

# BETHEL NOTES

**Sunday December 11, 2022**

***Third Sunday of Advent***

*A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.*

**Readings:**

**First Reading:**

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

**Psalm:**

*Psalm 146:5-10*

**Second Reading:**

*James 5:7-10*

**Gospel:**

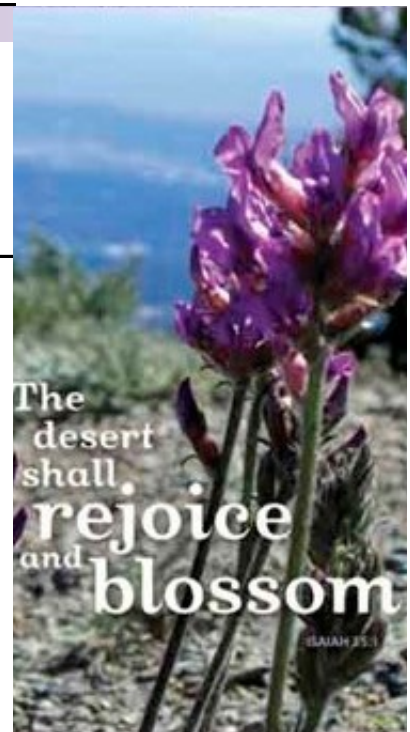
*Matthew 11:2-11*

**This Sunday**



**World Hunger  
Sunday**

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



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**SERVING THIS SERVICE**

<b>Accompanist</b>	Connie Titcomb, piano; Mac Carlson, violin; Sara Graft, jimbe
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Sandy Pepos
<b>Ushers</b>	Walt Nuessle
<b>Tech</b>	Adam Elkin
<b>Children's Church</b>	Julia Elkin and Maya Stringer
<b>Counters</b>	Tim Lightbourne and Anne Vannatta

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- ✝ 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.



# 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.*



## 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.gfclegacy.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](mailto:bethelgf.church@gmail.com)



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

December 1-2  
7:30 pm  
December 8-10  
7:30 pm  
Special December 3rd  
Matinee  
2:00 pm  
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](http://www.mtishows.com)

**Fruit Delivery This Sunday.** If you ordered fruit from the Elkin's, your fruit will be available for pickup at church this Sunday. If you ordered candy, meat or cheese—the delivery has been delayed. If you will not be here this Sunday, the Elkin's will deliver to your home.

## 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.



## Logos Youth Christmas Program 2022

Thank you all for a wonderful Christmas Program this year. A special thank you to Lynn and Patrick Ryan who put in extra time with the music of the program. A thank you to Pastor Jessie for her support and guidance. Thanks to our Logos Teachers: Laura Kupfner, Amber Pinski, Jo Ann Dullum and Johnna Lightbourne for helping with practice and putting together costumes. A special thank you to our Logos Youth for participating and putting their time and effort into making this program so special. And a huge thank you to our Bethel Congregation and guests who supported our bake and craft sale with all the goodies and talented crafts, we brought in \$1692.00 for vacation bible school. We are so very blessed and humbled by your generosity.



## A Word of Thanks from Child Protective Service Staff

thanks  
thanks  
thanks  
thanks  
thanks

Thank for the  
bag of treats!  
your kindness is  
so appreciated!

Jessica  
DUNSTON

your gift &  
kindness brought  
a smile to my face!  
Thank you!

Hadi leij Powell

Thanks for  
the treat! 3  
Thank you  
Jennifer et.  
TY-Laura  
Everson  
Thank you  
so much  
Korbin

Thank you!  
-Tasha

Thank you for  
thinking of us!  
-Micaela

Thank you  
for supporting  
us - Darren

Thank you!  
-Amanda Ball

Thanks so much for  
your kind and  
thoughtful gift  
bags - as appreciated!  
Nathan Behrmann

thanks for thinking of us.  
Greatly appreciated.  
-Ranli

Thank you for supporting us!  
- Sam

Thank you for your support  
and appreciation - Casey

Thank you for thinking  
of us. We appreciate your  
kindness! Mayley

Thank you for all your kindness  
and support  
you're awesome!  
Thank you!  
Kim

Thank you for  
your support!!  
-Melanie

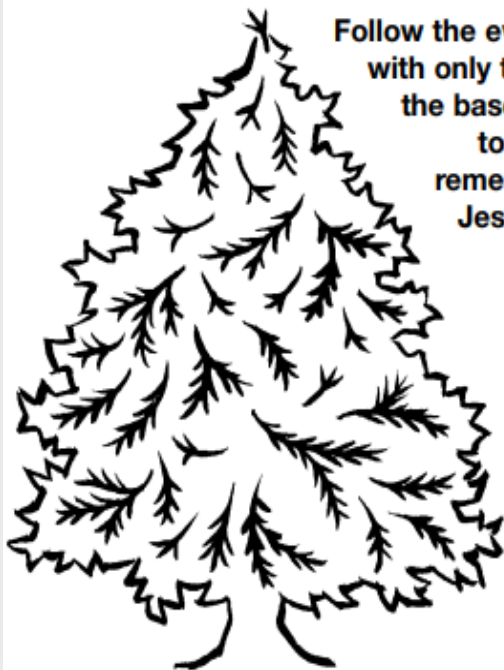
Thank you all  
so much!  
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# Just for YOUTH

Welcome to worship.

At Advent we wait for an awesome event: Jesus' coming. Prophets like **ISAIAH** from the Old Testament wrote about what would happen when Jesus comes. Even the wilderness will be glad!

**Color in the prophet's name. Listen for the Bible reading from the book of Isaiah today.**



**Follow the evergreen branches with only three needles from the base of the tree to the top. Draw a star and remember the light that Jesus brings to us all.**

## THIS WEEK...

Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you to one activity at church this week.

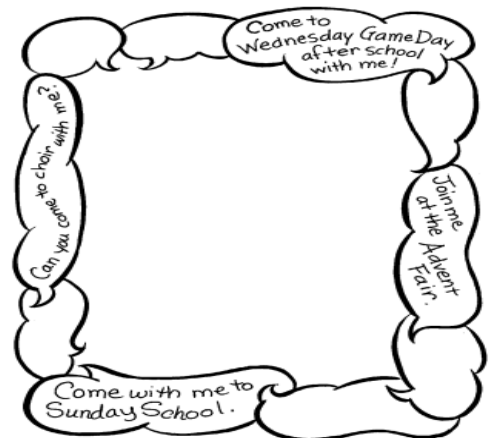
## LET US PRAY...

*Help us share the good news about you, Jesus. Amen*

### Share the good news

John the baptizer was called an evangelist, someone who tells the good news about Jesus.

**Draw a picture of yourself and a friend. Add words to the speech bubbles that show ways you can be a "good news bearer."**



## LOGOS

Wednesday,

December 14, 2022

Lesson:

Christmas Party

Menu:

Lasagna, green beans, garlic twists, hot cocoa, Christmas cookie sticks

### An Advent blessing

Matthew 11:2-11

The Advent message reveals who Jesus is and tells us what he will do. "The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them" (Matthew 11:5).



Every Sunday the pastor tells us that Jesus is with us.

**Unscramble the letters and place them in the correct spaces to find out what the pastor says to all worshipers.**



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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **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 5:30 pm; HS Logos 6:30 pm

### **Friday 12/16**

- Bethel office closed

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday 12/18**

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

### **Tuesday 12/20**

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

## **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.

