

BETHEL NOTES

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist: Lynn Ryan

Lay Assistant: Sue Hesse

Usher(s): Mike and Joyce
Harding

Projectionist: Ava Fossen

Counters: Patty Braget and Dena
Wagner-Fossen

Nursery: Aiyanna Scholten

Readings

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalms 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33



Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in

the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God’s presence to others.

Source: Sunday’s and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2017 Year A

This Sunday At Bethel.

- Special guest Eamon Ormseth will be with us.
- Karrie Pepos will be singing "You Are Mine Now".

This Week's Events

- TLC staff meeting at 6pm in the Gathering Place.
- 10:30 am Staff meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Events

- GFPS students head back to school on Wednesday, Aug 30.
- Monday, Sept 4 is Labor Day. The office will be closed.
- LOGOS begins on Wednesday, Sept 20 at 5:30pm.

Office Hours

Beginning on Monday, August 21, the church office hours will be changing. We will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am-2:30pm and Wednesday 9am-2pm.

Special Guest

This Sunday we will have a guest with us, Eamon Ormseth, who grew up right here in Great Falls and whom we will be helping to support as an ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission - serving a year in Jerusalem.

Gospel Concert

Where: Saint John's Lutheran Church (5300 9th Ave. South, Great Falls)

When: Sunday, August 13, from 1 - 4pm

Free will offering

Food & beverages available

Kidz Zone

Music by the Johnson Brothers and more...



Coffee Hour & in the Courtyard

Some new furnishings have been given to Bethel in memory of Kristine Voorhees and her family in memory of her father. Please take time to wander out into the courtyard located between the narthex and the Gathering Place. You may enter through the door across from the Church Office.



Bob Veitch (husband of LaRae) in skilled care.

Prayers for Jane O'Brien, mother of Carrie O'Brien.

For Terry Snodgrass as she continues to recover from a fractured leg at home.

For the Synod House build and for the Mission Builders for construction and hospitality needs to be met and the crew and volunteers to stay safe during construction.

Prayers for God's healing for Sharon and Steve Mueller's nephew, Adam Finnegan, hospitalized with a brain aneurism in Des Moines, Iowa.

Prayers for Jim Carlson as he heals from hip replacement surgery.

For healing Linda (Gary) O'Brien, sister of Sue Hesse.

For God's presence and healing for **Dave Johnson** (brother of Marty Johnson) from a bicycle injury.

For Eamon Ormseth who will speak at Bethel this Sunday about his upcoming year of YAGM service in Jerusalem and the West Bank and that he has safe travels.

Synod House Build Update



**Things are happening at the build site; at the corner of 24th St.
S and 13th Ave S,
Ready to move in?**



It's been an exciting week on the new Montana Synod House. With help from 5 volunteers from Hope Lutheran in Bozeman, plus several local volunteers we were able to install roof joists over the entire building! In addition we also put sheathing on the exterior walls and built several interior partitions. Thank you, Hope and local volunteers for helping make that possible.

This week we welcome volunteers from Our Redeemers', Helena as they join the Mission Builders and local volunteers. Besides volunteers, Our Redeemers' is also providing hospitality and leading devotions this week. We look forward to a week of work, worship, and fellowship. Don't miss out; come join us for morning break and devotions at 9:30am, or plan to volunteer for one day, or several days.

Synod House Build - Summer of Glove

There are many ways you can be a part of this exciting build in the MT Synod, no matter your age. There are needs for construction volunteers, hospitality and financially. To volunteer or for more information, contact Pastor Anna Merritt at amerritt@me.com or 406-836-7464 for hospitality and for construction contact Jim Dyess (Construction Manager) @ 713-206-6218 or Mick Davis @ 406-761-0400 or Matt Crampton @ 406-952-4516.



Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

Retreats, Events, Updates

September 1-4: Labor Day Family Camp

Celebrate the "last hurrah" of the summer season at FLBC! Great activities for all ages and engaging Bible studies led by Pr. Kendra Wilde, Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Helena, with the theme, "Becoming 'Ohana: When Strangers Become Family."

October 6-7: Harvest Festival & Annual Meeting

Don't miss FLBC's second biannual Harvest Festival! This weekend includes live and silent auctions, wagon rides, games and activities for all ages, a fun run, arts and crafts, and much more as we raise funds for camperships!

November 3-5: Men's S-S-S Retreat

The S-S-S (Scripture, Scales, and Suds) Retreat is a one-of-a-kind FLBC experience featuring Bible study, fishing, and homebrewing! Register early to secure your spot!

NEW! Words From The Bishop

Where are the young adults?



Just about every congregation I visit tells me they wish there were more young people in church. It is the group they want to reach out to, but do not know how. One of our younger pastors even wrote a book on the subject. Pastor Seth Nelson of Ronan, tired of people asking him almost accusingly why there weren't more young adults in church, wrote: *The Church Unknown: Reflections of a Millennial Pastor*. A Canadian pastor, John Van Sloten, theorizes that millennials who left the church are finding community in alternative settings—like CrossFit.

The ELCA reaches out to young adults through campus ministry, through military chaplaincy, and through camps and alternative ministries. And the ELCA reaches out to young adults through the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program.

Started with a small group of young adults in a few countries in 1999, the program has grown to 95 young adults in 11 countries. The growth of the program is made possible by the Campaign for the ELCA, and by steadily growing interest from around the church. Our Synod has regularly sent young adults into the program, and a growing number of our new pastors have been YAGMs. Overall, 35% of returning YAGMs enter seminary and become pastors.

This year, 7 young adults associated with the Montana Synod will be spending a year abroad in global service.

Serving in Cambodia will be Colter Murphy from Immanuel in Missoula, Emmaus Campus Ministry and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, and Henry Elling, from Christikon.

Serving in Argentina/Uruguay will be Michaela Delaney from Valley of Christ in Frenchtown, and Baird Linke from Our Redeemer's Helena and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

Tori Wilson of FLBC will be serving in Mexico, and Eamon Ormseth of Emmaus Campus Ministry will be serving in Jerusalem and the West Bank.

Jasmine Allen of Christ Lutheran in Libby and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp will serve in the United Kingdom. You can follow her here: <https://jazzyintheuk.blogspot.com/>

Please keep these young adults in your prayers. We will publish their blog sites in future e-news. And know that each young adult is tasked with raising \$5000 to cover part of the expenses of their year. If you would like to make a contribution to help any or all of these young adults, you can send a check to the Synod, and we will see that it goes where it is intended. Or, if you would rather support the whole program, you can make a generic contribution to Young Adults in Global Mission.

We are encouraging congregations to celebrate a Global Mission Sunday in October. Consider inviting a returned YAGM or missionary. Watch for resources.

Where are the Young Adults? They are serving.

Jessica Crist, Bishop

You're Invited

After the busy summer schedule, fall is a quiet and a beautiful time to visit Holden Village. You are invited to a special "Made in Montana" Holden Fall Sojourn September 17-23, 2017. This week will feature a teaching staff from Montana. Including Mark Gravrock (Bible), Mark and Carol Ramseth (Theology), Neal Wedum (Glacier Park Ranger), and Thomas Schmidt (Musician).



For further information, bios, rates, and registration, go to – www.holdenvillage.org/visit/event/.

If you have questions email dariuslarsen@msn.com

Save the Date

FLBC Fall Harvest Festival and Auction - Oct 6&7



Mark your calendars! The FLBC Fall Harvest Festival and Auction is coming up on October 6 & 7. Auction donations are gladly accepted and there are forms available at the church. Tickets to the event are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact our FLBC representatives Dan & Steph Richardson at stephfrichardson@gmail.com or 406-579-8897.



*All Are
Welcome!
Oct. 6-7, 2017
At Flathead
Lutheran Bible
Camp*

Friday, October 6th

6:00 pm	Silent Auction Opens
6:15 pm - 8:45 pm	Harvest Dinner & Live Auction - Cockrell Center ((\$20 in advance or \$25 at the door; beer & wine available for purchase)
6:15 pm - 8:45 pm	Free Food & Activities for Youth & Children
7:00 pm	Live Auction (Live Auction Entrance Only \$10)
9:00 pm	Worship & Beach Bonfire

Saturday, October 7th

9:30 - 10:00 am	Registration for Run/Walk - Pavilion (\$15 Includes t-shirt)
10:00 am	5k Trail Run & 1 Mile Run/Walk Begins
10:00 - 2:00 pm	Family Fun Games, Activities, BBQ & Live Music - Pumpkin Activities - Apple Creations - Wagon Rides - Face Painting And Much More!
2:00 pm	Harvest Festival Dessert for all - Cockrell Center
2:30pm	Silent Auction Closes

Proceeds Support the Outdoor Youth Ministries of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

For dinner tickets in advance, for overnight reservations,
and/or to donate an item for the auction please contact the FLBC office.

Event Held at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp located 17 miles south of Kalispell, 3 miles S of
Lakeside 550 Lutheran Camp Road, Lakeside MT 59922 Office: 406.752.6602 web: flbc.net

