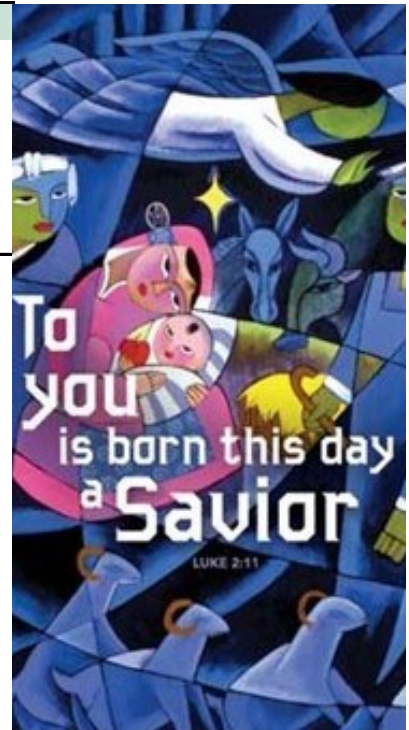


# BETHEL NOTES



## Christmas Eve Holy Communion and Candlelight Worship Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4:00 PM AND 6:00 PM

WE RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU WEAR A MASK.

*Join us Sundays  
9:30 AM in-person or  
online at [bethelmt.org](http://bethelmt.org)  
4:00 PM Christmas Eve Service  
will be live streamed.*

### SERVING CHRISTMAS EVE

Accompanists Connie Titcomb, piano;  
Lay Assistants 4:00 Judy Statham; 6:00 Walt Nuessle  
Ushers 4:00 The Elkin Family; 6:00 The Wagner-Fossen Family  
Tech Adam Elkin  
Counters Pam Dougherty and Dena Wagner-Fossen

### SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Accompanists Lynn Ryan, piano;  
Lay Assistants Sandy Pepos  
Ushers Tami Grosenick  
Tech TBD  
Children's Church Allison Marr and Abbie Virts  
Counters Pam Dougherty and Dena Wagner-Fossen

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### OFFICE HOURS

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

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- ✝ Prayers for safe travels for **Mary and Dick Seim** as they are coming home after a long absence.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Mary Hill** as she recovers from surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Gordon Lord** as he prepares for a second surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Heather Beck**, *daughter of Kathy Johnson*, who is preparing for brain surgery in January. If anyone would like to send a note of support, call the Bethel office for her address. 406-761-1543.
- ✝ Prayers of healing as well as thanksgiving for **Kim**, *daughter of Dick and Mary Seim*, who continues to recover and regain her strength.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** as she undergoes medial testing.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Cody Buus**, *Cindy Considine's nephew*, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of strength and healing for **Arlene Sexe** and she continues to undergo treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of strength & leadership for **Gustavo Driau**, Regional Representative of South America
- ✝ Prayers of thanks and continued healing for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of continued healing for **Katie Madsen**, *niece of Doug Sexe and granddaughter of Arlene Sexe*, as she continues cancer treatment and is responding well.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Steve Young**, *brother of Sue Hesse*, as he continues to manage back issues.
- ✝ Prayers of support and healing for **James Trunkle**, *friend of Dena Wagner-Fossen*, as he manages health issues.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Bob and Marj Vander Aarde** they continue treatments for Bob.
- ✝ Prayers of support and strength for **Trudy and Earl Terwilliger** as they manage Trudy's health.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Leonard Murphy** as he recovers from complications of knee surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort, support and healing for **Don Bisgard** as he continues to manage after medical procedures.
- ✝ Prayers of strength and recovery for **LaRae Veitch** as she rehabs after knee surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Eric Peterson** as he continues treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Tony Marcson**, *brother-in-law of Jessica Crist*, who is undergoing treatment for lung cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Bob Walker**, *brother of Colleen Walker-Nelson*, who is managing kidney disease.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **Glenn Vannatta** as he continues with medical testing.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **John Korpela** as he continues to manage cancer treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of strength and healing for **Lisa Leland**, *niece of Sandy Bechard*, as she begins treatment for breast cancer.



Merry Christmas Bethel!

During this season of hope and joy we celebrate that God came to us in flesh and blood to be our guide and our teacher. As we gather together on Christmas Eve and in the following weeks, we celebrate something that happened thousands of years ago, but we also celebrate something that is happening right now. We celebrate the fact that Christ is still present and active in transforming our communities and our lives today. We celebrate that the teachings of Jesus still live with us and guide us in forming our lives and our paths of faith. We celebrate that we are not alone in these journeys. We have one another, and we have a God who continues to show up. So during this Christmas season I invite you to stop and reflect on your own journey of faith, and the communities that you are a part of and have been a part of. How have you been transformed by this larger story of Jesus Christ? How have your communities been transformed by that story? Finally, how might we, Bethel Lutheran Church, be transformed to be proclaimers of this hope and joy that we feel during Christmas every single day? Lots to think about, of course, and a lot to be excited about as well. Thank you, Bethel, for being God's faithful people. Thank you for loving one another and the world around you. Thank you for studying and praying and dreaming about God's plan for us and our world throughout this past year. Thank you for being willing to be transformed and to continue be transformed by the story of Jesus Christ. I can't wait to continue to walk this path together in the coming year.

Merry Christmas! Christ is Born!  
Pastor Jessie

## Celebration of the Holy Baptism of Ellie Lou and Addison Grace Brown.



Pictured from Left to Right: Sponsor, Julia Nordlund, Pastor Jessie, Mother Kelsey Brown holding Addison Grace, Ellie Lou held by her father Shawn Brown, and sponsor Colin Kohoutek.

### **Covid Guidelines for Worship**

Masks are **strongly recommended**, but not required.

Continue physical distancing.

Coffee Hour on hold



# Logos Christmas Program

Thank you to all of our Logos Youth, Families and Bethel Members and Guests for making this year's Christmas Program so very special.



Nativity Choir sings familiar Christmas Hymns.



Kendall Ryan represents the Angel that spoke to Mary about the coming birth of Jesus.



Addi Carlson, Hailey Marr, Jack Pinski and Autin Kupfner talk about the birth of Jesus.



Emma Shimerdla plays Mary the mother of Jesus.



Youth Bell Choir played Hark! The Hearal Angels Sing and We Wish You a Merry Christmas!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

I want to say a thank you to all who supported our bake and craft sale. From our bakers and crafters to our buyers and donators. We made just over \$1500.00 toward our 2022 Vacation Bible School Day Camp.

I am so overwhelmed by the generosity of this congregation and all your support for our youth programs. Thank you, doesn't begin to describe my gratitude.

Many blessings on all.

Tami Grosenick



### Altar Flower Sign Ups

The Altar Flower Sign Up book will be available for 2022. If you would like to sponsor the flowers on the altar, sign up for a Sunday or Sundays and you can make a dedication of a celebration or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$15.00 per Sunday and can be paid in advance or on the Sunday that you sponsor. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday and are not going to be here this Sunday, please call the Bethel Office 406-761-1543 or email [bethelgf.church@gmail.com](mailto:bethelgf.church@gmail.com) with the Sunday you would like to sponsor and your dedication. The book will be available each Sunday until all Sundays are selected.

## Helping, Helping Hands



Walt Nuessle and Patti Godtel Show results of assembling baskets.



Santa even stopped by to put helpers on his Nice List!



Shannon Marr, Allison Marr, Taylah Jaques, and Hailey Marr all helped get the baskets ready for families.



John Blank adds items to the baskets.



Saying a prayer for all who donated and helped with the food baskets.

# Financial Secretary Needed!

The Financial Secretary is responsible for the efficient and effective management of the contributions statements of the church. This volunteer position calls for significant dialogue with Bethel's Treasurer so they are fully apprised of matters being considered and acted upon. The Financial Secretary must be sensitive to the nature of information he/she has access to and must treat it confidentially.

Highlights of duties include:

- Receive counter's spreadsheet from Sunday offering and enter into our database-must be proficient with Excel
- Update weekly spreadsheet totals
- Assist in disbursement of giving statements bi-annually

For full duty description, more information, or to volunteer for this position, please contact the Bethel Office at 406-761-1543.

## Important Upcoming Dates:

**January 9th** First Communion Class following worship at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**January 16th** New Member Inquiry Class following worship at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**January 23rd** Annual Budget Review Meeting after worship in the Sanctuary.

**January 30th** Annual Meeting after worship in the Sanctuary. If you are a voting member of Bethel please try to attend, we need a quorum to vote in new council members and 2022 budget. We will be announcing if we can offer this as a hybrid meeting with in person and Zoom.

## What's Happening at FLBC

### Holy Land Pilgrimage

*June 20-29, 2022*

There are still spots available for this long awaited journey to the Holy Land! Join FLBC staff and guide, Elias Nawawieh as we experience the Holy Land in a whole new way. Visit <https://www.eliaستours.com/tours/flathead-lutheran-bible-camp-holy-land-trip> to learn more!

### Upcoming Retreats/ Important Dates

- Summer 2022 Staff Application IS Open!
- Registration for Youth Camps open
- January 14-16, 2022 Jr. and Sr. High Ski & Snowboard Retreat

For more information on these events go to [flbc.net](http://flbc.net) or call the office at 406-752-6602



As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference.

ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love.

Choose from lots of great global gifts like \$10.00 for chicks, \$20.00 for honeybees, \$30.00 for a pig, \$50.00 for a goat or help with \$10.00 to buy school supplies, \$12.00 for bibles, \$30.00 for water filter, and so much more! Check out the ornaments on the giving tree to see all the options to send help this Christmas. Make sure you note on your check or online donation where you want your dollars to be spent. If you have no preference, note Good Gift General and your money will go where it most needed.



# Just for YOUTH

## Hear & Celebrate

### God came to us in Jesus on Christmas night

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Help Mary and Joseph find their way to the stable.



Help the shepherds find their way to the new baby.

### Christmas carols



We sing joyful songs at Christmas to celebrate Jesus' birth. What is your favorite Christmas carol? What is your family's favorite Christmas carol? Who sang the first Christmas carol? Angels! Use the code to find the first words of the angels' song.

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Logos resumes January 12, 2022. If you have someone who may be interested in attending Logos, we always have room. Call the Office for more information 406-761-1543 or go to [bethelmt.org/youth-ministries](http://bethelmt.org/youth-ministries).

### Calendar of Events

#### Tuesday 12/28

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

#### Wednesday 12/29

- No Bible Study this week
- Logos on hold until January

#### Friday 12/31

- New Year's Eve, Bethel office is closed.

#### Saturday 1/1/2022

- Happy New Year

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Sunday 1/2

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie in-person and live stream at 9:30 am

#### Tuesday 1/4

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

#### Wednesday 1/5

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos on hold until January

#### Thursday 1/6

- Bethel Exec Board Zoom meeting 5:30 pm

#### Friday 1/7

- Bethel office is closed.
- Aitz Chaim Friday Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

## Online Ministries

### Electric City Bible Study

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](mailto:lolli51gus@icloud.com) for a link to join the meeting.

### Men's Breakfast

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](mailto:dscholten@dlsconsulting.net) for a link to join the meeting or for more information.

### Hope Circle

This group meets once a month usually on Thursday evenings. Bible study and fellowship are celebrated with this group of ladies. Contact Laurie Turner at [lolli51gus@icloud.com](mailto:lolli51gus@icloud.com) for a link to join the meeting and Terry Korpela to be on the group email for meetings and prayer requests [terry.korpela@gmail.com](mailto:terry.korpela@gmail.com).

### Weekly Text Study with Pastor Jessie

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](mailto:bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list.

### **Pastor Jessie Obrecht**

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