

# **BETHEL NOTES**

**Sunday December 4, 2022**

***Second Sunday of Advent***

***Logos Family Worship and Program***

***Readings***

*Romans 15:4-13*

***Join us Sundays  
9:30 AM in-person or  
online at [bethelmt.org](http://bethelmt.org).***

**This Sunday**

**Stop by our Craft and  
Bake Sale in support  
of VBS 2023**



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## **SERVING THIS SERVICE**

<b>Accompanist</b>	Lynn Ryan, piano; Mac Carlson, violin; Sara Graft, jimbé
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Josie Delorit
<b>Narrators</b>	Jack Pinski, Ryan Gilbertson, Addi Carlson, Tyler Grosenick and Drake Lange
<b>Characters</b>	Kari Ryan—Angel; Anna Bourcher—Mary; Ethan Kupfner—Joseph; Jacie Green and Kendall Ryan—Shepherds; Brian Boucher, J Jackson Duff and Teshar Reidle—Wisemen; Colton Kupfner—Herod; Taitlyn and Teagan Ames, Sammy Seidel, Elle and Rylee Gustafson—angels and animals
<b>Acolyte</b>	Brian Boucher
<b>Ushers/Singers</b>	Austin Kupfner and Kian Ryan; Patrick Ryan
<b>Tech</b>	Adam Elkin
<b>Children's Church</b>	Ava Fossen, Allison Marr and Olivia Violet
<b>Counters</b>	Patty Braget and Dena Wagner-Fossen

## **OFFICE HOURS**

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

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- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Dena Wagner-Fossen** who is home recovering after a recent hospitalization.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Colleen Walker-Nelson** as she heals from surgery of a broken leg after a fall.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Abby Bisgard-Clegg**, daughter of Don and Kathi Bisgard, continues to manage health issues, but feeling and doing very well.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Bill Van Hovel**, Connie Titcomb's brother-in-law, who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and having prepares for surgery in December.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Clark Walburger**, brother-in-law of Grant Smith, as he in the hospital from a broken pelvic bone.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Carol Smith**, Shirley Cayko's mother-in-law, who is recovering from a burn injury.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Lindy Coon**, sister of former Bethel member Laura (Wandke) Overturf, as she recovers at home from a serious injury after a fall.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues to manage his health.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Laura Kupfner** as she manages a new diagnosis for her eyes.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Linda O'Connor**, friend of LaRae Veitch, as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Linda O'Brien**, Sue Hesse's sister, as she battles chronic pain.
- ✝ Prayers of faith and strength for **Cindy Doughty**, Patty Braget's sister, as she manages ALS.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Lynn Klaasen**, sister of Jan Robitaille, who is undergoing continued medical testing and treatment planning for cancer diagnosis.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Doug Kickbusch** as he continues treatment for a brain tumor.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Travis Cushman** as he receives treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Rev. Inge Williams**, friend of Pastor Jessie, going through chemotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of strength in leadership for **Gustavo Driau**, Regional Representative of South America.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Bob Walker**, brother of Colleen Walker-Nelson, who is managing kidney disease.





# Christmas Giving

Considering giving to ELCA Good Gift this Christmas Season. See the list of options below or see our Giving Tree in the narthex as you enter the church.

Step 1: Select the item(s) you would like to purchase for ELCA World Hunger.

Step 2: Write a check or cash—note what you are purchasing (ie chicks,

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD	Price
Chicks	\$10
Rooster	\$15
Family farm	\$715
Goat	\$50
Goat + flock of chicks	\$60
Couple of goats	\$100
Herd of goats	\$300
Piglet	\$30
Cow	\$500
Share of a cow	\$50
Fish farm	\$250
Share of a fish farm	\$50
Honeybees	\$20
Honeybees + vegetable garden	\$220
God's Global Barnyard	any \$ a
WATER	Price
Simple water well	\$2,500
Share of a safe-water project	\$250
Water filter	\$30
Irrigation project	\$100
Latrine	\$150
WOMEN AND CHILDREN	Price
Computer for a community center	\$800
Environmentally friendly cookstove	\$105
Farmers' field school for a woman	\$75
One month of internet connectivity for students	\$100
Microloan for a woman	\$125
School fees and uniform for a girl	\$40
School supplies for a child	\$10
School supplies for a classroom	\$300
AGRICULTURE	Price
Fruit-tree seedling	\$10
Fruit-tree farm	\$150
Community vegetable garden	\$200
Seeds and gardening tools	\$50

HEALTH CARE	Price
Hygiene kit	\$25
Mosquito net	\$10
Mosquito nets for a family	\$20
Stock a health clinic for a week	\$75
Personal protective equipment	\$25
Clinic visit for a child	\$10
Nutrition for a child: one month	\$25
Nutrition for a child: one year	\$300
Vaccinations for a child	\$30
INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCIES	Price
Feed a refugee family: one week	\$50
Feed a refugee family: one month	\$200
Week of trauma counseling	\$160
Month of trauma counseling	\$640
Blanket	\$10
GROW THE CHURCH	Price
Bible	\$12
Sunday school start-up kit	\$65
Motorbike for a pastor	\$375
LEADERS AND CHANGE-MAKERS	Price
Scholarship support for an int'l woman leader	\$100
One week of tuition for one seminary course	\$150
One month of tuition for one seminary course	\$600
One semester of tuition for one seminary course	\$2,500
Vocational training	\$75
HELP AT HOME	Price
Stock a backpack with food	\$10
Month of necessities for a disaster survivor	\$200
One night of shelter for a vulnerable LGBTQIA+ youth	\$50
One week of shelter for a vulnerable LGBTQIA+ youth	\$350
Feed 10 at a soup kitchen	\$20
Feed 50 at a soup kitchen	\$100

goat, hygiene kit, etc.)

Step 3: Drop your gift into the collection tray during worship or mail to Bethel Lutheran Church 1009 18th Ave SW, Great Falls MT 59404

*The ornaments on the Giving Tree list some of the options for giving, please feel free to keep the ornament for your own tree, or return it with your donation and we will reuse it for next year.*

*You may also give to Good Gifts and we will forward your gift and ELCA World Hunger will use it where they need it most.*



Thank you to all the Christmas Helpers who stayed to decorate the church!



**A magical train embarks on a journey to the North Pole**  
Feel the spirit embodied in the music and song of the season

3:00pm Mansfield Theater

**December 4 2022**

**GRANT HARVILLE**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR

<i>Polar Express</i> .....	Alan Silvestri arr. Brubaker
<i>Old Christmas Music</i> .....	Philip Lane
<i>Gloria</i> .....	John Rutter
	Samuel
<i>Christmas Overture</i> .....	Coleridge-Taylor
<i>A Musicological Journey through the Twelve Days of Christmas</i> .....	Craig Courtney
<i>Sing the Carols of Christmas</i> .....	Gary Fry
<i>Sleigh Ride</i> .....	Leroy Anderson

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Tickets

**Christmas**  
POLAR EXPRESS + RUTTER GLORIA

GREAT FALLS SYMPHONY & SYMPHONIC CHOIR

The CMR Performing Arts  
Production of  
Disney's  
**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

December 1-2  
7:30 pm  
December 8-10  
7:30pm  
Special December 3rd  
Matinee  
2:00pm  
Bill Williamson  
Auditorium

**For Ticket  
Information  
Please Call  
406-268-6117  
Tickets \$10**

Music by Alan Menken  
Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice  
Book by Linda Woolverton  
Originally Directed by Robert Jess Roth  
Originally Produced by  
Disney Theatrical Productions

Disney's Beauty and the Beast  
is presented with special arrangement  
with Music Theatre International  
(MTI)  
All Authorized performance materials  
are also supplied by MTI  
www.mtishows.com

## Advent Devotionals and Daily Texts 2023

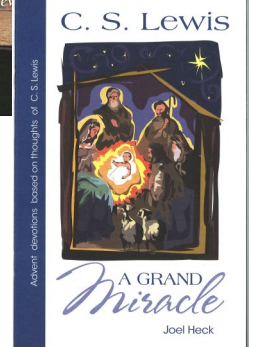
A Grand Miracle: Devotions for the Days of Advent based on thoughts of C.S. Lewis.

*"The Christian story is precisely the story of one grand miracle, the Christian assertion being that what is beyond all space and time, what is uncreated, eternal, came into nature, into human nature, descended into His own universe, and rose again, bringing nature up with Him. It is precisely one great miracle. If you take that away there is nothing specifically Christian left." — C.S. Lewis*

Pick up your free copy on the front table as you enter the church.

If you would like a copied mailed to you, email [Tami.bethelgf.church@gmail.com](mailto:Tami.bethelgf.church@gmail.com) or call 406-761-1543.

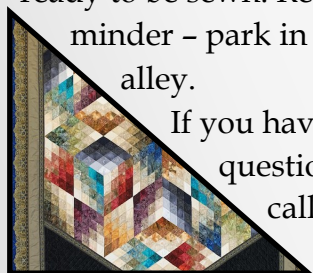
*\*If you would like to make a donation for multiple copies of Daily Text, cost is \$9.00 per copy. Donations are appreciated, but NOT required.*



## MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS

The 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Night Quilters will meet December 5, 6-8 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran Church, 3125 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. We will tie quilts and get them ready for binding. Thanks to Leanna for binding the November quilts and Janine for sewing tops. If you would like to help from home, there are squares ready to be sewn. Reminder – park in the alley.

If you have questions, call 799-0100.



fundraiser for Vacation Bible School Day Camp 2023.  
**Sunday, December 4th , following Worship**

## SHARE YOUR INPUT

Draft social message on climate care



## Public response period: Social message on climate care

A draft of the ELCA's forthcoming social message on climate change and how we are called to respond has been posted, and the public comment period is open through Friday, Dec. 2.

This project was authorized in light of the grim contemporary situation affecting our global home and the need for fresh action on the part of this church. The draft will be edited in response to your feedback and brought to the ELCA Church Council for a vote this spring.

[Read the draft and provide your input.](#)





Dear Friends,

Family Promise of Great Falls mobilizes dedicated community volunteers to address the needs of families facing homelessness in Great Falls. We truly appreciate your desire to live your faith through action by committing to help us serve homeless families.

We will be making changes in the meal plan for the two families staying at Promise Place Shelter. Previously volunteers from church congregations have provided meals three days a week. Our new plan involves helping families be more independent by using food banks in the area and having food available at the HUB/Day Center to supplement their needs.

Going forward what we need volunteers to do is to meet with the families to plan their weekly meals, develop a shopping list, and take them to St. Vincent de Paul and Great Falls Area Food Banks for their items. We will have the shuttle van available and will schedule these sessions for the volunteer and the family.

Since this will be a new process for all of us, we ask for your patience and your dedication to providing feedback on how the process is going and how you think the families are benefiting from your participation.

Please contact Greg Grosenick or Maggie Hooker at 406-564-5267 to let us know when you or your church congregation wants to volunteer.

Again, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely, Cari Yturri



## Local Giving This Christmas Season.

This Christmas Season our local charity is The Harold & Carmen Poulsen Legacy House. Items for donations include: toilet paper, paper towels, hand soaps, tissues, dish scrubbers, Swiffer wet jet solution/pads, dish soap, and other household items for the apartments.

The Legacy House is a non-profit temporary housing facility for patients and their families traveling for medical treatment to Great Falls, Montana.

Poulsen Housing is located on the campus of the Great Falls Clinic, just footsteps from the Great Falls Clinic Cancer Center and Hospital.

Poulsen Housing provides a “home away from home” for patients, caregivers, and/or family members. They provide a warm and healing atmosphere where guests can eat, sleep, and recover without the stress of finding a place to stay. They prioritize cancer and pediatric patients, first and foremost and welcome all others based on availability.

Poulsen Housing is the only patient housing facility in Great Falls that allows all patients to stay, regardless of where they are receiving treatment. The facility is **free** to all guests receiving medical treatment in the Great Falls community. They operate 100% on donations.

Each room features a private bathroom, small refrigerator, small microwave, small kitchen sink, and a television with DVD player. Sheets, towels, dishes, and cleaning supplies are provided. Some amenities such as shampoo, conditioner, etc. are provided based on availability.

We will have more information on Sunday or call the Bethel Office 406-761-1543.



# Just for YOUTH



## gather

Welcome to worship.

Do you see an Advent wreath in your church?

How many candles are there? \_\_\_\_\_

How many candles are lit today? \_\_\_\_\_

Evergreen branches are often used on an Advent wreath. The branches never change from their green color. They remind us that God's love for us never changes.



Draw more evergreen branches on this wreath.  
Draw flames on two of the candles.

## LOGOS

Wednesday,

December 7, 2022

Lesson:

Advent (2) -

Matthew 3:1-12

Menu:

Chili, Frito chips, dinner rolls, Texas sheet cake

## THIS WEEK...

Do the plants at your home or church need care? Give them water, fertilizer, and sun.

## LET US PRAY...

*Give us care and what we need to grow, Lord. Amen*

## Send

**Go in peace. Serve the Lord.**

What can we do to serve the Lord during the week? Our faith keeps growing as we help others, pray, and read Bible stories. Let your faith grow each day!

Did you know about Jesus' family tree? Jesus is called a shoot, or new plant, growing from the stump of Jesse. Jesus comes from the family of King David, the son of Jesse.



Draw more leaves and branches on the small shoot coming out of the trunk.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Tuesday 12/6**

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am.
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and Zoom 7:00 am

### **Wednesday 12/7**

- Bible Study led by Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos Youth ministry 5:30 pm; High School 6:30 pm

### **Thursday 12/8**

- Exec Board Zoom meeting 5:30 pm

### **Friday 12/9**

- Bethel office closed

### **Saturday 12/10**

- Hope Circle Christmas Party at the Carlson's 6:30 pm

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday 12/11**

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie in-person & live stream 9:30 am
- World Hunger Sunday

### **Tuesday 12/13**

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

### **Wednesday 12/14**

- Bible Study led by Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos Youth ministry Christmas Party 5:30 pm; High School 6:30 pm

### **Friday 12/16**

- Bethel office closed

## **Fellowship Ministries**

### **Electric City Bible Study—online**

What a great way to connect with one another! Join our bible study via Zoom, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Laurie Turner at lolli51gus@icloud.com for a link to join the meeting.

### **Men's Breakfast Meets In-person and Online**

Join us for a fun and engaging conversation, and insightful discussion of each week's lectionary texts as we meet both in person and via Zoom. Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at dscholten@dlsconsulting.net for a link to join the meeting or for more information.

### **Hope Circle—in person**

This group meets once a month usually on Thursday evenings. Bible study and fellowship are celebrated with this group of ladies. Contact Terry Korpela to be on the group email for meetings and prayer requests terry.korpela@gmail.com.

**Next meeting: Christmas Party December 10th 6:30 PM @ the Carlson's—ornament exchange.**

### **Weekly Text Study with Pastor Jessie-online**

Wednesdays, 10:00 am via Zoom, Pastor Jessie will be leading discussion on the text readings for the upcoming Sunday. Dig deeper in the interpretation of the readings and discuss ways they give us guidance in our daily lives. If you would like to join this meeting, email bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

