

BETHEL NOTES



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Sunday, June 7th

Readings

Gifts to Love and Serve

JOSHUA 24:14-17A

CORINTHIANS 12:27-31

MATTHEW 20:20-28



world hunger

WE WILL BE
RECEIVING A
SPECIAL
COLLECTION THIS
SUNDAY.

This Sunday's in-person Worship will also be live streamed from Bethel Lutheran Church at 9:30 am. Live stream link and bulletin at bethelmt.org. This Sunday we will be sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion. You will find the at-home communion guidelines on our website.

Today at Bethel our worship and preaching theme is rooted in one of Bethel's Guiding Principles, Gifts to Love and Serve.

We also remember and celebrate the rite of confirmation for Mac Carlson, Ava Fossen, Maelee Frick, Kyle Gilbertson, Travis Palmer, Julia Elkin, and James Pinski. **Mindful of keeping the numbers of our in person worship services within the Governor's Phase 2 reopening guidelines, we will be limiting the Rite of Confirmation worship service this afternoon to the youth and their families.**

Please keep them in your prayers.

Please read the Reopening Guidelines on page 6. *Masks are required.*

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 the **Peoples of Boliva** as they transition into new leadership within the country and prayers for **Pastor Presidente German and the IELB** especially during this pandemic and the increased need of the peoples.
- ◆ 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 for **Jane Mart** as she continues to improve and hopes to be back soon.
- ◆ 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 of healing and God's presence for **Chad Erickson** and family as they continue to work through medical testing.
- ◆ Prayers for God's presence, healing & grace for **Bob Norbie** as he continues treatment for bladder cancer.
- ◆ Prayers of support and good health for **RN's Katie and Kelsey**, daughters of Grant and Janet Smith.
- ◆ Prayers for God's support for **Trudy and healing for Earl Terwilliger** as he recovers from a medical procedure.
- ◆ Prayers of healing, strength and support for **Rita Johnson (LaRae Veitch's sister)** as she continues treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- ◆ Prayers for God's consoling presence for Sandy Bechard's sister (**Linda Juvik**) and her family as they mourn the death of her brother-in-law's (Linda's husband) death.
- ◆ Prayers for God's presence and peace for the **mother of Melinda Pike**, as she recovers from aortic valve replacement surgery.
- ◆ Prayers of comfort **Greg Pike and his family** they grieve the passing of his mother.
- ◆ Prayers for healing for **Bryan Bechard**, (Sandy Bechard's brother), who is recovering at home.
- ◆ Prayers for God's healing for **Holly Lode**, daughter of Bernice Johnson, as she is hospitalized, recovering from a recent surgery.
- ◆ Prayers for God's comfort and consolation for **LaRae Veitch and her family** as they mourn the passing of her husband Bob.
- ◆ Prayers of healing for **Leona Ost** as she recovers at home from a recent hospitalization.

Chosen. Gifted to Love and Serve

"Choose this day whom you will serve..." -Joshua 24:15

"..just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and give his life, a ransom for many." ~~~ Matthew 20: 28

This Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm there will be another in person gathering for worship and it will include the Affirmation of Baptism for seven eighth graders and their families. We are choosing to limit this in person worship service to just the confirmands, their families, and some Logos and worship leaders, mindful of the current guidelines for re-opening during Phase 2. Darn this pandemic! It has altered a whole lot of life and I don't like it. But the good news is that we will be doing this worship by Zoom so that we can accommodate sponsors and other loved ones and one of the confirmands who is out of town. Also, so that I can preside at this service before I retire.



I have reminded these young people that the Affirmation of Baptism (Rite of Confirmation) is one of the "stepping stone moments" in the journey of faith at which they will make public profession of faith and assume greater responsibilities in the life of our congregation, and in service to the world. During the service they will be asked, "Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- * to live among God's faithful people,
- * to hear God's Word and to share in holy communion,
- * to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- * to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
- * and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth ?

If so, then answer, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me." This is their moment to affirm the promises of baptism and to continue the journey of faith in God... who first chose them. As Lutherans, we profess an understanding of the Christian faith that asserts that God chose us long before we could even begin choosing God. I have chosen as the First Reading for Sunday, a reading from Joshua, the 24th chapter. It includes the familiar passage spoken by Joshua, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." As like Joshua's profession of faith in God, so it is for the parents, sponsors, and the community of faith, when they trusted God's means of grace in the gift of Holy Baptism. And when they brought them to worship, Sunday School, Logos, VBS, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, and nurtured their lives of faith in the home.

All of us rooted, nurtured and sustained by God's promises, "I will be with you. I will never forsake you," (Joshua 1: 5b) make choices each day to follow Christ. Christ, who shows us the sacrificial, others centered example of how to serve. The way of compassion, mercy and forgiveness. Oh, how the

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world aches and groans to experience this kind of servanthood and leadership, which we have been called to offer.

On Sunday we will have the joy of singing a couple of verses and the chorus of the hymn composed by David Haas, "You Are Mine." Hear the promises of God spoken to you.....

"I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here. Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine."

Please keep the following confirmands, their parents and families in your prayers: **Mac Carlson, Julia Elkin, Ava Fossen, Maelee Frick, Kyle Gilbertson, Travis Palmer and James Pinski.**

I share a prayer that has become much more meaningful during the time in which we live.

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Prayer, Matins, ELW pg. 304

Pastor Steve

Stay tuned in next week's notes we will have a picture gallery from Confirmation.

Calling All Techies!

We are looking for individuals who would like to learn how to run the live stream on Sundays.

As we do for projection, Lay Assistants, etc. We would like to put a team together so we can continue to offer the live streaming even when restrictions are lifted.

Colter McCarty will be training on the equipment as we move forward.

A **HUGE** thank you to Colter for all his tireless efforts not only with Bethel, but also the Montana Synod. He has been available to all, getting us through this unusual time.

If you are interested in learning the ropes, please contact Tami in the Bethel Office.

Thanks for your support of our Bolivian Neighbors

In early May we sent out a request to congregations and individuals of the Montana Synod to help our out companion synod, the Bolivian Evangelical Lutheran Church. Already wracked by political and social unrest, Bolivia was hit hard by COVID 19.



To date the Montana Synod has raised just over \$10,000.00 exceeding our goal of \$3500.00.

Bethel's donation to that amount was \$1550.00 and donations are still coming in. All further donations will be forwarded to the Montana Synod office to be directed toward continued support to give relief to Bolivia Hunger.

If you wish to donate, note in the online form or on your check in the memo line "Bolivia Hunger."



Not all heroes wear capes. Some make face masks.

Many people in developing countries don't have the option of social distancing or frequent handwashing to slow the spread of COVID-19. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now says cloth face masks, along with hand washing and social distancing may help reduce transmission.

We need your help to sew cloth face masks to help us reach men, women and children in vulnerable communities.

After all, Lutheran World Relief was founded 75 years ago to help neighbors around the globe who were suffering during World War II. What will be our generation's legacy during this time of crisis?

If you would like to make masks please click the link below for more information or talk with Tami Grosenick in the Bethel Office and she will help you.

<https://lwr.org/masks>



FISH!

Our church worked 4 days last week. Monday was Memorial Day and FISH was closed. For the week We served 32 families which consisted of 51 adults and 33 children. We handed out 1950# of food. Please put in the weekly notes.

John Blank



Altar Flower Sponsorship Dates Available

For anyone who would like to "sponsor" the altar flowers, the following dates are open.

July 5th

July 12

If you are interested the cost is \$15.00. Call or email Tami in the Bethel Office 406-761-1543 or bethelgf.church@gmail.com

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 only entrance into the Church
- Masks will be **required** and we have some available to parishioners.
- A table is at the front doors with hand sanitizer, masks and tissues for your use. Ushers will be there to assist with masks and help people find seats.
- Physical distancing of 6 feet will be observed.
- Holy communion will be offered at a later date. We will be announcing prior to Sunday worship when we resume.
- 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 Gathering Place doors will be closed and sign posted as well as west side doors will remain locked to prevent cross contamination to the TLC Daycare.
- The kitchen, Fellowship Hall and back office hall doors will be closed.
- Hospitality area will be closed.
- An offering tray is set up as you enter Bethel and will not be passed during the offering plates.
- 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.



Bethel Prayer Ministry

As some of you may know, we have a prayer ministry here at Bethel.

Anyone can call or email us with a special prayer request for themselves, family or friends.

We then send out an email to our Prayer Ministry for them to pray for those in need.

If you would like to be added to this ministry, email Tami in the office bethelgf.church@gmail.com

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subject line: Prayer ministry or call the office at 406-761-1543 and leave your name and email.

FLBC SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

Dear friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our creator, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Oh, what a time we are in! A time we need to be reminded of Christ's grace, love and peace more than ever! On May 26, 2020, the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Board of Directors met and made the difficult decision to **change the focus** of our programming for the Summer 2020 session. Instead of the children and youth programming "as normal", we will be hosting family and small group focused retreat-style programming. This decision comes after careful discussion, research, advice from health agencies, and with copious hours of prayer.



Our goal of providing campers and guests with transformative, Christ-centered, fun, adventurous, camping experiences has not changed, and we are determined to make this an awesome summer of ministry. Under the guidelines established by the CDC and the local health department, we will do our best to maintain a safe and clean camp environment, as well as enforcing all the directives for social distancing, group size etc. We will be in constant communication with the health department, and will make changes as necessary.

We will be transitioning into hosting family camp-style retreats, where a family or other small groups experience camp together. While here, a camp staff member will guide guests through the various activities that camp offers (swimming, Bible study, worship, canoeing, archery, etc.!) If this is something that your family or your church's congregation, women's group, or youth group would be interested in learning more about, please reach out to our office.


We know this is difficult news for many. We are praying for you. And thank you for remembering FLBC in your prayers and with your gifts, during this difficult time. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at office@flbc.net or 406-752-6602. God be with you.

God's love endures forever!

Margie Fiedler
Executive Director

P.S. If you have a camper enrolled or registered in an FLBC program, you will be receiving more information very soon!

Bethel's Vacation Bible School is cancelled for this summer and we look forward to Summer 2021.

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 morning at 6:30 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.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us for fun and engaging conversation, and insightful discussion of this week's Lectionary texts as we meet through a social distancing approved Zoom video call each Tuesday morning from 7:00 – 8:00 am. Breakfast recipes and ideas will be provided. If you are interested in more information or would like to be added to the call invitation list, click on the email link below and type "breakfast" into the subject line (and then of course press send).



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EVENTS AT BETHEL

If you have questions about a specific event, please email the church at bethelgf.church@gmail.com or call 761-1543 and we will do our best to answer your questions if a new date has been selected.

Calendar Of Events

Tuesday 6/9:

- Electric City Bible Study Zoom meeting at 6:30 am.
- Men's Breakfast Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Church Council meeting via Zoom 6:30 pm

Friday 6/12:

- Bethel Office is closed

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 6/16:

- Electric City Bible Study Zoom meeting at 6:30 am.
- Men's Breakfast Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Church Council meeting via Zoom 6:30 pm

Friday 6/19:

- Bethel Office is closed

Hope Circle

will meet online

Thursday, June 18th

7:00 PM

If you are interested in connecting, contact

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