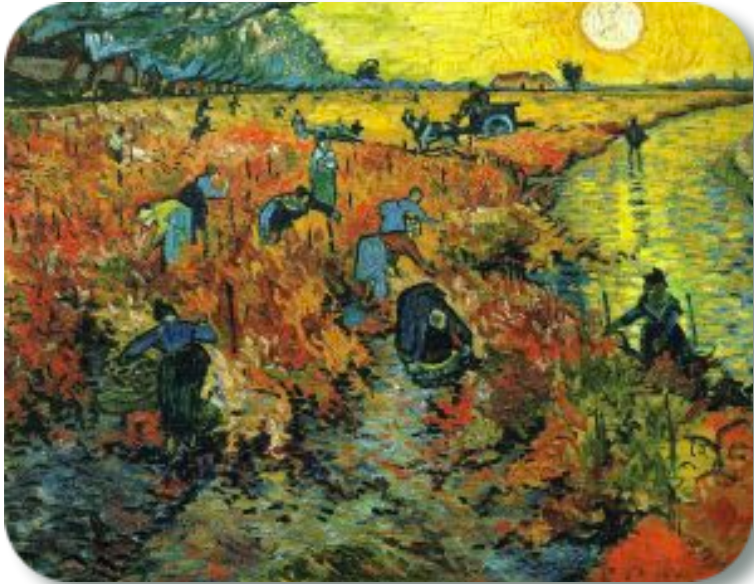


BETHEL NOTES



INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.



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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

ACCOMPANIST - MARY SEIM OR CONNIE TITCOMB

LAY ASSISTANT - WALT NUESSE

USHER - DENA WAGNER-FOSSEN

PROJECTIONIST - AVA FOSSEN

TECH - ADAM ELKIN

COUNTERS - PAM DOUGHERTY AND
DENA WAGNER-FOSSEN

Sunday, October 4th

Readings for 18th Sunday after Pentecost

ISAIAH 5:1-7

PSALM 80:7-15

PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

MATTHEW 21:33-46

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:00 AM TO 2:30 PM CLOSED FRIDAY

OFFICE TELEPHONE: (406) 761-1543 WEBSITE: WWW.BETHELMT.ORG EMAIL: BETHELGF.CHURCH@GMAIL.COM

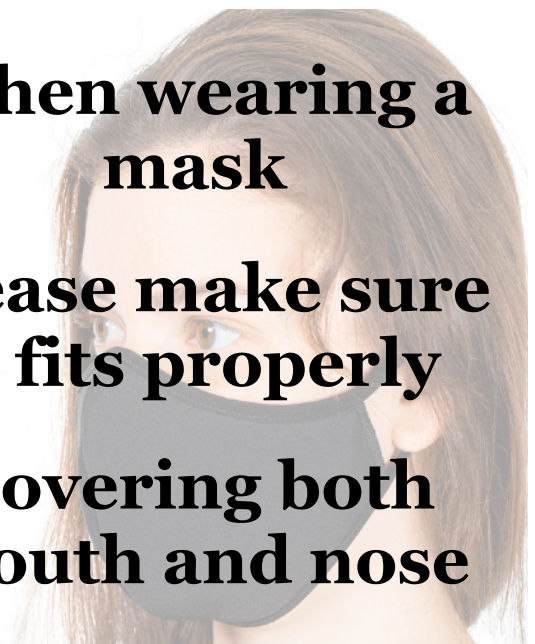


- ♦ Prayers for **Faith Crouch** (granddaughter of Bernice Johnson) as she recovers after a double lung transplant surgery.
- ♦ Prayers of healing **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Lee Klette**, son of Russ & Cheryl.
- ♦ Continued prayers for **Angela Mart** (daughter-in-law of Jane Mart) as she finished treatment for breast cancer and continues to heal.
- ♦ Prayers for God's continued healing for **Linda Juvik** (sister of Sandy Bechard) as she has completed her treatments for cancer and continues to heal.
- ♦ 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 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, strength and support for **Rita Johnson (LaRae Veitch's sister)** as she continues treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- ♦ Prayers for healing for **Steve Young** (brother of Sue Hesse) as he recovers from back surgery.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Rob Brattain** (son of Patsy Berkley) as he recovers.
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- ♦ Prayers of support and healing for **Trina Wagner** (Dena Wagner-Fossen's sister) as she recovers from surgery.
- ♦ Prayers of health and healing **Kathy Meier** (friend of Dena Wagner-Fossen) as she resolves knee pain.
- ♦ Prayers of healing and strength for **Shelly Murphy** as she continues treatment for cancer and osteoarthritis.
- ♦ Prayers for health and healing for **Marsha Johnson** (friend of Beth Olson) who has been ill.
- ♦ Prayers of support and strength to **Jack Castner, their sons and family** as they mourn the death of Pam.
- ♦ Prayers of sympathy and support for the **friends and family of Carol Erickson** who passed away.

When wearing a mask

Please make sure it fits properly

Covering both mouth and nose



CALL COMMITTEE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

As the call committee works through the process of calling a new pastor to Bethel. They would like your input and thoughts on the following questions:

- In your opinion, what brings people to our church and keeps them coming back?
- What is your biggest ministry need that Bethel isn't addressing?
- What is one area of strength that you would like to see in our new pastor?
- What is it that you would want the Pastoral Search Committee to know?

You can write these out and mail them to:

Bethel Lutheran Church
Attn: Call Committee
1009 18th Ave SW
Great Falls MT 59404

or email them to one of the call committee members:

Co-Chair- Jim Carlson Cell: 868-9045 Email: jim.c.carlson@gmail.com

Co-Chair- Tim Lightbourne Cell: 781-4604 Email: tlightbourne@cogswellinsurance.com

Member- Patty Braget Cell: 868-7641 Email: pdbraget@hotmail.com

Member- Earl Terwilliger Cell: 217-5477 Email: eterwilliger1@bresnan.net

Member- Lynn Ryan Cell: 249-3250 Email: lynn_ryan@gfps.k12.mt.us Alternate: Lynnrryan@gmail.com

Member- Ava Fossen Cell: 868-4051 Email: fossenave@gmail.com

BETHEL BUNCH

Do you know it has been over six months since Bethel Bunch has been together. In January we celebrated Chinese New Year at Peking Garden. In March we served soup supper for Lent. And ever since we have been in the middle of a pandemic without any contact.

Unfortunately we still can not gather together as a group or make those personal face to face contacts but we could ZOOM together.

I will set up a 40 minute zoom party - bring your own appetizers and drinks in the comfort of your own home on Friday October 9th at 5:00 p.m.

If you are at all interested let me know via text or email and I will include you in the invite.

Terry Korpela terry.korpela@gmail.com or text 799-4094

If anyone is interested in resurrecting our donations for school food cupboards at this time please contact me. Otherwise we will relook at this after the first of the year or when we are sure schools will remain open.

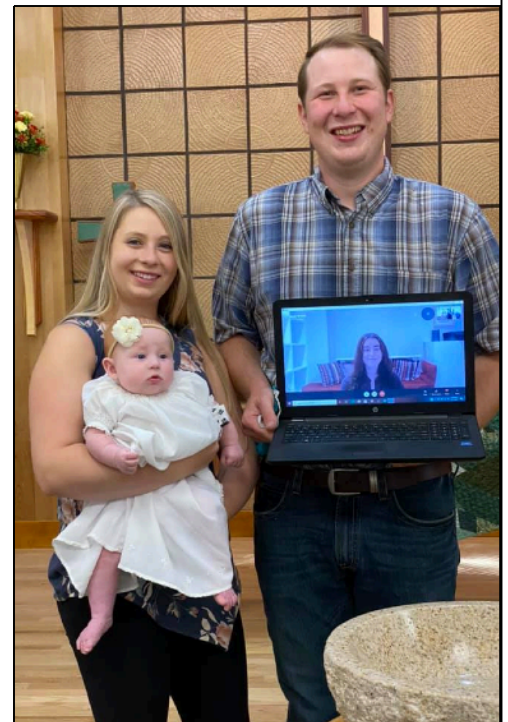
Holy Baptism Celebrated at Bethel

*On the 27th day of
September 2020*

*Maeve Hanna Toner
was baptized at
Bethel.*

*Maeve was born on
May 10, 2020 to
Jessica Stordahl and
Cody Toner. Her
grandparents are
Greg and Cheri
Stordahl.*

*Bethel Lutheran
Church welcomes this
new member of God's
family.*



**Proud mom Jessica and dad
Cody with little Maeve and
sponsor June Aresti joining via
zoom.**

Realized Dreams

Chhani Marandi, 24, lives in Nepal. She used to be a domestic worker, but she dreamed of furthering her studies and becoming a health care professional. Thanks in part to your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, Chhani's dream is now a reality.

Chhani's dream began when she was young. Her father had health problems, but her family could not afford to get him the best treatment. When Chhani was 5, he passed away, leaving her mother to shoulder the responsibility of supporting and raising the children. Two of Chhani's older siblings were forced to leave school and go to work to help with the family's livelihood. By the time Chhani was in third grade, she'd begun doing housekeeping work to cover the cost of her own education. Due to the acute poverty the family faced, her two older sisters were pressed into early marriages.

Chhani was always interested in school, working hard and getting good grades, and she eventually graduated from 10th grade. After that, she couldn't afford to continue her studies. That changed when Chhani heard about a scholarship program from the Lutheran Community Welfare Society (LCWS), an implementing partner

of Lutheran World Federation Nepal. The program provided scholarships to girls from ethnic minority

groups, including the Santhal community, of which Chhani's family is a part. This is one of many projects supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger (a partner of LWF Nepal) that create opportunity for women and girls. Gender justice is an important part of the work to which the ELCA is called.

After 18 months of study, Chhani completed her training as an auxiliary nurse midwife, and she now works at Anjali Hospital. Dr. Dipesh Pokhrel, the hospital's medical superintendent, said the staff were very happy to have recruited Chhani, who is "very sincere and dedicated to her work and serving the people with honesty."

In addition to her work at the hospital, Chhani plans to provide health services in her community via phone. She wants to continue her advanced training in reproductive health and obstetrics and to provide free care for other families in poverty.

Chhani's mother, Solma Marandi, is proud of her daughter. "Now even my neighbors who had refused to provide a loan to me at that time for my daughter's studies come to my house and ask for the checkup with my daughter," she said. "I feel so proud at that moment."

"It was my dream to be a health worker since the time my family could not afford proper treatments of my father," Chhani said. "I got an opportunity to fulfill my dream due to support from LWF Nepal. I realized that it was 'God's grace to me and my dreams.'"

As the world continues to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic, training health care workers like Chhani will be more important than ever. Thank you for your continued support.



If you have a passion to help those in need and would like to join Colleen Walker-Nelson and Judy Johnson as our World Hunger Committee, please call the Bethel Office and we can answer any questions you have or connect you with the committee.



WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Our community believes in ending hunger. And, in 2020, we will continue to fight against the new challenges of disease and disaster that leave people hungry. Join with us in raising funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need this year.

25% of funds raised this year will support the Helping Hands Food Pantry at First English Lutheran in downtown Great Falls..

We will support a local food pantry, Helping Hands, which provides food resources, as well as clothing, toiletries & diapers to the needy in downtown Great Falls and the global work of Church World Service, which is helping communities respond to and mitigate the impact of the COVID epidemic.

Together, we can help end hunger in our community and around the world.

Sunday, October 11th we will have a special offering for Crop Walk during our Sunday service. Please feel free to mail in your donation or go online to our website bethelmt.org and click Online Giving and note Crop Walk in "other". If you are interested in volunteering to raise money and "walk" go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/greatfallsmt> for more information.



Christ in Our Home

October, November, December
2020

**NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK
UP IN THE TRACK RACK BY
THE FRONT DOOR**

**OR CALL THE BETHEL
OFFICE TO HAVE ONE
MAILED TO YOU!
406-761-1543**

TOWN PUMP CHALLENGE

Town Pump Charitable Foundation has invited **FISH** to be part of the 19th annual "Be a Friend in Deed, Helping Those in Need" food bank campaign.

Town Pump will match each dollar collected by **FISH** up to \$20,000 from September 1 through

November 30.
What a great way to double your donation!





Logos Youth Ministry UPDATE

The theme for this year continues to be changes, changes, changes.

With that in mind we have some changes to the Logos program this fall.

With lots of discussion and talking with people "in the know" regarding the medical community and academic community, we are going to postpone Pre K through 6th grade Logos until after the first of the year. We will reevaluate at that time and hopefully be able to offer a Logos program that is closer to our traditional program.

Confirmation/ Middle school will be held on Zoom for the fall with the hope we will be able to meet in person after the first of the year.

October 7th we will have a Parent and Student orientation with Middle School via Zoom at 6:30 PM. The first 30 minutes will be with parents and second 30 minutes will be students with Pastor Trina only.

Zoom meeting dates will be October 14th, 21st, and 28th. November 4th, 11th, and 18th and then break until after the first of the year. Pastor Trina will send the Zoom link to participants.

High School will begin meeting in person on October 14th in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We will meet in person with masks required and no meal. If needed we can accommodate students that may be unable to meet in person. Colter McCarty will be leading High School with his team Hannah Patrick, Dan and Allison Morris.

Go to our website bethelmt.org for more details and to pre-register or [click here for the online registration](#). You may also call the Office 406-761-1543 with any questions or concerns.

Jordan's Pumpkins for a Cause Saturday, October 3rd 1:00 - 4:00 PM 87 Meridian Lane, Vaughn MT

Pumpkin Picking ~ Drive-thru pumpkin patch ~ Hay Rides

Free Admission

donations benefit the Great Falls Rescue Mission



Golf Tournament

October 9th, 2020
\$125/player
Support FLBC's commitment to making camp financially accessible to all by golfing with us at Eagle

Bend Golf Club (Bigfork, MT) on Friday, October 9th!

<https://flbc.net/golf>

Youth Workers Retreat

October 15-18, 2020 \$150/person
Pastors, Youth Directors, Volunteers! Join retreat leader Mark Jackson for this informative, fun, and refreshing retreat. From eastern Washington, Mark now serves at St. Andrews in Mahtomedi, MN.

Different attendance options are available (Thurs-Sun, Thurs-Sat, Fri-Sun, or Saturday only)! **CEU credits available through NRIT.** <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/youth-workers-retreat/>

BBBB (Bread-Beverages-Bible-Boats) Retreat

November 6-8, 2020
\$180/person (Saturday only: \$100/person)
|| Ages 21+

Join in fellowship on the lake as we learn new bread baking recipes & techniques, enjoy fishing from the dock or one of our boats and try your hand at home brewing!

Crazy About Quilting & Crafting Retreat

November 12-15, 2020
\$210/person (Thurs-Sun) // \$195 (Fri-Sun) // \$65/day (Commuter)

Bring your quilt and craft projects and work alongside friends old and new on the shores of Flathead Lake. FLBC will also be providing opportunities to learn new skills!

Family Advent Retreat

December 4-6, 2020
\$140, Ages 13+ / \$120, Ages 7-12 / \$75, Ages 2-6 / Free Children under 2 / \$480 maximum cost per nuclear family

Join us for time at camp as we prepare for Christmas! Make awesome crafts, cut your own Christmas tree, and soak in time for worship and prayer this Advent

MINISTRIES MEETING VIA ZOOM

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).

dscholten@dlsconsulting.net



Weekly Text Bible Study

Pastor Trina will be offering a weekly Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and Thursdays at 7:00 pm (except the Thursday when Hope Circle meets). Studying the lessons for the upcoming Sunday together. Each week stands alone, you can join anytime! No experience necessary! For the time being, we will meet via Zoom. Please email or call the office if you'd like to receive the Zoom link.



Thank you so very much to Pastor Steve Nelson and Colleen Walker-Nelson for donating the beautiful Chinese Evergreen plant that welcomes all who enter Bethel!

Electric City Bible Study

What a great way to connect with one another! Join the Electric City Bible Study on a Zoom conference Tuesday mornings at 7:00 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.



**Hope Circle's
Zoom get together
Thursday October 8th
7:00 p.m.**

If you are not currently on the Hope Circle email list, and would like to be, please contact Terry Korpela (terry.korpela@gmail.com)

Thank you. And God Bless.

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 the only entrance into the Church. The west side entrance through the TLC Daycare will remain locked.
- Masks will be **required** and we have some available.
- A table is at the front doors with hand sanitizer, masks, tissues and an offering plate. Ushers will be there to assist with masks and help people find seats.
- Physical distancing of 4 feet will be observed.
- 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 physical distance.
- The kitchen, Fellowship Hall and back office hall doors will be closed.
- Hospitality area will be closed.
- 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.

Interim Pastor Trina Johnsten

Contact information:

Email: bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com

Bethel number non-emergencies: 406-761-1543 ext 202

Cell number for emergencies: (402) 984-4306

Calendar Of Events

Monday 10/5

- Boy Scouts meet 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday 10/6

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast, via Zoom 7:00 am

Wednesday 10/7

- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 10:00 am
- Confirmation/Middle School Logos Meeting 6:30 pm on Zoom

Thursday 10/8

- Executive Board Council conference call 5:30 pm
- TLC Staff Meeting in the Gathering Place 6:00 pm
- Hope Circle Zoom meeting 7:00 pm

Friday 10/9

- Bethel Office Closed

Upcoming Events

Sunday 10/11

- Crop Walk for Hunger Sunday - special offering collected

Monday 10/12

- Boy Scouts meet 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday 10/13

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast, via Zoom 7:00 am
- Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

Wednesday 10/14

- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 10:00 am
- Confirmation/Middle School Logos 6:30 pm on Zoom
- High School Logos in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

Thursday 10/5

- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm

Friday 10/16

- Bethel Office Closed

Saturday 10/17

- Close Knit 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall