

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, January 30th

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

Readings

First Readings

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Psalm

Psalm 71:1-6

Gospel

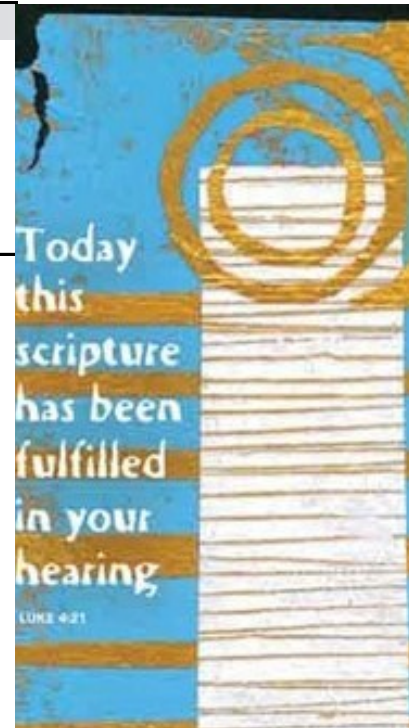
Luke 4:21-30

Annual Meeting following worship on Sunday In-person and on Zoom.

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

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Accompanists	Connie Titcomb, piano
Lay Assistant	John Blank
Ushers	Sara Sexe
Tech	Kaleb Stringer
Children's Church	Isabelle Grosenick and Julia Elkin
Counters	Tim Lightbourne and Sara Sexe



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OFFICE HOURS

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

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- ✝ 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 comfort and strength for **Rick Johnson, his wife Marilee, son Scott and daughter Shane and their families, friends of Jon and Jo-Ann Dullum**, as they stop chemotherapy treatments and he transitions to Hospice Care.
- ✝ Prayers of continued healing for **Shirley Cayko** managing pain in her jaw.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Heather Beck, daughter of Kathy Johnson**, as she recovers 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 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 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.

Annual Meeting Sunday, January 30th

If you are a voting member of Bethel Lutheran Church, please plan to attend our Annual Meeting this Sunday after worship.

We need a quorum to conduct this meeting and vote on the following:

- New Council Member:
Jeanne Rankin (3 year term)
- Nominating Committee (need 4)
Marilyn Carlson (exiting Council member)
Stephanie Cummings
Pam Dougherty
Sue Hesse
- Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Representatives
Roger and Susan Reppe
- Montana Synod Assembly Voting Members (need 1 male, 1 female)
TBD—nominations from the floor

The link will be emailed out along with the online Annual Report Thursday, January 27th. If you do not receive the email or would like another link sent to you, please email bethelgf.church@gmail.com or call the Bethel Office 406-761-1543.

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.



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.

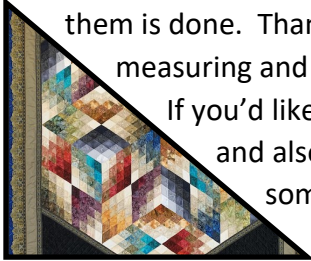
Our team leaders Pastor Jessie, Jim Carlson and Jane Mart are holding an informational meeting on ***February 20th after worship.***

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.

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.



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.



Just for YOUTH

Hear & Celebrate

Jeremiah, one of God's messengers

Jeremiah 1:4-10

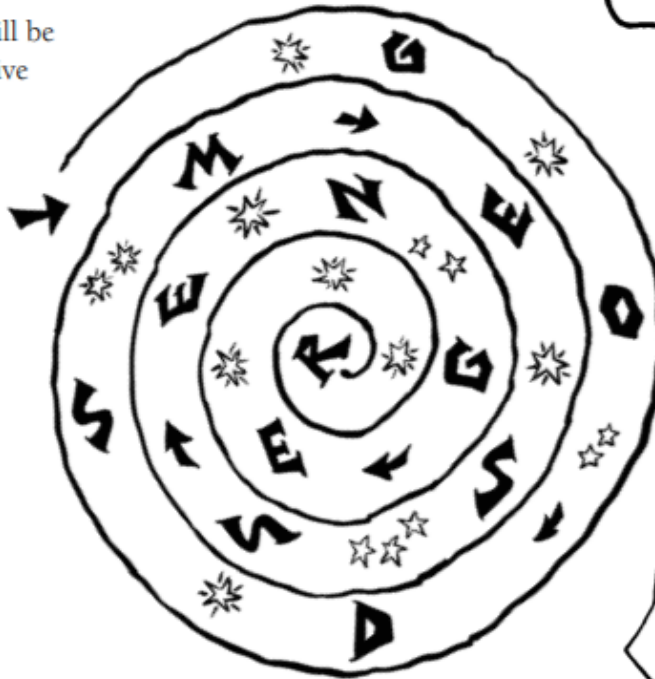
Jeremiah loved God, and God loved Jeremiah.

God said, "Jeremiah, I choose you to be my messenger to all the nations."

Jeremiah said, "Lord, I don't know what to say. I am only a boy."

God said, "Do not be afraid. I will be with you to protect you. I will give you the words to say."

Follow the arrows around and around until you reach the center of the circle. As you come to each letter, write it in order in a blank space below.



Jeremiah was _____,
_____.

Welcoming others

God wants us to welcome everyone to worship. Here are some ways people welcome others to worship.



The pastor welcomes people visiting your church. Write **Welcome!** inside the cartoon balloon.

Ushers greet people, give them bulletins, and help them to find a place to sit. Draw bulletins in the usher's hand.



When people share the peace, they welcome each other with hugs, handshakes, and cheerful words. Add smiles to the people's faces.



How can you welcome someone at worship today?

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 2/1

- 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 2/6

- Logos Family Worship led by Pastor Jessie and Logos Youth Ministry, in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- February Church Council Meeting and Retreat location TBD.

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.

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 loli51gus@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 loli51gus@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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