

BETHEL NOTES

You won't give grace
to others until you
know the grace God
gives you.

Matthew 18:21-35

INTRODUCTION

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

ACCOMPANIST - MARY SEIM

LAY ASSISTANT - WALT NUESSELE

USHER - TAMI GROSENICK

PROJECTIONIST - TIM LIGHTBOURNE

TECH - ADAM ELKIN

COUNTERS - TIM LIGHTBOURNE AND
MARILYN CARLSON

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Sunday, September 13

Readings for 15th Sunday after Pentecost

PSALM 103:1-13

ROMANS 14:1-12

MATTHEW 18:21-35

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) and her family as she continues to wait for 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 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 support and good health for **RN's Katie and Kelsey**, daughters of Grant and Janet Smith.
- ♦ 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 healing and support for **Rebecca Boucher** who is undergoing treatment for auto-immune challenges.
- ♦ Prayers of healing and support for **Cathy Rankin** (sister-in-law of Jeanne Rankin) as she prepares for surgery on September 17th.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for **Pam Castner** as she recovers in rehab.
- ♦ Prayers of healing and strength for **Melissa Pottratz** (Sue Hesse's daughter) as she recovers from an illness.
- ♦ Prayers of support and healing for **Trina Wagner** (Dena Wagner-Fossen's sister) as she recovers from surgery.
- ♦ Prayers of health and healing for **Udo Wozny** as he recovers from surgery.



A "Pandemic" Wedding Adapting to Circumstances.

Congratulations to
Bridger Scholten and Natalie Gordon
Married in Ulm Montana
August 15, 2020.
We wish you a lifetime of happiness
in God's care!



NEWS FROM PASTOR TRINA

New Bible Study Opportunity starts this week!

Pastor Trina will be offering a weekly Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and Thursdays at 7:00 pm (except the second Thursday of the month when Hope Circle meets). We will look at the lessons for the upcoming Sunday together, and because each week stands alone, you can come and go as you are available and not feel like you've missed anything. 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.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

We will return to our practice of weekly Communion on Sunday, September 20. Thank you to our altar guild members for the extra work required to do this safely. If you have any questions about Communion in the time of Covid please reach out to Pastor Trina (bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com or 761-1543).

New Permanent Email Address for Bethel Pastor

Please update your contact list by adding the new permanent email address: bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com. This is especially important if you are the chair of a committee or the contact for one of Bethel's many groups. Pastor Trina wants to know as much about us as possible, so include this new email address whenever you are communicating with others about Bethel business, events and programs.



The board of Family Promise of Great Falls would like invite you and any of your volunteers that are interested to a meeting on September 17th at 7 pm at Central Christian Church, 1019 Central Ave in Great Falls.

The purpose of this meeting is to talk about the future of the program and the next steps we will be taking. Donna Lawson from the national office of Family Promise will be in attendance. Donna helped us with the startup of Family Promise in Great Falls, and has experience with helping affiliates that have faced similar issues as we have, and we are very grateful and excited that Donna will be available to us again.

Please pass on the date and time of this very important meeting to your volunteers, congregations, and anyone else you think would be interested!

Masks will be required at this meeting, and there will be ample opportunity for social distancing.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We hope to see you there!

Hope Circle to ReZOOM!

It is that time of year again when Hope Circle will begin meeting again. Unfortunately this first meeting will not be in person, but via Zoom.

We will Zoom it together on **Thursday September 10th at 7:00 p.m.**

We will once again use the devotion from the "Gather" magazine, starting with the September issue. If anyone wants a copy of that ahead of time, let me know. I can scan it on an email to you.

Looking forward to getting together once again. As much as I wish it was in person, Zoom is a second best option. Thank you Laurie for purchasing and providing the extended Zoom meetings for us. It is much appreciated. If you have not attended Hope Circle before and would like to join us, send me your email and I will include you on the invite.

Take care everyone. Stay safe, Stay healthy and see you Thursday 9/10 at 7:00 p.m.

God Bless everyone.

Terry Korpela terry.korpela@gmail.com



Confirmation/Middle School and High School Logos will begin Wednesday, October 7th.

Middle School/Confirmation will be from 5:30 to 6:15 pm with a parent meeting in the sanctuary and Logos will be from 6:15 - 7:30 pm.

High School Logos will be from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

To do this safely we have modified our program to keep physical distancing and the safety of our students and staff as well as keep God's fellowship and presence as we work through this pandemic.

All staff, students and parents are required to wear a mask. We will not be offering a full meal, but will have take home, pre-packaged snack at the end of the evening. Church entrance at the front will be for Middle and High School students only. Students will be checking in with a staff member at the door as you enter. We ask that parents accompanying their child(ren) into the church at drop off or pick up wear a mask. For the fall we will not be offering Family Worship - we hope to revisit this in the new year. There is no charge for Logos this year, free will offerings to cover the cost of snacks is welcome, but not expected. If your child is not feeling well we ask they remain at home for their own health as well as the health of others. Guests are still welcome, we ask their parent fill out a guest registration form (can be printed off the website www.bethelmt.org) and brought in with the student. We ask they follow all the guidelines presented above.

More detailed information and registration will be sent to Logos Families and questions or concerns can be directed to Laura Kupfner bethelgf.logos@gmail.com or Tami Grosenick bethelgf.church@gmail.com.



Exciting Retreat Opportunities !

Golf Tournament Fundraiser 🏌️🚩

October 9th, 2020

\$125/player (includes green fees, golf cart use, dinner at camp after, and a tax-deductible donation)

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! October 9th & 10th is also the weekend we'll have our

Delegates retreat, Partner's Luncheon, and Annual Meeting.

<https://flbc.net/golf>

Youth Workers Retreat ☁️

October 15-18, 2020

\$150/person

Pastors, Youth Directors, Volunteers - this is for you! 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



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.

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

1st Monday Night Quilters

will meet at New Hope Lutheran Church, 3125 5th Ave. So., September 14, 6-8 p.m. Please use the alley door, and we meet downstairs. We have squares ready to be sewn into quilt tops if you'd like to do that at home. The main task on Monday night is to tie the quilts. They will be shipped to Minneapolis and then distributed in this country and in many places overseas. Come and join us on September 14.



Bethel Church Council - Congregation - 7/30
Many thanks for the gift of the sending / farewell night (6/24) on the patio. Kaye and I were so blessed by the turnout of members and friends, the ice cream social, the gift of the 'Walk in Faith' picture collage, the generous gift cards of \$1,000 + the many cards ^{with singing} but most of all - your love, support & well wishes.

It has been a joy and a privilege to serve as Bethel's pastor these many years and we thank God for you.

We continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers in this time of transition for Bethel....

with gratitude,
Pastor Steve & Kaye

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!



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.

Calendar Of Events

Monday 9/14

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

Tuesday 9/15

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

Wednesday 9/16

- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 10:00 am

Thursday 9/17

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

Friday 9/18

- Bethel Office Closed
- Rosh Hashanah begins

Saturday 9/19

- Rosh Hashanah, Aitz Chaim celebrating at Bethel

Upcoming Events

Sunday 9/20

- 9:30 Worship, Holy Communion

Monday 9/21

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

Tuesday 9/22

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

Wednesday 9/23

- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 10:00 am

Thursday 9/24

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

Friday 9/25

- Bethel Office Closed

Interim Pastor Trina Johnsten

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