

BETHEL NOTES

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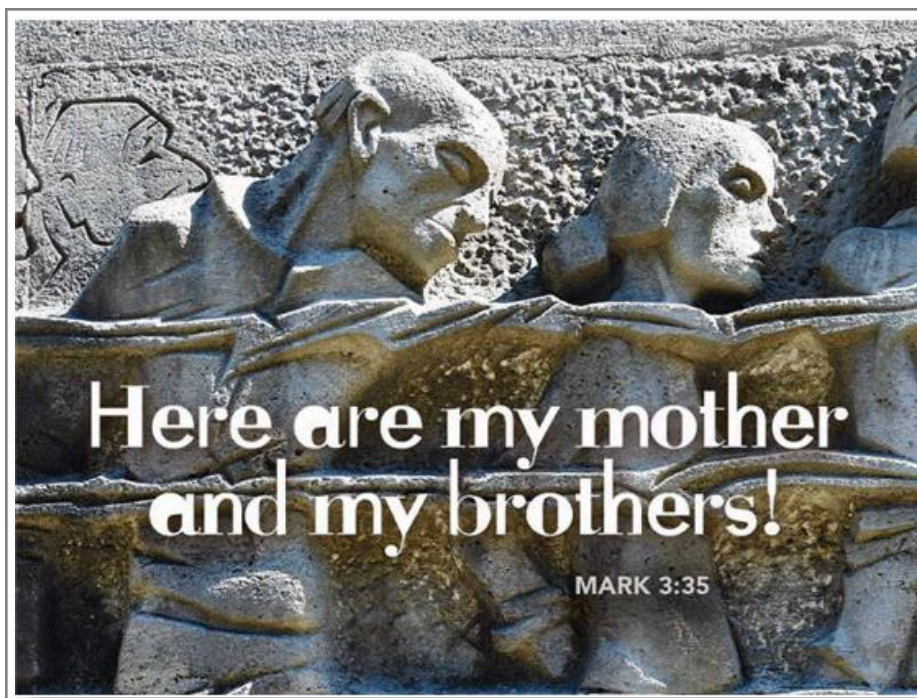
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Sunday, June 6

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

GENESIS 3:8-15

PSALM 130

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13--5:1

MARK 3:20-35

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

SERVING THIS EASTER SERVICE

Accompanist	Mary Seim, piano; Pastor Steve Nelson, guitar
Lay Assistant	Sandy Pepos
Usher	Patty Braget
Tech	Colter McCarty
Counters	Patty Braget and Laurie Turner

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

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

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- ✦ 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 last week.
- ✦ 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 leads worship for her first time at Bethel this Sunday.
- ✦ Prayer for a fun and safe summer for all **students and staff** as they complete another school year.
- ✦ Prayers of celebration for all **University, College and Tech School Graduates** as they begin their adult journey.



*You are invited
to the Service of Holy
Communion and Installation
for
Pastor Jessica Obrecht
Sunday, June 13, 2021
Bethel Lutheran Church
Great Falls MT
2:00 pm
Reception to follow on Bethel Patio*

A decorative illustration on the right side of the invitation. It features a dark brown, swirling vine that starts from the bottom right and curves upwards. The vine is adorned with several leaves and small flowers. One prominent flower is a light pink color with five petals. The background of the illustration is a warm, golden-yellow color with subtle, larger-scale floral patterns. The overall style is elegant and traditional.

Words From the Bishop: Against Violence

“Multiple people dead in mass shooting near San Jose light rail yard.” This is the headline I read in a newsfeed just minutes ago. Another headline on Monday reported that there were 12 mass shootings across the country over this past weekend. (A mass shooting is defined as four or more people killed or wounded in one incident.)

Violence, including but not limited to gun violence, has become a regular, even predictable part of our culture these days and it only seems to be getting worse as we open up from the Covid-19 pandemic. We may not have as many of these type of incidents in Montana/N. Wyoming (yet) but that doesn't mean that violence doesn't affect so many of us where we live and work.

It seems that too many people believe that violence, against others or themselves, is the standard solution to whatever problem they are facing in their lives. Violence is the answer, they say, and with few other answers to the contrary shared in the public sphere, it's considered more and more to be an acceptable answer by too many. In fact, the violence – physical, emotional, psychological, verbal, spiritual -- has gotten so prevalent that we are becoming numb to the horror it causes in the lives of too many people.

So what are we as Christ's church supposed to do in the face of such violence? How do followers of Christ respond to the different forms of violence plaguing the world we live in? Do we hide from it? Do we fight against it with more violence? Do we continue to offer our thoughts and prayers until it happens to us?



Often after these acts of violence, we hear people say, “our thoughts and prayers are with you.” But what should we be thinking and praying before, during, and after these events? Do we bother to pray to God at all or has it become one of those nice things we say but never really follow up on because we think that, since nothing is changing, God doesn't care or isn't planning to do anything about it?

As followers of Christ, we believe that God's message to us in and through Christ is clear. The answer to the problems we face in life is not more violence. The answers to our problems are found in God's good news to us in and through the cross:

new life, resurrection, love, hope, faith, reconciliation, compassion, forgiveness and so many more gifts, all of which are non-violent.

But we also believe that God works through us in this world, that we are to be God's hands, mouths, and feet, participating

with God to create a more peaceful, non-violent place to live. It does us no good to pray to God to fix things if we aren't willing to participate in God's solutions.

So yes, first let us pray against the violence in the world. In faith, we know that God weeps and groans with us with sighs too deep for words in the face of such violence. And God responds to our prayers with divine power, the Spirit's love, and new life in Christ.

Let us pray for the victims of the many shootings and other forms of violence, those who have died and who are still alive fighting for their lives. Let us

pray for the far too many families and friends who are grieving the loss of their loved ones' lives and those who are waiting by the bedside in the hope that their loved one will regain a life beyond their injuries.

Let us pray for all who have been traumatized by or live in fear of violence in body, mind, heart and spirit as well as for those who face violence and its consequences in their homes, communities, jobs, schools, streets, celebrations, and gathering spaces.

Let us pray for our leaders at the local, state, and national level to work with God's Spirit to create change instead of choosing apathy, greed, grief, anger, or ignorance. May they respond actively and helpfully to seek the best solutions to this epidemic of violence.

Let us pray for ourselves in our own grief, anger, fear, apathy, or unwillingness that we may use the mouths, minds, hearts, spirits, hands and feet God gave us to honestly and lovingly think about, pray for, talk about and enact healthy solutions to our nation's worship of violence as the solution to our problems

And then let us live out those prayers, empowered by Spirit and renewed in the new life of our baptisms to continuously find Christ-centered alternatives to the violence that engulfs our nation and attacks our lives.

May God bless and keep us in these days!

Bishop Laurie

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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.



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

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.





Circle every fourth letter and write it on the blanks below. The remaining letters are today's Memory Verse from Mark 3:35. Underline each word as you memorize it.

Memory Verse

W H O W E V E E R D O

A E S T R H E W E I L L I O F G N O D

I G S M Y O B R O D T H E S R A N F D S

I A S T E M R A N I D M O L T H E Y R.

Mark 3:35

So who's in God's family?



Bible Tip!

Pent means five. **Pentecost** is the 50th day after Easter. The first five books of the Bible are called the **Pentateuch**. So what would a high penta be? Give one to a friend after church.



Look it Up!

Jesus' disciples were like family to him. See how Jesus asked one disciple to care for his mother in John 19:26-27.

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 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

Tuesday 6/8

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

Wednesday 6/9

- HS Logos end-of-year party at Valley View Garden Golf.

Friday 6/11

- Bethel office is closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 6/13

- Sunday Worship in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- Baptism for Charlie Knick 11:00 am.
- Pastor Jessie's installation at Bethel 2:00 pm.

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.

Pastor Jessie Obrecht

Contact information:

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Bethel 406-761-1543 ext 202

PEACE
BE WITH YOU