

# BETHEL NOTES

## Sunday, February 13

### Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

*Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed ares” and the “woe tos” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.*


### Readings

*First Readings*                      *Second Reading*  
Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]    1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*Psalm*                                      *Gospel*  
Psalm 138                                Luke 5:1-11

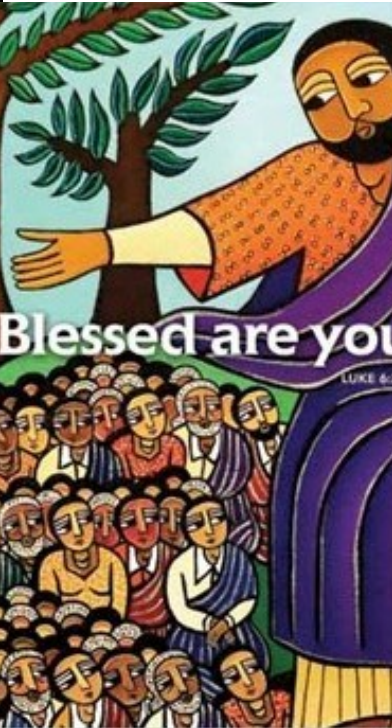
*No Adult Education after Worship.*

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

 **World Hunger Sunday**  
**We will receive an additional offering in the wicker basket.**

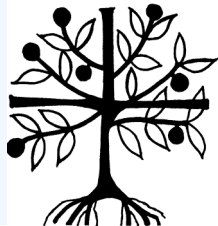
### SERVING THIS SUNDAY

**Accompanist**                      Connie Titcomb, piano; Pastor Steve Nelson, guitar  
**Lay Assistant**                      Sue Hesse  
**Usher**                                      Johnna Lightbourne  
**Tech**    Adam Elkin  
**Counters**                                Tim Lightbourne and Warren Johnson  
**Children’s Church**                  Allison Marr and Abbie Virts



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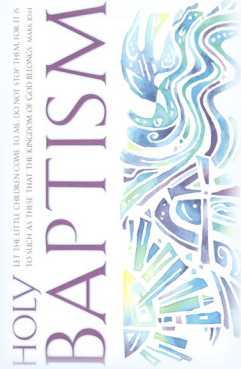


- ✝ Prayers of healing as well as comfort for **Gordon Lord** as he prepares for a third surgery and also mourns the loss of his mother, Ruby.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Mary Lou Norbie and family** as they mourn the passing of her sister, Pat.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Arlene Sexe** as she undergoes new treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort and strength for **family and friends of Rick Johnson**, friends of *Jon and JoAnn Dullum*, as they mourn his passing.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Marj Vander Aarde, Dave and Tamy Scholten, and their family on the passing of Bob Vander Aarde**, he will be missed.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Mick and Dina Davis** on the passing of *Mick's brother Donny*.
- ✝ Prayers of support and comfort for **Earl Terwilliger and family** as they mourn Trudy's passing.
- ✝ Prayers of continued healing for **Shirley Cayko**.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Heather Beck**, daughter of *Kathy Johnson*, as she continues to improve after brain surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Heath Poser**, nephew of *Connie Titcomb*, who has been diagnosed with brain tumors and awaiting tests results to determine treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and strength for **John Korpela** as he continues chemotherapy treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** as she manages a health issue.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Cody Buus**, *Cindy Considine's nephew*, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of strength & leadership for **Gustavo**

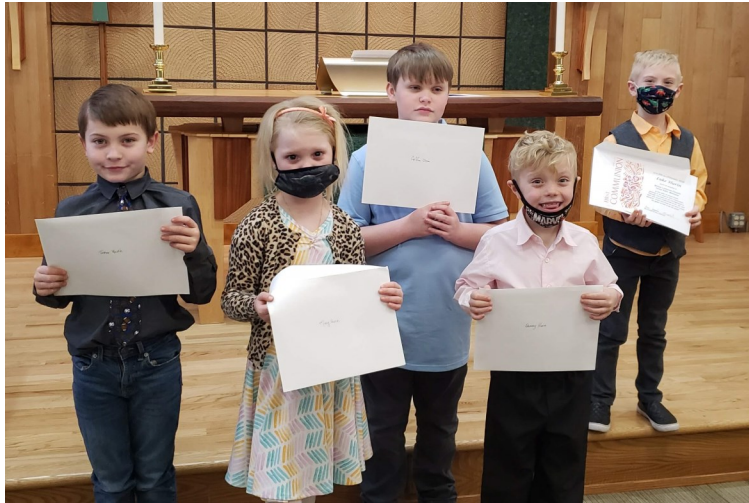
**Driau**, Regional Representative of South America

- ✝ Prayers of thanks and continued healing for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of support and healing for **James Trunkle**, friend of *Dena Wagner-Fossen*, as he manages health issues.
- ✝ 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 strength and healing for **Lisa Leland**, niece of *Sandy Bechard*, as she begins treatment for breast cancer.

Prayers of Joy and Celebration for **Finley Jo and Olivia Grace Morris** being baptized this Sunday at Bethel . And to their family and sponsors. Parents Daniel and Allison Morris. Grandparents Doug and Sara Sexe and Gary and Sharey Morris. Great Grandparents JoAnn Robitaille, Tom and Jan Robitaille and Arlene Sexe. Sponsors David and Madison Meis.



# Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion!



*Celebrating their first communion from left to right: Teshar Reidle, Macy Hurin, Griffin Olson, Sammy Hurin and Luke Hurin.*



## Caring for One Another—NEW MINISTRY

Bethel is restarting a ministry that we have not had in awhile. **Congregational Care Team.** This group of people will be focused on reaching out to those members of Bethel Lutheran Church with phone calls and in-home visits. The Covid Pandemic has made it more difficult for some folks to get around, we want to reconnect and bring us together once again.

Our team leaders Pastor Jessie, Jim Carlson and Jane Mart are holding an informational meeting on **February 20th after worship.** At this meeting you will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the needs our Bethel Congregation has to reach out to one another.

Come to the meeting or let one of our leaders know if you are interested.

**Celebration of Life for  
Bob Vander Aarde**

**Saturday, February 12th 10:00  
am** at Bethel Lutheran Church.

This service will be offered in-person and live streamed, if you are unable to attend, please contact the Bethel office for a link to be emailed prior to the service.

Join us in the Gathering Place after the service for luncheon.



**Celebration of Life for  
Trudy Terwilliger**

**Saturday, February 19th 2:00  
pm** at Bethel Lutheran Church.

This service will be offered in-person and live streamed, if you are unable to attend, please contact the Bethel office for a link to be emailed prior to the service.

Join us in the Gathering Place after the service for refreshments.



**Covid Guidelines for Worship**

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

Continue physical distancing. Coffee Hour on hold

If you have a fever or are feeling unwell, please take care of yourself and join us online for worship.



# Lenten Soup Suppers are Back!

We will once again be coming together during Lent on Thursday evenings to share a meal and worship using the Holden Evening Prayer Service.

To do this safely we will be serving and eating our Soup Supper in the Gathering Place. We will move into the sanctuary for the Holden Evening Prayer service and we will be live streaming this service.

**Thursdays** through Lent

Soup Supper begins at 6:15 pm

Holden Evening Prayer Service 7:00 pm



## **Church Council Meeting Highlights**

## **Bethel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights February 6, 2022**

Bethel Lutheran Church Council meeting and annual retreat took place on Sunday, February 6, 2022, at the Montana Synod Office and on Zoom. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

- The piano in the Gathering Place was a donation to Bethel and needs some repair. We have a piano tuner scheduled to take a look and give us an estimate to determine the cost of fixing it and what should be done if we choose not to repair it.
- Council gave approval for serving lunch and refreshments for upcoming Celebration of Life services with masked and gloved servers for safety.
- Lenten Soup Suppers have been approved with same requirement of servers.
- Election of officers for this year's Council are Warren Johnson, President; Sara Sexe Vice-President; Dena Wagner-Fossen, Treasurer; and Laurie Turner, Secretary.
- Mark Wilmarth of Vision's West was the guest speaker talking about Communication Models and was fun and well received.

Full minutes from this meeting and retreat will be made available soon.



## Getting Political with Luther: Cultivating Virtues to Serve God and Neighbor

Dr Anthony Bateza will lead this “Luther Lecture” on **Tuesday, February 22 - 9:30 to 2:30 (Mountain Time)**



Dr. Bateza is Associate Professor of Religion at St. Olaf College in Minnesota. Dr. Bateza is a specialist in Martin Luther, moral theology and Christian ethics. His primary area of research examines Luther’s political theology, focusing on the reformer’s understanding of human agency and his relationship with the virtue tradition. Dr. Bateza’s other scholarly interests include the broader Augustinian tradition, the impact of Luther’s thought on 19th century philosophy, and questions of race, identity, and social justice.

Dr. Bateza has earned degrees from Iowa State University (B.S, 2002), Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (M.Div., 2006), and Princeton Theological Seminary (Ph.D., 2017). An ordained pastor in the ELCA, Dr. Bateza enjoys speaking in various congregational settings learning alongside God’s people.

To register go to <https://www.montanasynod.org/nrit.html>.



## Annual Partner Gathering Agenda Thursday February 24th via Zoom Riding the Wave of Hope— Ending Childhood Hunger in Montana

The highlight of this Zoom conference, with messages from our state’s leaders, will be showcasing the strong cross-section of research and innovative solutions to feeding communities. Eleven Montana-based organizations will share their work through a Pecha Kucha-style presentation model. The presentations will be divided into three categories — Exploring Food Access, Integrating Nutrition Security into Healthcare, and systematic Approaches to Soling Hunger for Good — separated by Brief Q&A sessions.

MT-PECH aims to bring together state program and policy leaders and the many partner organization involved in our 8-Step Plan to End Childhood Hunger. The goal is to share successful interventions, to identify existing food security gaps post-pandemic, and to facilitate better coordination and collaboration with usual partners and new allies in the fight against childhood hunger. Join us to rekindle your inspiration, to find fresh momentum for caring for your neighbor, and to meet partners with share goals.

For more information or to register go to <https://strength.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwsd-2vri8sHNGGGVx5pxolXuiUgBL6p80B>

# Just for YOUTH

hear & celebrate

## Jesus' kindness is for all people

Luke 6:17-26

Jesus shared God's love with all people through kind words, a healing touch, and loving actions.

Draw a happy face inside each circle below.

Read the Bible story.

Whenever you come to a happy face, whisper the word happy.

A large crowd came to see Jesus. Some people were sad or sick. Others came to hear Jesus teach about God's love. Jesus said to them:



Circle the hidden hearts.



are you who are poor.

*The kingdom of God is yours.*



are you who are sad.

*You will laugh.*



are you who are hungry.

*You will be fed.*



are you who are unloved.

*God loves you  
and will bless you.*



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## God loves you always

Jesus told people that God's love would be with them in times of trouble.

Draw a picture of something that makes you sad or afraid. Then draw a happy face in the little circle beside the box to remind you that God's love is with you in times of trouble, too.



*Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me when I'm happy or sad, angry or afraid. Amen*

**This week**

Share Jesus' kindness by giving valentines to others.

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](http://bethelmt.org/youth) ministries.

## Calendar of Events

### Monday 2/14

- Happy Valentine's Day!

### Tuesday 2/15

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

### Wednesday 2/16

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos 5:30; High School 6:30

### Friday 2/18

- Bethel office is closed.

### Saturday 2/19

- Celebration of Life for Trudy Terwilliger 2:00 pm.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday 2/20

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie, in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- Congregational Care Ministry meeting after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

### Monday 2/21

- President's Day, Bethel Office is closed.

### Tuesday 2/22

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

### Wednesday 2/23

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos 5:30; High School 6:30

### Friday 2/25

- Bethel office is closed.

## 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.

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