

BETHEL NOTES

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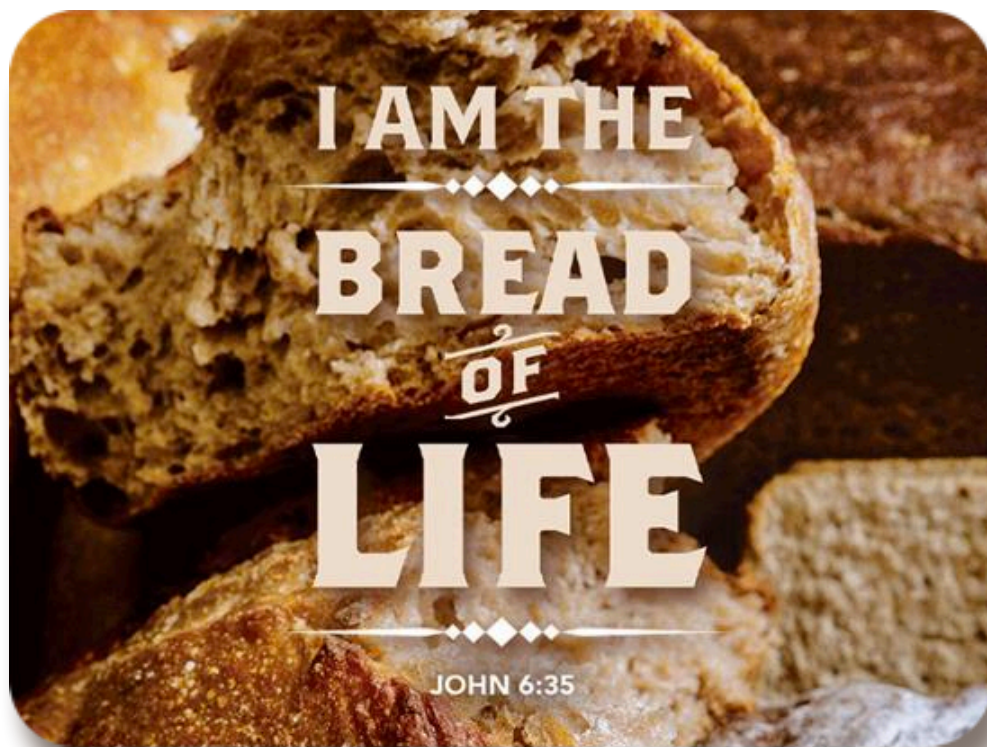
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Sunday, August 8th

11th Sunday After Pentecost

1 KINGS 19:4-8

PSALM 34:1-8

EPHESIANS 4:25--5:2

JOHN 6:35, 41-51

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

SERVING THIS SERVICE

Accompanist	Lynn Ryan piano; Pastor Steve Nelson, guitar
Lay Assistant	John Blank
Usher	Sandy Pepos
Tech	Colter McCarty
Counters	Tim Lightbourne and Warren Johnson

**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

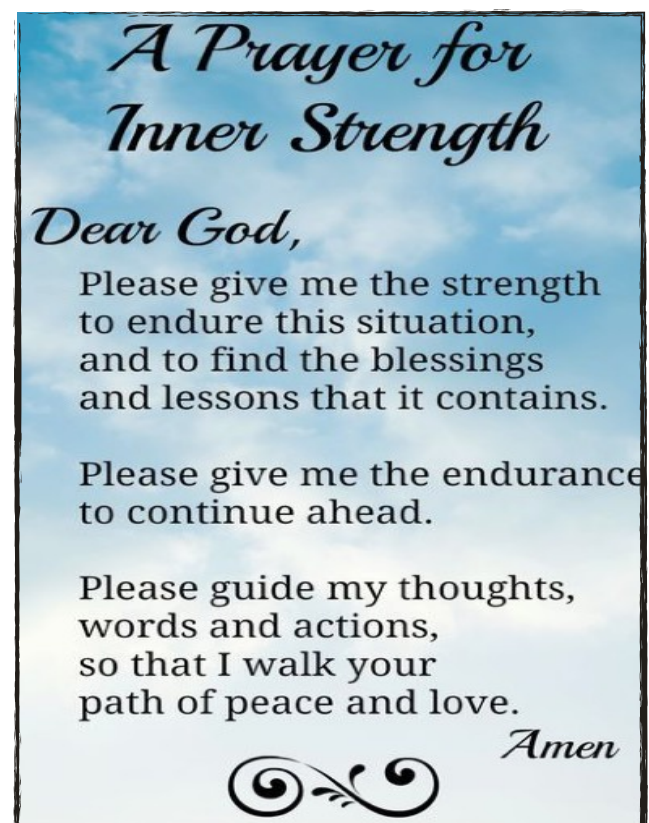
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- ✦ Prayers of thanks for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues with treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Lee Klette**, son of *Russ & Cheryl*.
- ✦ Prayers for healing and strength for **Katie Madsen**, *niece of Doug Sexe and granddaughter 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 and support for **Bob Bundi**, *Laura Kupfner's father*, in Peace Hospice. As well as his wife **Linda and family** as they journey with him.
- ✦ 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 the family and friends of **Fran Hardesty** who passed away on Sunday, August 1st.
- ✦ Prayers of love and comfort for the passing of **Scott David Elkin**, *son of Ron and Dew Elkin, brother of Chad Elkin*, and all the Elkin family and friends as they grieve their loss.



Bethel Trivia

This week's answers to last weeks trivia...



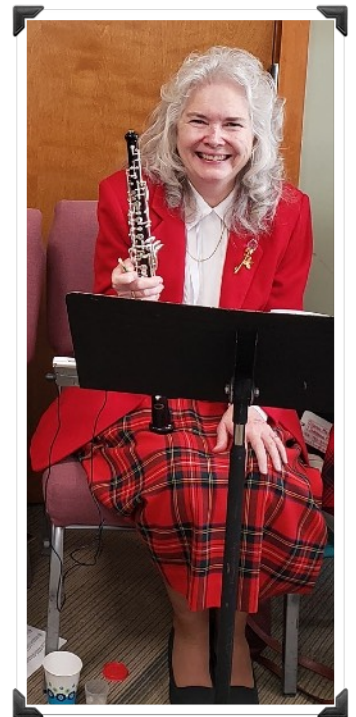
1.) This Bethel couple met at a curling rink in Mankato, MN.

*Walt and Leone
Nuessle*



2.) This person LOVES Broadway musicals and had seen Wicked, Cats, Phantom of the Opera, and Beauty and the Beast. Next on their list to see is Les Miserables!

Sharon Mueller



3.) This person ushered at the very first Minnesota Vikings game when they were an NFL expansion team.

Walt Nuessle



Greetings Bethel,

We recently received an important request from the American Indian Alaska Native Lutheran Association. As many of you have heard or read, recently there were mass graves that were found at the Kamloops Residential School in which more than 215 bodies of children who were once sent to the school were found. As these children's remains are returned to their homelands and families, we have been asked to display an orange banner in our worship space as a sign of grieving, of remembrance, and of repentance for the ways that the church has been complicit in these places over the generations. The following letter explains and outlines this much better than I can, but I hope that as we worship in the coming weeks and months, you will lift these prayers up, remember these children, and that we might work together to create a better future for all of our siblings in Christ.

-Pastor Jessie

AMERICAN INDIAN ALASKA NATIVE LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION

Greetings in the name of our Creator, in the name of Jesus, Savior of all. We speak to you all today on behalf of the Indigenous people throughout North Americas. We come with sad hearts at the news of 215+ children of the Kamloops Residential School whose remains were recently found in a mass grave and of the children of the Rosebud Sioux whose bodies were returned to their homeland this past week. They are being remembered by many by the color orange.



The color orange is symbolic and came from the inspiration of a survivor of that era, Phyllis Webstad, who stated that when she was a 6-year-old girl arriving at a residential boarding school, she was stripped of her clothes which included a new orange t-shirt her grandmother had gifted her and was never given back. The orange shirt/color now symbolizes how the church and the schools they administered took away the Indigenous identity of the children in their care.

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.

Please grieve with us and remember us as the Indigenous people of this land who are going through a very sad and heartbreaking time in our collective psyche. We invite all our Christian brothers and sisters, in solidarity with us, to honor all our First Nations and our Native children that never made it out of residential schools by hanging an orange banner for 225 days.

We now call on the Church to acknowledge and confess its complicity in all the atrocities committed against the Indigenous peoples of North America and throughout the world where western Christianity colonized Indigenous peoples. Please stand in partnership with us for the children.

The true history of the western church in America has been participation in acts of ethnic cleansing, genocide through warfare including biological and chemical, sterilization, depletion of our main food source, the taking of land and resources for personal gains. We ask you, the ELCA Church and Bishops Church leaders and congregations to support our people in remembering the children.

Many Tribal nations have had church groups offer apologies on behalf of their ancestors, which is well and good, but that only serves to assuage any feelings of guilt or shame for them and does not bring about true repentance. So in light of these past gestures we call upon the churches serving in the United States to advocate the U.S. Government to fully acknowledge all the atrocities it has committed against the indigenous peoples of this land now known as the United States of America and for the future of Christianity in Indian Country.

Wopila In Christ,

Pr.Joann Conroy, President

Pr.Manuel Ratamoza, Vice President

Pr.Will Voss, Treasurer

Kelly Sherman-Conroy Ph.D. Candidate,

Secretary Pr .Larry Thiele, Incorporator

Patterson Yazzie,

Loni Whitford

Vicar Jonathan Old Horse Pr. Jack Russel

Amanda Straw

Lisa Whitford Teri Arlene

CALLING ALL QUILTERS

We are looking for quilters to help us put together a banner for the sanctuary remembering the children who died at Kamloops Residential School and other boarding schools. Those interested can contact Terree Wozny terreewozny@charter.net.

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.

Support FISH by Supporting your Stomach

CARNIVORIUM FOOD on Wednesday August 11 from 11AM to 7PM is supporting FISH with 20% of the proceeds for the day. The food truck will be located at the Cenex station located on Smelter Ave across from the refinery. Stop by and get lunch or supper and support FISH.



To see their current menu
carnivorousfoodtruck.com



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!



Alliance for Youth is hosting a back to school event that will offer free haircuts, school supplies and more!

We are seeking donations towards this event.

- #2 Pencils
- Mechanical Pencils
- Black and Blue Pens
- Pencil Pouches/Boxes
- Wide/College Rule Loose Leaf Paper
- Wide/College Rule Notebooks
- Folders
- 2" and 3" Binders
- Dividers
- Pink Erasers
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Colored Pencils
- Paper Towels
- Backpacks
- Crayons
- Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Highlighters
- Rulers
- Glue Sticks
- Bottle Glue
- Scissors
- Pencil Sharpener
- Notecards
- Headphones/earphones
- Kleenex
- Walmart Gift Cards
- Backpacks
- Crayons

Friday, August 20th
Noon-6pm

3220 11th Ave. S.

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Just for YOUTH!

Use these pictures to help memorize
John 6:48



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Memory Verse



John 6:48.

- Jesus is the **bread of life**.
- **Bread** fills us up.
- Jesus **fills us** with life.

Bread For All

Find bread words from around the world in this puzzle. Put stars on the list beside the breads that you have eaten.



Pita
Scone
Cornbread
Bagel
Biscuit
Bun

Pretzel
Muffin
Lefse
Loaf
Popover
Naan

Unleavened
Frybread
Brioche
Injera
Tortilla

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.

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!

<https://flbc.net/annual-programming/labor-day-family-camp/>

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 FLBC; there will be opportunities for learning and fellowship, and time for peace and quiet.

<https://flbc.net/annual-programming/grief-retreat/>

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

Sunday 8/8

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

Tuesday 8/10

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00
am
- Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:30
pm.

Friday 8/13

- Bethel office is closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 8/15

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

Tuesday 8/17

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

Friday 8/20

- Bethel office is closed.

Saturday 8/21

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

Pastor Jessie Obrecht

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