and then turn right again to get to 11th Street SW and that will take you to Bethel.

They are making progress and changes every day so, please be prepared to follow detour signs as needed.

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



Robert Donald Dillard (Trudy Terwilliger's Father)

Great Falls - Robert Dillard was born March 15, 1927, in Omaha, Nebraska. He died at age 93 on December 23, 2020, in Great Falls, Montana. After spending his youth in Omaha, he served in the U.S Navy, in the Pacific theatre, toward the end of WWII. After the war he went on an extended motorcycle trip with two

friends across the country to the Pacific Northwest, down the west coast, across the southwest, and eventually back to Omaha, working along the way whenever they ran out of money. He met Valetta Berard in Eureka California. She stopped in to visit him on her way back through Omaha and they were married not long after. Next, they moved to Missoula, Montana to be near her family, where Bob started working for the telephone company. He continued working at the telephone company for the rest of his career. He and Val had three children: Trudy, Michael, and Mark. He eventually retired to take care of Valetta as her health was failing. After Valetta died in 1989, he met Marlene Vinson while volunteering at the Missouri River Manor, where she worked. They were married soon after and had 25 wonderful years together until her death in 2015. That marriage also brought him two new sons, Bob and Jim Vinson. Bob never truly retired. While Marlene worked, Bob was often at the Manor volunteering in many capacities. He also volunteered at Christ United Methodist Church, the FISH food pantry, Meals on Wheels, and Peace Hospice. He never really recovered from the loss of Marlene. Bob enjoyed family, yard work, and fly-fishing trips with his son, Mike. He spent his last year at the Grandview at Benefis, first in assisted living, and later in the memory care unit. He died of complications from COVID-19.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wives, Valetta and Marlene; grandson, Zach Vinson; and his son, Mark. He is survived by Trudy (Earl) Terwilliger, Michael (Janet) Dillard, Bob (Lori) Vinson, Jim (Barb) Vinson, and Mark's wife Mary Dillard, along with many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A celebration of life for Robert Dillard will be held at Christ United Methodist Church 2900 9th Ave South on Saturday, June 26th at 11:00 a.m.

Memorials in Bob's name may be made to Christ United Methodist Church in Great Falls, or to a [charity of the donor's choice](#). Condolences may be shared with family and friends at www.oconnorfuneralhome.com.



Memory Verse

Draw the face of someone who is afraid.



Draw the face of someone who believes.



Use these pictures to remember Mark 5:36b. "Do not fear, only believe."



Bible Tip!

Sometimes we use letters a and b to split up Bible verses. Mark 5:36^a means the first part of verse 36. Mark 5:36^b means the second half.

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 6/29

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

Friday 7/2

- Bethel office is closed.

Saturday 7/3

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 7/4

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

Monday 7/5

- Independence day observed, Bethel office closed.
- Worship Planning Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

Tuesday 7/6

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

Thursday 7/8

- Executive Council conference call 5:30 pm.

Friday 7/9

- Bethel office is closed.

Pastor Jessie Obrecht

Contact information:

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Bethel 406-761-1543 ext 202

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.