

BETHEL NOTES



INTRODUCTION

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

ACCOMPANIST -MARY SEIM
LAY ASSISTANT -SANDY PEPOS
USHER - TBD
PROJECTIONIST - DINA DAVIS
TECH - COLTER MCCARTY
COUNTERS - PAM DOUGHERTY AND
 WARREN JOHNSON

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Sunday, September 27

Readings for 17th Sunday after Pentecost

EZEKIEL 18:1-4, 25-32
 PSALM 25:1-9
 PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13
 MATTHEW 21:23-32

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) 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 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 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 of support and healing for the **Great Falls Public Schools, their staff and students** who are affected by the positive cases of Covid 19.
- ♦ Prayers for health and healing for **Marsha Johnson** (friend of Beth Olson) who has been ill.





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9/23/2020

Hello!

We here at TLC Center have received a wonderful new opportunity! TLC will be opening a second location. We have received a contract to run the childcare center for the Great Falls College MSU location here in Great Falls. It is located at 1900 23rd St. S (behind Target). Our tentative opening date is mid to late October. It will be licensed for 80 children in 6 classrooms. We are excited for this opportunity! If you know of anyone needing childcare, please send them our way. Thank you for being such a large support to us in the past and for many more years to come!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Olson
Owner/Manager

Crystal Kist
Director

Debra Blank
Consultant

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.

INSTALLATION OF THE CALL COMMITTEE



Call committee (left to right) Patty Braget, Lynn Ryan, Earl Terwilliger, Tim Lightbourne and Jim Carlson (not pictured Ava Fossen)

The call committee was officially installed on Sunday, September 20th. We are all excited to be serving on this committee. We met on Sunday after church and the first order of business was to complete the MSP otherwise known as the Ministry Site Profile. This is basically who we are in both our city and our congregation. This is what potential candidates look at to see if they are interested in us. To say the least this is a very important document and we are taking our time with it to get it right. It will take more than us (call committee) to get it right. We will be in contact with the congregation for additional information. But in the meantime, below is the contact information for the committee members. Please feel free to contact anyone of us with ideas or concerns.

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





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.



In Search Of...

A volunteer to join our ELCA World Hunger Committee.

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.

Main tasks are helping with world hunger prayers and bring attention to the needs of ELCA World Hunger and plan for giving during advent.

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!





Feeling Stressed? Need a Safe and Friendly Place to Get Away?

Check out these great retreat options at FLBC

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

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.

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.



Logos Youth Ministry Begins October 7th 6:15 to 7:30 pm

High School Logos 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Confirmation Parent Meeting 5:30 pm

Go to our website bethelmt.org for more details and to pre-register or [click here for the online registration](#). We will be meeting in person, masks are required.

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

Sunday 9/27

- 9:30 Worship with communion

Monday 9/28

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

Tuesday 9/29

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

Wednesday 9/30

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

Thursday 10/1

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

Friday 10/2

- Bethel Office Closed

Upcoming Events

Sunday 10/4

- 9:30 World Hunger and Communion Sunday

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
- Logos Youth Ministry 6:15 to 7:30 pm.

Thursday 10/8

- Executive Board Council conference call 5:30 pm
- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm

Friday 10/9

- Bethel Office Closed

Interim Pastor Trina Johnsten

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