

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, January 9th

Baptism of Our Lord

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

Readings

First Readings
Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm
Psalm 29

Second Reading
Acts 8:14-17

Gospel
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

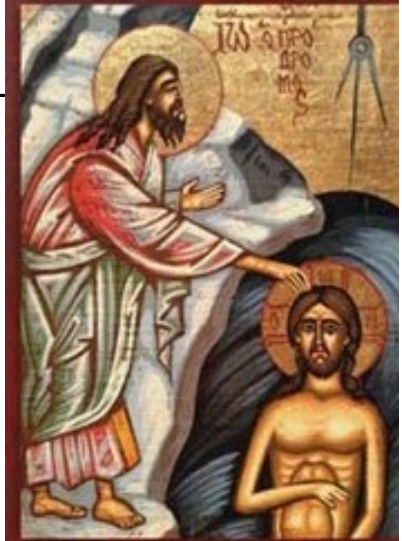
Jubilate Choir will be singing this Sunday.



This Sunday we lift up
ELCA World Hunger
by receiving an additional offering.

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

*You are my Son, the Beloved
with you I am well pleased*
LUKE 3:22



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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Accompanists	Connie Titcomb, piano;
Lay Assistant	Tamy Scholten
Ushers	Patty Braget
Tech	Adam Elkin
Children's Church	Ava Fossen and Julia Elkin
Counters	Patty Braget and Warren Johnson

OFFICE HOURS

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

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- ✝ Prayers of healing and strength for **John Korpela** as he begins another round of chemotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers for **Bob and Marj Vander Aarde** as Bob transitions to hospice care.
- ✝ 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 in January. If anyone would like to send a note of support, call the Bethel office for her address. 406-761-1543.
- ✝ Prayers of healing as well as thanksgiving for **Kim**, *daughter of Dick and Mary Seim*, who continues to recover and regain her strength.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** as she undergoes medial testing.
- ✝ 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 support and strength for **Trudy and Earl Terwilliger** as they manage Trudy's health.
- ✝ 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.

Mark Your Calendar

Important Upcoming Dates:

January 9th First Communion Class following worship at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. *For all ages, that would like to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Communion and begin to join in this part of our worship services.*

January 16th New Member Inquiry Class following worship at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. *This class is for anyone who would like to know more about Bethel Lutheran Church, the ministries and fellowship opportunities that we offer, our outreach ministries and community support. To make the decision to formally join and what membership means. No obligation, an open forum to learn more about who we are. All are welcome.*

January 23rd Annual Budget Review Meeting after worship in the Sanctuary. *Our Bethel Treasurer, Dena Wagner-Fossen will be review the proposed budget for 2022. This is an opportunity to ask questions about where Bethel's funds are spent. All are welcome to attend this meeting.*

January 30th Annual Meeting after worship in the Sanctuary. *If you are a voting member of Bethel please try to attend, we need a quorum to vote in new council members and 2022 budget. All are welcome to attend, but only members of Bethel may vote.*

Please call the Bethel Office if you have questions about any of these meetings or to let us know if you will attending the Communion Class or the Inquirer's Class.

LOGOS CANstruction

February 2nd Logos our youth 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.



Covid Guidelines for Worship

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

Continue physical distancing.

Coffee Hour on hold



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 13th 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.

First United Methodist Church Downtown Ministry

How can you help? We have many volunteer opportunities at First Church, please contact the church office at 406-453-3114 if you are interested in any of the following ministries.

- * Help to stuff lunch bags for our daily lunch program Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
- * Help serve a meal on Tuesday evenings at 4:30 p.m.
- * Volunteers at a greeters table at the door offering a lunch, socks, a hat, gloves, letting our outside folks use the bathroom and to hand out resource fliers if needed. We will need a volunteer Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.
- * And coming soon.....Volunteers for our warming center on Thursdays 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. this would be helping serve a meal, giving out hygiene bags, clothes, blankets and just to have people on site to help.

Training is available for all volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for your support.



Altar Flower Sign Ups

The Altar Flower Sign Up book will be available for 2022. If

you would like to sponsor the flowers on the altar, sign up for a Sunday or Sundays and you can make a dedication of a celebration or a memory of a loved one. The cost is \$15.00 per Sunday and can be paid in advance or on the Sunday that you sponsor. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday and are not going to be here this Sunday, please call the Bethel Office 406-761-1543 or email bethelgf.church@gmail.com with the Sunday you would like to sponsor and your dedication. The book will be available each Sunday until all Sundays are selected.

North Middle School Asking for Help

Each Thursday the North Middle School PTA sends home food baskets for families of students at the school. They have run into a shortage of help to assemble the baskets and also handing them out this school year.

If you are available Thursday during the day or in the afternoon and would like to help the school, please contact Mandy 406-868-9315.

Support Our Youth Wood Art Sale

Dale and Leona Ost have generously donated Dale's beautiful wood art to help our youth go to the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer.

Stop by and check out all the decorative and functional pieces to add to your home or office.

Prices are as marked, butterflies are free will donation. You can drop a check or cash noted with Youth Gathering in the offering tray or online at bethelmt.org.

Thank you to Dale and Leona and all who support our youth.



MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS

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Reminder: 1st Monday Night Quilters will meet in January on the **second** Monday, January 10, 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 Peggy for binding the quilts made in December, and 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.



Just for Youth

hear & celebrate

Jesus' baptism

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Use the pictures to help you read the story.



John the Baptizer



baptized



Jesus



dove



many people in the Jordan River.

One day



came to



to be



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flew down . The



, the Holy Spirit

of God, came down on



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heaven said to

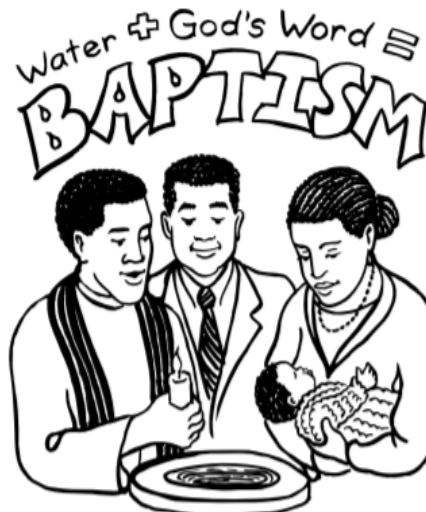


, "You are my beloved Son.

I am pleased with you."

Baptism

When we are baptized, we are welcomed into God's family through water and God's word. At a baptism, the pastor might light a candle and say to the person being baptized, "Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify God in heaven."



Circle the drops of water hidden here. Can you find four of them?

After worship, visit the baptismal font with your family. Dip your finger into the water. With one wet finger, make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder that you are God's child.



Logos resumes January 12, 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.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday 1/11

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

Wednesday 1/12

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

Thursday 1/13

- Hope Circle Zoom meeting 7:00 pm

Friday 1/14

- Bethel office is closed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 1/16

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie in-person and live stream at 9:30 am
- New Member Inquirer's Class following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday 1/18

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

Wednesday 1/19

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

Friday 1/21

- 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 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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