AUGUST 7, 2025 Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

GOD CALLS US, GOD TRANSFORMS US, GOD SENDS US

BETHEL NOTES

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP 9:30 AM IN PERSON OR ONLINE AT BETHELMT.ORG

Readings:

First Reading:

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Second Reading:

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel:

Luke 12:32-40

Serving This Sunday

Piano Accompanist
Lynn Ryan
Lay Assistant
Stephanie Cummings
Usher
Terry Korpela
Worship Tech
Gabe Smith
Children's Church
Taylor Kuszmaul-Sangray
Tyler Grosenick
Counters
Stephanie Cummings
Terry Korpela
Hospitality
Bethel Lutheran Church
Altar Guild
JoDee Black
Tami Grosenick

This Sunday at Bethel...

world hunger Sunday

is **ELCA World Hunger Sunday**, we will collect an additional offering to support this important ministry.

Next week, we will be cleaning the carpets. If you can spare a few minutes to help move furniture from the sanctuary, narthex, and sunshine room into the Fellowship Hall, your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Join us at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for an **adult forum** focused on Psalm 33.

Our **Summer Evening Worship** continues this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m* Don't forget, it's Bring-A-Friend Night! Everyone is welcome!

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Lord, in your mercy...

- Prayers of healing for **Leone Nuessle** recovering after an outpatient procedure.
- Prayers of comfort for the **family and friends of Pam Hansen-Alfred** as they mourn her passing.
- Prayers of comfort for the **family and freinds of Nancy Kelley** and the community of Anaconda, *friend of Sandy Pepos*, a victim of the terrible tragedy last week.
- Prayers of healing for **Holly Lode**, *daughter of Bernice Johnson*, as she sees a specialist to resolve ongoing medical issues.
- Prayers of healing for **Cyndie Johnson**, *daughter in law of Bernice Johnson*, recovering from surgery to repair a broken arm.
- Prayers of healing for **Carol Ann,** *Marilyn Carlson's sister*, as she has receives treatment for lung cancer.
- Prayers of healing for **Clarice Skogley**, **Jeff Skogley's mother**, who is in the hospital.
- Prayers of healing for **Jerry**, *Jeanne Rankin's brother's father-in-law,* who is having age related brain bleeds.
- Prayers of healing for **Mary Ann Finnan**, *Shannon Marr's mom*, who is managing a breast cancer diagnosis and treatment plan.
- Prayers of healing for **Dennis McCarty** recovering at home.
- Prayers of healing for **Rev. Dawn Busch** for persistant low back pain.
- Prayers of healing for **Debbie,** *Jeanne Rankin's cousin*, diagnoised with ALS
- Prayers of comfort for **Dawn Krueger**, *Greg Grosenick's aunt*, under hospice care at home.
- Prayers of support for **Cindy Considine** as she manages progessed symptoms of Parkinson's.
- Prayers of healing for **Jasper**, family friend of Sara Graft, as he receives treatment for aggressive cancer.
- Prayers of healing for **Bob Underhill**, *Sue Hesse's bother in law,* diagnosed with brain lesions and determining treatment.
- Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues to manage his health.
- Prayers of healing for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.

Memorial Service for
Eric Peterson
Friday, August 8th
11:00 AM
Redeemer Lutheran Church
luncheon to follow

...hear our prayer.

2025-26 LOGOS HELP NEEDED

We are currently in the process of staffing the LOGOs Youth Ministry for the 2025-26 year. There are several core volunteer roles for which we urgently need assistance. Below is a detailed list of our requirements, including the number of volunteers needed and the time commitment for each position. This year, we are introducing a new format and schedule for LOGOs, with the aim of providing shorter volunteer shifts and activity centers that will enhance the experience for both the youth participants and our volunteers.

We invite you to review the list below and prayerfully consider joining our Youth Ministry.

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Volunteer needs:

HS LOGOs leaders (2) ***6:30 to 8 or 8:30 pm*****.**
Colter McCarty and Dan and Ali Morris can still help, but cannot commit to leading each Wednesday. Pastor Dawn and Colter will have curriculum for leaders.
Kitchen work leader (1 or 2) - this person(s) would direct the preparation, serving, and clean up of the meal - ***4:30 to 7:30 pm.***

Kitchen teams 2 members per team - would like to have 4 regular teams
These teams would assist the leader, we are going to be reaching out to parents for helping with these teams ***5:00 to 7:30 pm***
Activity assistants - 3 assistants per night - we will be looking to parent participation with this as well. ***6:20 to 7:00 pm***
Rec Leaders (2) - start out the evening with 20 minutes of games. ***5:15 to 5:50 pm***
Table Parents (6) - sit with table of youth and have dinner, keeping conversation going and teach a "family style" meal experience. ***5:45 to 6:30 pm***

If you have questions about the positions or need more information, contact Tami Grosenick or Pastor Dawn. Your involvement can greatly impact our youth, promoting community and spiritual growth. There are various roles available, from leading activities to preparing meals. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to welcoming you to the LOGOs family to create a meaningful experience together. Thank you for your support!

LOGOs Calendar 2025-26

September
- 10th - Confirmation Kickoff
- 17th - 1st Nite LOGOs
- 24th - LOGOs

October
- 1st at Redeemer
- 8th LOGOs
- 15th No LOGOs GFPS PIR
- 22nd LOGOs

November
- 5th, 12th and 19th - LOGOs
- 26th No LOGOs Thanksgiving

December
- 3rd, 10th and 17th - LOGOs

December 24th January 7th break

January
- 14th, 21st, and 28th LOGOs

February
- 4th and 11th LOGOs
- 18th No LOGOs Ash Wednesday
- 25th LOGOs

March
- 4th , 11th, 18th and 25th LOGOs

April
- 1st No LOGOs Holy Week
- 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th LOGOs

LOGOS YOUTH MINISTRY

God calls us
God transforms us
God sends us
BETHEL Lutheran Church

1009 18th Ave SW Great Falls MT 59404
bethelgf.church@gmail.com

Wednesday Evenings

- Grades Pre K through 8th
  5:30 to 7:30 pm
- High School
  6:30 to 8:00 pm

$75.00 per student
Scholarships Available

Pre K thru 8th begins
September 17th
High School begins
October 22nd

NEW FORMAT

What to Expect:

- Rec Time
- Dinner served family style
- Bible Study - activity Centers
- Closing Worship

CONTACT US

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Fall Harvest Festival and Auction
Saturday, October 11th, 2025
Following the FLBC Annual Meeting at 2:30 PM
join us for the Fall Harvest Festival, Dinner, Silent Auction & Fun!
Located at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp:
550 Lutheran Camp Rd. , Lakeside MT 59922
An event to make camp financially accessible to all!
TICKETS
Individual tickets: $75
Table package (8 tickets): $500
Kids 16 & Under: FREE
(activities & dinner from 4 - 7 PM)
SCHEDULE
4 - 6 PM Silent Auction, Happy Hour, & Appetizers
5:30 PM Dinner served
7 PM Silent Auction ends
Want to stay over Saturday night (includes Sunday brunch) ~ add $25/person
TICKETS & INFO
Contact FLBC at 406-752-6602 to purchase tickets,
or visit one.bidpal.net/flbcauction2025 to buy tickets
online and browse our online auction items.
Online bidding opens 10/1/25 & ends 10/12/25
Fall Harvest Festival and Auction
FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP
406.752.6602 • 603 S. Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901 • office@flbc.net • www.flbc.net

BETHEL Lutheran Church
Confirmation Classes
Begins September 17th
$75.00 per child/year scholarships available
7th and 8th Grade
Wednesday Evenings
5:30 to 7:30
Kick Off Night
September 10th 5:30 pm
Join us for dinner and information about our confirmation program.
1009 18th Ave SW Great Falls MT
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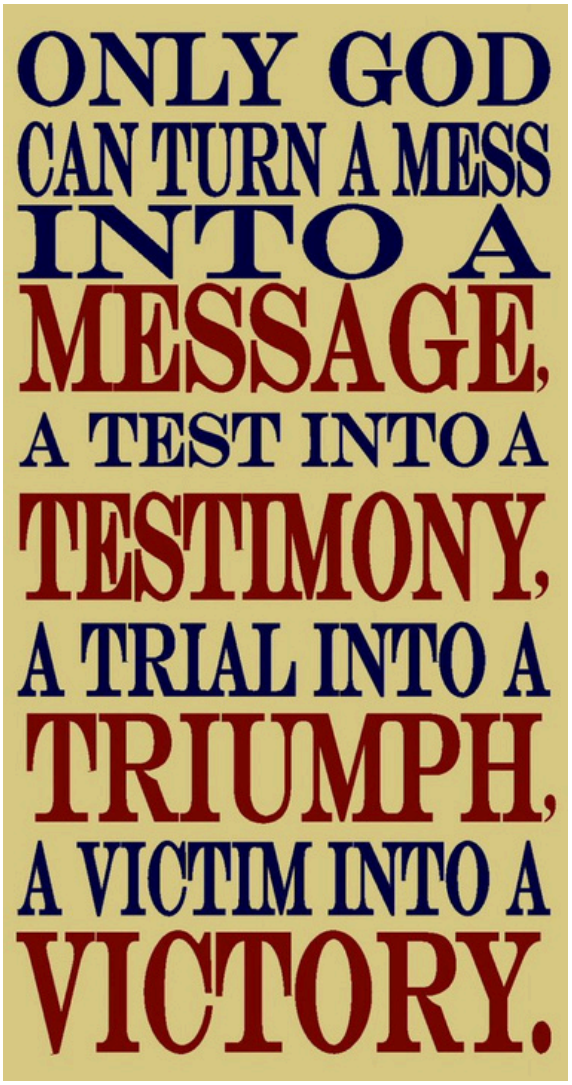
MARK YOUR CALENDAR
God's work. Our hands.
September 7, 2025
WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY


ONLY GOD CAN TURN A MESS INTO A MESSAGE, A TEST INTO A TESTIMONY, A TRIAL INTO A TRIUMPH, A VICTIM INTO A VICTORY.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

Always Ready

For which events are you always prepared? Perhaps the coffee is always on in your house, awaiting the unannounced guest at any hour. Or perhaps you always have your passport up to date, ready to take advantage of that spur-of-the-moment vacation deal that arrives in your inbox. Being prepared for what life brings us, knowing we're ready to tackle whatever comes our way, can give us a sense of security.

Today's gospel reading takes the idea of readiness to divine proportions as Jesus reminds the disciples to be prepared for God's inbreaking at any moment. How are we prepared for God to show up in our everyday life? How are we prepared to encounter God being at work, even now? God's kingdom is like a grand wedding party where everyone is invited and has a light to shine. God's realm is like a gigantic feast where all are fed and no one goes away empty. God's reign is one in which humanity can invest in things that last, instead of hoarding for lean times, because in the community of God there is enough for all so we never need to be afraid.

While many people might hear this reading as referring only to Christ's final coming, in our liturgy we are reminded that Christ arrives in many and various ways all the time. We are blessed by the Holy Spirit in the waters of baptism, in the bread and wine of the eucharist, in the face of our neighbors as we greet one another with God's overwhelming peace.

The kingdom of God is always at hand, breaking through the ordinary and mundane in extraordinary ways. Today we are reminded to be ready for it, to look for it, to anticipate it with fearless expectation. So, how are we ready to encounter Christ today?

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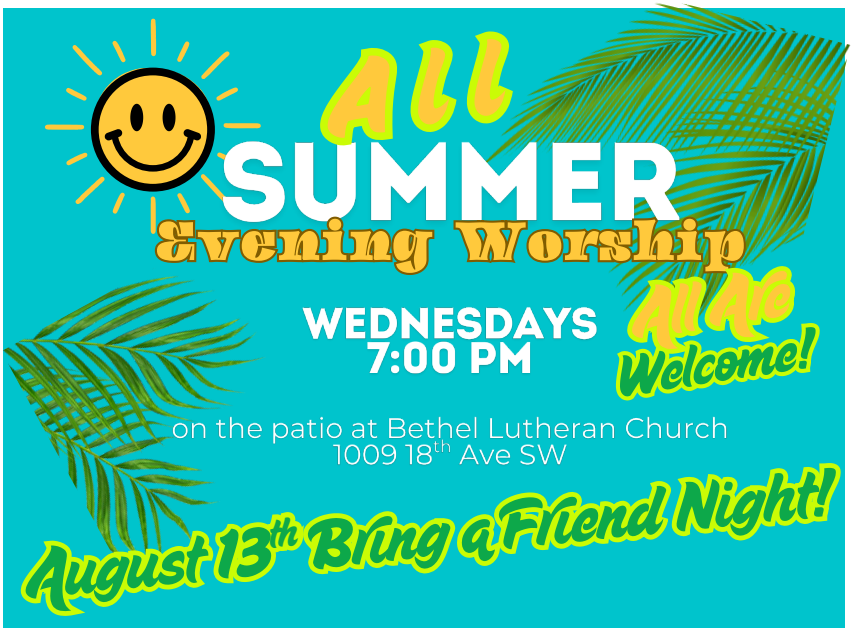

SUMMER adult FORUMS

This summer's adult forums will study a different psalm each week. There are different types of psalms in scripture that are written as beautiful, poetry and hymns. Whether you have always loved the poetry or if you've never been a poetry fan. Let's dig into these words together and hear language that is helpful to praise God and to cry out to God when needed.

8/10 Psalm 33 Praise psalm
8/17 Psalm 82 Prayer for help (Communal)
8/24 & 8/31 No Adult Forum

All Are Welcome!

JUST FOR YOUTH

Name five gifts God has given you or your family.

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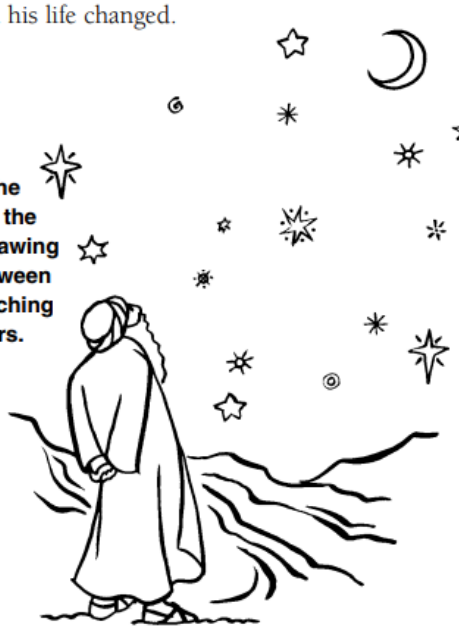
God gives us gifts every day

Find and circle five hidden gift packages in the picture. Giving our time and our possessions to help others are ways to pass God's gifts along. Draw a ♡ around children and adults who are helping others in this picture.

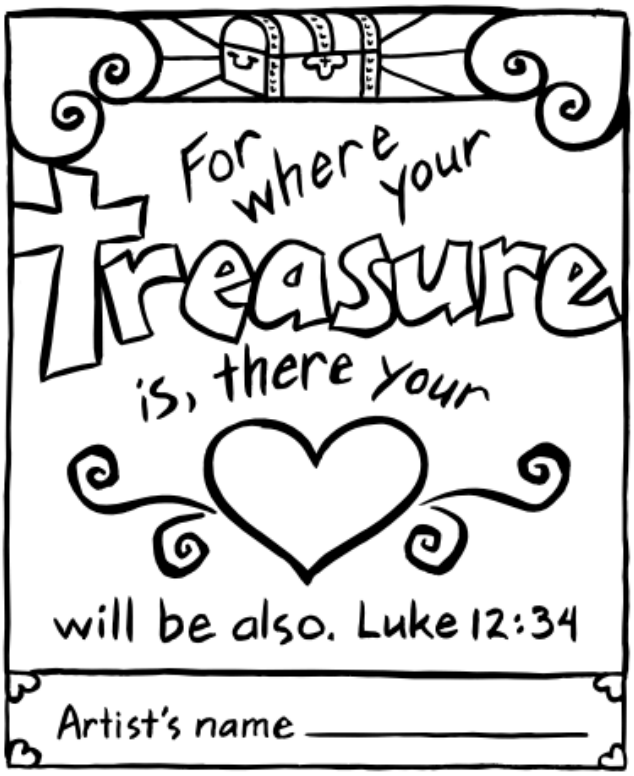
Welcome to worship. God promised Abraham and Sarah a child, even though they thought it was impossible. God promised Abraham many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as many as there are stars in the sky. Abraham believed God's promise and his life changed.

Change the design in the sky by drawing a line between each matching set of stars.



Treasuring God's gifts

All of God's gifts to us can be treasured and shared with others. Use colors and designs to decorate this Bible verse. Then give it to someone as a gift or hang it in an art display at church or at home.



CHURCH CALENDAR

This Week

Tuesday 8/12

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Council Meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

Wednesday 8/13

- Summer Evening Worship on the patio at Bethel 7:00 pm. Bring-a-Friend Night!

Friday 8/15

- Bethel Office closed

Next Week

Sunday 8/17

- Worship in person and online 9:30 am
- Baptism of Cailyn and Humphrey Chadbourne
- New Member Sunday
- Adult Forum in the Fellowship Hall 11:00 am

Tuesday 8/19

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

Wednesday 8/20

- Summer Evening Worship on the patio at Bethel 7:00 pm

Friday 8/22

- Bethel Office closed

Fellowship Ministries

Electric City Bible Study—online
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 Hold until September
Join us for a fun and engaging conversation, and insightful discussion of each week's lectionary texts as we meet in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at dscholten1118@gmail.com for more information.

Hope Circle—On Hold Until September
This group meets once a month usually on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. Bible study and fellowship are celebrated with this group of ladies. Contact Terry Korpela to be on the group email for meetings and prayer requests terry.korpela@gmail.com.

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