

BETHEL NOTES

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist: Mary Seim

Lay Assistant: John Blank

Usher(s): Jean Mazur

Projectionist: Tim Lightbourne

Counters: Pam Dougherty and
Jenny Will

Nursery: Lillian Erickson

Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28



The Canaanite Woman

Matthew 15:21-28

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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

This Week's Events

- New office hours begin.
- Bible Study at 6:30 am at Electric City Coffee.

Upcoming Events

- Worship Planning meeting on Sunday, Aug 27 immediately following worship.
- GFPS students head back to school on Wednesday, Aug 30.
- Monday, Sept 4 is Labor Day. The office will be closed.
- 6:30 pm Church Council meeting in the Gathering Place on Tuesday, Sept 12.
- 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.

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.



When: August 19-20

Where: MT Expo Park

Free Admission

DOWNPOUR SCHEDULE:

Saturday, August 19

Gates open at noon	CRUISN' THE RIGHT ROAD CAR SHOW
1:00 - 2:00 Dust Alive	Registration beginning at noon
2:30 - 3:30 Tedashii	Show from 1:00 - 3:00PM
4:00 - 5:00 Jamie Grace	
5:30 - 6:30 Colton Dixon	
7:00 - 8:00 Britt Nicole	
8:15 - 9:15 Speaker, Trip Lee	
9:45 - 11:15 Matt Maher	
Fesitval complete by 11:30	

Sunday, August 20

CHURCH UNITED, 11:00 am



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.

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?**



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.

Last week we welcomed volunteers from Our Redeemers', Helena as they join the Mission Builders and local volunteers. Besides volunteers, Our Redeemers' also provided hospitality and leading devotions last 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!

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



Young Adults In Global Mission (YAGM)

Eamon Ormseth

Last Sunday, Eamon Ormseth joined us and spoke about his upcoming mission in Jerusalem and the West Bank. The Church Council voted to direct the congregation's ELCA Global Missionary Sponsorship this next year towards Eamon's work.



About Eamon

Eamon Ormseth grew up in Great Falls, MT. He is a 2011 graduate of C.M Russell High School and a 2015 graduate of the University of Montana where he earned degrees in history and Central and Southwest Asian studies, as well as Arabic studies and economics. He joined a spring break trip to Vancouver with Emmaus Campus Ministry in his junior year. Seeing the Christians selflessly serving the homeless population surprised him and inspired him to reevaluate his assumptions about Christianity. He began to participate in Emmaus Campus Ministry events, projects, and outreach.

After graduation, Eamon traveled to Morocco for the summer to study Arabic. The U.S. State Department awarded Eamon a Critical Language Scholarship, which funded his participation in an all-expenses-paid intensive Arabic program in Meknes, a city in northern Morocco.

He returned to Missoula and joined a newly formed local group of community members called SALAM (Standing Alongside America's Muslims). Eamon organized the first annual "Celebrate Islam" Week in April of 2016. That fall, He moved into the Emmaus house, became their interfaith organizer, and continued his leadership with SALAM.

"Learning about others' faiths strengthens my own resolve to continue in my faith journey. My call to the YAGM program in Jerusalem is a fulfillment of dream I have had for many years: teaching English and studying Arabic in an Arab country. As I prepare to leave for Jerusalem, I'm thinking about what peace means. To me, it is an inward and outward orientation. During the next year, I hope to learn from peacemakers in the area while making space to be at peace with myself."
-Eamon Ormseth

YAGM In Jerusalem and the West Bank

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program in Jerusalem and the West Bank connects closely with its companion church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). The congregations are engaged with four schools, which together serve more than 3,000 students per year. Eamon will serve primarily in these education programs teaching English. He will also be involved with the congregations for regular worship and fellowship time.

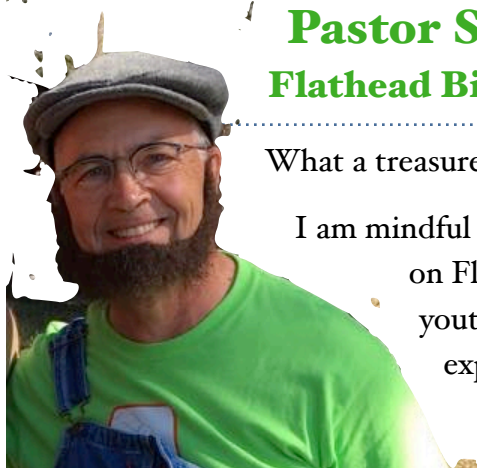
Financial Support

Eamon must fundraise \$5,000, which is 1/3 of the \$15,000 cost for the years. The balance is paid by the ELCA. To give a personal gift, visit <http://support.elca.org/> and click "DONATE" or you can write a check with "Eamon Ormseth YAGM" in the memo line to either Bethel Lutheran Church or to the ELCA, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.



Pastor Steve's Message

Flathead Bible Camp ~ Our Camp on Flathead Lake



What a treasure we share with so many, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp !

I am mindful that we have come to the end of another Summer of ministry at our camp on Flathead Lake, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. This Summer Bethel had 24 youth along with a few adults attend the camp. The theme, *Just Add Water*, explored the many different ways water is referred to in the Bible and especially as a gift from God through which God offers the world life.

It was a joy to have spent part of week in July as a camp pastor/volunteer, immersing myself in the gift of Flathead Lake on some hot Summer days; sharing the good news of God's love through worship, (a message communicated through a skit - see picture), Bible Study, discovery time (I taught the youth basic canoe skills), Pastor Ponderings (youth get to ask the pastors questions about life & faith) and so much more. All this would not have been possible without our congregation's generous support of the camp offered through prayers, fund raisers for scholarships, and by sending our youth and their friends to camp. I haven't had a chance to talk to all who had attended, to learn of their highlights, but I'd love to learn how their lives were touched and transformed. Here are but a couple of stories from some of our campers. One parent shared with me that their son told her, "Mom, I'd like to know more about baptism and one day be a camp counselor." Another mom told me that her son told her that he wanted to stay longer as he had such a great time at camp.

I learned from Melissa Shults, FLBC's Development Director, that over \$70,000 dollars has been given by the camp in the form of tuition/scholarship help in order for youth to be able to attend the camp. Wow! They are hoping to offer that much or more next year with our help. In October the camp will once again host a Harvest Festival & Auction (See article) to help raise monies for scholarships. Congregations are invited to come for the Harvest Festival as well as to offer donations (ie. cash, auction items, etc.) There are flyers, donation forms, and tickets available at the church if you would like to get involved.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for this great treasure we share and in helping both young people and adults to experience for themselves the good news of God's grace and salvation shared through the ministry of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp!

Pastor Steve

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



NEW! New Pentecost Banner

This beautiful banner was designed and crafted by artists Pastor Barb Gwynn of First English Lutheran and Bethel member, Jean Mazur for the 2017 MT Synod Assembly held in early June here in Great Falls. It reads "United by the Spirit We are sent forth!" It will serve as an aid to worship at Bethel and we give thanks to God for Spirit's work of sending us to serve the world by promoting unity....love...and peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God for our creative and gifted artists, Pastor Barb and Jean.

