

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, February 20

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

Readings

First Readings

Genesis 45:3-11,15

Second Reading

1 Corinthians

15:35-38,42-50

Psalm

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Congregational Care Ministry information meeting following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

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

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Accompanist	Mary Seim, piano; Pastor Steve Nelson, guitar
Lay Assistant	Tamy Scholten
Usher	Walt Nuessle
Tech	Adam Elkin
Counters	Stephanie Cummings and Greg Grosenick
Children's Church	Ava Fossen and Olivia Violet



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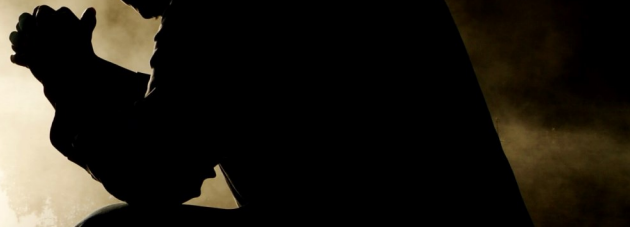
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:00 AM TO 4:30 PM CLOSED FRIDAY

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Let Us Pray...



- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Abby Bisgard-Clegg**, daughter of Don and Kathi Bisgard, as she begins treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Rev. Inge Williams**, friend of Pastor Jessie, as she has surgery preceding cancer treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and understanding for **Jeannette Rankin**, Jeanne's mom, as she is at home managing health issues.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Eric Peterson** as he ends treatment for cancer and begins immunotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of strength and healing for **Lisa Leland**, niece of Sandy Bechard, as she completed treatment for breast cancer.
- ✝ Prayers for extreme thankfulness for God's healing and this community of Christian love from **Mary Hill and Jeanne Rankin**.
- ✝ Prayers of healing as well as comfort for **Gordon Lord** as he recovers from 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 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 **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.



Greetings Bethel!

It has been a busy few weeks, and it seems like things are just getting started. I wanted to write to you today to tell you about an exciting piece that we will be exploring in the next several months. When I first began my work with you here, Jane Mart and Jim Carlson had told me about some beginning work that they had done with Pastor Steve on the topic of Spiritual Care. Before COVID hit, there was a plan in the works to create a team that would come together and work with the Pastor to spiritually care for our congregation

and community. What does that mean? Well, it means a group of people who are deeply passionate about praying for one another, visiting one another, bringing people together, and connecting with folks outside of just our congregation that may need a loving word as well. After church this Sunday, I would love to share with you all a bit more about what some of the dreams are around this "Congregational Care Team". If you are interested please let me know or reach out to Jane or Jim. We are in the very beginning stages of this process of creating a team, and all are welcome! You do not need to have any special qualifications or skills, simply a heart to serve and willingness to care for others in our community. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship if you are able, or send me an email in the coming weeks if you are interested in joining this important work moving forward.

-Pastor Jessie

Caring for One Another—NEW MINISTRY

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.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Baptism!

Blessings to Finley Jo, Olivia Grace Morris and their entire family!



Celebration of Life

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.



Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy
Communion with Taylah Jaques!



Ash Wednesday
Worship Service
March 3rd 7:00 pm

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

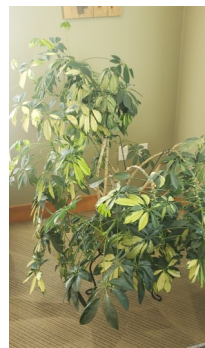
Holden Evening Prayer Service 7:00 pm



Indoor Plants Need Some Attention!

Do you love indoor plants? Do you have a green thumb? Then Bethel needs YOU! Our indoor plants are in need of some TLC. A little pruning, feeding and possibly transplanting. If you would like to take on the task of plant husbandry, please give Tami a call in the Bethel Office 406-761-1543 or email bethelgf.church@gmail.com.

Our plants will thank you!



Peer Ministry Leadership Training with Lyle Griner

April 1-2, 2022 \$100/person (Fri - Sat.) / \$85 for Saturday only

Join us April 1-2, 2022. Peer ministry is about the practical life skill that empowers us to become Good Samaritan leaders who care for every neighbor, every day, everywhere in every relationship. This retreat is for adults and youth (Jr high & up).

Easter Sunrise Service

April 17th, 2022 - at the lake, 6AM at FLBC

Adult Education/Spirituality Retreat with Dr. Andrew Root

May 1-3, 2022 \$225/person Monday only: \$175

Join us for this special retreat with the professor of youth and family ministry at Luther Seminary. Expect insightful sessions such as "Living after a pandemic...why are we exhausted?" and time for fun and relaxation at camp, too - quiet time, reading time, worship, hikes, pottery, and great food. This retreat is for all adults. Pastors, LPA's, Lay people, youth workers.

Memorial Day Work Retreat

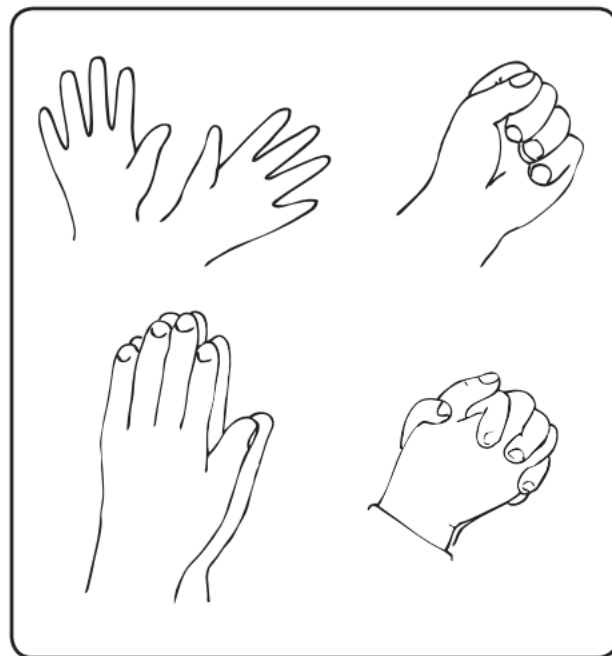
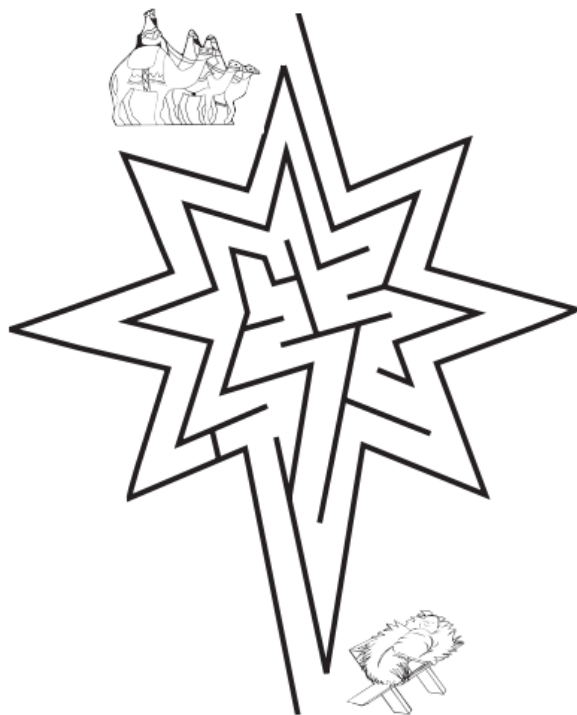
May 27-30, 2022 FREE (registration required!)

Just for YOUTH

Jesus taught us to love others. We can show that love by praying for the people in our lives. During worship, we pray for people at our church who are sick or hurting. Listen for this prayer.

There are many ways to pray. Try putting your hands together in these different ways. When you pray, you can talk to God about anything!

The wise men followed a star to find Jesus. The disciples followed Jesus. Travel through the star to find Jesus!



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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 2/21

- President's Day, Bethel Office 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 2/24

- Bethel office is closed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 2/27

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

Tuesday 3/1

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

Wednesday 3/2

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm – no Logos

Thursday 3/3

- Exec Board Zoom meeting 5:30 pm.

Friday 3/4

- Bethel office is closed.
- Aitz Chaim worship 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 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 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 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.

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 to be added to the mailing list.

Pastor Jessie Obrecht

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