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# BETHEL NOTES

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## Day of Pentecost

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### Serving This Sunday

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**Accompanist:** Connie Titcomb

**Lay Assistant:** Jim Carlson

**Usher(s):** Margie Holland

**Projectionist:** Dave Scholten and Ava

**Counters:** Patty Braget and Mary Lou Norbie

### Readings

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**Acts 2:1-21**

**John 20:19-23**



Today's festival derives its name from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. In the reading from Acts, images of wind and fire describe the Spirit poured out on disciples of all nations. In John's gospel the risen Christ breathes the Spirit on his followers on Easter evening. In the one Spirit we are

baptized into one body, and at the Lord's table the Spirit unites us for witness in the world.

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

- This Sunday is the Day of Pentecost.
- Jubilate choir will be singing.
- We will receive an additional offering in the wicker baskets in support of ELCA World Hunger.

## Next Week's Events

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- There will be a VBS meeting on Monday, June 5, at 4pm.
- Bible Study Tuesday, June 6, at 6:30am at Electric City Coffee.
- Hope Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 6 at the Korpela's; 3025 Delmar Drive at 7:30pm
- Pastor Steve will be out of the office on vacation from Wednesday, June 7 to Wednesday, June 14.

## Upcoming Events

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- Steve Smith, LPA will be preaching and presiding on Sunday, June 11.
- The next church council meeting will be on June 20th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Aitz Chaim will be observing Rosh Chodesh Tamuz beginning at sundown on Friday, June 23 in the Sanctuary. They will have education/Torah study in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 24 from 10am -12pm and 5:30pm to 9:30pm.



## Prayer Concerns

**Bob Veitch** (husband of LaRae) in Hospice

**Nominating Committee** & the Call Process and for those contemplating a call to serve on the Church Council.

**Mission Freedom**— for congregational participation.

**For Fern Myhre** as she transitions from rehab to home.

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

**For Dennis Seidler** (brother of LaRae Veitch)

**For healing for Patsy Brattain Berkeley** as she recovers from surgery.

**For Bishop Jessica and staff** as they prepare for the Montana Synod Assembly this weekend.

**For Bishop Jessica and Turner**, as well as their daughter Rhiannon and her fiancé Kurt, as they prepare for Rhiannon and Kurt's upcoming wedding.

**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.

**For Kristine Voorhees and, Dasovick families** as they celebrate the marriage Kristine's son Andrew to Rebecca Dasovick on June 9th in Bismarck, ND.



## Synod Assembly Worship

For those who wish to worship at a later time or attend an additional worship service, you are welcome to attend the closing worship service for the Synod Assembly this Sunday at 11am at the Heritage Inn in the main ballroom. See the Bishop's message below for more information.



## Family Promise

My heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you for your assistance, your donations and your prayers for our hosting week with Family Promise. We had two very loving families who really parented their children, took them on walks and to the park in the early evenings and then played games in the Fellowship Hall. They were very respectful of our facility and very grateful for all the good food, showers and enjoyed the tents. All the volunteers commented on how nice, friendly and easy it was to visit with our guests. Thank you all for being such good host and hostesses. We are blessed to have Family Promise in Great Falls and blessed to be a big part of its success by doing God's Work with Our Hands.

Dew Elkin



## VBS News

On Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>, seven Flathead Lake Bible Camp councilors will be arriving at Bethel Lutheran Church to lead about 35 junior councilors and staff for a week of Vacation Bible School.

Bethel will be providing noon meals for the week. In planning and preparation, I have been visiting with several church members. Several have asked if they could give a financial donation to the church rather than buying or cooking something themselves. We want to make it easy and convenient for our members. By donating this way, you will receive a notation on your annual giving report for tax purposes. If you would rather cook or bake, you are welcome to do that. Soon Tami Grosenick will be publishing a list of food items needed for the week in the Bethel on-line notes and she will have a hard copy on Sundays to assist you in any way you wish.

The Bethel accountant has stated that anyone wanting to do a financial donation should just note on the check in the "Memo" section or on the envelope with cash – VBS. We look forward to about 100 little campers learning more about Jesus in a happy and fun environment. For more information or to register you can go to <http://www.bethelmt.org/vbs.html>.

Thank you for your continued support in Bethel's Mission programs.



## A moment of gratitude...

This Sunday we will once again hear the Jubilate Choir lead us in worship. We give thanks to God for our wonderful choir, director Jeff Skogley (and Melody too) for their dedication and gifts offered freely and generously throughout the year. We also give thanks for our accompanists Connie Titcomb, Mary Seim and Lynn Ryan. We also give thanks for special music offered by Pastor Steve Nelson on guitar, Tom Rosenbaum, Karolina Pepos, Ellen Forslund, Celeste Mintsiveris, Dave Scholten, Lisa Carlson, Steve Mueller and countless others that have shared their musical talents.





## Words from the Bishop

**"When the day of Pentecost has come, they were all together in one place."**



The Synod Assembly begins on Friday, under the theme of "Promote Unity." Promote Unity is one of our Synod's five benchmarks. The other four are:

Meet the future boldly.

Serve the world, especially the poor and those in need.

Deepen faith and witness.

Strengthen congregations.

A Synod Assembly is a time when we promote unity. We come together as members of different congregations, from different parts of Montana and Wyoming, all united as followers of Jesus, members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

We are stronger together than we are apart. We can do things as a denomination that we cannot do as individual congregations alone. World hunger, global mission, seminaries and colleges, new congregations, ministry on the margins—these are all things that we can do because we work together. At a Synod Assembly we have the opportunity to learn about what the wider church does on our behalf. And we have the opportunity to elect Synod Council members to govern on our behalf, and adopt a budget to reflect our priorities in mission.

On Sunday morning at the closing worship service, we will hear the Pentecost story read in different languages—Spanish, Arabic, Hmong. Just like that first Pentecost, when people heard and understood in many different languages, we celebrate the Holy Spirit's jumpstarting the reach of the Gospel, so that it eventually reached all the ends of the earth.

This weekend, we will be gathered in one place, and we will celebrate unity.

Jessica Crist, Bishop



## Opportunity To Serve

Construction of the new Synod House is underway! Consider joining the Construction Team and/or the Hospitality Team during this Summer of Glove!!

### Construction Team:

- Volunteers for various construction tasks on the jobsite.
- Workdays are Tuesday – Saturday from 7:30 to 4:30.
- Coffee break and devotions at 9:30 and in the afternoon.
- Early birds join us at 7:30, late risers are welcome to join as schedules allow.
- If schedules Tuesday – Friday are already full (work), consider joining on Saturday.
- **Bethel hopes to put together a team of at least six for the week of June 13 - 17. We are looking for volunteers to help with snacks during the week and lunch on Saturday, June 17. We are also looking for help with a dinner host and meal to serve on Thursday, June 16. You can host in your home or at the church. If you want to use the church, please contact Sarah to verify availability.**

### Hospitality Team:

- Volunteers provide snacks for the construction team.
- Feel free to join in the devotions and breaks.
- There are opportunities to host the Mission Builders for dinner each week.
- Help prepare and serve lunch for the volunteers and Mission Builders on Saturday.

If either or both of these opportunities appeal to you, please make contact with:

Construction Team: Jim Dyess (Construction Manager) @ 713/206-6218 or Mick Davis @ 406/761-0400 or Matt Crampton @ 406/952-4516.

Hospitality Team: Pastor Anna Merritt @ [amerritt@me.com](mailto:amerritt@me.com) or 406/836-7464

Stop by the job site and check out the progress!  
The building is at the corner of 24<sup>th</sup> St. S and 13<sup>th</sup> Ave S,  
just west of the Benefis Hospital



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## Help Wanted Saturday



We are in need of 10 volunteers each to assist in setting up tables and chairs on Saturday morning, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 and again at 2:30 to break down the tables and chairs. Strobel's will be delivering and picking up the tables and chairs, but we need people to do the set up and tear down. We'll have 10 tables and 100 chairs, so it shouldn't take long.

Everyone is invited to attend the lunch from 11:30 to 2:00 that Saturday.

Mission Investment Fund and the ELCA Foundation have generously donated funds to pay for lunch. We will have Big Mouth Barbecue catering

for the lunch and you will also get a tour of the work of the Mission Builders and see the beginnings of our new Synod House.