

# BETHEL NOTES

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

### Serving This Sunday

**Accompanist:** Mary Seim

**Lay Assistant:** John Blank

**Usher(s):** Mary Gernaat

**Projectionist:** Dave Scholten

**Counters:** Pam Dougherty and  
Donna Vinnedge

**Nursery:** Aiyanna Scholten

### Readings

**Isaiah 55:1-5**

**Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21**

**Romans 9:1-5**

**Matthew 14:13-21**



In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

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

## This Sunday At Bethel.

- Pastor Steve Nelson will be preaching in Pastor Steve's absence.
- An additional offering will be received in the wicker baskets in support of ELCA World Hunger.

## This Week's Events

- Pastor Steve will return from vacation on Tuesday, August 8.
- There will be an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Monday, August 7 at 7pm in the Gathering Place.

## Upcoming Events

- Pastor Steve Nelson will be preaching on Sunday, Aug 6.
- The Church Council will meet Tuesday, Aug 8 at 6:30 in the Gathering Place.

## 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.



## Help Wanted

For those who are able, we need your help stacking chairs this Sunday after worship so that our carpets can be cleaned this week.

## Special Guest

Next 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.



**Bob Veitch** (husband of LaRae)

**Prayers for Jane O'Brien**, daughter of Carrie O'Brien.

**For Terry Snodgrass** as she recovers from a fractured leg.

**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 surgery.

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

**For Pastor Presidente Emilio Flores & Pastor Luis** from the Bolivian Ev. Lutheran Church, our companion Synod, who are touring our Synod.

**Prayers for healing for Traedon Jaques** (son of Ben and Yenta Jaques) who is hospitalized.

For God's blessing on the marriage of **Rachel Nelson (daughter of Pastor Steve & Colleen Nelson) to Drew Bertelson** on Sunday, July 30th in Denver.

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

For rest and renewal for **Pastor Steve Van Gilder**, on vacation July 27 - August 7th.

For **Pastor Steve Nelson**, who is preaching and presiding in worship at Bethel this Sunday.

## Synod House Build - Summer of Glove

Construction is underway and walls are almost ready to go up! 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](mailto: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.





## Synod House Build Update



**Things are happening at the build site; at the corner of 24<sup>th</sup> St. S and 13<sup>th</sup> Ave S,**

**This picture was taken by a giant**



It was a good week of work on the Montana Synod House. All load-bearing walls are in place. After raising all these walls in a matter of a few days, this week we spent time ensuring the walls are plumb and permanently nailing them together to keep them that way. We continued putting sheathing on the outside walls, and added ledgers that will hold roof joists. We had help from volunteers from Bethel and First English, Great Falls, Our Redeemers', Helena, and Trinity, Choteau.

Thank you to the congregations from the Golden Triangle Cluster for their hospitality this week. We enjoyed dinner on Tuesday night at St. John's, Great Falls. Members from several of the Golden Triangle congregations provided and served dinner. What a treat to get to meet these fellow Lutherans from outside Great Falls. They also provided snacks for breaks and Saturday lunch for us and the Saturday volunteers.

This coming week we welcome five volunteers from Hope, Bozeman. We look forward to meeting and working with them. If this week is a time you could volunteer, we can always find a job to fit your experience. My weather app suggests that the temps might even be a little lower this week. Heat or no, any day is a good day to join in the building!



## 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!

### Prayers for youth & families attending Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp this Summer

At last count we are aware of at least 25 campers who have registered for a week at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. That is exciting news! We will be sending mail to each one from us at the church and will include them in the prayers of the church as well. A post card(s) will be available for you to sign either before or after worship and we encourage you to pray for them for a fun and meaningful, life-changing camp experience!

### Campers this week:

James Pinski

John Pinski

James Peterson

Ben Peterson

Hayden Neibaum

Andrew Dullum

Max Arvanetes

## Words from the Bishop

### Welcome to our new Director for Evangelical Mission!



We welcome Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger to the position of Director for Evangelical Mission. Pastor Paugh Leuzinger has served in the Montana Synod since 2000. Along with her husband, Steve, she has served 2 rural 3 point parishes in Montana—first Baker, Plevna and Ekalaka, then Shields River in Wilsall and American and Redeemer in Livingston. Ordained in 1989, Peggy served 2 congregations in the SW MN Synod prior to moving to Montana.

While serving in Montana, Peggy has been a Southeast Cluster representative to the Synod Council. And she has served as Synod Secretary for 11 years. She has also served as liaison to our companion synod, the Cape Orange Diocese in South Africa.

Peggy will continue the work of George Karres, who retired July 31 and moved to Tucson. Her portfolio will include new and renewing congregations, mission support and stewardship education, and work with the Native American Accompaniment team. She will continue the congregational ministry reviews, as well.

Like George Karres and Dave Peters before him, Peggy is technically employed by the ELCA Domestic Mission Unit, and is accountable to that unit in Chicago. She is also a full member of the Montana Synod staff, and will be officed in Great Falls with the rest of the staff.

Pastor Peggy is excited to be working with congregations across the synod, deepening relationships and strengthening ministry. Please invite her to your congregation to preach, meet with the council or do a forum.

Peggy and her husband Steve are the parents of 2 young adult sons: Trevor, a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis and the YAGM program in Mexico City—now working in a non-profit in Minneapolis, and Ethan, a former Synod Council member, beginning his junior year at Ithaca College in upstate New York. Peggy grew up in the Bozeman area and is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University and Luther Seminary.

In her spare time Peggy is a weaver. She will start her position September 5. Please join me in welcoming her.

Peggy states, “I am honored to be able to serve the Montana Synod and the whole church as the Director for Evangelical Mission and look forward to walking with congregations and leaders in the Synod as together we seek to faithfully follow Jesus.”

Jessica Crist, Bishop