

# Bethel Notes

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## Serving This Sunday

### Musicians:

Lynn Ryan-piano  
Sara Graft- djembe

### Acolyte:

Brian Boucher

### Lay Assistant:

Tyler Grosenick

### Readers:

Anna Boucher, Josie Delorit, Ken-  
dall Ryan, Kolton Kupfner, Drake  
Lange, Emily Woods, Rylee Virtz,  
Kari Ryan, Teshar Reidel, Sammy  
Seidel

### Usher:

Ryan Gilbertson, Jack Pinski

### Tech:

Adam Elkin

### Children's Church:

Allison Marr, Abbie Virtz

### Counters:

Pam Dougherty, Sara Sexe

### Hospitality:

Sonja Baumgardner

## Sunday, February 5, 2023

### Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

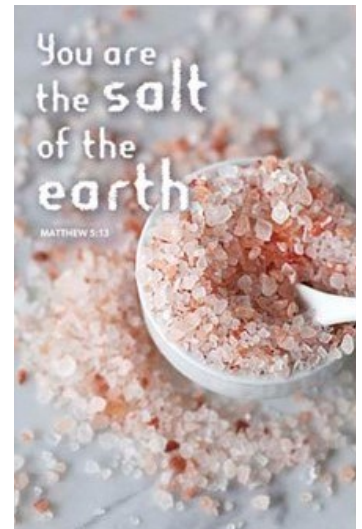
*Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 58:1-9a

**Psalm** 112:1-9

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:13-20



**Join us Sunday 9:30 AM  
In-person or live stream  
at [bethelmt.org](http://bethelmt.org)**

## THIS SUNDAY AT BETHEL...

We welcome Bethel LOGOs youth as they assist Pastor Jessie in leading our worship service. Our Third Grade students will be given their bibles!

We also welcome Bethel Brass Ensemble to accompany our hymn of the day, *This Little Light of Mine*.

The newly elected Council

Members and returning members will be holding their February meeting and retreat at Noon at the Montana Synod Office, part of this meeting will be the Election of Officers for 2023.

Don't forget to bring canned food for the

LOGOs CANstruction night, February 8th. All food will be donated to FISH! Ministry.



# Requesting Your Prayers

- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Pastor Trina Johnsten** who is in the hospital in Helena.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Heather Beck**, *Kathy Johnson's daughter*, as she prepares for brain surgery to have a shunt put in on February 13th.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Glen Vannatta** as he recovers after receiving a pacemaker.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **Caleb Pottratz** who is struggling with addiction.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for the **family and friends of Doug Kickbusch** as they mourn his passing.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dorothy Krueger**, *Greg Grosenick's grandmother*, as she recovers after a fall.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Jude Myhre**, *Shelly Murphy's sister*, who is in hospice.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Payton Carle**, *friend of Karrie Pepos*, who is recovering from a car accident.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Lynn Klaasen**, *sister of Jan Robitaille*, receiving treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Lindy Coon**, *sister of former Bethel member Laura (Wandke) Overturf*, as she continues to slowly make progress as she recovers at home from a serious injury after a fall.
- ✝ 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 **Alex Bostic** as he continues to manage his health.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Linda O'Connor**, friend of *LaRae Veitch*, as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of faith and strength for **Cindy Doughty**, *Patty Braget's sister*, as she manages ALS.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Travis Cushman** as he continues treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Rev. Inge Williams**, *friend of Pastor Jessie*, as she battles cancer.
- ✝ 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.

Celebration of Life  
Doug Kickbusch  
Bethel Lutheran Church  
Saturday, March 25th at 1:00 pm  
Reception to follow at Bethel.

# Grief Workshop Coming in February

Beginning February 19th after worship guest speaker Rev. Sara MacGilvra Branom, chaplain at Peace Hospice in Great Falls, will be here to lead us in discussion about how do we, as people of faith, talk about and manage grief.

This will be a three part adult education series, you may come to one or all three. February 19th, 26th and March 5th in the Fellowship Hall.

Reverend Sara MacGilvra Branom is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. (UCC) Her call is to chaplaincy, she currently serves as the chaplain for Benefis Peace Hospice. She earned her B.A. in Psychology from San Jose State University, a Master's in Human Services from the University of Great Falls, and her M.Div. from Chicago Theological Seminary with a concentration in chaplaincy. Chaplain Sara's basis for her ministry is a response to Jesus' words when the disciples failed to be with him in his greatest time of need the night before his crucifixion. "So could you not watch with me for one hour?" Matt 26:40. Chaplaincy is being with someone in their time of need. To sit with them, share that space invoking the presence of God for comfort, and understanding and perhaps find meaning in their lament, and despair by providing spiritual and/or emotional support to all who request it, regardless of their faith, beliefs, or traditions. loving them on their terms as the holy Creation they are.



**THANK YOU!**  
*thank you!*  
**BONNIE!**

As many of you heard last week at the Annual Meeting, our long-time bookkeeper Bonnie Sears is retiring.

Bonnie's last day with us is Tuesday, February 7th. We give thanks for Bonnie's faithful service here at Bethel for the past seven years.

Bonnie has been instrumental in keeping our office running smoothly, and walking us through many transitions in the last several years.

This Sunday we will have a card available to sign so that you can have the opportunity to thank Bonnie for all of her hard work in these past several years. Thank You Bonnie!



## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Montana Synod Assembly!**  
**Great Falls at the Heritage Inn**

*June 2nd and 3rd*

**More information in future  
Bethel Notes.**

See next week's Bethel Notes for  
the minutes from our Annual Meeting,  
Sunday January 29th



# Mission Endowment Planning Ahead

The Mission Endowment Committee met last night and had a great brainstorming session with fantastic ideas for fellowship and community outreach 2023! Take a look at these exciting events and mark your calendars so you don't miss any.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast-VBS fundraiser

Endowment Committee will cook and serve pancakes, sausage, eggs and juice/coffee in the Gather Place immediately following the Service.

May baskets

April 16 and 23rd - building May baskets after both services. Goal is over 200!

April 28 - hand out to TLC families

April 30 - deliver to surrounding neighborhood and Assisted Living Centers

July 20 - 2nd Annual Summer Celebration

-face painting, food truck,  
VBS kids sing camp  
songs!

-2 meal trucks + 1 dessert  
truck

Nov 5th - All Saints Day Potluck and Performance

December 3rdish- Church Christmas party

We will be adding a few community outreach events throughout the year. Stay tuned!



# Welcome to Our New Members



Pastor Jessie welcomes our new members to Bethel Lutheran Church.

*(left to right) Derinda Carlson, Christopher Wilson, Jason Gleason, Erica Gettis., Pastor Jessie*

## Calling All Bell Ringers!

The Bethel Bell Choir will be playing Sunday, February 19th. *Rehearsal* will be Saturday, February 18th from 10 am to Noon.

If you would like to play in the Bell Choir that Sunday, email Sharon Mueller at [oboecclar@gmail.com](mailto:oboecclar@gmail.com) by Tuesday, February 14th.



# It's Time For CANstruction!!

## February 8th

Bethel Logos will be holding our CANstruction activity on February 8th during our regular Logos night.

We will be collecting canned food items for the youth to use in their creations that night. All food will be donated to FISH! Ministry.

If you would like to donate some canned food items, we will be collecting until February 8th.

Check the Bethel Notes that week for pictures of what the Logos Youth create!



### LET'S GO TO THE HOP!!

### SOCK HOP FUNDRAISER FOR FAMILY PROMISE

### APRIL 22, 2023

### BLACK EAGLE COMMUNITY CENTER DINNER, AUCTION, FUN!!

### MORE DETAILS TO COME!



Do you argue over money?

Credit cards, car loans, student loans??

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end—starting today. Join our Financial Peace University class

Bethel Lutheran Church is hosting Financial Peace University!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Starting Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM for 9 weeks.

Register at [fpu.com/1157959](https://fpu.com/1157959) —and start making your money work for you.

For more information contact the Bethel Office 406-761-1543 or [bethelgf.church@gmail.com](mailto:bethelgf.church@gmail.com).

Please note that Bethel Lutheran Church does not affirm the theological beliefs or business practices of Dave Ramsey, but encourages healthy financial practices with inclusion and welcome for all.

## GOSPEL MESSAGE

February 5, 2023

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

#### Salt and Light

What we believe about ourselves has the power to shape our behavior in profound ways. If we believe we aren't good enough or are unwanted, that will likely show up in the way we carry ourselves, in the way we interact with others, and in the opportunities we seek out or don't. On the other hand, if we know that we are loved or if we feel like we belong, we will probably bring more assurance to our interactions with others, and will be more likely to take risks and to reach out and engage with our communities.

Similarly, our identity as disciples of Jesus has the power to shape the way we live. It all starts with who Jesus says we are. "You are the salt of the earth," Jesus tells his disciples. "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13-14). Salt preserves food and adds flavor. Used masterfully, it brings out the best in the other flavors of a dish. It can pull other elements together to help create a new thing. Light nurtures life. It can comfort, energize, and help make things clear. Together, salt and light sustain, nourish, and welcome new life in the world around them.

What kind of people would we be if we really believed we were the salt of the earth and the light of the world? Nurturers, sustainers, co-creators with God in making all things new? What fears could we let go if we simply trusted that we are who Jesus says we are? What risks would we take? How would we show up in our communities? As we gather for worship today, we are invited to hear anew this identity we are given in Christ. Then, nourished by word and sacrament, we are sent forth with the promise that Christ is forever at work in us, keeping us as salt and light in all times and places.

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## *Calling All Writers for February's*

### *'A View From The Pew'*

**February's topic –  
My favorite hymn and why**



If you would like to submit an article for February, email or drop of your no more than 500 words submission. Articles are due on Wednesday of each week.

For more information or to submit your article, email Tami in the bethel office [bethelgf.church@gmail.com](mailto:bethelgf.church@gmail.com) or call her at 406-761-1543.



# Just for *YOU*th

## Salt and light

Matthew 5:13-16

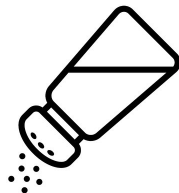
Jesus was a teacher. He taught about God's love. Use the pictures to help you read one of Jesus' message.



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U R the of the . A built on a cannot hid. No 1 after Cing a puts it under the bushel , but on the stand and it gives in all the . In the same way, let your shine before others, so that they may your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

You are the salt  
of the earth.



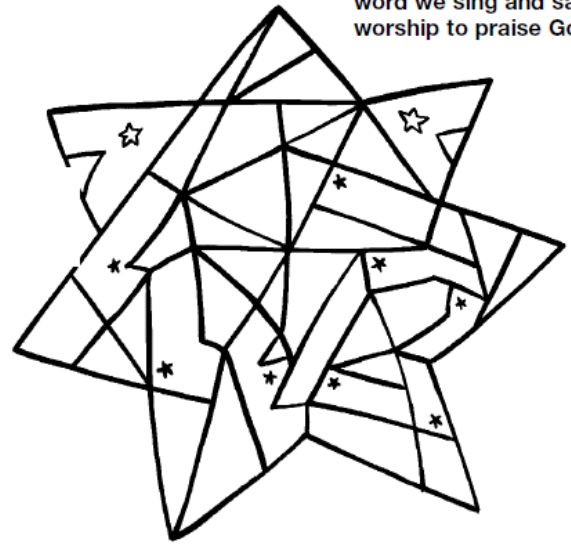
## This Week...

Taste some food without salt. Then try adding a little salt. How does the taste change?

Be a "saltier" person for God by inviting a friend to come to worship

We give glory to our Father in heaven each time we worship.

Color in the spaces with stars to find one special word we sing and say in worship to praise God.



What is one special word you can use to praise God?



Dear God, thank you for filling me up with lots of salt (your love). Help me shake out lots of salt (your love) on the people I meet every day. Amen.

**Logos Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

**Lesson: CANstruction**

**Dinner: Pizza and Root beer Floats**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Monday 2/6**

- Financial Peace University in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm

### **Tuesday 2/7**

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

### **Wednesday 2/8**

- Bible Study led by Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos Youth 5:30 pm; High School 6:30 pm - CANstruction

### **Friday 2/10**

- Bethel office closed

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday 2/12**

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

### **Monday 2/13**

- Financial Peace University Class in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm

### **Tuesday 2/14**

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

### **Wednesday 2/15**

- Bible Study led by Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos Youth 5:30 pm; High School 6:30 pm

### **Thursday, 2/16**

- Hope Circle meets at the Carlson's 7:00 pm

### **Friday 2/17**

- Bethel office closed

### **Saturday 2/18**

- Bell Choir Practice 10:00 am

## **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:**

**Thursday, February 16th 7:00 pm at Marilyn Carlson's**

### **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.