

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, July 24

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

Readings

First Readings

Genesis 18:20-32

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6-15

Psalm

Psalm 138

Gospel

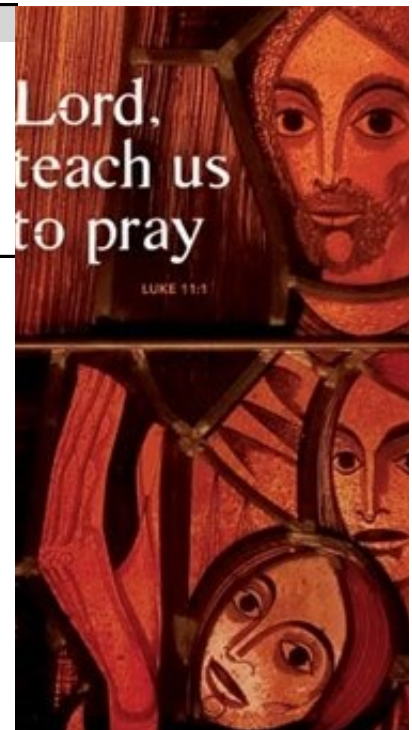
Luke 11:1-13

Join us Sundays

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

SERVING THIS SERVICE

Accompanist	Lynn Ryan, piano
Lay Assistant	Walt Nuessle
Usher	Donna Vinnedge
Tech	Kaleb Stringer
Children's Church	Maya Stringer and Olivia Violett
Counters	Pam Dougherty and Kaleb Stringer



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OFFICE HOURS

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

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Let Us Pray...

- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Doug Kickbusch** as he underwent a biopsy yesterday and awaits the results.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Bridger Voorhees**, *1-month old grandson of Kris*, who had a medical procedure on Monday and is recovering.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** who is having continued medical issues.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dale Ost** who has been readmitted to the hospital.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort and peace for **Arlene Sexe** as she has been moved to Peace Hospice.
- ✝ Prayers of for **Cindy Considine and her family** on the passing of her nephew **Cody Buus**.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Abby Bisgard-Clegg**, *daughter of Don and Kathi Bisgard*, waiting for results in August on the 'internal radiation treatments' that she had following chemo.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Connie Titcomb and her family** as they mourn the sudden passing of her nephew **Shane Tuttle** who was skilled in a motorcycle accident.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sue Hesse** as she recovers from a heart procedure.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Cindy Brattain** recovering from knee surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Heath Poser**, *nephew of Connie Titcomb*, who was diagnosed with inoperable brain tumor and is in Hospice.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Travis Cushman** as he recovers from a procedure and begins treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Jim Carlson** as he recovers from knee surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of support and comfort for **Tony Marcson**, *Jessica Crist's brother-in-law*, as he begins hospice.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dina Davis**, who continues to recover from a broken leg.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** who is home and continues to gain strength.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Don and Kathi Bisgard** as they continue to manage Don's health.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Rev. Inge Williams**, *friend of Pastor Jessie*, going through chemotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues with immunotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Eric Peterson** as he continues with immunotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **Elijah**, *godson of Turner Graybill and Jessica Crist*, struggling with mental illness.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Donna Fugle**, *Joni Collins' mother*, who has moved to Eastview Nursing Home.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Cindy Doughty**, *Patty Braget's sister*, who managing ALS.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and strength for **Rick Robitaille**, *brother of Tom Robitaille*, as he receives treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of strength in 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 **Bob Walker**, *brother of Colleen Walker-Nelson*, who is managing kidney disease.

You Are Invited!!



Summer Celebration

Food Trucks
Brian's Top
Notch and
Lickety Split
Ice Cream
treats, yard
games, face
painting, and
Vacation
Bible School
Camp Sing-a
-Long.

**Join us for
a Parking Lot party!**

All Are Welcome!

**Thursday,
July 21st
6-8 pm**

**Bring Your
Lawn Chairs or
Blankets!**

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Vacation Bible School

Thank you to all of our volunteers, Junior Counselors, Bethel Congregation, Pastor Jessie, and Parents for supporting this year's Vacation Bible School! A Great Group of campers and Counselors!





Take a Deep Breath and *Breathe*

I woke up last Sunday morning, July 17th, when my alarm went off at 6:00 am. I pulled the covers up to my chin and thought “I am going to stay in my nice warm bed for as long as I possibly can...if I don’t get out of bed, my week hasn’t started yet.”

Why was I so reluctant? It was VBS week. Don’t get me wrong, I LOVE VBS. I love seeing all the kids I only get to see during this week. I love to see how much they have grown and changed over the year. I love to get to see my Logos kids that I haven’t seen in a few months since the Logos year ended. I love to see the sixth grade campers move to 7th grade junior counselors and how they manage their new role at camp. I love to meet the FLBC counselors and the different personalities, where they are from, what their strengths are and how they interact differently with the campers. I love the activity and people that are around all week. The singing, conversations, the creativity. My saddest day of VBS is the Monday that follows...everyone is gone.

I LOVE VBS, but it takes *energy*...sometimes energy I don’t think I have.

So there I lay, my thoughts floating in and out like little bubbles in the air, *just get through this week, just get through this week, just get through this week.*

That Sunday morning at church, Pastor Jessie’s sermon was about slowing down. Taking a minute. Enjoying what is happening around you. It hit me. Slow down, take a breath, enjoy VBS. Absorb all the things I love about it.

Monday morning I found myself standing in the narthex, clipboard in hand. The chaos of the morning had subsided to a calm hum of arts and crafts, bible study and community building games and I took a deep breath and enjoyed the energy of VBS.

It is Wednesday afternoon, my energy is waning, but I am excited for the junior counselors to get to hang out with the counselors tonight and I am excited for tomorrow’s camp day and party tomorrow night. I will do my best not to change this into a shameless plot to recruit volunteers for VBS, but there really is something special about this week at the church. And if you stand in the narthex and take a deep breath. You will feel it.

Tami Grosenick, Administrative Assistant and VBS Camp Coordinator

High School Logos Summer Event is Coming Soon!!!!

Calling all youth entering High School through Seniors! Our High School Summer Event is almost here and we need you to sign up TODAY!!

Day 1, Monday, July 25th

Float trip from on the Missouri River south of Cascade MT. Lifejacket is required for those under 18, other items needed include:

- Float wear
- Snacks
- Water
- Sunscreen

Lunch will be provided.

Trip Instructions

We will meet in the church parking lot at 9am to carpool.



Day 2, Tuesday, July 26th

Day of service in and around Great Falls and lock-in!

Meet at the church at 9am. We will travel to our service site/s and will return to the church for dinner. We will have a lock in that night and wrap up Wednesday morning at 9am.

BBQ to follow for students and families at 6pm and lock in that evening.

Click [here to connect with the online permission form](#).

NRIT Coming Classes Fall 2022

Rural Ministry: Revisioning and Reforming for Vitality and Sustainability

Led by Dr. Mark Yackel-Juleen, Wartburg Seminary.

Class offered via Zoom – September 15 from 10am to 3pm (with a lunch break)

Trauma-Informed Approaches - Training

Led by professionals in this area.

Class offered at Hope Lutheran Church, Bozeman MT – September 22 from 9am to 5pm

“Anxiety Makes You Stupid” and other interesting things to consider about our emotional and family systems.

Led by Rev. Jason Asselstine, Associate to the Bishop

Class offered in-person, the afternoon before the Bishop’s Convo. Times and location TBD
October 27

Heaven, Hell, Death and Judgement

Led by Rev. Julia Seymour

Class offered via Zoom – November 3rd and 10th from 9am to Noon both days.

Mark your calendar for these events. Registration available soon.



Just for YOUTH

Name prayers

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Print your name on the left side of the space below.

Next to each letter of your name, print or draw something or someone to pray for.

Lord, teach us to pray

Luke 11:1-13

The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. Jesus taught them the Lord's Prayer. You can find the Lord's Prayer in the Bible (Luke 11:2-4 or Matthew 6:9-13). Followers of Jesus have added the last sentence to the prayer as a reminder that everything belongs to God.



Begin praying the name prayer with these words:
"Dear Lord, hear my prayer."

Name the people or things in your list.

End with these words: "Thank you, God,
for your love. Amen."



Try name prayers using the names of family members
or friends.

gather

Welcome to worship. Today Jesus invites us to use prayer to ask for the things we need. Which pictures match? Draw a line between them and point to them in order when you hear the gospel story today from Luke 11.



this week

Pray to "talk" to God about anything—at any time.

Joke of the week...

**Which Bible character
had no parents?**

... Joshua, son of Nun.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 7/25

- High School Youth Retreat – float trip, meet at Bethel 9:00 am for carpool

Tuesday 7/26

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- High School Youth Retreat – day of service, BBQ and lock-in

Wednesday 7/27

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am

Friday 7/29

- Bethel office is closed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 7/31

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie, in-person & live stream 9:30 am.

Tuesday 8/2

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am.

Wednesday 8/3

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am

Thursday 8/4

- Exec Board meeting on Zoom 5:30 pm

Friday 8/5

- Bethel Office 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 on Summer Break

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. We will resume after Labor Day in September, 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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