

---

# BETHEL NOTES

---

## Third Sunday after Pentecost

---

### Serving This Sunday

---

**Accompanist:** Lynn Ryan

**Lay Assistant:** Stephanie Cummings

**Usher(s):** Sue Hesse

**Projectionist:** Vann Arvanetes

**Counters:** Jody Arvanetes and Dave Scholten

### Readings

---

**Jeremiah 20:7-13**

**Romans 6:1b-11**

**Matthew 10:24-39**



Jeremiah knew the frustration of having his words rejected. Jesus declares that his words may not bring peace, but division. In baptism we are buried with Christ that we may walk in newness of life. As we take stands for the sake of justice and lose our lives for the sake of others, we need not be afraid. The hairs of our head are counted. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.

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

- Reception honoring Terree Wozny immediately following worship.

## Next Week's Events

---

- Bible Study Tuesday, June 26 , at 6:30am at Electric City Coffee.
- The church council will meet on Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place.
- Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, June 26 through Friday June 30 from 9am to 1:30pm.

## Upcoming Events

---

- Pastor Steve will be out of the office on vacation from Sunday, July 2 - Friday July 7. He will be back to preach on July 9. Pastor Steve Nelson will be preaching on July 2 in his absence.
- Tuesday, July 4 the office will be closed in observance of Independence Day. The office will also be closed Monday, July 3.
- The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11 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,



**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 continues her recovery at home.

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

**Prayers for healing for Dave Scholten's mother, Ardis Scholten,** who broke her pelvis. As well as for grace & wisdom for **his father**.

**Prayers for Bethel's VBS Day Camp ministry** beginning this next week. That leaders, volunteers, children, FLBC counselors will experience God's grace, sense of unity & purpose; and that lives will be transformed by the gospel message.

Prayers of thanksgiving to God for the faithful service of Bethel's Ministry Coordinator, **Terree Wozny**, as we celebrate her faithful service this coming Sunday.

**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.

## Holiday office closure

The office will be closed on Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday July 4th. Sarah will be out of the office on July 5th so Tami will be filling in from 9am to 1pm. As a reminder, Pastor Steve will be out of the office from July 2 through July 7.



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

At last count we are aware of at least 22 campers who have registered for a week at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. That is exciting news! We have been 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:

Karolina Pepos

Grace Schoenen

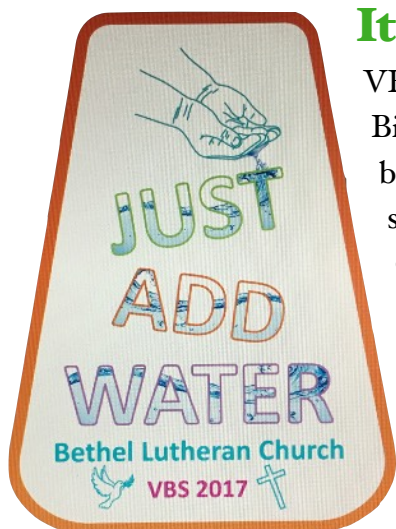
### Reception in celebration of Terree Wozny

On Sunday, June 25th, we will hold a reception after worship in honor of Terree Wozny and her service to Bethel as our Ministry Coordinator.



### It is time to “JUST ADD WATER”!

VBS is beginning on Monday at 9:00 AM with our Flathead Lake Bible Camp counselors arriving on Sunday evening. The church will be busy this week as we invite our campers into our church to worship, sing, make crafts, share stories, play games, and give to our neighbors with our gift of water! Thank you in advance to everyone who is making this special and exciting week happen. The campers have a 30-minute worship starting at 9:00 AM and an afternoon session beginning at 1:00 pm, you are welcome to come in and sing and pray with the children throughout the week, the high energy and grace of the Lord is contagious! A great big Thank YOU to the Bethel Congregation for supporting this event, it gets bigger and better every year and it could not be done without your prayers and support.

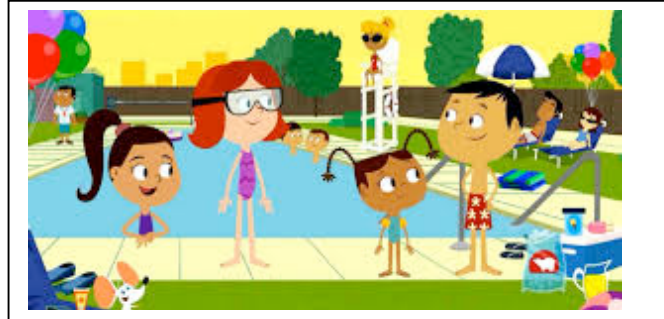


Many Blessings, Tami Grosenick and Patty Braget



# FAMILY NIGHT AT THE \*Jaycee Pool\*

4<sup>th</sup> Street & 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE



***Tuesday, June 27, 2017***  
***From***  
***6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.***

Please be our guest and join our Vacation Bible School Campers, along with their families, VBS staff, volunteers and fellow congregation members, for an evening of swimming, fun and fellowship. We have reserved the Jaycee Pool, including the squirt park and surrounding park area. Bring your own lawn chair!

**All attendees must be accompanied by an adult!**





## 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting

The next ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in Houston, TX from June 27-July 1, 2018. Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders gather for a week of faith formation. Days are spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. All youth in grades 9-12 for the 2018-2019 school year are invited to attend. Registration opens September 15, 2017. Pastor Steve will be convening an interest meeting **Monday July 17 at 6:30pm** for those who may be interested in attending. In the meantime, if you are interested, please let Pastor Steve know.

[bethelgf.pastor.steve@gmail.com](mailto:bethelgf.pastor.steve@gmail.com)

## Mission Freedom Campaign Update:

As a reminder, the Mission Freedom Campaign is to fund and retire our mortgage. **Pledges to this specific effort are needed, because they are separate from our general fund and general stewardship campaigns.** The giving period for Mission Freedom is going to start in 2018 and will run through 2022, but we are seeking pledges today. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to help us put this obligation behind us and provide Mission Freedom for Bethel.

Goals for this Campaign:

1. Retire the Mortgage ASAP! We need approximately \$100,000/year for 5 years to accomplish this goal.
2. Have every member participate in one informational meeting to learn about the effort.
3. Increase participation vs. our last campaign – we had about 40% of giving units contribute and we are pushing for 50%+ this time. This would be 75 pledges.

As of May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 we have received 29 pledges. **Thank you so much for these pledges, they are so important for obtaining Mission Freedom!** As stated above, our goal for the campaign is for 50% of our giving units to contribute a pledge to the campaign. The 29 pledges received thus far represent 20% participation. That said, thanks to the generosity of the early pledgers, our monetary total stands at \$279,370 which is more than half way to our goal of \$500,000.

Pledge forms are available at church in the Narthex. Please **prayerfully** consider joining this effort and submit your pledge in the secure box located in the Narthex. Please direct any questions to Mike Kubas, Lisa Carlson, or Earl Terwilliger.



## 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.

### 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



Montana Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.