

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation of our God." O come, let us adore!

Readings:

First Reading:

Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalm:

Psalm 97

Second Reading:

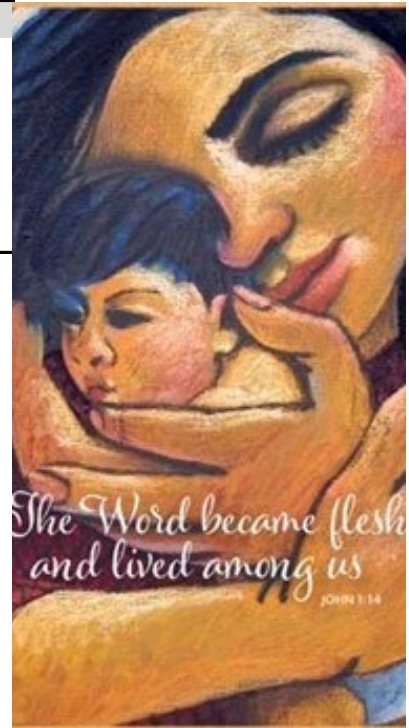
Titus 3:4-7

Gospel:

Luke 2:8-20

This Sunday
A beautiful hymn
sing worship service
and baptism of
Lennie Mae Frick,
daughter of
Andreas Ruiz and
Johnnie Frick.

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



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SERVING THIS SERVICE

Accompanist	Lynn Ryan, piano
Lay Assistants	Judy Statham
Usher	Tami Grosenick
Tech	Colter McCarty
Children's Church	<i>No Children's Church this morning</i>
Counters	Stephanie Cummings 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 for **Don and Sue Hesse** as they both recover at home from respiratory illness.
- † Prayers of healing and strength for **Ron Elkin** as he recovers at home from a heart procedure and a recent diagnosis of the flu.
- † Prayers of healing for **Turner Graybill** who recovering from surgery for a broken wrist.
- † Prayers of healing and support for **Doug Kickbusch** who is in the transitional care unit at Benefis.
- † Prayers of support for **Payton Sexe** as he receives treatment at Rocky Mountain Treatment Center.
- † 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 continues to heal from a broken leg.
- † 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 is receiving treatment for cancer.
- † Prayers of healing for **Clark Walburger**, *brother-in-law of Grant Smith*, who is recovering 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.

Christmas Eve

Candlelight & Communion Worship

4:00 pm Solo by Karolina Dejos

6:00 pm Solo by Patrick Ryan

Both services will be live streamed on our website
bethelmt.org.



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Christmas Day

Hymn Sing and Baptism of Lennie Mae Frick

9:30 AM no communion

Service will be live streamed on our website bethelmt.org.

Bethel Meeting Announcement

Sunday, January 22, 2023
Budget Review Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 2023
Annual Meeting

Both will be held after worship. Mark your calendars for both of these meetings and more information will be provided in upcoming Bethel Notes.

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.

During the darkest hours of winter, the Family Promise team is warmed by the generosity of



many donors and volunteers who help end childhood homelessness, one family at a time.

Because of our supportive community, we bring light, warmth, food, shelter, clothing, and transportation to families facing homelessness. Thank you!

Thank you, Pastor Andre Murphy, and **Living Grace Church**, for providing Thanksgiving Baskets to the families staying at Promise Place Shelter.

Thank you, **Pasta Montana**, for providing forty pounds of pasta for our families.

Thank you, Shelly, and her **Walmart** team on 10th Avenue South, for choosing Family Promise for your holiday grant.

Also, thank you to **Kellie Michel** who donated her 50/50 winnings and to **MT Pints** for holding a Raise a Pint Fundraiser for us.

Thank you, **Teriyaki Madness**, for holding a Mad Fundraiser Event to raise funds for us.



New Job Opening!

We are seeking a dedicated candidate for a new position, **Outreach and Operations Specialist**. The position is parttime and will be critical for continuing the work that Family Promise does to help homeless families. Go to <http://www.familypromisegf.org> or call Greg for additional information.



Save the Date!

April 22nd, 2023

SOC HOP

Saving our Community-Honoring our Promise

Black Eagle Community Center

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

The big picture of Christmas

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Simple pictures tell the big story of Christmas. Listen to the story of Jesus' birth as it is told today in the gospel.

Number the seven pictures to put them in the correct order.



THIS WEEK...

Read the Christmas story from Luke or from picture books at home. Notice how different artists tell Jesus' story with pictures.

LET US PRAY...

*Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask you to stay close
by me forever and love
me, I pray. Amen*

LOGOS
On Break
Until
January 11,
2023



Many Christmas carols you sing have rhyming words.

Find five sets of rhyming words in this picture and draw a line between each pair of words (hint: mat and hat).

My favorite Christmas song about Jesus is:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- No bible study this week
- Logos Youth ministry on break until January 11, 2023

Friday 12/30

- Bethel office closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 1/1/2023

- Happy New Year! Worship led by Pastor Jessie in-person & live stream 9:30 am

Monday 1/2

- New Year holiday observed, Bethel Office closed

Tuesday 1/3

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

Wednesday 1/4

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

Friday 1/6

- Bethel office closed
- Aitz Chaim Friday worship 6:00 pm
- High School Logos lock-in beginning 8:00 pm in the Gathering Place

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.

