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# BETHEL NOTES

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## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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### Serving This Sunday

**Accompanist:** Lynn Ryan

**Lay Assistant:** John Blank

**Usher(s):** Steve and Donna Vinnedge

**Projectionist:** Dina Davis

**Counters:** Patty Braget and Matt Crampton

**Nursery:** Lillian Erickson

### Readings

**Isaiah 44:6-8**

**Psalms 86:11-17**

**Romans 7:15-25a**

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**



It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

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



## This Sunday At Bethel.

- Yard Party at 6pm. This time we will be cleaning up the back.

## This Week's Events

- Pastor Steve will be out of the office at camp after worship this Sunday. His vacation will begin on Sunday, July 30. He will return on Tuesday, August 8.

## Upcoming Events

- Dave Scholten will be preaching on Sunday, July 30 in Pastor Steve's absence.
- 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.

## Help Wanted

We are looking for some volunteers to help with some woodwork and cleaning. We have 5 adirondack chairs that need sanded and stained and there are also some chairs at the church that need some spot cleaning. If you would like more information or to volunteer please contact Kris Voorhees at (406) 799-1393.

## 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.



## A Note Of Gratitude

The Bethel Nursery would like to thank Karrie Pepos and Aiyana Scholten for their 6 years of continued service in the church Nursery. Karrie's last Sunday was July 16 and Aiyana's will be August 13. Both girls are off to college. We thank them very much for their dedication and hard work with the nursery.

\*\*We will be adding to the Nursery Staff and will post soon who the Nursery attendants are.



**Bob Veitch** (husband of LaRae)

**Mission Freedom**— for generous congregational response.

**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 Melissa Schoenen** as she recovers from back surgery.

**Prayers for Jim Carlson** as he travels to Minnesota for a surgery at the Mayo Clinic on Wednesday, Jul 26.

**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.



## Pastor Steve's Message Young Adults in Global Mission



*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8*

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission Program is a one year journey of international service for young adults ages 21-29. I first learned of the program from a presentation done at a Synod Assembly a number of years ago and, later, was inspired by the number of young adults I met at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp who, like the prophet Isaiah, were saying, "Here I am; send me (to serve in the YAGM Program)!" One of those young adults is now the newly called pastor in Fairfield, MT, Pastor Jessie Obrecht. Pastor Obrecht's congregational roots are in First Lutheran in Havre, MT. and she served a year in Malaysia.

This past January, Bethel was blessed to have a team from Emmaus Campus Ministry at the University of Montana, led by Campus Pastor John Lund, come and lead worship and an adult forum. Among the team members was Eamon Ormseth, from Great Falls. Recently, I learned from Eamon that he plans to spend a year of service in the YAGM Program in Jerusalem. In order to make this happen, Eamon has to raise financial support. I learned from the ELCA Global Mission website that it takes approximately \$15,000. per year to support the young adults in the YAGM Program. If you would like more information about the YAGM Program, go to this link: <http://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Global-Church/Global-Mission/Young-Adults-in-Global-Mission>

As most of you know, Bethel has been supporting ELCA Global Missionaries for several years. About a year ago, ELCA Global Missionaries, Pastor Justin & Kari Eller, transitioned back to the States after faithful service in Bolivia and South America. Pastor David Thorp followed the Ellers, serving in Bolivia until his call there ended just recently. The Bethel Council voted to direct our Global Missionary support this next year in support of YAGM, Eamon Ormseth. We hope to have Eamon come visit us and/or communicate with us soon about the work he will be doing in Jerusalem. Please keep him in your prayers as well as the ELCA Global Mission work we do together.

Pastor Steve Van Gilder

### 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:

- Pastor Steve
- Tag Rittel
- Taylah Jaques
- Regan Will
- Addison Nicholls
- Hailey Marr
- Allison Marr
- Maddie Gooldy
- Kaileia Wendt
- Olivia Violet
- Mya Badger
- Nina Badger
- Joshua Mohn



## 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,

**A floor pour pouring floor**



It's been another very hot week working on the Montana Synod House. We were happy to welcome 5 volunteers from Our Redeemers', Helena on Thursday. Although we are still waiting for the slab to be placed we have started to erect outside walls. It's exciting to see the piles of pre-built walls get shorter and to see those walls standing upright, defining the shape of the building.

Last week Margie Fiedler, director at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp took us all to dinner. Thank you, Margie. Thanks, also to Bethel, Great Falls for a great lunch and fellowship on Saturday.

This week we are excited to welcome a crew from Zion, Lewistown. Lynette and Karen have already been busy providing break snacks and lunch today. We look forward to good working and good fellowship as the week goes on.

Late-breaking news flash\*\*\*Wednesday morning at 6am they started pouring cement and we now have a slab!!!! Thanks be to God!!



## 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!



**Yard Party!**

Come one, come all! Roll up your sleeves, grab a friend (or one of the kids) and come to our yard party, this Sunday beginning at 6pm. There is a lot to be done out back, so come spend the evening helping to keep our church beautiful!

**Synod House Hospitality & Construction**

Thanks to Matt Crampton for helping with last Saturday's lunch and for construction workers. The following helped with lunch: Dena & Ava Fossen, AnneRose Rogers, Jody & Vann Arvanetes, and Matt & Judy Crampton. It was a delicious lunch !! Working on the building site were Brent Underdahl, Matt Crampton and Pastor Steve. Thanks to all !!

**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.

**Going away reception for George Karres**

George Karres, our beloved Director for Evangelical Mission, is retiring at the end of July and moving to Tucson with his wife Carol. If you'd like to say goodbye, please come to a reception at New Hope Lutheran Church, 3125 5th Avenue South, Great Falls, Montana, on July 23rd at 5:00pm.

We will be serving cookies and lemonade.

**2018 ELCA Youth Gathering – Houston, TX.**

To date, there are four youth who have committed to going and a few others who have expressed interest in attending. A meeting took place this past Monday and another follow up meeting will take place in August. If you/young person has interest in attending, please contact Pastor Steve or Sarah at the Church Office and we will send you the details (ie. dates, approximate costs, details of the trip)

