

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, July 10

5th Sunday after Pentecost

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God’s mercy in responding to one’s neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the “gospel that has come to you”—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

Readings

First Readings

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Second Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

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



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SERVING THIS SERVICE

Accompanist	Lynn Ryan, piano.
Lay Assistant	Tamy Scholten
Usher	Earl Terwilliger
Tech	Adam Elkin
Children’s Church	Julia Elkin and Allison Marr
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OFFICE HOURS

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

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- ✝ Prayers of support for **Dean Wester and family** as they mourn the passing of his wife Donna.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Arlene Sexe** as she has been moved to Peace Hospice.
- ✝ Prayers of thanksgiving and joy for **Bob Norbie** as he get a cancer-free medical check and awaits a second CT to confirm.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dale Ost** as he recovers at home after a recent hospitalization.
- ✝ 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 comfort for **Mike Holland and family** as they mourn the passing of **Margie**.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Grant Harrer**, friend of the Hesse family, as he recovers from illness.
- ✝ 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 **Abby Bisgard-Clegg**, *daughter of Don and Kathi Bisgard*, as she awaits test results after chemotherapy.
- ✝ 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 continued healing for **John Korpela** as he completes the last few months of treatments.
- ✝ 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 healing for **Heath Poser**, *nephew of Connie Titcomb*, who has begun treatment for brain tumors and will have surgery once the treatments are concluded.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Cody Buus**, *Cindy Considine's nephew*, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- ✝ 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.

Upcoming Celebration of Life Service at Bethel:

Marjorie Anne Cline Holland

*Saturday, July 9th 11:00 am
reception to follow in the
Gathering Place.*



MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS

1st Monday Night Quilters will meet the second Monday of July—July 11, 2022 due to the July 4th holiday. We will meet the usual time-- 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 is done. Thank you to Peggy for binding the quilts made in May. Thanks to Donna for getting several quilt backs ready to be used.

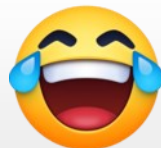
If you'd like to help from home, there are many squares kits ready to be sewn into tops, and also fabric to be cut into squares. If you have questions, or would like to help sort fabric, we have an oversupply. Also, if you know of anyone going to Plentywood this summer, their quilters are willing to take some of our oversupply; call Trudi at 799-010 for more information.



Joke of the week...

How long did Cain hate his brother?

... As long as he was Abel.



For Council Treasurer

Bethel is looking for a Treasurer to take over for Dena Wagner-Fossen. Dena's term ends January 2023 as council/treasurer and would mentor a new council member for the rest of this year before handing over the reins. This is a three year commitment. If anyone would have an interest in being part of our church's financial ministry please let us know. You can contact Pastor Jessie or any member of the council. If you have questions about the position, Dena will be happy to answer them. Contact the Bethel Office for more information or to get in touch with Dena. We ask that you prayerfully consider what a huge help you would be to your Bethel family. God Bless.

Vacation Bible School

July 18th—22nd 9:00 am to 1:30 pm



It's time to register for Vacation Bible School for grades (entering) Pre-Kindergarten to 6th. Junior Counselors (entering) 7th grade and up. More information and online registration at <https://www.bethelmt.org/vbs.html> - this camp is FREE for all participants.

If you are interested in attending Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp at Lakeside this year, Bethel offers scholarships to campers on a first come first serve basis. Simply send a copy of your invoice from FLBC (they send you once you register and pay your deposit) to Bethel and we will pay \$100 directly to FLBC.

Benefits of Day Camp:

- Develops lifelong skills
- Promotes independence
- Makes time for play
- Teaches teamwork and resiliency
- Provides fun screen-free activities
- Encourages connection with God
- Fosters growth
- Builds self-esteem
- Supports healthy living

Support VBS and eat Pizza! Pizza! At Home!!!

We have teamed up with Little Caesar's Pizza to help raise funds for VBS. Order Pizza Kits, Crazy Bread Kits or Cookie Kits online and they will be delivered right to your door! Then make delicious Little Caesar's Pizza at home. Have a friend or relative that lives somewhere that doesn't have a Little Caesar's? Gift them a kit by ordering and having it shipped to them! A portion of every kit goes toward helping cover the cost of VBS and keep it free for our campers who participate.

If you don't have access to the internet and would like to order, call the Bethel Office and we will do it for you!



Click this link to be connected to the order page and thank you for your support.

FUNDRAISE WITH PIZZA?

Little Caesars Fundraising *You betcha!*

[Little Caesars Order Here](#)



I'm a Lutheran

Loni Whitford Taylor

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation in Montana

Emergency medical technician, member of the
Chippewa Cree Council of Rocky Boy and of the ELCA Church Council

Living Lutheran Magazine is a free periodical that is available at Bethel each month. This issue includes an article by Loni Whitford Taylor from Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation here in Montana. She is Emergency medical technician, member of the Chippewa Cree Council of Rocky Boy and of the ELCA Church Council.

I've been the church council president of Our Saviour for seven years. One thing I'm very proud of is that we are housing a Cree language revitalization program. There are nine trainees and two instructors. One of the instructors is my paternal grandmother, Pearl. One of my younger brothers is the program's director. It started in February, and after 14 months the trainees will be fluent Cree speakers. Those are prayers answered from our ancestors. When our tribal leaders and elders helped build this log chapel, they had intentions, prayers and hopes that our language would carry on, and now in this day, our language is being housed in the mission.

Our congregation is really small, but the community knows we are there, and they can rely on our church for different things. To me, our congregation is our community, even though they don't all come to church every Sunday. We have lots of our ceremonies at the church, and our community members utilize prayer services. I believe we all pray to the same creator, the same God.

One of my earliest church memories is of going to church with Great-grandma Minnie. I remember looking up at her in the little log chapel. She was a very calm, kind, generous lady. She would take trips with Women of the ELCA, and I remember wanting to be like her and travel to new places too.

I think being an EMT goes hand-in-hand with my faith. Almost every time you go out on a call, you're praying all the way to the scene, praying the whole time you're driving to the hospital and, even after you leave, those prayers are on your mind. You

have to have faith in those prayers and in our Creator. I think my faith helped me to have a strong mind and a strong heart to be able to work in that kind of a job.

A big part of my family's life is powwows and traveling to and from them. I am a jingle dress dancer and my daughter, Aynjel'lya (Gigi), is a fancy shawl dancer. I've been doing this since I was about 7 or 8 years old, and my daughter has since she was able to walk. My dad dances and so do my brothers and their children too. It's an important part of our lives.

I've witnessed God's presence in my life the most through becoming and being a mom.

The main things I pray for are my family and our language. I was always taught that family comes first. I was raised that way, thankfully. I am always praying for my family and extended family.

I really like being on the ELCA Church Council because of all the different individuals I've been able to meet and become friends with. There are so many prayerful individuals I've gotten to know, and I'm so thankful for that. I'm also thankful for being able to learn from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the other council leaders. They're faithful and open to listening. I hope that we can have more people from younger generations be involved in our church—locally, nationally and globally.

I'm a Lutheran because of what I learned from my grandmas and my great-grandmothers—from their faith lives, prayers, beliefs and teachings. Because of them I know the Creator is with me and leading me. †

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.](#)



Thank You!!

Last Sunday afternoon the Great Falls Voyagers took on the Glacier Range Riders as the rain stopped and the sun came out, if only for a little while. The crowd was very generous and bought 50/50 and raffle tickets to help raise money for Family Promise. 29 tickets were donated by individuals who could not make it to the game, but wanted to donate. These tickets were given to kids who were coming to the game with their families.

\$480.00 in gift cards were donated by Bethel members and we are so very grateful for your generosity!



Just for YOUTH

kids Celebrate
Lectionary 15



gather

Welcome to worship. In worship we say or sing the prayer "Lord, have mercy." Every time we pray, "Lord, have mercy," our prayers ripple out farther and farther. We pray for ourselves, our neighbors with us at worship, and our neighbors in all parts of the world.



Color one ripple of water each time you pray, "Lord, have mercy."

Dear Lord,
help us to see you
in our neighbor.
Amen



Love God, love your neighbor

In today's gospel reading, we hear this commandment:



"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."



Luke 10:27 (NRSV)

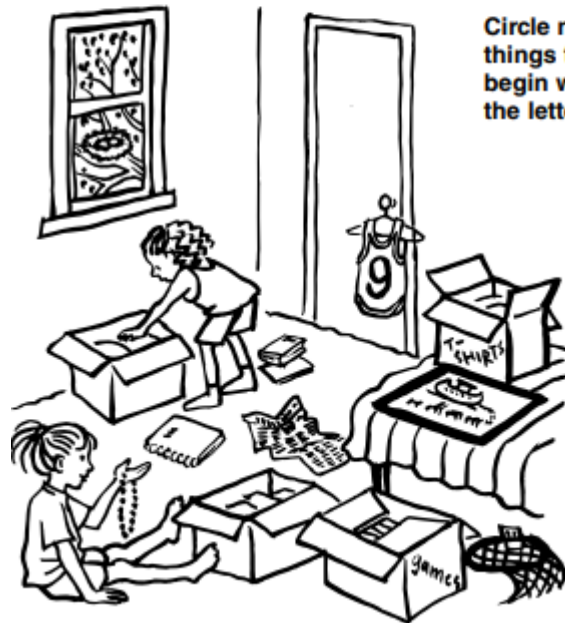
How can we love our neighbors?

Neighbors can be family, friends, classmates, people in need, church friends, teammates, coaches, and teachers. Can you think of other neighbors?



Who is my neighbor?

Nikki looked across the street and saw a big moving truck. New people were moving into the house where Nikki's best friend used to live. Nikki saw one of her new neighbors, a girl, sitting on the front steps and crying. She looked lonely. Later, Nikki and her mom took cookies to welcome the new family. Nikki helped her new friend unpack her boxes. She was glad to help her neighbor!



Circle nine things that begin with the letter N.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 7/12

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

Wednesday 7/13

- Text Study via Zoom 10:00 am

Thursday 7/14

- Hope Circle Summer Celebration at The Godtel's 3:30 pm

Friday 7/15

- Bethel office is closed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BETHEL OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

8:00 AM TO 3:30 PM DUE TO VBS.

Sunday 7/17

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie, in-person & live stream 9:30 am.
- Set up for VBS after worship today, please stack the chairs in the sanctuary.
- FLBC Counselors arrive, dinner with volunteers and junior counselors 5:00 pm.

Monday 7/18

- First Day of VBS registration open at 8:15 am.

Tuesday 7/19

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am.
- Second Day of VBS open at 8:30 am.
- Pastor Jessie hosts dinner with the FLBC Counselors 6:00 pm

Wednesday 7/20

- Third Day of VBS open at 8:30 am.
- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Counselor/Junior Counselor team building 6:00 pm

Thursday 7/21

- Fourth Day of VBS open at 8:30 am.
- Food Truck Fellowship and VBS Program 6:00 pm.

Friday 7/22

- Last Day of VBS open at 8:30 am.

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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