

BETHEL NOTES

For all the SAINTS

Today we remember the newly baptized as well as those who are now the church triumphant.

INTRODUCTION

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah looks forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.



SERVING THIS SUNDAY

ACCOMPANIST - MARY SEIM

LAY ASSISTANT - JOHN BLANK

USHER - PATTY BRAGET

PROJECTIONIST - DINA DAVIS

TECH - COLTER MCCARTY

COUNTERS - PATTY BRAGET AND
DONNA VINNEDGE

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Sunday, November 1st

Readings for All Saints Sunday

ISAIAH 25:6-9
JOHN 11:1-6, 17-44

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:00 AM TO 4:30 PM CLOSED FRIDAY

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- ♦ Prayers for **Faith Crouch** (granddaughter of Bernice Johnson) is improving every day and is now working on building her lung strength on her own after 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 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 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.
- ♦ Prayers of health and healing **Kathy Meier** (friend of Dena Wagner-Fossen) as she prepares for knee surgery.
- ♦ Prayers of healing and strength for **Mick Davis' sister** who is in the hospital.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Jodi, sister of Patti Godel**, as she recovers from a stroke as well as **Patti's Aunt Allison** who suffered a heart attack and is recovering in the hospital.
- ♦ Prayers of comfort to the **family of Mary Pearl Lode** (family member of Holly Lode Bernice Johnson's daughter) as they mourn her passing.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Paul Bossie**, son of Sharon Bossie with a recent diagnosis of diabetes and liver failure.
- ♦ Prayer of healing and health for **Anne Vannatta** as she is recovering at home.
- ♦ Prayers of strength and healing for **Joanne Spiker**, Greg Grosenick's aunt who has been diagnosed with Myelodysplastic syndrome.
- ♦ Prayers of healing and well-being for **Dusty and Kristin Terwilliger** (Earl and Trudy Terwilliger). They are both in the medical field and have been diagnosed with Covid 19.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Ron Elkin** who is recovering from back surgery.
- ♦ Prayers of comfort for **Jeanne Rankin and her family** at they mourn the death of her Aunt Bertha Dean Bucher in Fairbanks, Alaska.
- ♦ Prayers of healing and strength for **JoAnn Robitaille**, Sara' Sexe mother, as she is fighting an illness.



Council Meeting Highlights

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 13, 2020

Bethel Lutheran Church Council met on Tuesday, October 13 by zoom. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

- Pastor Trina led a devotion from Matthew 22:23-33.
- Stewardship - Pastor Trina and Dena will send a mailing with stewardship giving cards around Thanksgiving.
- Confirmation update - Pastor held a zoom confirmation meeting with 9 students on October 7. There may be 2 or 3 more students joining in the future.
- Council voted to purchase a second projector for the sanctuary and install ADA door openers for the interior and exterior main entry doors.
- The Budget Committee composed of Dena Wagner-Fossen, Doug Sexe, Dave Scholten, Mike Kubas, and Pastor Trina have agreed to work on the 2021 budget.
- Council voted to extend the Administrative Assistant position to 32 ½ hours per week.

Next Bethel Council meeting November, 10th. If you would like to attend a meeting or have something you would like to share with the council call or email the Bethel Office 406-761-1543 or email bethelgf.church@gmail.com.

A DEFINITION OF A SAINT

Every Christian, including you, and many other persons whom you wouldn't want to hang out with.

In the New Testament, the word *saint* never refers to a special class of super-duper Christians, rather it always refers to all Christians. For instance, the Letter to the Ephesians is addressed "to the saints in Ephesus." Saints are not saintly because of what they do but because of what Christ has done for them. Christian saints are identified not by their own wisdom, good works, holiness, and wholeness but by the fact that they belong to Jesus.

And that means, of course, that you are qualified to be a saint, too. As is your worst nightmare of a neighbor. Groucho Marx may have said, "I don't want to be a member of any club that will accept me as a member," but Jesus said, in effect, "Only sinners need apply-and I will make you saints."

{Crazy Talk} A Not- So- Stuffy Dictionary of Theological Terms Rolf A. Jacobson, editor Copyright 2008 Augsburg Books. pg. 153w

WE REMEMBER THE NEWLY BAPTIZED SAINTS AS WELL AS THOSE WHO DIED THIS PAST YEAR.

The saints who were **baptized** during the past year:

Lincoln Andrew Hurin
Jack Roger Forde
Kaison Dax Nebel
Oaklyn John Burckhard
Dasper Ratcliff Jr
Oakley William Barnes
Teagan Leigh Brattain
Maeve Hannah Toner
Theodora Cristina Beals

The saints who **died** this past year:

Lincoln Andrew Hurin
Jean Humphrey
Pam Castner
Carol Erickson
Don Seyfert



Congratulations to Danielle and James!

Danielle Braget married James Crawford on September 5, 2020 at Copper K Barn in Whitehall, MT.

Danielle is the daughter of Daren and Patty Braget of Great Falls and Jimmy is the son of Dave and Kristi Crawford of Bozeman.

They will make their home in Wheat Ridge, Colorado.



Bethel Call Committee Up-date

The Bethel Call Committee has had a busy month of October! The Synod Office requires us to complete a Mission Site Profile (MSP). This profile is very comprehensive and interesting! The report includes information about our church and community, as well as traits we are looking for in a pastor. The committee asked for your input in the form of a survey or by verbally sharing your thoughts with any member of the Call Committee. The committee sincerely appreciates all your comments. The predominant thoughts that were shared was an appreciation for the music at Bethel, our youth programs, and our friendly, welcoming atmosphere.

We will complete and submit the MSP to the Synod Office, along with the proper supporting documents, prior to Thanksgiving. Once the report is approved, we will be given names of perspective pastors in our synod. We are also able to submit the names of pastors you may want to recommend for consideration. We encourage the congregation to let any member of the committee know a pastor's name that you like to recommend. The committee thanks you for your prayers and support and extends a special thank you for the confidence you have placed in us. We promise to do our best and provide a transparent process.

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!



1st Monday Night Quilters

Quilting Opportunity! Come and help tie quilts to be shipped off the week of Thanksgiving. We will box them up later, but we have one more Monday night to add more to our number to be shipped.

What: Tie Quilts for Lutheran World Relief – Wear your Mask

Where: New Hope Lutheran Church – 3125 5th Ave. So. (Use Back Door)

When: November 1, 2020, 6-8 p.m.

More Information: Call Trudi, 799-0100



MAC Connect 2020

Speaking up for All Montana's Children:

Ecumenical Prayer & Citizen Advocacy 101

"Let the Children come to me – Jesus"

Matthew 19:14

Friday, November 13th via

ZOOM 11 AM – 1 PM

Free

To Register: Email mac@macmt.org
www.macmt.org for more information



MAC is a non-partisan organization – that is we have Republican, Democratic, Libertarian, Green, & Independent members—who recognize we are each created in God's image. We seek to empower Christians to speak up on behalf of the hungry, the prisoner, the homeless and other marginalized populations (Matthew 25: 31-46). Our panel will include legislative and lobbying voices sharing strategies for communicating with your Montana state house and senate representatives.

NEW LAND FOR FLBC ON HUGHES BAY!

Thanks to the Board of Directors in 2000, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp had the First Right of Refusal on a lakefront lot on Hughes Bay. This property borders our sailboat dock and runs back to behind the tent cabins and pavilion.



In God's timing, the delegates at the FLBC Annual Meeting on October 10th voted unanimously to purchase the land after the Board of Directors voted to bring the motion to the full association. Rev. Gary Cockrell, former Executive Director of FLBC, shared with the Board of Directors and reminded us at the Annual Meeting that when the original land for FLBC was purchased in 1941, those Lutherans stepped out in faith, not having a "plan" in place for the land. And yet, over the past 77 years, the programs, buildings, and land have evolved to meet the needs of the ministry.

The cost of this new land is \$287,500. Thanks to two estate gifts that came to FLBC in 2019 and designated gifts since, the association has only had to borrow \$125,000 with a goal to have this paid back by December 2021.

Please prayerfully consider a gift designated to the Land Purchase for the future of FLBC! Thank you to all who have given and will give. All thanks and praise to God. You may mail a gift to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, 603 S Main St., Kalispell MT 59901.



Looking at the property from the tent cabins/hammock village area.



The small cabin that currently exists on the property.



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

Jr + Sr High Ski & Snowboard Retreat

January 8-10, 2021

\$115/person (2 adults free with each church group // Lift tickets are separate from retreat cost)

Come for an awesome weekend filled with good food, fellowship, snow games, worship and FUN!

For more information click here

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

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.

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.

No Bible Study October 29th

High School Logos

Meets in person at Bethel
in the Gathering Place
Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Face Masks are required.

Bethel's New Office Hours

Dear members of Bethel Church, I am writing to inform you of Bethel's new office hours. Tami will be in the office 9:00am – 4:30 pm Monday- Thursday. The added two hours per day will allow Tami to continue her current duties while helping with a few new items such as cleaning up our membership rolls and spending more time on Logos and Bible Camp. Tami is also spending much needed time working on getting our technology updated. Please call me with any questions you may have. Thank you! Doug S. 406-788-6143.

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

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Calendar Of Events

Sunday 11/1

- All Saints Sunday!
- World Hunger Sunday 9:30 AM worship service
- Day Light Savings fall back 1 hour.

Monday 11/2

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

Tuesday 11/3

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast, via Zoom 7:00 am
- Call Committee meets at Bethel 6:30 pm

Wednesday 11/4

- 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 11/5

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

Friday 11/6

- Bethel Office Closed

Saturday 11/7

- Make It With Wool at Bethel 8 am to 3 pm
- Close Knit meets at 9:00 am in the Gathering Place

Upcoming Events

Monday 11/9

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

Tuesday 11/10

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast, via Zoom 7:00 am
- Council meeting location TBD 6:30 pm

Wednesday 11/11

- 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 11/12

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