

BETHEL NOTES

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist: Lynn Ryan

Lay Assistant: Walt Nuessle

Usher(s): Earl and Trudy Terwilliger

Projectionist: Vann Arvanetes

Counters: Jody Arvanetes and Dave Scholten

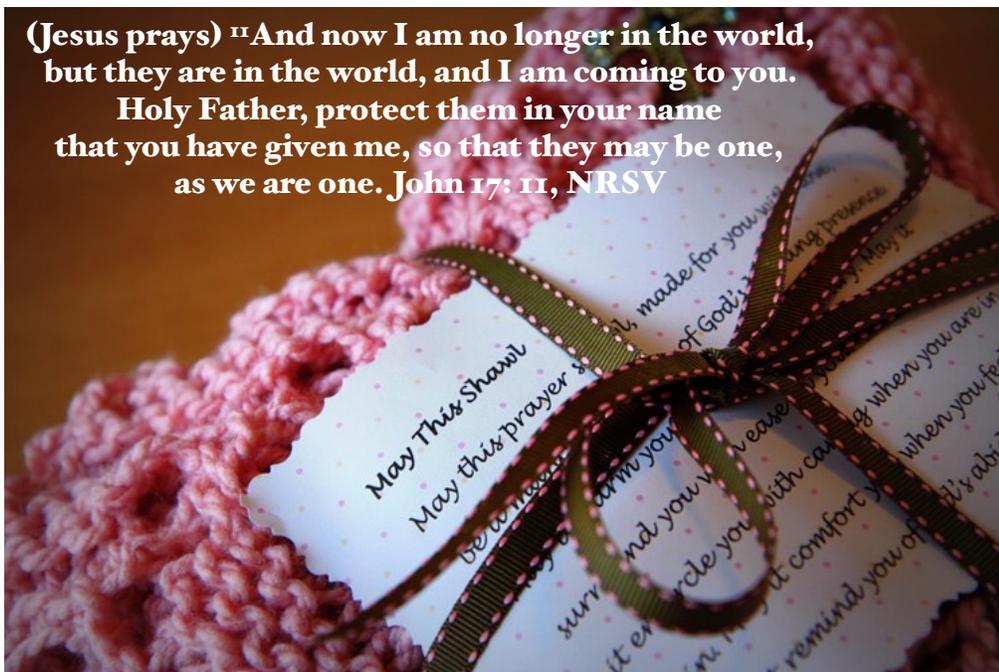
Readings

Acts 1:6-14

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

(Jesus prays) ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. **John 17: 11, NRSV**



In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

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



- Farewell and Godspeed for Steve, Marsha and Lea Martin.

Next Week's Events

- Bible Study Tuesday, May 30, at 6:30am at Electric City Coffee.
- Men's Breakfast will meet Tuesday, May 30, in the Fellowship Hall.
- The office will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

Upcoming Events

- Pastor Steve will be out of the office on vacation from Wednesday, June 7 to Wednesday, June 14.
- On Friday, June 9 there will be a wedding rehearsal at 4pm for private wedding. The wedding will take place Saturday, June 10 at 5pm.
- Steve Smith, LPA will be preaching and presiding on Sunday, June 11.
- 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.
- Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, June 26 through Friday June 30 from 9am to 1:30pm.



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 who is hospitalized.

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.

For Bishop Jessica and Turner, as well as their daughter Rhiannon and her fiancé Kurt, as they prepare for their 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.

Memorial Day

This Monday is Memorial Day. Whether you are picnicking at the lake, or just relaxing at home enjoying that extra day off from work, please take a moment to say thank you and pray for the men and women currently serving, have served and for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



Heavenly Father, as our nation pauses this Memorial Day to remember those in the military who have given their lives for freedoms we enjoy, we pray you would have us all look to you for strength, comfort and guidance. Be with all who serve in our Armed Forces. Bless them and their families. Grant your loving protection. Let peace prevail among all the nations, O God. In Jesus name, Amen.

NEW

FOR EVERY
HOUSE
IS BUILT BY
SOMEONE,
BUT THE
BUILDER
OF ALL
THINGS IS
GOD.
HEBREW S 3:4

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 @

Hospitality Team: Pastor Anna Merritt @ amerritt@me.com or 406/836-7464

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



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Farewell and Godspeed to the Martin Family

This Sunday we will bid farewell and Godspeed to Steve, Marsha and Lea Martin . The Martin's have been members of Bethel for 24 years. Marsha and daughters Jackie and Lea, have been very involved with LOGOS. Most recently, Marsha has served as co-director, and has supplied and prepared all of our suppers for LOGOS. She has also contributed her sewing talents , making paraments They are moving to Florida on the 1st of June to begin their retirement. We give thanks to God for all their many years of faithful service at Bethel, and in our community and wish them all the best for the future and Godspeed.



2017 Montana Synod Assembly

Best Western Heritage Inn June 2-4 Promote Unity

This year's Montana Synod assembly will be held right next door at the Heritage Inn. Bethel's voting members, Mick and Dina Davis, will join Pastor Steve in representing our congregation. This year the assembly will be on Pentecost weekend and we will explore the unity of witness in the midst of the diversity of Pentecost. Some of his year's highlights are:

- the Pedal for Peas bike ride to benefit ELCA World Hunger. (It's not too late to sponsor Bethel's own Chad Elkin !)
- an opportunity to meet with the new ELCA Vice President, Bill Horne
- keynote speaker will be Dr. Michael Trice from Seattle University. He will be speaking on the topics of Reconciled to God, and Reconciled to the World, A Lutheran App.
- This years offering will be dedicated to the work of Intermountain Children's Home.

Everyone is welcome to attend the closing worship service on Sunday, June 4 at 11am in the main ballroom.

Pastor Steve will be preaching at Bethel on June 4th, Pentecost Sunday.



May Council Highlights

- Dave moved to appoint the following Council Members: Doug Sexe (3 year term), Grant Smith (2 year term), Matt Crampton (3 year term), and Donna Vinnedge (3 year term) Second by Mick. Carries.
- Mick took Council members on a tour of the building once the meeting adjourned to update everyone on improvements that will need to be addressed in the future.
- Our Ministry Coordinator, Terree Wozny, submitted her resignation letter to the Council. She will work into the month of June upon training the new Coordinator, Tami Grosenick.
- Dave moved that we give \$740 less Synod Attendee expenses to the offering for the upcoming Synod Assembly which will be in Great Falls.
- The Synod House Building Project is in need of assistance. They could use help from our congregation during a week in June.

Pedal for Peas

Friday, June 2, Great Falls

“Pedal for Peas” is a fundraising bicycle ride to benefit ELCA World Hunger. Riders are coming from across the Montana Synod.

How can we support this effort?

Join the Ride!

Register online at <http://www.ourredeemerlives.org> or Contact Pastor Kendra Wilde for registration information at 406-442-7842 or kendraw@ourredeemerlives.org



There is a 42 mile ride and a 10 mile ride. Registration is at 7:30am and the ride begins at 8am at Bethel. If you would like a commemorative t-shirt orders must be submitted by May 15.

Sponsor the Ride!

Sponsor the ride or offer pledges for a rider from your congregation! Make checks payable to ELCA World Hunger with Pedal for Peas in the memo line, and place your gift in the offering plate. 100% of your gift will go to ELCA World Hunger. Our fundraising goal is \$10,000

Bethel's Chad Elkin will be participating in the 42 mile ride and invites you to sponsor him with a pledge. Chad invites you to make a pledge for the ride and he will have a pledge form available at church the next couple of Sundays. Checks may be made out to ELCA World Hunger with "Pedal for Peas" on the memo line.



Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Retreats, Events, and Updates:

For additional information about these great upcoming retreats and events, check out our website at www.flbc.net. There is still time to register, but act fast! Also, 2017 Summer Brochures are now available!

May 26-29: Thrivent Memorial Day Family Work Retreat

Bring your family and help camp prepare for the summer season during this FREE retreat, thanks to Thrivent Financial! There are projects for all ages and abilities.

This is also a great way to introduce your children to camp and meet summer staff members! Please see the alpha/omega rack in the Narthex or flbc.net for more information.

June 2-4: Women's Retreat

The weekend is yours! Join us for worship, massages, kayaking, yoga, great food and, of course, relaxation. FLBC welcomes Dr. Terri Elton as our Bible study leader! Please see flbc.net for more information.