

BETHEL NOTES



*Serving this
Sunday*

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PAM DOUGHERTY

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TIM LIGHTBOURNE

TECH

ADAM ELKIN

COUNTERS

PAM DOUGHERTY

MARILYN CARLSON

Sunday, August 9th
9th Sunday after Pentecost

1ST KINGS 19:9-18
PSALMS 85:8-13
ROMANS 10:5-15
MATTHEW 14:22-33

Sunday at Bethel we celebrate the 9th Sunday after Pentecost.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:00 AM TO 2:30 PM CLOSED FRIDAY
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- ◆ Prayers for **Faith Crouch** (granddaughter of Bernice Johnson) who is awaiting a double lung transplant.
- ◆ Prayers of healing **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.
- ◆ Prayers of healing for **Lee Klette**, son of Russ & Cheryl.
- ◆ Continued prayers for **Angela Mart** (daughter-in-law of Jane Mart) as she finishes treatment for breast cancer.
- ◆ Prayers for God's presence and healing for **Linda Juvik** (sister of Sandy Bechard) as she completes her treatments for cancer.
- ◆ Prayers for healing and strength for **Katie Madsen**, niece of Doug Sexe and granddaughter of Arlene Sexe as she is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- ◆ Prayers of healing and support for **Jeremy Hawks** as he prepares for surgery.
- ◆ Prayers for safety and support for **Eric Poser**, Connie Titcomb's nephew as he is deployed overseas.
- ◆ Prayers for God's presence, healing & grace for **Bob Norbie** as prepares for surgery next week.
- ◆ Prayers of support and good health for **RN's Katie and Kelsey**, daughters of Grant and Janet Smith.
- ◆ Prayers of healing, strength and support for **Rita Johnson (LaRae Veitch's sister)** as she continues treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- ◆ Prayers for healing for **Steve Young** (brother of Sue Hesse) as he recovers from back surgery.
- ◆ Prayers of healing for **Cindy Brattain** as she recovers from a heart procedure.
- ◆ Prayers of healing and support for **Rebecca Boucher** who is undergoing medical testing for auto-immune challenges.
- ◆ Prayers of healing and health for **Liz Crabtree** as she recovers from hip surgery.
- ◆ Prayers of healing for **Adam Elkin** as he continues his recovery from foot surgery.

Words from the Bishop:



Bishop Laurie will be on vacation August 4-18. She will not be checking email or her cell phone, but the rest of the staff will be available!

Hey, Did You Know One Of The Projectors Isn't Working AND...

Murphy's law has struck again and just as we were needing our AV equipment to operate at its best, it doesn't. For those of you that have viewed our on-line service, you know we have some issues with sound quality. For those of you worshipping in-person, you have noticed one of the projectors is out.

In hopes of resolving these issues and providing the best quality services, the Bethel Church Council voted to purchase new audio-visual equipment including streaming camera, microphones, connecting the Fellowship Hall to the sanctuary so worship can be viewed there, setting up the Gathering Place for live streaming and improving the sound back there as well. We also will replace the projector in the sanctuary.

We have recently received a memorial donation that will help off set the cost of these upgrades. If you would like to make donation toward these much-needed improvements, please make a notation on your giving check and we will gratefully put it toward enhancing our worship experience!

UPDATE!
 Sound Equipment should be arriving within the next week or so. A live stream camera is on back order to be arriving approximately six weeks. Sound on live stream will be installed when it arrives.

Help Pastor Trina get to know YOU and BETHEL!

On Sunday I mentioned that I had started to reach out to folks, asking them to either meet with me here at the church (in a safe, socially distanced manner), or to set up a time to Zoom, or to speak on the phone. I found that it was taking a lot of time to pass emails back and forth setting up those meetings, so I thought I'd try a sign-up sheet on Sunday and see if I could speed the process up a bit.

It worked great! So far I've had the pleasure of meeting with 15 of you and learned a lot about what makes the Bethel family so special. I now know more about FISH, how we interact with the Boy Scouts, what's on the menu at Men's Breakfast, how LOGOS has formed the faith of your children and given you a boost too, how important a wide variety of well-executed music is to your worship experience, the pride you take in maintaining and sharing your beautiful facility, and the blessing that steady pastoral leadership has been in the life of this congregation. And hearing about your families, work, hobbies, and especially your prayer requests has really been a joy.

I hope this is just the beginning and many more of you will share your Bethel experience with me in the coming weeks. The sign-up sheet will be out again on Sunday. If there isn't a time that works for you, shoot me an email (bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com) and suggest some times that you are available. I'm very flexible. And for those of you who are worshipping via technology, give Tami a call (761-1543) and sign up for a time for me to meet you via Zoom or the phone.

Because of Covid, we have to try a little hard to get to know each other, so please gift me with a bit of your time. Pastor Trina Johnsten

TOWN PUMP CHALLENGE

Town Pump Charitable Foundation has invited FISH to be part of the 19th annual "Be a Friend in Deed, Helping Those in Need" food bank campaign.

Town Pump will match each dollar collected by FISH up to \$20,000 from September 1 through November 30. What a great way to double your donation!

Can you find thirty (30) books of the Bible in this paragraph? Actually, there are 31 if you can find the variant of one Old Testament prophet's name.

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentlemen in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you complete really well against those who claims to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus; there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.



FLBC's camp store is online!

Now you can get camp gear and support FLBC from anywhere! <https://flathead-lutheran-bible-camp.square.site/>

Upcoming Retreats & Events:

View more at <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/>

FREE Labor Day Weekend Family Retreat

September 4-7, 2020

Come for a relaxing weekend or help camp with work projects. Enjoy great food, campfires, fellowship, Bible Study with Pastor Molly & Allen Sasser-Goehner (Immanuel LC, Missoula), and much more! Learn more at <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/>, or contact our office at 406-752-6602 or office@flbc.net to register.

Women's Retreat: Saying No, Saying Yes - A Spiritual Practice

September 11-13, 2020

\$160/person

Join us for a weekend of fun and relaxation as Pastor Miriam Schmidt leads us in engaging Bible study. **CEU credits available through NRIT.** <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/womens-retreat/>

Youth Workers Retreat

October 15-18, 2020

\$150/person

Pastors, Youth Directors, Volunteers - this is for you! Join retreat leader Mark Jackson for this informative, fun, and refreshing retreat. From eastern Washington, Mark now serves at St. Andrews in Mahtomedi, MN. Different attendance options are available (Thurs-Sun, Thurs-Sat, Fri-Sun, or Saturday only)! CEU credits available through NRIT. <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/youth-workers-retreat/>

INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT



Taught by Dr. Michael Chan

The Old Testament is challenging literature for Christian leaders. This course will persuade students that the Old Testament is not only a helpful companion in ministry, but that it is also invaluable. All lectures are given with preaching, teaching, and pastoral care in view. These lectures will provide crucial

information on Israel's history and narratives, prophetic literature, wisdom literature, and why Scripture matters in the first place.

This is an excellent resource for LPAs and for adult study, easily divided into shorter time increments.

\$70 (continuing ed credits available)

Access at www.montanasynod.org by clicking on the blue NRIT logo



Brad Tolliver, a former Charter Member of Bethel Lutheran Church stopped in Monday and delivered Pastor Lin Murk's office chair. He also donated back to the church Guy Douglas Schmidt's confirmation Bible.

Tami Grosenick was off this week with a much needed vacation, but will be back in the office starting Monday, August 10th.

FLBC Labor Day Family Camp & Work Weekend September 4-7 (Friday-Monday), 2020

FREE (Donations are accepted!)

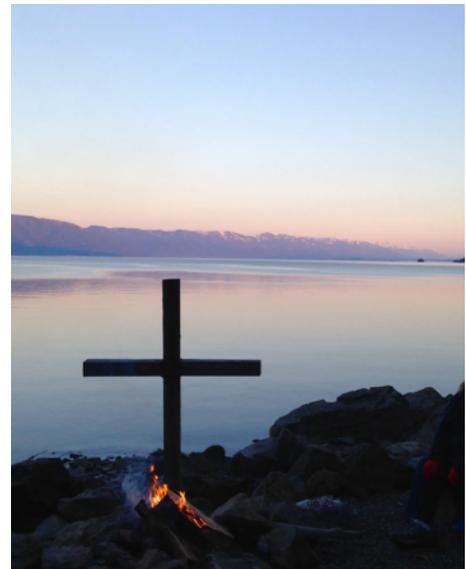
While this retreat is free, all guests **MUST** register by August 25th so we can be ready for you! Please fill out the registration form entirely and send in the mail, or call our office to provide the necessary information.

Join us this Labor Day weekend for one last summer celebration with your family! Enjoy all that FLBC has to offer during this great family retreat: swimming, stand up paddleboarding, crafts in the Art Barn, sailing, and much more! Come to help us ██████ some work projects or join us for a weekend of relaxation – your choice! Either way, there will be fun, worship, and more for all.

Camp staff will lead children and youth in classic camp activities such as Bible study, worship, games, hikes and more. Adults will gather together for special facilitated time of study and discussion led by Pr. Molly and Allen Sasser-Goehner. All join together for worship, fellowship, and games!

Retreat begins with dinner at 6:15pm on Friday (check-in is from 5-6pm) and ends with lunch on Monday.

Call our office at 406-752-6602 if you have any questions!



[DOWNLOAD THE FLYER/REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Bethel Lutheran Church

Church Council Reopening Guidelines

We will still be offering a live stream of the service for those who wish to worship from home.

Guidelines:

- Front doors will be propped open and the only entrance into the Church. The west side entrance through the TLC Daycare will remain locked.
- Masks will be **required** and we have some available.
- A table is at the front doors with hand sanitizer, masks, tissues and an offering plate. Ushers will be there to assist with masks and help people find seats.
- Physical distancing of 4 feet will be observed.
- Windows and doors will be opened to increase air circulation.
- Signs on the restroom doors should be used to indicate if you are in the bathroom in an effort to keep the 6 feet physical distance.
- The kitchen, Fellowship Hall and back office hall doors will be closed.
- Hospitality area will be closed.
- We will pass the peace in a no-contact fashion.
- Sanctuary will be cleaned with disinfect cleaner after each Sunday worship service

Please consider the following before you return to worship:

- Have you traveled outside the U.S. in the past 30 days?
- Have you been in close contact with anyone who has traveled outside the U.S. in the past 30 days?
- Have you been in close contact with anyone with flu-like symptoms in the past 30 days?
- Have you had any of these symptoms:
 - Fever over 100.4
 - Persistent cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Sudden loss of taste or smell

If you answered YES to any of these questions, please do not enter and contact your health care provider.

Interim Pastor Trina Johnsten

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Cell number for emergencies: (402) 984-4306

Calendar Of Events

Monday 8/10

- Scout Troop 28 meets at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 8/11

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am (Men's Breakfast on hold until September)
- Council meeting 6:30 pm location TBD

Friday 8/14

- Bethel Office Closed

Upcoming Events

Sunday 8/16

- Worship 9:30 am

Monday 8/17

- Boy Scout Troop 28 meets at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 8/18

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am (Men's Breakfast on hold until September)

Friday 8/21

- Bethel Office Closed

Electric City Bible Study On - Line!

What a great way to connect with one another! Join the Electric City Bible Study on a Zoom conference Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. If you are interested in joining email Laurie Turner at loli51gus@icloud.com and give her an email or cell number and she will send you a link to the meeting.