

BETHEL NOTES

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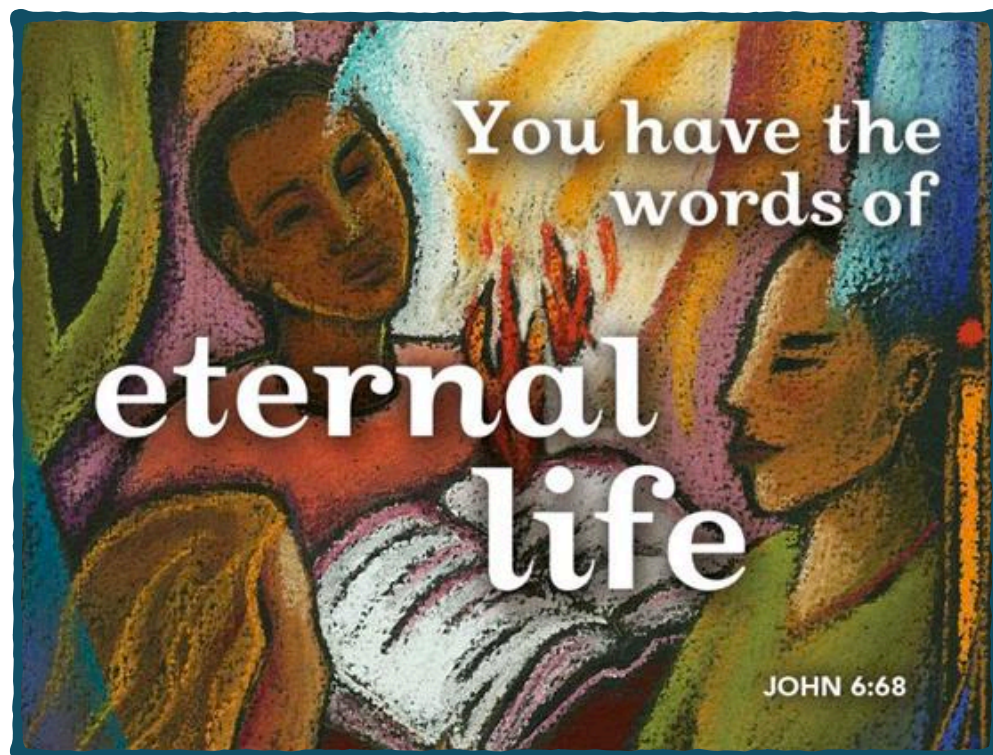
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Sunday, August 22nd
13th Sunday After Pentecost

JOSHUA 24:1-2A, 14-18

PSALM 34:15-22

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

JOHN 6:56-69

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

SERVING THIS SERVICE

Accompanist
Lay Assistant
Usher
Tech
Counters

Mary Seim, piano; Pastor Steve Nelson, guitar
Walt Nuessle
Patty Braget
Kaleb Stringer
Patty Braget and Kaleb Stringer

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

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- ✦ Prayers of strength and leadership for **Gustavo Driau** as he continues as our Regional Representative for our Companion Synods in South America.
- ✦ 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 continues treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers comfort for family and friends of **Bob Bundi**, *Laura Kupfner's father*, as they mourn his passing.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Leonard Murphy** as he prepares for knee surgery at the end of August.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort, support and healing for **Don Bisgard** as he continues to recover from surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **LaRae Veitch** as she recovers from knee surgery.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** as he undergoes medical testing.
- ✦ Prayers for strength and healing for **Eric Peterson** as he undergoes treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and strength for **Julie Wolff** as she recovers in the hospital from a stroke.
- ✦ Prayers of comfort for **Willis Heupel's** family and friends, as they mourn his passing. He was a dear *friend of Dale Ost*.

THANKSGIVING

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

—Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

Bethel Trivia

Here are the answers to last week's Bethel Trivia!

1.) This Bethel member took three tries to receive their nursing degree, before serving as a long time nurse in a variety of different nursing disciplines and locations.

Sue Reppe



2.) This Bethel member was a camp counselor at Camp Vermillion in Cook, MN for 2 summers in college, and worked as a volunteer for a summer as well.

Cindy Considine



3.) This Bethel member auditioned for a part in "Unsolved Mysteries"

Tami Grosenick



A Note From Pastor Jessie



Greetings Bethel!

This week I have two exciting things to tell you about that are coming up. First, is our healing service on August 29th. As we all know, it has been a doozy of a year or two. We have faced challenges as a community, nation, and world. So, we thought that we would try something a bit different for our healing service this month. The service will focus solely on healing. This weekend we will pass out rocks. We ask that you carry these rocks with you throughout the next week and hold them especially as you pray. Next Sunday we will bring these rocks forward, holding our hopes, our prayers, our pleas, and we will set them at the foot of the Cross. We will also have numerous opportunities for spoken prayer requests, written prayer requests, and blessings with

Holy Water from the Baptismal font. We will not do the traditional anointing with oil this time, as we want to maintain and respect our COVID protocols. I hope that you will join us for this special service on August 29th as I know it will be a time filled with meaningful prayer, song, and community.

The second piece I would like to tell you about is our September 12th ministry fair. September 12th marks the beginning of the program year for us here at Bethel, meaning that most of our ministries will kick off sometime around that week. On the 12th we are asking that leaders of our many ministries set up a table in the fellowship hall with information about that ministry and how folks can get involved. I'll ask that you consider bringing a friend to church on September 12th, inviting someone new, or bringing an old friend that you haven't seen in a while. It can be hard to get involved in ministries and groups at first, so this will be a great opportunity to share about the many opportunities to get involved here at Bethel. Please be in contact with me or Tami about making sure we have a table for a ministry you lead and any other printouts or resources you might want folks to have for that Sunday.

I am overjoyed to begin this new program year with you, and can't wait to see how the next year unfolds in the coming months.

Peace +

Pastor Jessie

BETHEL MINISTRY FAIR
Sunday, September 12th following worship at 11:00 am
Bring a friend and find out about all the Fellowship
Opportunities at Bethel!

Adult and Family Retreats Upcoming At FLBC This Fall

FLBC is currently hiring for our year-round staff! We are seeking a Wilderness/Environmental Education Director and Community Staff. Interested in being a part of the ministry of FLBC or know someone who would be a good fit? Visit <https://flbc.net/employment/#yearround> to see the full job descriptions and instructions for applying.

Upcoming FLBC Retreats & Events

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

Grief Retreat - Register by August 27

September 10-12, 2021

This retreat is for any adult (18+) who has lost a loved one such as a partner, friend, parent, or child. You are invited to spend a weekend at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp; there will be opportunities for learning and fellowship, and time for peace and quiet. CEU credits are available through the NRIT <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/grief-retreat/>

Fall Harvest Festival & Auction

October 9th, 2021

Help FLBC raise funds to ensure no one is turned away due to inability to pay through camperships! This special event also coincides with the FLBC Annual Meeting (taking place at 2:30 pm on Saturday, 10/9).

Crazy About Quilting & Crafting Retreat -

Register by October 21, 2021

November 4-7, 2021

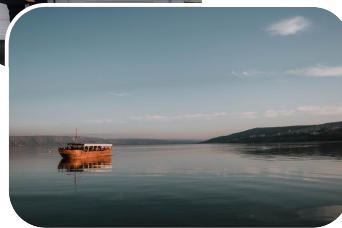
Bring your quilt and craft projects and work alongside friends old and new on the west shore of Flathead Lake. <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/quiltcraft-retreat/>

Advent "Preparing for Christmas" Retreat -

Register by November 19, 2021

December 3-5, 2021

Prepare for the Christmas season by taking intentional time to slow down and enjoy the season. Make awesome crafts, cut your own Christmas tree, and soak in time for worship and prayer this Advent. <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/advent-retreat/>



Holy Land Journey Walk Where Jesus Walked

June 20-29, 2022

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp



FLBC Staff
& Rev. Arne Bergland, retired from
Our Redeemers (Helena)

\$3,290 From Chicago, IL - ORD

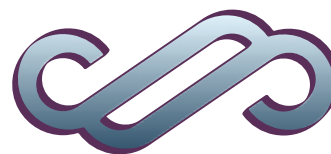
Package price includes:

- Roundtrip airfare
- All nights accommodations in double occupancy luxury hotels
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Eight days sightseeing in modern, air conditioned private bus
- English speaking, government licensed, Christian tour guide on duty
- And much more!

Places of interest

- ✓ Bethlehem
- ✓ Jerusalem
- ✓ Jericho
- ✓ Nazareth
- ✓ Sea of Galilee

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp
margie@flbc.net
1-406-752-6602



Come see what a difference you made!

SAVE THE
DATE

Donor Appreciation

Thursday, September 16

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Tours

6:15 - 6:30 p.m. Special Guests Remarks

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Refreshments

Community Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Thursday, September 30

5:30 p.m.

Light Refreshments • Building Tours • Great Conversations

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.



FISH! is low on boxed cereal. For the month of August, we will be holding a box cereal drive to fill their shelves. Bring cereal of your choice to Bethel and we will deliver to FISH!



American Indian
Alaska Native
Lutheran Association

In honor and memory of the children of the First Nations people and of our Native children who never made it home, and for those still living the nightmare imposed on them as children of Canada and the United States we humbly ask our brothers and sisters of the church to hang an orange banner in the sanctuaries of your churches for 225 days. In remembrance and lament of each child that was thrown into those graves, and those yet to be discovered we honor each of their lives.

Thank you to Terree Wozny and Sue Hesse for the beautiful banner that will hang in our sanctuary in remembrance of native children.





IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR LOGOS!!!!

Our Logos Youth Ministry will be starting soon.

Important dates!

August 27th High School Logos (9th - 12th grades) Lock In 7pm Friday to 9 am Saturday. This night we will register for HS Logos and get information regarding the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN. Email [Colter McCarty](mailto:Colter.McCarty@bethel.lutheran.church) for more information or to RSVP for your student.



September 8th Middle School/Confirmation Parent Night - at Bethel, a BBQ night to register for Middle School/Confirmation 7th and 8th graders and their parents.

September 15th Logos/Parent Night for Pre-K through 6th grade - this will be located off site and will be announced later. We will register and have a short meeting for parents and youth will meet their teachers for this year.

First Night of Logos for ALL youth Wednesday, September 22nd

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Pre-K through 8th Grade

High School Logos will be determined by group on Lock In Night August 27th.

Health and Safety

Following the direction of our Church Council and the GFPS, we are strongly recommending that masks be worn by Logos Youth and volunteers over the age of 5. They are not required.

We will be keeping youth within their cohort group for all activities including meals. It is our hope we will be able to move to open seating once positive infection numbers decline.

If your child is not feeling well, we would ask you give them the rest they need and keep them home.

We feel so very blessed to be able to offer Logos and we are looking forward to a great year!

For Full Details, copy of the handbook, fees, and online registration go to our [LOGOS Webpage](#)

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

Monday 8/23

- Pastor Jessie on vacation through the 27th

Tuesday 8/24

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

Friday 8/27

- Bethel office is closed.
- High School Logos Lock-In

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 8/29

- Sunday Worship Healing Service, in-person and live stream 9:30 am.

Tuesday 8/31

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

Friday 9/3

- Bethel office is closed.
- Aitz Chaim Shabbat 6:00 pm

Saturday 9/4

- Close Knit meets in Fellowship Hall 9:00 am

Pastor Jessie Obrecht

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Covid Guidelines for Worship as of August 10, 2021

Masks are strongly recommended, but not required.

Continue Physical Distancing

Coffee Hour on hold

If you have a fever or are feeling unwell, please take care of yourself and join us online for worship.