

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death..

Readings:

First Reading:

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm:

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Second Reading:

Romans 1:1-7

Gospel:

Matthew 1:18-25

This Sunday
We enjoy special music from the Jubilate Choir and the Bethel Bell Choir.

Join us Sundays
9:30 AM in-person or online at bethelmt.org.



She will bear
a **SON**, and
you are to name him
Jesus
MATTHEW 1:21

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SERVING THIS SERVICE

Accompanist	Connie Titcomb, piano; Rev. Steve Nelson, guitar, Mac Carlson, violin; Sara Graft, jimbe
Lay Assistant	John Blank
Ushers	Laurie Turner
Tech	Adam Elkin
Children's Church	Ava Fossen and Olivia Violet
Counters	Pam Dougherty and Laurie Turner

OFFICE HOURS

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

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- † Prayers of healing for **Turner Graybill** who is having surgery for a broken wrist this Friday.
- † Prayers of support for **Payton Sexe** as he receives treatment at Rocky Mountain Treatment Center.
- † Prayers of healing and support for **Doug Kickbusch** who is in the hospital with progressed affects from a brain tumor.
- † 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 **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.

Season Of Serving

Helping Hands at First English Lutheran Church (726 2nd Avenue North) will be assembling Christmas Dinner baskets this Sunday, December 18th at 1:00 pm, they will also be handing out the baskets on Monday. They are looking for help with these projects. If you have any time during Sunday or Monday, please call 406-453-9551



Christmas Eve

Candlelight & Communion Worship

4:00 pm Solo by Karolina Pejos

6:00 pm live stream worship service

Christmas Day

Hymn Sing

9:30 AM no communion



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Special Office Hours
Bethel Office will be closed
Monday, December 26th
in observance of Christmas
Monday, January 2, 2023
in observance of New Year's Day





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.

Daily Texts 2023

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

If you would like a copy mailed to you, email 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.*



Introducing 'A View From The Pew'

In the new year we are launching a new segment to the Bethel Notes. Each month we will have a article topic, and we would like to hear from you, yes you the reader on your thoughts about that topic. We can have up to four articles per month regarding the topic and you may submit two articles per year. We have listed the topics below to choose from. Each article should be no more than 500 words. Each article will be due on Wednesday of each week.

- January – My favorite Bethel memory
- February – My favorite hymn and why
- March – What Lent means to me
- April – How my faith has transformed me
- May – My dreams are for faith in the future
- June – Church outside our walls, God's Work Our Hands
- July – God and the great outdoors
- August – Embarrassing church stories
- September – My biggest struggle with my faith
- October – Forgiveness, letting things go
- November – What I am truly thankful for
- December – My favorite traditions of church and Christmas

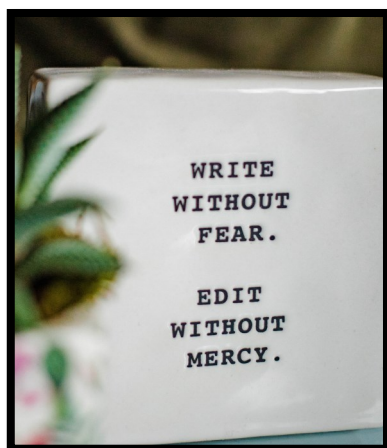


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If you see a topic you would like to share your thoughts about, just email Tami in the bethel office bethelgf.church@gmail.com or call her at 406-761-1543.

Sign-Ups for 2023 Now Available

Our volunteer books for 2023 are now available.

- ◆ *Hospitality*—bringing the cookies and goodies for our coffee time after worship.
- ◆ *Usher/Greeter*—one to two people per worship service to assist with greeting and answering questions, assisting with the Offering and communion.
- ◆ *Altar Flowers*—sponsor the altar flowers each week, \$15.00 per service and note a special person or memory with each sponsorship.

Please let Tami Grosenick in the office know if you have any questions 406-761-1543.



Local Giving To The Legacy House.

As you know we are supporting the Poulsen Legacy House for individuals and their caregivers to stay free while they are receiving medical treatments in Great Falls. For more information about the house click this link <https://www.gfcllegacy.org/about-our-housing/>

From now until January 1, 2023 we will be collecting Items for donations to include:

- toilet paper
- paper towels
- tissues
- dish scrubbers
- Swiffer wet jet solution/pads
- Clorox wipes
- dish soap
- hand soap
- games
- puzzles
- shelf stable snacks
- coffee add-ins such as creamer and/or sugar (creamer must be non-dairy and shelf stable)



For more information call the Bethel Office 406-761-1543 or email questions to bethelgf.church@gmail.com

Just for YOUTH

What's in a name?

Names are important. Imagine the problems if no names were attached to the Christmas packages! Jesus' many names tell us he is always with us as our Savior and teacher.

Decorate the gift tags. Use the blank one on a Christmas package. Use the tag from God as a bookmark in an Advent storybook or Bible.



Name him Jesus

Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph was chosen by God to be Jesus' earthly father. When he heard Mary would soon have a baby Joseph became worried. Then Joseph had a dream. An angel came to him and said, "Do not be afraid."

Look for the underlined letters in the story above. Every time you see an underlined letter in the story, cross out that letter in the puzzle below. The first one is done for you. Draw a circle around the letters that are left to read the rest of the angel's message to Joseph. Write the message here:

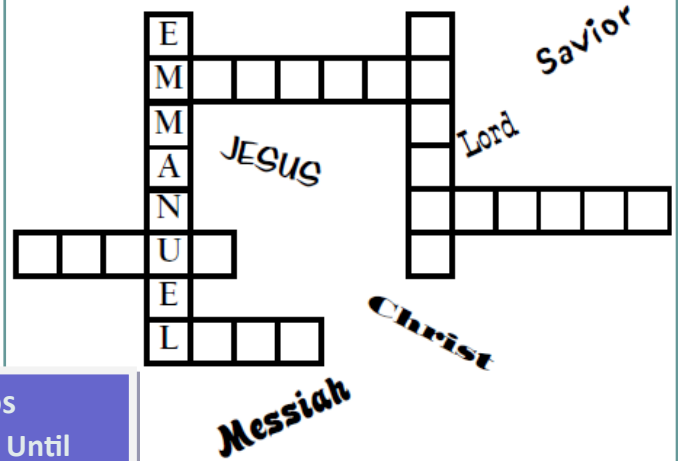
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Welcome to worship.

We use many names for Jesus. Each name has a special meaning. *Emmanuel* means "God with us."

God is with us in Jesus.

Find a place for each of Jesus' names in the puzzle spaces.



LOGOS
 On Break Until
 January 11, 2023

THIS WEEK...

How was your name chosen when you were born?

LET US PRAY...

We thank you that we can call on your name in praise and love.

Amen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 12/20

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

Wednesday 12/21

- Bible Study led by Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos Youth ministry on break until January 11, 2023

Friday 12/23

- Bethel office closed
- Aitz Chaim Hanukkah Party 5:30 pm

Saturday 12/24

- Christmas Eve Worship service in-person only 4:00 pm
- Christmas Eve Worship service in-person and online 6:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 12/25

- Merry Christmas! Hymn Sing Worship led by Pastor Jessie in-person & live stream 9:30 am
- Baptism of Lennie Mae Frick.

Monday 12/26

- Christmas holiday observed, Bethel Office closed.

Tuesday 12/27

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am.
- No Men's Breakfast

Wednesday 12/28

- Bible Study led by Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos Youth ministry on break until January 11, 2023

Friday 12/30

- 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

Join us for a fun and engaging conversation, and insightful discussion of each week's lectionary texts as we meet in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at dscholten@dlsconsulting.net 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: January TBD

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.

