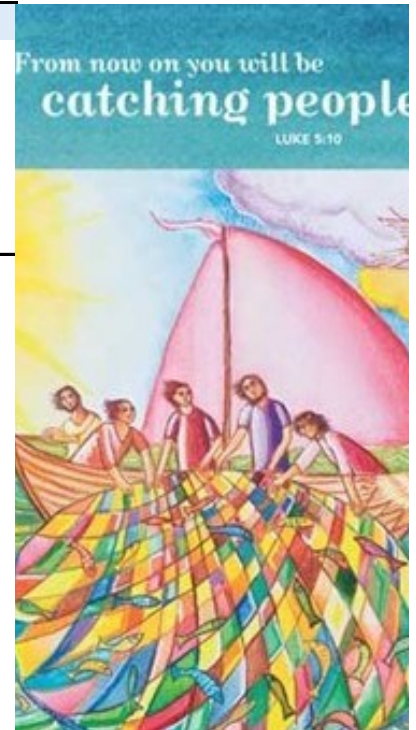


BETHEL NOTES



Sunday, February 6

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God’s glory. “Who will go for us?” God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn’t catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

Readings

<i>First Readings</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>
Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
Psalm 138	Luke 5:1-11

No Adult Education after Worship, Council meeting and retreat at the Synod Office.

*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	Kendall Ryan and Sandy Pepos
Readers	Sammy Hurin, Emerson Hamma, Kian Ryan, Tyler Grosenick, Kari Ryan, Addi Carlson, Taylah Jaques, Macy Hurin and Luke Hurin
Usher	Jeremiah Mueller and Rylee Virts
Acolyte	Brian Boucher
Tech	Adam Elkin
Counters	Pam Dougherty and Dena Wagner-Fossen
Children’s Church	Julia Elkin and Ava Fossen

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- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Arlene Sexe**, she has a new development and spread of cancer and working with her oncologist to determine treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort and strength for **family and friends of Rick Johnson**, *friends of Jon and Jo-Ann 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 healing for **Bernice Johnson and family** as they mourn the passing of *Bernice's sister-in-law Shirley Johnson* who was receiving Hospice Care in Kansas City, KS.
- ✝ 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 recover from successful from 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 **Gordon Lord** as he recovers from surgery and prepares for a third surgery.
- ✝ 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 healing for **Steve Young**, *brother of Sue Hesse*, as he continues to manage back issues.
- ✝ Prayers of support and healing for **James Trunkle**, *friend of Dena Wagner-Fossen*, as he manages health issues.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort, support and healing for **Don Bisgard** as he continues to manage after medical procedures.
- ✝ 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.



LOGOS CANstruction

We had such a great time with all the canned goods this year! We collected **520 pounds** of food for FISH! Thank you to all our congregation and Logos families who donated for this event. Our theme for Pre-K through 8th was Holidays, see if you can guess the holiday each group chose. High School chose their own topic, what did they build?



We will be reissuing the giving statements. We omitted an IRS Statement that is required to be printed for tax purposes. We apologize for this inconvenience and will get them out as soon as possible.

Celebration of Life for Bob Vander Aarde

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

This service will be live streamed, if you are unable to attend, please contact the Bethel office for link to be emailed prior to the service.

Celebration of Life for Trudy Terwilliger

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

This service will be live streamed, if you are unable to attend, please contact the Bethel office for link to be emailed prior to the service.

New Members Kelsey Johnson and Teshar Reidle, Welcome!



Kelsey and Teshar have been regularly attending Bethel and have chosen to join as members. The daughter of Warren and Judy Johnson, they transfer their membership from Zion Lutheran Church in Fairview, Montana. Kelsey works for The Great Falls Clinic and Teshar is in the 2nd Grade at Meadow Lark Elementary School.

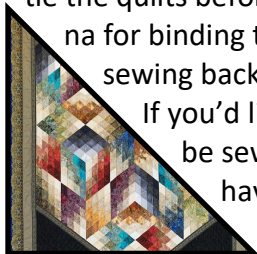
We welcome them and are so very excited to have them as members with us at Bethel.



Warren Johnson and Mick Davis hard at work hanging the baby changing station in the men's bathroom. Thank you gentlemen!

MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS TO MEET

1st Monday Night Quilters will meet Monday, February 7, 2022, 6-8 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran, 3125 5th Ave. So. Please park in the alley. Again, we will tie the quilts before the last step of binding them is done. Thank you to Leanna for binding the quilts made in January and to Peggy for measuring and sewing backs for the needed size.



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. If you have questions, or would like to pick up some squares kits to make tops or fabric to cut into squares, call 799-0100.

OBITUARY FOR MARY FLYNN, LONG AGO MEMBER OF BETHEL

Mary "Maria" Riendina Flynn, 95, of Great Falls, peacefully passed away on January 21, 2022. A private burial for the family will take place, followed by a celebration of life in the early summer.

Mary was born on October 22, 1926, in Knappen, Alberta, Canada to Guiseppe and Guisep-pa Lippa. She attended school in southern Alberta. She married Richard Sonnemaker in 1949 and moved to Sun River, Montana where they owned and operated a dairy farm. While living there, they were blessed with four daughters. Mary was widowed at the young age of 31. In 1961, she married Joseph Flynn and they were blessed with three additional daughters and one son. After Joseph's passing in 1994, she met and later married Arnold Koehler who was a very devoted husband for almost 28 years.

She was very creative and excelled as a seamstress, hairdresser, and cake decorator. She enjoyed gardening, loved to dance, and attended many rodeos in Alberta and Montana. Above all, she cherished time with her family and her Canadian relatives.

Mary is survived by her husband, Arnold Koehler; children, Mendolynn (Steve) Sonnemaker Walls, Holidean (Ted, deceased) Sonnemaker Denning, Starnell (Dana) Sonnemaker Darko, Renelda (Lee) Sonnemaker Levine, Melonnie (Don) Flynn Suek, Melodie "DeeDee" (Darin) Flynn Pike, Farren Flynn, and Arnell (Travis) Flynn Eynon; 20 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Richard Sonnemaker and Joseph Flynn; brothers, Mat Lippa and Nick Lippa; and sister, Lucy Ford.

Mary was loved by so many. She was an amazing mother who welcomed all into her home. She gave of her time and talents, and she will be dearly missed. A very special thank you to the Azalea Place for their wonderful care and compassion.

Condolences for the family may be mailed to O'Connor Funeral Home, 2425 8th Ave N, Great Falls, MT 59401. Memorials can be sent to Azalea Place Assisted Living, 1 Prospect Place, Great Falls, MT 59405.

Submitted by Shelly Murphy

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.

Caring for One Another

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 re-connect 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 leader know if you are interested.



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.montanasynd.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-2vri8sHNGGGVx5pxoIXuiUgBL6p80B>

Just for Youth

Send

Catching people

Jesus told the first disciples that they would catch people. Jesus wants you to catch people too. You can catch people by teaching them about God's love.

Draw a fish sign by people sharing God's love.



Help me, Jesus, to be your follower. Amen

This week

Look for fish signs on cars, in doorways, and in churches.

Fish symbol

Jesus' first followers were fishermen. Early Christians used the symbol of a fish as a greeting.



One person would use a toe or sandal to trace an arch in the dust like this:



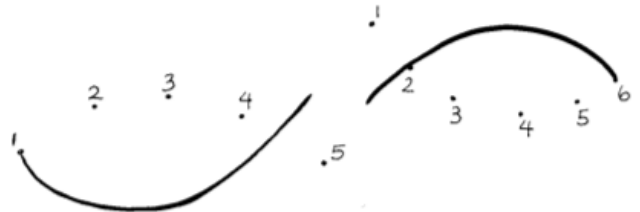
The other person would respond by tracing a second arch like this:



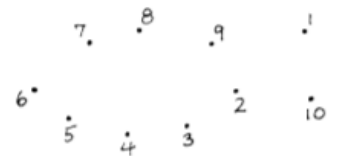
Today people use the fish sign to show others that they are Jesus' followers.



Trace the dotted lines to practice making the fish sign.



Try some on your own. Teach the fish sign and its meaning to a friend.



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

Tuesday 2/8

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

Wednesday 2/9

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

Thursday 2/10

- Bethel Exec Board Zoom meeting 5:30 pm

Friday 2/11

- Bethel office is closed.

Saturday 2/12

- Celebration of Life for Bob Vander Aarde 10:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 2/13

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie, in-person and live stream 9:30 am. With baptism of Finley and Oliva, twin daughters of Dan and Ali Morris.
- World Hunger Sunday.

Tuesday 2/15

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

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, join us after for refreshments.

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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