

BETHEL NOTES

THIS SUNDAY

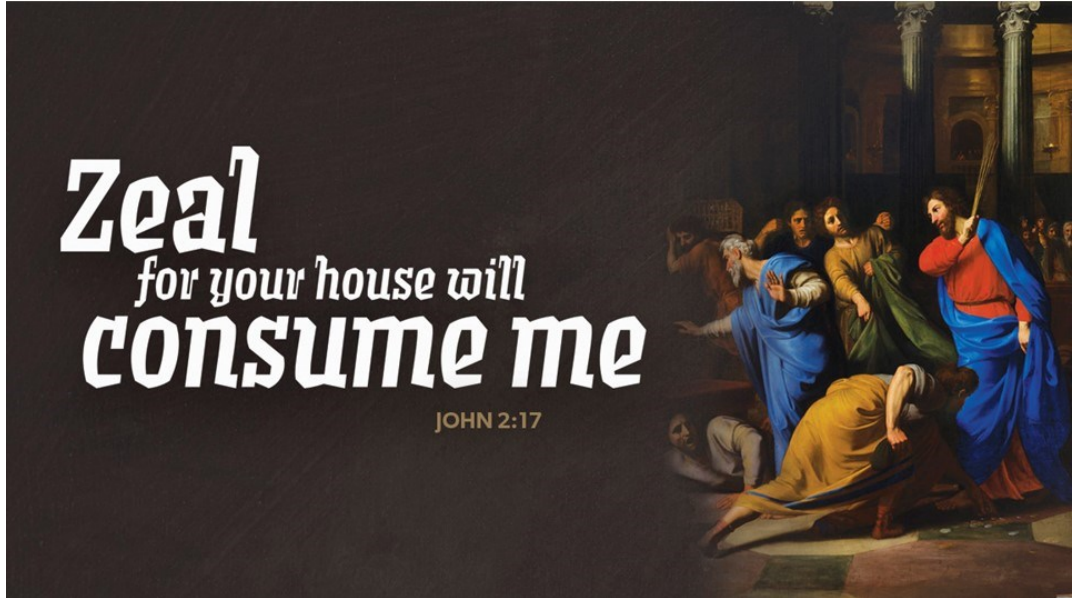
Readings:

First Reading:
Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm:
Psalm 19

Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel Reading:
John 2:13-22



Serving Sunday

Accompanist

Mary Seim, piano;

Lay Assistant

Kolton Kupfner

Ushers

Jackson Duff and Kendall Ryan

Readers

Renee Delorit, Taitlyn Ames,
Ethan Kupfner, Greta Graft, Josie Delorit,
Sidney Rio, Kari Ryan, Teshar Reidle,
Anna Boucher

Passing of the Peace Leaders

Sierra Rio, Ginger Graft,
Cailyn Chadbourne, Teagen Ames.

Tech

Gabe Smith

Projection

Dave Scholten

Children's Church

Ava Fossen and Tyler Grosenick

Hospitality

Bethel Council

Counters

Pam Dougherty and Shannon Marr

This Sunday at Bethel...

We celebrate the **Third Sunday in Lent.**

Thank you to **LOGOs Youth** for leading worship with Pastor Jessie today.

Adult Forum on hold this week while we bid Farewell and God-speed to Pastor Jessie in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Join us **Thursday, March 7th** 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to continue our Lent Soup Supper and 6:45 pm in the Sanctuary for Holden Evening Prayer service.

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

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*Lord,
in your mercy
hear our prayers.*



- ✠ Prayers of comfort for the **family and friends of Diane Young**, *Sandy Pepos' aunt*, who passed on Wednesday.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Shannon Obrecht**, *family friend of Karen Lord*, as she manages a new cancer diagnosis.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** as she recovers from surgery and determines treatment for recurrence of cancer.
- ✠ Prayers healing of **Quentin Kubas** as he recovers at home after an auto accident.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Kristin**, *Bobbie Bowen's daughter*, as she continues treatment for cancer.
- ✠ Prayers of comfort and healing for **Lynn Klaasen**, *sister of Jan Robitaille*, who is under hospice care.
- ✠ Prayers of healing and strength to continue to fight for **Eric Peterson** as he continues cancer treatment.
- ✠ Prayers of strength and support for **Don Bisgard** as he continues to manage his health.
- ✠ Prayers of strength and healing for **Kiera Howard**, *niece of Dave Scholten*, as she prepares for upcoming surgery and treatment.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Lindy Coon**, *sister of former Bethel member Laura (Wandke) Overturf*, as she is moved to a long term care facility.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Tim Olson**, as he continues cancer treatment.
- ✠ Prayers of support and comfort for **Pat Berkeley**.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** as he continues regaining his strength.
- ✠ Prayers of healing and answers for **Anna Boucher** as they determine a cause and treatment for seizures.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Georgia Miller**, *cousin of Amber Erickson's*, as she has been diagnosed with aggressive breast cancer.
- ✠ Prayers of continued healing for **Travis Cushman** as he continues to manage health issues following cancer treatment.
- ✠ Prayers of support for **Caleb Pottratz** who is struggling with depression.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues to manage his health.
- ✠ Prayers of strength in leadership for **Gustavo Driau**, Regional Representative of South America.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.

Property Management Committee



In our February committee meeting we discussed the following:

- Now that the TLC parking lot paving is complete and garbage cans moved we are considering making the exit from the TLC lot a one way. We will put up proper signage.
- We are looking at replacing the fluorescent lights with LED lighting. We will replace 3 in the Fellowship Hall to see the effect of these.
- We are discussing changes to the Outside sign to make it more visible and find a better way to display Bethel worship times and activities.

If you have any questions they may be directed to the Property Management Committee via the Bethel Office at bethelgf.church@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted, property committee

Thank You Bethel

What a fantastic brunch!!! Thank you to Rebekah French for the Thrivent Gift Card for supplies, Youth Gathering Parents and Colter McCarty for cooking, set up and clean up, Youth Gathering Youth for serving, and especially all Bethel Members and Guests who participated and donated, you are so very generous. Total donations for the Brunch #3,351.00. We also have some additional donations coming through our online from those who couldn't attend and those amounts are not in the total above.





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Great Falls, Montana
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*Sharing our faith in Christ by serving all
with respectful compassion.*

**WEDNESDAY
MUSIC
AT
NOON (ISH)**

Doors Open at 11:45

Bring a Bag Lunch; Coffee,
Tea, Water, Cookies
Provided

Concerts begin at 12:05 pm
and conclude at 12:55 pm

PREMIERE SERIES

March 6

March 13

March 20

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 24th -
Palm Sunday, worship led by
Dave Scholten LPA

Thursday, March 28th -
Maundy Thursday,
worship led by
Pastor Jessica Crist

Friday, March 29th -
Good Friday, worship led by the
Jubilate Choir

Sunday, March 31st -
Easter Sunday
9:00 am and 11:00 am,
both services led by
Pastor Jessica Crist

Lenten Schedule

Holden Evening Prayer

MARTY HAUGEN

Thursday, February 29th
6:00 pm Soup Supper
6:45 pm Holden Evening Worship Service

Thursday, March 7th
6:00 pm Soup Supper
6:45 pm Holden Evening Worship Service

Thursday, March 14th
6:00 pm Soup Supper
6:45 pm Holden Evening Worship Service

Thursday, March 21st
6:00 pm Soup Supper
6:45 pm Holden Evening Worship Service

1ST MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS

The 1st Monday Night Quilters will meet Monday March 4, 2024, 6-8 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran, 3125 5th Ave. So. Please park in the alley. The quilts will be tied before the last step of binding is done.

If you'd like to help from home, there are many squares kits ready to be sewn into tops, and also fabric to be cut into squares. Please call 799-0100 if you have questions.

New Hope Lutheran Church
3125 5th Avenue South
Great Falls MT 59405

GOSPEL MESSAGE

God's Zeal Makes Us Clean

In this penitential season, we hear the words of God's law revealed on Mount Sinai (Exodus 20:1-17). The law was given to guide Israel, newly rescued from slavery in Egypt, to become a community reflecting God's love and holiness. However, this law, no matter how full of love it is, will always carry the sting of accusation for us because our hearts have strayed from God's gracious purpose. We aren't capable of fully following the law because we are still captive to the powers of sin and death, so the commandments will always reveal our trespasses. We should not be surprised that God's word convicts even those who have been called into the community of faith. After all, Jesus cleansed even the temple, reacting against sin within the very heart of religious life.

These scenes on Mount Sinai and in the temple don't just concern people of times long past. They draw us in as well. In the mysteries of holy baptism and holy communion, we become the house of the Lord. Joined to Christ by grace, we are, together, the body of Christ and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is zealous for the holiness of his body, desiring that those who have been united to him would walk in love and truth.

Our great assurance, though, is that the living Word of Jesus is greater even than the revelation on Sinai. Where the law can only convict, Jesus forgives. Where the law reveals our bondage to fear and pride, Jesus brings joyful freedom. In Christ, his body the church dies to sin and then, by grace, rises to new life, made clean and holy.

Let us not fear the one who calls us into holiness and cleanses the temple with zeal. The law reveals where sin has brought death to our souls. But Jesus has passed through death into a glorious resurrection to make us into a living temple, where God's mercy can be found in abundance for us and for the world.

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Zoom: Thursday, May 2nd 9am to Noon

When Bad Theology Happens to Good Christians

Law and Gospel. Theology of the Cross versus Theology of Glory. Works-righteousness. The Lutheran theological buzzwords can get overwhelming. We know the basics of what we believe, but sometimes our domesticated concepts seem to shrivel when faced with the wild ideas floating around these days. What's a Lutheran to do when bearing witness to God's grace in a crowded marketplace of ideas?

Led by Julia Seymour, Pastor at Big Timber Lutheran
Cost \$40
3 Contact Hours Continuing Ed

NRIT Coming Spring Events

Zoom: Thursday, April 18th from 6pm to 7:30pm

Lazarus Bound: Ministry to the Margins

Pastor Marlow Carrels will lead this class on welcoming our neighbors who are leaving the prison system and re-entering society outside that system.
Marlow Carrels is Pastoral Leader for the

Freedom in Christ Prison Ministry
Cost: Free but pre-registration is required
1.5 Contact Hours



<https://www.montanasyod.org/nrit.html>



Experience one of America's finest choirs seen nationwide on public television and heard in Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, and across the country.

The Concordia Choir will perform at:
St. Paul Lutheran Church
202 Brooks Street
Missoula, Montana 59801

Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 7 p.m.

All tickets are general admission

- \$25 for adults (non-refundable)
- **FREE** for students of all ages
- All attendees **must register**.

Use the link below to register/purchase tickets.

The Concordia Choir in Missoula, MT Tickets, Tue, Mar 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite

More information is available at www.TheConcordiaChoir.org



Summer registration is OPEN! – send us an email or call the office if you would like a copy of the brochure sent to you. Adults of former campers can watch their email for a message with reminders of your login information and notes on registering for a new year of camp. Please feel free to contact the camp office with any questions.

Volunteer Application is OPEN! Pastors and volunteers-get your first choice of weeks for summer 2024! Go to our website at www.flbc.net for the application. We are excited for this summer's theme "Created to Be," a curriculum based on the same verses as this summer's ELCA Youth Gathering.

FLBC's is offering a **Confirmation Retreat** on March 15-17, 2023 titled, "Guides for the Way: Three Biblical figures and what their stories can teach us about God, life, and everything!" This will be a kick-off for the "campfirmation" program that FLBC is forming, which will launch in September of 2024. Call the camp office for more information or to register.

For more information or register for any of these events, go to flbc.net

Women's Spring Retreat April 26-28, 2024

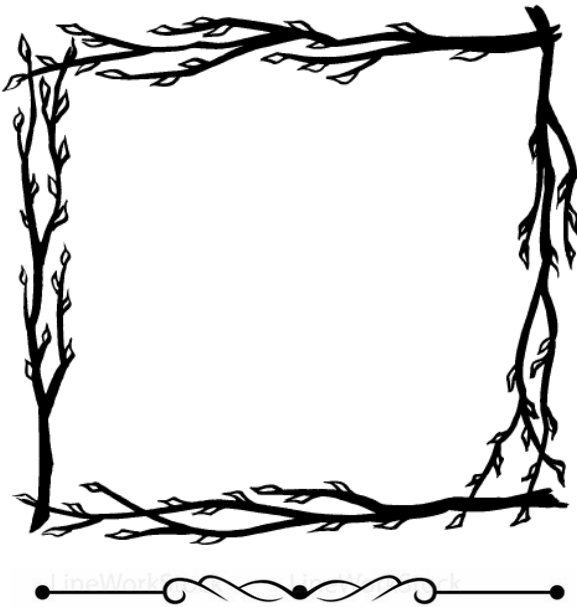
For over 50 (or maybe 60?) years, the WELCA women of the Great Divide and Five Valleys Clusters have been hosting a Women's Spring Retreat at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Each year we look forward to meeting together in this beautiful place with an inspirational speaker, a service project to benefit a non-profit and lots of time for hikes, conversation, worship, and fellowship with women of faith. Join us this year **April 26-28, 2024**.

Registration will open February 1st at www.imluchurch.org/womensretreat All are Welcome! Bring a friend, a daughter, a sister! Come spend some time together! Hope to see you there! Questions- contact Nancy Solum at WomensSpringRetreat@gmail.com

JUST 4 YOUTH

Welcome to worship. Today is the third Sunday in Lent. Lent means *spring*. During Lent, people living in cold, snowy places wait for the new life of spring, while Christians everywhere wait for the new life of Easter.

What signs of spring have you noticed? Draw them here.



Ten great ways to live

God wants all of us to live together in peace and love, and has given us a list of ten things we can do to make that happen. What do you know about these ten great ways to live, better known as the *Ten Commandments*?

Match the answers to the questions below.



Mt. Sinai



the Bible



Moses

Received the Ten Commandments from God.

The commandments were given out on this mountain.

The commandments are in this book.

One more commandment...

If you could create an eleventh commandment, what would it be?

God's house is for worship

John 2:13-22, Exodus 20:1-17

It was a holiday time, and people from all over Israel were coming to Jerusalem's temple to celebrate Passover. Inside the temple, merchants were selling cows, sheep, and doves for use as offerings. Jesus came through the doors and noticed all the buying and selling that was going on and Jesus got mad! He forced everyone selling animals to leave the temple, then he reminded everyone that the temple is a welcome place for worshipping God.

Finish the illustration of Jesus' clearing out the temple. Draw cows, sheep, and doves near the tables. Draw Jesus coming through the doors. What does his face look like?



Who can worship in God's house? Write down the underlined letters from the story, in order, and figure it out.

_____!



Put out food for the early spring birds and welcome them back to your neighborhood!



Thanks, God, for showing us how to live in peace and love. Amen

This week

Turn the sidewalk outside of your home into a beautiful welcome mat with a little bit of sidewalk chalk and some creativity!

Come on in!

Is there a sign outside of your church welcoming everybody in? If so, draw a picture of it here. If not, draw what such a sign could look like. Then decorate it with colors and shapes until it is the most wonderfully welcoming sign around!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 3/5

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

Wednesday 3/6

- LOGOs Youth Ministry 5:30 pm; HS LOGOs 6:30 pm

Thursday 3/7

- Exec Board Zoom meeting time 4:20 pm
- Lenten Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm
- Holden Evening Worship in the sanctuary 6:45 pm

Friday 3/8

- Bethel office is closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 3/10

- Worship service led by Pastor Jessica Crist in person and live stream at 9:30 am
- World Hunger Sunday
- Adult Forum Season 2 of The Chosen in the Fellowship Hall
- 4-H Meeting in the Fellowship Hall 2:00 pm

Tuesday 3/12

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am
- Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

Wednesday 3/13

- LOGOs Youth Ministry 5:30 pm; HS LOGOs 6:30 pm

Thursday 3/14

- Lenten Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm
- Holden Evening Worship in the sanctuary 6:45 pm

Friday 3/15

- Bethel office is closed.

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

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 Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. 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.

March

