

# BETHEL NOTES

## Sunday, January 23rd

### Third Sunday After Epiphany

*God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.*

### Readings

#### First Readings

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

#### Psalms

Psalms 19

#### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31A

#### Gospel

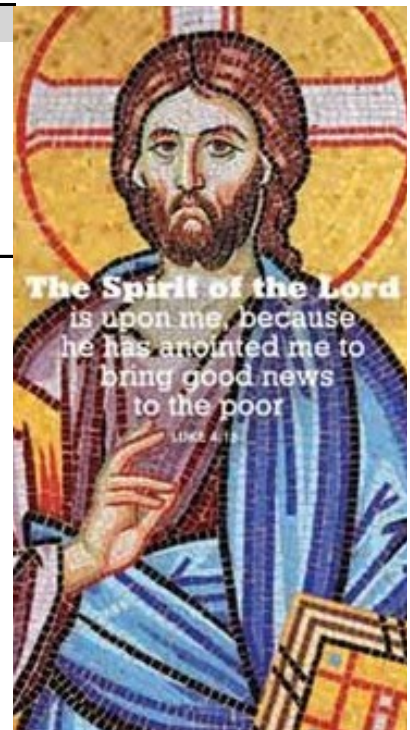
Luke 4:14-21

## Budget Review Meeting following worship on Sunday In-person and on Zoom.

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

### SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Accompanists	Mary Seim, piano
Lay Assistant	Anne Vannatta
Ushers	Sue Hesse
Tech	Adam Elkin
Children's Church	Ava Fossen and Olivia Violet
Counters	Pam Dougherty and Warren Johnson



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### OFFICE HOURS

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

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- ✝ Prayers of support, strength and peace for **Trudy and Earl Terwilliger** as they transition Trudy to Peace Hospice.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Colleen Walker-Nelson** as she recovers from a cardiac ablation.
- ✝ 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 for **Bernice Johnson** as she recovers at home from gallbladder surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and strength for **John Korpela** as he begins another round of chemotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers for **Bob Vander Aarde** as he resides at Peace Hospice.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Gordon Lord** as he recovers from surgery and prepares for a third surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Mary Hill** as she recovers from surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Heather Beck**, *daughter of Kathy Johnson*, who is preparing for brain surgery later this month.
- ✝ 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 and healing for **Arlene Sexe** and she continues to undergo treatment for cancer.
- ✝ 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 continued healing for **Katie Madsen**, *niece of Doug Sexe and granddaughter of Arlene Sexe*, as she continues cancer treatment and is responding well.
- ✝ 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 support for **Glenn Vannatta** as he continues with medical testing.
- ✝ Prayers of strength and healing for **Lisa Leland**, *niece of Sandy Bechard*, as she begins treatment for breast cancer.

# Budget Review Meeting Details Details Details

Dena Wagner-Fossen will present the proposed 2022 budget this Sunday after worship. This is a great opportunity to see in detail how Bethel's funds will be allocated in the upcoming year. Also, a great time for you to ask any questions you have about the budget and where these proposed numbers come from.

This budget will be voted on to approve or disapprove at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 30th after worship.

If you would like to attend the meeting, but do not feel comfortable attending in person, we have a Zoom Meeting link set-up to keep everyone connected. By joining the Zoom meeting, you will be able to see Dena and ask any questions you have using the chat option on the Zoom meeting. Our Tech running the meeting will relay those questions for you.

The link was emailed out along with the online Annual Report Wednesday, January 19th. If you did not receive the email or would like another link sent to you, please email [bethelgf.church@gmail.com](mailto:bethelgf.church@gmail.com) or call the Bethel Office 406-761-1543.

We will be offering the same option for the Annual Meeting and a separate link will be sent next week for that meeting. We will be accepting online voting via Zoom, but proxy votes will not be accepted.

If you have any questions, please call the Bethel Office, contact Pastor Jessie or any member of the Church Council.

## **Covid Guidelines for Worship**

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

Continue physical distancing.

Coffee Hour on hold

## In Need of Synod Assembly Voting Members

At our Annual Meeting on January 30th we will be voting on a number of volunteer positions within the church. One such vote will be for the Synod Assembly Voting Members, two individuals.

The qualifications and duties of Voting Members are to be available to travel to Billings, MT June 3rd and 4th and attend the Synod Assembly in full both days. Assembly materials will be emailed to our Voting Members prior to the Assembly and need to be reviewed so to vote in an informed manor representing Bethel Lutheran Church. You must also be a voting member of Bethel Lutheran Church.

Some examples of items to be voted on may include, but are not limited to:

- Officers
- Synod Council Members
- Synod Budget
- Resolutions or memorials

This is an theological assembly so there are many great opportunities for theological education workshops during the assembly.

Bethel Lutheran Church covers the cost of registration for the Assembly for both voting members, hotel and travel costs incurred due to travel to Billings.

If you think you are interested in volunteering for the position of Synod Assembly Voting Members you may let any member of the Council know before the Annual Meeting, or volunteer from the floor during the meeting.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

## LOGOS CANstruction

On February 2nd, Logos, our youth group will be building with canned food! This fun event sparks creativity, teamwork, and is a great way to collect canned food for FISH. We are asking for help with donations for canned food for the kids to use in their creations. Our Logos Youth will be collecting canned food for the month of January and will donate all the food to FISH after February 2nd. If you would like to help, please bring canned food items to Church anytime in January and join us February 2nd starting at 6:30 pm to see what the kids create! Or check out the Bethel Notes and in Worship to see pictures from CANstruction 2022.





### Connecting Great Falls Area Young Adults

In an effort to provide a place for young adults who are living in and around Great Falls we are starting a new thing.

The Great Falls Lutheran Fellowship (Name TBD) exists for those who are building their lives here in the Great Falls area after high school and college. No matter if you are in your 20s, 30s, or 40s, all are welcome to come and join this gathering of people with a Lutheran background once a month to share in fellowship, get to know one another, and provide a space to grow in community together. Child care will be provided and we encourage you to bring your spouse or partner.

If interested, please join the Facebook group [here](#) or email/text/call Colter McCarty: colter.mccarty@gmail.com 406-899-5254 and provide your name and contact info so we can let you know event details.

Our first gathering will be **January 27th** at 6pm at Bethel Lutheran Church. Dinner will be provided and our goal will be to meet together and decide what we desire to do together as a group.

## Family Promise Hosting Families!

We are so very excited to announce that Family Promise will once again have the availability to host families. They have leased a duplex and are in the process of getting it furnished and ready for families to stay. They have both sides of the duplex so can host two families at a time. To get the housing ready to go by February there are a few items they still need:

- \* Two end tables
- \* Four reading lamps
- \* Four bedside tables
- \* Two kitchen tables with chairs
- \* Pots and pans for two kitchens
- \* Cooking utensils for two kitchens
- \* Kitchen towels and wash rags
- \* Kitchen cleaning supplies
- \* Two mops, brooms and dust pans
- \* Two dish drying racks
- \* Two microwaves
- \* Two toasters
- \* Serving dishes for two kitchens

- \* Cups and glasses for two kitchens
- \* Paper towels and toilet paper

They are also looking for a team of people to organize the duplexes and get them ready.

If you have any of these items available to donate or would like to volunteer, please contact Cari Yturri at Family Promise main office 406-564-5267.

### 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 reconnect and bring us together once again.

Our team leaders Pastor Jessie, Jim Carlson and Jane Mart are holding an informational meeting on February after worship.

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





## Free NRIT Classes Online

**Trauma in our Bodies and Brains:** What is trauma and how does it impact us? Join Dr. Betsy Stone to learn why your sleep is disrupted and your brain isn't functioning as it used to .

**Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 11:00 am**

**Post-traumatic Growth:** Not all trauma stops us in our tracks. Some of us actually grow from trauma. Learn about the arenas of posttraumatic growth, and think about how you might build them in yourselves, your families and your congregants.

**Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am to 11:00 am**

*Taught by Dr. Betsy Stone, a retired clinical psychologist who currently teaches as an adjunct lecturer at HUC-JIR, teaching pastoral and developmental topics in the School of Education.*

### Reading Revelation without Fear

In this class, we will discuss what's *behind the text*, *what's in it*, and *what's in front of it*. *Behind* is the social and political setting in which the text was written. Then we look at what's actually in the book (and what's not!)

We consider all of this alongside our own context- what's happening in our homes, towns, and in the world right now. Please join us as we learn more about this fascinating book of the Bible and why it continues to be so important in worship and useful for discipleship.

Led by Pastor Julia Seymour, who is serving Big Timber Lutheran Church.

**Thursday, February 10th and Friday, February 11th, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on both days**

Although these classes are free, you will need to register in order to receive the links. [Go to the NRIT home page](#) on the synod website. Contact Jenny Kunka at [j.kunka@nrit.org](mailto:j.kunka@nrit.org) or 406-396-1398 with questions

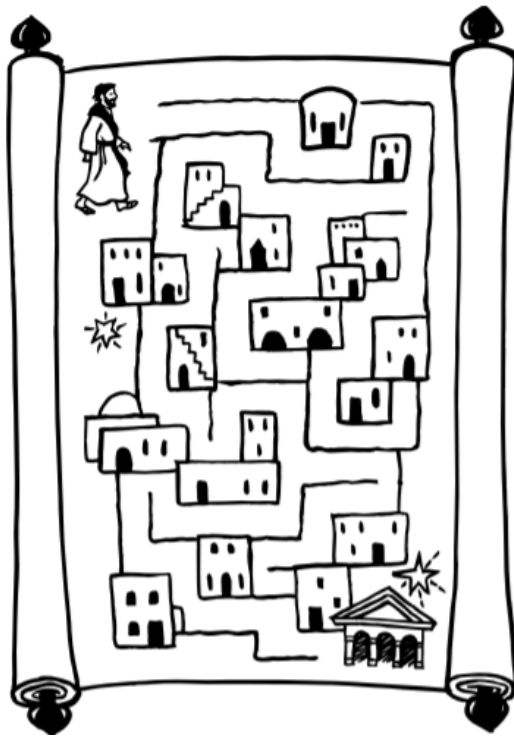
# Just for YOUTH

## Jesus reads God's word

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus went to the synagogue, his place of worship. He stood up to read God's word. Jesus read, "God's Spirit is with me. God has chosen me to bring good news to people who need love and hope for a better life." Then Jesus said, "Today these words have come true." Jesus meant that he was the one God promised.

Help Jesus find his way to the synagogue.



## Send

### Worshiping day by day

Draw or write a way to worship God each day.

Monday	Tuesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Friday	Saturday



Thank you, God, for Jesus, who spreads the light of your love around the world. Amen

## This week

Choose a different worship activity to do with your family each day.

Logos resumes January 26, 2022. 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](http://bethelmt.org/youth%20ministries).

## **Calendar of Events**

### **Tuesday 1/25**

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

### **Wednesday 1/26**

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

### **Friday 1/28**

- Bethel office is closed.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday 1/30**

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- Annual Meeting after worship in the Sanctuary.

### **Tuesday 2/1**

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

### **Wednesday 2/2**

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

### **Friday 2/4**

- Bethel office is closed.
- Aitz Chaim Friday Shabbat Service 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](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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