

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, June 5th

Day of Pentecost

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

Readings

First Readings

Acts 2:1-21

Second Reading

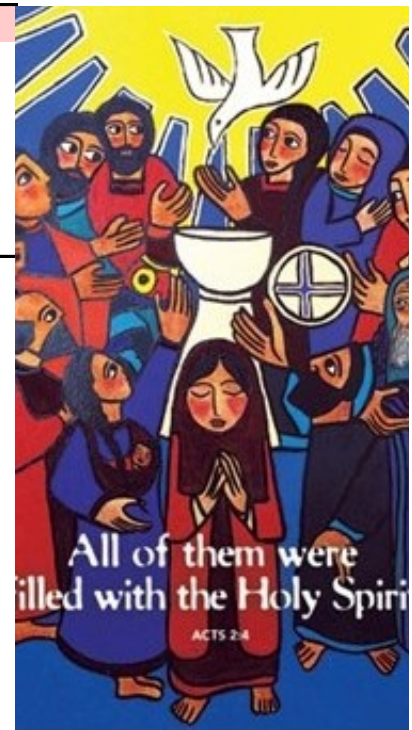
Revelation 8:14-17

Psalm

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Gospel

John 14:8-17



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

SERVING THIS SERVICE

Accompanist	Connie Titcomb, piano.
Lay Assistant	Tamy Scholten
Ushers	Earl Terwilliger
Tech	Kaleb Stringer
Children's Church	Maya Stringer and Olivia Violett
Counters	Pam Dougherty and Kaleb Stringer

OFFICE HOURS

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

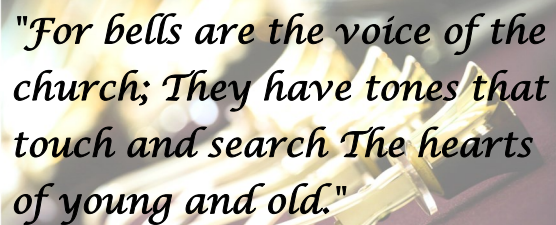
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- ✝ Prayers of support and comfort for **Tony Marcson**, *Jessica Crist's brother-in-law*, as he begins hospice care.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dina Davis**, who has been released from the hospital to home after surgery for a broken leg.
- ✝ Prayers 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 concludes chemotherapy and radiation treatments and awaits a follow-up scan in August to determine success of therapies.
- ✝ Prayers of support and healing for **Don and Kathi Bisgard** as they work continue to manage Don's health.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and preparation for **Gordon Lord** recovers from another surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Rev. Inge Williams**, *friend of Pastor Jessie*, as she begins chemotherapy treatments.
- ✝ Prayers of thanksgiving and continued healing for **John Korpela** as he has been cleared of cancer and finishes the last few months of treatments.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he concluded 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.
- ✝ covers at home from a recent hospitalization.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Donna Fugle**, *Joni Collins' mother*, who is recovering at Eastview Nursing Home following a fall and hospitalization.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Cindy Doughty**, *Patty Braget's sister*, who has been diagnosed with 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 and support for **Karla Wagner**, *Dena Wagner-Fossen's mother*, as she manages health issues.
- ✝ 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.



"For bells are the voice of the church; They have tones that touch and search The hearts of young and old."

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Calling All Bell Ringers!

The Bethel Bell Choir will be playing Sunday, June 26th.

Rehearsal will be Friday, June 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Bethel.

If you would like to play in the Bell Choir that Sunday, email Sharon Mueller at oboecclar@gmail.com by June 16th

We need YOU! To Serve as Treasurer on Council

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.

Young Adult Fellowship Group

Our Young Adult Fellowship Group ages 20+ is a social group that meets once a month for fellowship and fun. We meet in different locations around Great Falls the fourth Thursday of each month...unless there is a special event such as in June we will meet at the Voyagers Baseball Game Wednesday, June 8th 7:00 pm at Centene Stadium.

If you would like to get more information about this group or be added to the Group text contact Colter McCarty 406-899-5254 or email Pastor Jessie bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com and they will be happy to get you in the loop.



Joke of the week...

What animal could Noah not trust?...

Cheetah





Road Construction on Fox Farm Road has begun, extending approximately 1 mile from just north of the Alder Drive intersection ending just south of the East Fiesta intersection.

The scope of work on this area includes cold milling the road, where a thin layer of the existing pavement is removed to create a smooth surface. Once this is complete, the road will be paved and pavement markings will be painted on the new asphalt surface. New road signs will also be installed and select sidewalk ramps will be updated to meet ADA compliance.

See map on above to see area that will be affected.

Great Falls Open + Affirming Churches
present:

**pride
worship**

an evening of story & song
celebrating LGBTQ+ folks
as beloved, holy, and whole

Sunday, June 12 @ 7pm
Gibson Park Bandshell
400 Park Drive North
all ages welcome



Summer Youth Adventures

In light of the 2022 National Youth Gathering being cancelled, we are planning a high school youth event July 25th - July 28th this summer! We are looking for chaperones, boats, life jackets, shuttlers, and support folks to assist with a float trip on the Missouri River on Monday, July 25th. If you are able to help, or have equipment please call the office and let us know!



We are also looking for help with food and support on Tuesday for a service project day and BBQ, and breakfast on Wednesday morning!

ELCA Advocacy Action Alert

Ask Congress to meet an urgent humanitarian need of the Palestinian people and support Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) and the other East Jerusalem hospitals.

Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) is operated by the Lutheran World Federation in Jerusalem. It started partnership with the United Nations in 1948 as a major medical facility in Jerusalem to care for Palestinian refugees. Today, most of the patients served by the hospital need specialized, lifesaving care.



AVH is the first and only hospital to provide radiation therapy for cancer patients in the Palestinian territories and the only medical facility in the West Bank offering pediatric kidney dialysis. On a daily basis, these and other specialty services touch countless lives, both young and old, from communities across the Palestinian territories.

AVH has received vital support from the US Agency for International Development (USAID) in recent years (nearly \$57.42 million in cancer-related machines, lab equipment and training) that has raised the level of cancer treatment available through AVH for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

AVH finished 2021 with outstanding bank loans of \$940,000 and suppliers owed \$15.26 million, again \$160,000 in cash on hand and \$75.4 million owed the hospital by the PA. In October 2021, AVH received (for the first time since 2017) US funding via the Palestinian Authority in the amount of \$8.3 million, equivalent to 12% of the PA's total debt.

The message to the ELCA from congressional staffers in previous years was clear: ELCA members have been heard on this issue, and their voices had made a difference!

At the same time, costs for patients referred to AVH continue to mount at the rate of \$4.5 million per month. Another payment from the USAID is needed in 2022.

Therefore, Congress must ensure that the US government releases a large payment for the East Jerusalem hospitals through USAID as soon as possible. This funding is crucial to avoid any interruption of treatment for West Bank or Gaza cancer patients or other patients served by AVH or other East Jerusalem hospitals.

Please ask your US senators and representatives to support a transfer at least \$120 million to USAID to meet urgent humanitarian needs of the Palestinian people in 2022. These allocations will cover the PA's debt to AVH and the other East Jerusalem hospitals.

Also, encourage your Members of Congress to visit AVH and see first-hand the important work being done and the hospital's partnership with the US government through USAID.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Job Posting

Administrative Assistant – PT

\$13.35 per hour

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time Parish Administrator. This position would include greeting people during the week, bulletin and newsletter design, webpage updating, light bookkeeping, and other clerical duties. Hours would be Monday-Friday, totaling 20 per week.

Knowledge of computer programs such as Word, Excel, and Publisher are necessary, along with a willingness to learn web and member management software. Ability to communicate well both verbally and written are also essential.

KOGUDUS RENEWAL MINISTRY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JOB DESCRIPTION

Kogudus Renewal Ministry is celebrating over 50 years of prison ministry and church retreats. Kogudus has touched the lives of over 35,000 people in the U.S. and beyond. The administrative assistant plays a vital role in sustaining and promoting this ministry.

- Between 10 and 20 hours a month
- Salary between \$15 - \$17.50 per hour based on skills and experience. Possible raises after annual review.
- Work from home
- Schedule flexible
- Must be able to work independently but in close contact with Executive Director

Contact Rev. Greg Karlsgodt, Executive Director
406-544-1699 gk@kogudus.org

Job Opening in the Montana Synod Office

We are sad to announce that Candi Standall will be resigning to move to Memphis, Tennessee to be closer to family at the end of June.

Therefore we are opening up applications for our Office Administrator position! If interested, please download the full application below and mail to the synod office or email:

cstandall@montanasynod.org

Open Position: OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Full-time, hourly + benefits

Interviewing is expected to begin May 2, 2022.

Start date: June 13, 2022 (at the earliest)

Accepting Applications until the position is filled.

[Click here for Full
Job Description and
benefits.](#)

Position Description:

The Office Administrator for the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is an integral part of the synod staff team whose primary responsibilities involve the day-to-day activities within an office environment including answering phone calls and email, maintaining paper and on-line filing systems, organizing synod events, maintaining a contacts database and a variety of front office reception tasks.

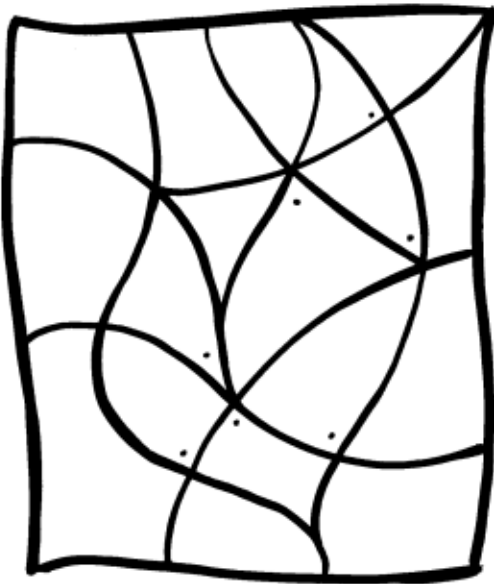
Just for YOUTH

The gift of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-21

The disciples were gathered together when a strong wind filled the house. A flame rested on each disciple's head, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. When the disciples went outside, they amazed the people by speaking in many languages. Peter explained that the languages were a gift of the Holy Spirit.

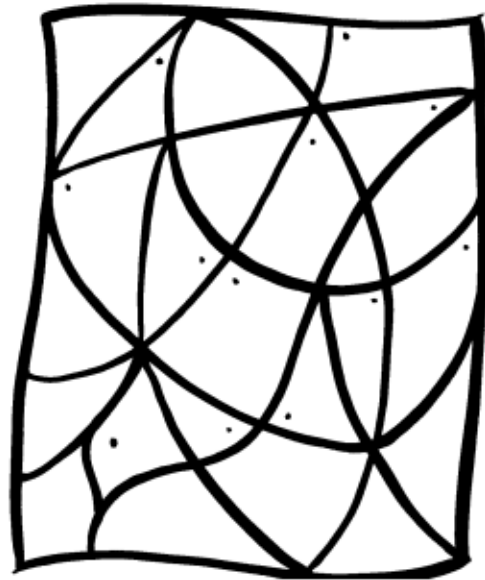
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Why is this a good symbol for the Holy Spirit?

What is the Holy Spirit?

God sends the Holy Spirit to us in baptism. The Holy Spirit helps us to believe in Jesus and grow in our love for God. Try this: Blow on your hand. What do you feel? What do you see? The Holy Spirit is like your breath—you can't see it, but you know it's there.



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Talk about the story of Jesus' baptism.
How did the Holy Spirit appear to Jesus?

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 6/7

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

Wednesday 6/8

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Young Adult Group meet at Voyagers Baseball at Centene Stadium 7:00 pm

Thursday 6/9

- Exec Board Zoom meeting 5:30 pm

Friday 6/10

- Bethel office is closed.

Saturday 6/11

- Close Knit Crafters meet in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 6/12

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie, in-person & live stream 9:30 am.
- World Hunger Sunday
- New Member Class in the Fellowship Hall after worship.
- Worship Planning in the Hospitality Room after worship.

Tuesday 6/14

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

Wednesday 6/15

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

Friday 6/17

- 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 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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