

# BETHEL NOTES

## Sunday, July 31st

### 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

### Readings

#### First Readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

#### Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

#### Psalm

Psalm 49:1-12

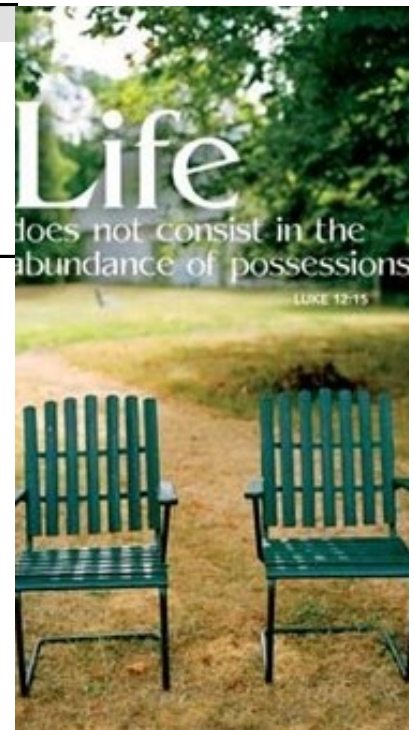
#### Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

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

### SERVING THIS SERVICE

<b>Accompanist</b>	Mary Seim piano
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Mark Kohoutek
<b>Usher</b>	Walt Nuessle
<b>Tech</b>	Kaleb Stringer
<b>Children's Church</b>	Allison Marr and Abbie Virts
<b>Counters</b>	Pam Dougherty and Dena Wagner-Fossen



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# Let Us Pray...



- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **the Sexe and Morris families** on the passing of **Arlene Sexe**.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dale Ost** who is home after a recent hospitalization.
- ✝ 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 **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 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.





Celebration of Life for Arlene Marie Sexe.

Friday, July 29th 10:00 am at Bethel. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.



## VBS 2022 Fewer Counselors, Still a Success!

I have always heard the saying, “bigger is better”, and I believed it...until now. We have had a couple of years of very large numbers of campers for our Vacation Bible School, then Covid happened. The last two years have been about half the size of what we were experiencing before 2020. I learned that *smaller is sensational!!*

This year we had 3 Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Counselors, 31 junior counselors, 59 campers and 13 adult volunteers. With these numbers we were able to get to know campers better, have good numbers in each age group to have great discussions for bible study, but also fun for small games and community building.

The weather was perfect and we held small group games and community building outside, bible study in the sanctuary and crafts in the Fellowship Hall. Our counselor/junior counselor night was a beautiful evening and they even got to roast some s’mores!

The highlight of the week was the Summer Celebration that VBS had in conjunction with the Mission Endowment Committee. Brian’s Top Notch food truck and Lickety Split ice cream truck supplied food and the Campers led by the FLBC Counselors and Jr. Counselors entertained with songs and stories from Camp Week. We hope that we can do the same next year!

There are so many people involved in making this camp huge success and we want to thank all of them. Pastor Jessie, AnneRose Rogers and her kitchen team Jane Mart, Rebecca Boucher, and Jeanne Price. Teaching volunteers Laura Kupfner (pre-k/kinder), crafts plan by Terree Wozny, crafts leaders Marilyn Carlson and Colleen Walker-Nelson, musicians Lynn Ryan and Pastor Steve Nelson, registration and signage for the Summer Celebration Jo Ann Dillum, camp assistant Sandy Pepos, Colter McCarty for tech and leading counselor/junior counselor night. All the food and free will donations from our congregation and I apologize if I miss someone: Jeanne Rankin, Walt and Leone Nuessle, Ron and Dew Elkin, Debbie McCarty, Daren and Patty Braget, John and Terry Korpela, Chad and Am-

ber Erickson, Dave and Tamy Scholten, Mike and Heather Kubas, Grant and Janet Smith, Tim and Johnna Lightbourne, The Forde Family, the Pinski Family, Steve and Connie Titcomb, and Sandi Cummings.





# High School Logos Youth Retreat 2022

## Recreating and Serving

In lieu of the ELCA Youth Gathering that was cancelled this summer, our HS Logos spent some valuable recreation and fellowship time on the Missouri River and followed up the next day with service projects at the City Garden pulling weeds and spreading mulch and at the Cameron Family Center stuffing over 300 backpacks for homeless school children ages pre-k through 12th grade.



## Bethel Members

### Exuding Excellence in Education

See what these amazing educators have been up to. Bethel Members Joel Carlson, Christie Virts, Lynn and Patrick Ryan selected this year for the Great Falls Public School Foundation Excellence in Education recipients.

#### 2022 Excellence in Education Honorees

Teachers are the key foundation to student learning and success. Since 2012, Great Falls Public Schools Foundation has celebrated the influence of teachers and the dedication of students through its Excellence in Education program.

Top-rated graduating seniors, recognized as distinguished scholars, each have the opportunity to select one educator from kindergarten through 8th grade and one from high school who made a significant difference in their learning experience. These educators often fill the traditional role of classroom teachers, but students may also select school counselors, coaches, or administrators who positively impacted them.

Distinguished Scholars from C.M. Russell and Great Falls High Schools were selected based on academic achievement, GPA, and rigorous coursework. Distinguished Scholars from Paris Gibson Education Center were selected by teachers, counselors, and administrators based on academic achievement, leadership, service, and successfully overcoming obstacles.

The Foundation is pleased to honor this year's selection of 33 distinguished scholars and the 66 distinguished educators who helped to support, mentor, and challenge them to be the best they can be.



(L to R) Mrs. Christi Virts, Jacklyn Fatz, Mr. Brian Dues  
*Jacklyn said about Mrs. Virts "She not only taught me valuable lessons in the classroom and in HOSA Club, but she is a role model to me. I know she has touched many lives by preaching positivity and making learning fun. She inspired me to go into the medical field, where I can positively impact others' lives."*



(L to R)—Mr. Chris Hibbert, Alex Johnson, Mr. Joel Carlson.  
*Alex chose Mr. Carlson because "he is well known to many kids who were in gifted Extended Curriculum Services and for good reason. He was great at teaching and coming up with fun interactive activities that made it a joy to be in gifted education. He taught us useful problem-solving and math skills."*



(L to R) Mrs. Lynn Ryan, Robin Blair, Mrs. Jean Falcon  
*Robin said about Mrs. Ryan "[she] taught me so much more than being a better singer and sight reader. She has three kids, is working on her doctorate, and is still an amazing teacher. Her ability to balance all these things is inspiring and shows me that if I put my mind to it, I can do anything."*



(L to R) Mr. Patrick Ryan, Zachary Nichols, Mrs. Barbi Foster  
*Zachary said "Mr Ryan taught me that making music is never just about making music. It is about the expression, connection and emotions that are fostered through music. He not only taught me to be a better musician, he also guided me to become a better person."*



## MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS

1<sup>st</sup> Monday Night Quilters will meet Monday, August 1, 2022, 6-8 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran, 3125 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. Please park in the alley. Again, we will tie the quilts before the last step of binding is done. Thank you to Leanna for binding the quilts made in July. Thanks to Joanne for helping sort fabric and getting backs ready to be used. 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 help sort fabric, we have an over-supply. Please contact Trudi, 799-0100, if you have questions.



## Calling All Bell Ringers!

The Bethel Bell Choir will be playing Sunday, August 7th.

Rehearsal will be Saturday, August 6th 10 am to Noon at Bethel.

If you would like to play in the Bell Choir that Sunday, email Sharon Mueller at [oboecclar@gmail.com](mailto:oboecclar@gmail.com) by August 4th.



### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am to Noon both days.

Mark your calendar for these events. Registration available soon.



# Just for YOUTH

## NEEDS

**Send**

**Giving to others**

Luke 12:13-21

The man in today's gospel story wanted to keep all of his grain for himself. He turned a need into a want. We put money into the offering each week to help others who have needs.

## WANTS

**hear & celebrate**

### Needs and wants

Is each item on this list a want or a need for you? Print or draw each thing on the correct page. If you use a bicycle to get to school each day put it under N.E.E.D.S. If you already have four dolls but want another one, put it under W.A.N.T.S. What do your lists say about the choices you make?

a bicycle

friends

family

a home

clothes

a doll

food

a computer game

Add some more items of your choice.



### N.E.E.D.S.\*

\* Nothing Extra, Every Day Stuff

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Needs are "every day things." They are the things we must have to live. Every Sunday we pray for the needs of all people.

### W.A.N.T.S.\*

\*Wishes And Not Treasured Stuff

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Wants are "extras." They look good to us but we can live without them. The man in today's gospel story (Luke 12:13-21) had so much that he wanted more! His wants were so important that they felt like needs.



Let us pray for all people according to their needs. Amen



Family members can add things to the wants and needs lists. Talk about them together.

### Joke of the week...

**Who was the smartest man in the Bible? ... Abraham. He knew a Lot.**



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **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
- Aitz Chaim Friday worship service 6:00 pm

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday 8/7**

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

### **Monday 8/8**

- Bethel Office will close at Noon.

### **Tuesday 8/9**

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am.
- Council meeting on Zoom 6:30 pm.

### **Wednesday 8/10**

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

### **Friday 8/12**

- 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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