

BETHEL NOTES

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist: Mary Seim

Lay Assistant: Sue Hesse

Usher(s): Mike and Joyce Harding

Projectionist: Lisa Carlson

Counters: Jody Arvanetes and Grant Smith

Nursery: Karrie Pepos

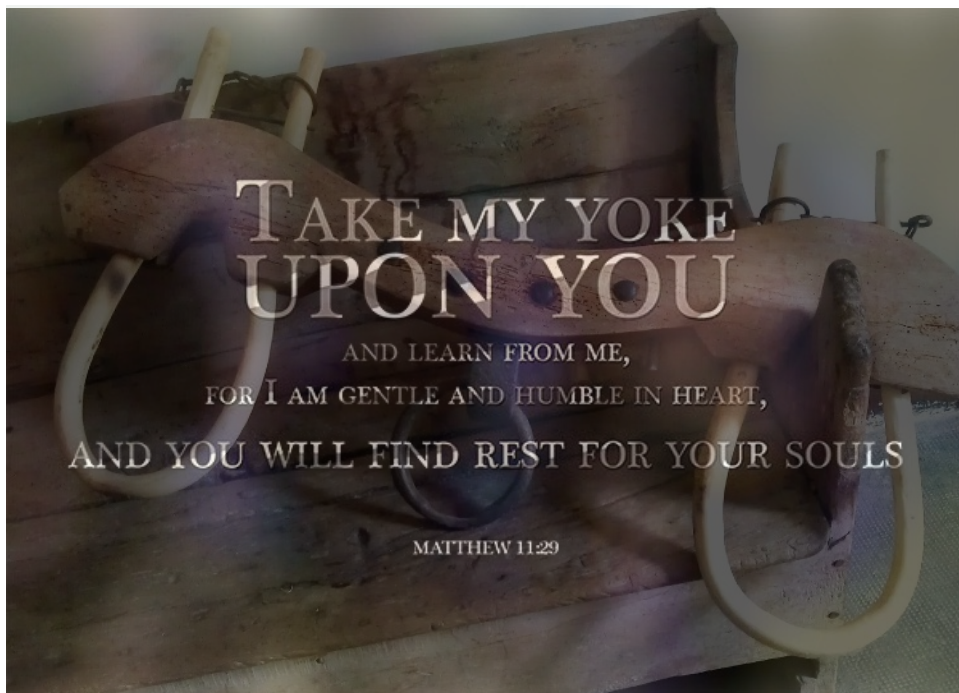
Readings

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalms 145:8-14

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30



The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

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

This Sunday At Bethel.

- Pastor Steve returns from vacation

This Week's Events

- Staff meeting at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, July 10.
- Memorial Service for Jean Hastings at 1pm in the Sanctuary on Friday, July 14.

Upcoming Events

- The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18 at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place.
- Pastor Steve will be out of the office at camp then vacation beginning on Sunday, July 23 after worship. He will return on Wednesday, August 9.
- Bethel Bunch at the Highwood Bar on Friday, July 21.. Please contact Terry Korpela for more info and reservations. Reservations need to be placed by Wednesday, July 12.

foundation courses in Old Lutheran Theology, retreats in the areas of Spirituality and Prayer, Worship leadership, Preaching and Pastoral Care, and Mentor guided activities. You can find more information on the program on our website <http://www.montanasynod.org/for-lpas.html>.



Synod News Lay Pastoral Assistant Classes this Fall

Out of the great need for a second LPA class comes the LPA East class. Beginning October 2017, this new class will open up opportunities for those living in eastern Montana. This class will meet in Glendive, MT at Zion Lutheran and be administered by the Montana Synod and hosted by Pastor Katie Emery. We are now looking for individuals interested in attending to speak with your pastor about the program. The first step in applying is to have your pastor write a recommendation.

For more information contact Pr. Jason Asselstine, Associate to the Bishop.

What is an LPA? A **Lay Pastoral Associate** in the Montana Synod is a congregational lay person who has received religious, educational training, through the Montana Synod, in order to provide (in most cases) short term pulpit supply (ie, preaching) when the pastor is away, or if a congregation is without a pastor. Their role is to fill in for the basic pastoral duties such as providing Word and Sacrament, communion, and other roles as approved by the Bishop. LPAs are NOT authorized to preside at weddings. The program includes and New Testament, Church History and



Bob Veitch (husband of LaRae)

Mission Freedom— for generous congregational response.

For Kristine Voorhees and family as they grieve the death of her father.

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.

Synod House Build Update

Things are happening at the build site; at the corner of 24th St. S and
13th Ave S,

Footings are poured!



Thank you to Redeemer, Great Falls for the hospitality this past week. We enjoyed the break snacks they brought and especially sharing dinner and Saturday lunch with Pastor Scott and members of Redeemer. This coming week we look forward to meeting some of the folks at First English Lutheran as they provide hospitality for us.

This past week at the Montana Synod House we continued to pre-build walls and other framing components while foundation work proceeded. The plumber and electrician began underground work, meanwhile the concrete crew set forms and placed concrete for interior wall footings. Additional work by the plumber and electrician will occur before the slab will be installed.

With the interior footings placed we can begin building the interior walls. With volunteer help, these walls can be assembled and ready for erection as soon as the slab is complete. Please make plans to join us this week. It will be hot, but we'll have plenty of water and we have air conditioning in the work trailer to take a cool break.

Want to spend time with the Mission Builders working on the new Montana Synod House but don't like get sweaty or think you can't keep up swinging a hammer?



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:

None

There are still a few opportunities to use your talents to provide hospitality to the Mission Builders by bringing break snacks, inviting the group to your house for dinner, or helping provide lunch on Saturday for Mission Builders and building volunteers.

But be warned, the Mission Builders along with volunteers from Montana and Pennsylvania have been on the job for three weeks already, summer is passing by, and the remaining slots to provide hospitality are filling up quickly.

Hurry to sign up while there are still open spots!! Contact Pastor Anna Merritt at amerritt@me.com or 406-836-7464



Opportunity to Serve

On Saturday, July 15 at noon Bethel is providing lunch for the Mission Builders and crew at the Synod House. If you are able to help provide for the lunch, please contact Matt or Judy Crampton at mjcrampton@bresnan.net

**SERVE ONE
ANOTHER
IN LOVE**
GALATIANS 5:13



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 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.



Great Falls Voyagers



Take me out to the ball game....! Sunday, July 9th is alcohol free day at the ballpark presented by Gateway Services. It is also Kids Eat Free night presented by Pepsi and the Great Falls Tribune. Bring the coupon in the Sunday newspaper and children 12 and under eat free!

Sunday, July 16th is Faith Music Day presented by The First Church of the Nazarene. Come join us for a special post-game concert by Krum. It is also Kids Eat Free night presented by Pepsi and the Great Falls Tribune. Bring the coupon in the Sunday newspaper and children 12 and under eat free!



VBS 2017

We had a very successful year at VBS. With 6 Flathead Counselors, 24 Junior Counselors, and 109 campers from Pre-K through 6th grade. The week was spent on the theme of Just Add Water and revisiting themes of Jesus being baptized, healing the blind, and meeting the Samaritan at the well. We shared our lessons with the neighborhood as we delivered water bottles decorated with watercolor bookmarks. The Pre-K and Kinder classes took theirs to the Fire Station 4 and were treated to a demonstration by the firefighters on protective equipment, all the parts of a fire truck and how far the water cannon will shoot. We enjoyed an evening family night at Jaycee pool and an evening program and potluck so the kids could show their families the many joyful songs they learned throughout the week. We want to thank Bethel Congregation again for supporting this amazing and rewarding week for the youth in our community by donations of time, supplies, and the facility to house this event. Many blessings to you all.







Blessings to all who celebrate birthdays in: July!

If we have missed anyone's birthday, please call the Church Office.



Peggy Geiger	1	Arlene Sexe	17
Ryan Burke	1	Bryn Hagfors	17
Marilyn Carlson	6	Joni Olson	17
Steve Titcomb	9	Emerson Hamma	19
Whitney Meredith	10	Dena Wagner-Fossen	21
Beth Olson	11	Letty Richardson	21
Erin Vinnedge	11	Britney Brooks	24
Linda Wallace	12	Hilary Titcomb	24
Mary Lou Norbie	12	Tom Meredith	24
Rex Bell	12	Caleb Pottratz	25
Taylee Fromm	12	Kalun Korst	25
Avery Smith	13	Ryan Gilbertson	25
Brett Weber	13	Linda Rosenbaum	26
Bonnie Zook	15	Torrie Cushman	27
Doug Sexe	15	Colsen Slater	28
Kayla Cushman	15	Bonnie Jensen	29
Brittany Barnes	16	Marilyn Cron	31
Erin Agamenoni	16		