

Bethel Lutheran Church

March 17, 2022

# BETHEL NOTES



## Sunday, March 20

### Third Sunday in Lent

*The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!*

#### Readings

*First Readings*

Isaiah 55:1-9

*Psalms*

Psalms 63:1-8

*Second Reading*

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*Gospel*

Luke 13:1-9

Happy St. Patrick's Day

**Join us Sundays**

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

**Adult Education in the Fellowship Hall After Worship. Walking through the stations of the heart with Pastor Jessie**

#### SERVING THIS SERVICE

<b>Accompanist</b>	Lynn Ryan, piano; Steve Nelson, guitar
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	John Blank
<b>Usher</b>	Walt Nuessle and Earl Terwilliger
<b>Tech</b>	Adam Elkin
<b>Counters</b>	Stephanie Cummings and Warren Johnson
<b>Children's Church</b>	Maya Stringer and Ava Fossen



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

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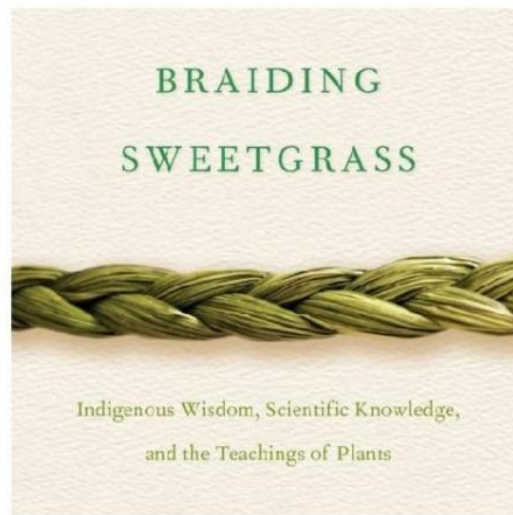
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Jeannette Rankin, Jeanne's mom, and family** as she undergoes comfort care and hospitalization after a serious medical event.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Kathy Johnson** as she recovers at home from a severe allergic reaction.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Heath Poser**, *nephew of Connie Titcomb*, who has begun treatment for brain tumors and will have surgery once the treatments are concluded.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Mim Mikulecky** as she recovers from knee surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Karla Wagner**, *Dena Wagner-Fossen's mother*, as she manages health issues.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Abby Bisgard-Clegg**, *daughter of Don and Kathi Bisgard*, as she begins treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Rev. Inge Williams**, *friend of Pastor Jessie*, as she has surgery preceding cancer treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Eric Peterson** as he ends treatment for cancer and begins immunotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of strength and healing for **Lisa Leland**, *niece of Sandy Bechard*, as she completed treatment for breast cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of continued healing for **Gordon Lord** as he recovers from surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Arlene Sexe** as she undergoes new treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of continued healing for **Shirley Cayko**.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and strength for **John Korpela** as he continues chemotherapy treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** as she manages a health issue.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Cody Buus**, *Cindy Considine's nephew*, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of strength & 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 strength and recovery for **LaRae Veitch** as she rehabs after knee surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Tony Marcson**, *brother-in-law of Jessica Crist*, who is undergoing treatment for lung cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Bob Walker**, *brother of Colleen Walker-Nelson*, who is managing kidney disease.

# A Journey of Re-visioning Our Relationships to the Land, Creation, and Each Other

Presented by: Faith and Climate Action Montana (in Missoula)

Invites people from all traditions and perspectives to a powerful book study:

***Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer**



5 sessions all on zoom, Monday nights from 7 – 8:30pm

March 14: "Planting" (pp. 3-62)  
(Skip March 21 because of UM and Missoula spring break)  
March 28: "Tending" (pp. 63-120)  
April 4: "Picking" (pp. 121-204)  
April 11: "Braiding" (pp. 205-302)  
April 18: "Burning/Returning" (pp. 303-384)

Facilitators: Caleb Koebble, Rai Combs, Karin Cravin, Jim Hatley, and John Lund

To sign up click this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fa9ab2da7fb6-braiding>

## **UPDATED** **Covid** **Guide-** **lines for** **Worship**

- Masks are welcome, but not required.
- Our chairs will resume full rows, please continue to physical distance to your comfort level.
- Coffee Hour on hold
- If you have a fever or are feeling unwell, please take care of yourself and join us online for worship.

# Lenten Soup Supper Schedule!

**Mid-Week Lenten Soup Suppers** (6:15pm) & Worship (7:00pm)  
Holden Evening Prayer will begin next Thursday evening, March 10th and will be held in the Gathering Place and Sanctuary. All are welcome.



## 2022 Mid - Week Lenten Schedule

March 17 – Guest Speaker: Shirley Cayko, special Irish Supper Night  
March 24 – Guest Speaker: Rev. Steve Nelson  
March 31 – Guest Speaker: Dave Scholten  
April 7 – Pastor Jessie

## A LOOK AHEAD AT HOLY WEEK

The last couple of years our Holy Week has been different to say the least. A combination of meeting and online only worship to keep our congregation healthy.

This year too, will look somewhat different, but good news...some services will be back to “normal”.

We will be live streaming all worship services for Holy Week.

- ♦ **Maundy Thursday**, April 14th 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary, this will be a communion service with special presentation by our Youth Ministry and music by the Jubilate Choir.
- ♦ **Good Friday**, April 15th 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary, non-communion service led by the Jubilate Choir.
- ♦ **Easter Vigil**, April 16th 7:00 pm, a communion service followed by the feast of milk and honey after worship as we enjoy an Ice Cream Social.
- ♦ **Easter Sunday**, April 17th will offer two services 9:00 am and 11:00 am, both in the Sanctuary.

Traditionally we have held our Easter Sunday service in the Gathering Place, however we are still working on the technology for live streaming from that location. Our desire to give those joining from home the best production of service we can, led to the decision to remain in the Sanctuary for worship this Easter.

We thank you for your patience and understanding at this change as we take 2022 to work on updating the sound board and integrating the sound system with the live stream for quality production.



# Calling All Bell Ringers!



If you would like to join the Bell Choir and play for worship now is the time to join! Practice is Saturday, March 19th from 10:00 am to Noon and we will play for the 9:30 am worship on the 20th. If you are interested, contact Bell Choir Director, Sharon Mueller at oboeclar@gmail.com

## CALLING ALL WHO WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR FAMILY PROMISE.

We are taking an interest list for anyone who would like to be a volunteer for Family Promise and needs to go through the training.

If we get enough people, we can hold a training right here at Bethel.

Please call the Bethel Office 406-761-1543 or email bethelgf.church@gmail.com or sign up on the interest sheet at worship on Sunday.

If you have additional questions, feel free to contact our Family Promise Coordinator, Judy Statham at 406-468-8595 or email her at ewe2me2001@yahoo.com



**Hygiene  
Kits  
Needed**

We are taking donations for hygiene kits that our Logos Youth Ministry will be assembling on March 30th. If you would like to donate items such as soap, tooth paste, toothbrushes, shampoo/conditioner, combs, hand sanitizer, etc. Of any size.

We will be donating these kits to Family Promise of Great Falls .



**Peer Ministry Leadership Training with Lyle Griner**  
*April 1-2, 2022 \$100/person (Fri - Sat.) / \$85 for Saturday only*

Join us April 1-2, 2022. Peer ministry is about the practical life skill that empowers us to become Good Samaritan leaders who care for every neighbor, every day, everywhere in every relationship. This retreat is for adults and youth (Jr high & up).

**Easter Sunrise Service**  
April 17th, 2022 - at the lake, 6AM at FLBC

**Adult Education/Spirituality Retreat with Dr. Andrew Root**

*May 1-3, 2022 \$225/person Monday only: \$175*

Join us for this special retreat with the professor of youth and family ministry at Luther Seminary. Expect insightful sessions such as "Living after a pandemic...why are we exhausted?" and time for fun and relaxation at camp, too - quiet time, reading time, worship, hikes, pottery, and great food. This retreat is for all adults. Pastors, LPA's, Lay people, youth workers.

**Memorial Day Work Retreat**

*May 27-30, 2022 FREE (registration required!)*

## "LAMENT & LAUGHTER"

### A RETREAT BY KOGUDUS RENEWAL MINISTRY

Are you in need of some R & R...a welcome break from being cooped up, socially isolated, and restricted from the past two years of the pandemic? A "Lament & Laughter" retreat may be just what the Great Physician is offering you! Please join us for a refreshing and spiritually invigorating Friday evening and Saturday get-away April 29 and 30 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Missoula. There will be small group Bible study, singing, sharing, worshipping, and joke telling. Kogudus Renewal Ministry is the sponsor. The word, "Kogudus", means Christian fellowship; and that is what people experience at our events. Friendships are fostered; and the love of Christ is celebrated.

"Lament & Laughter" connects the basic human need to lament (i.e. to mourn losses) with another human need to rejoice (i.e. to express thanks and praise for blessings). The theme verse is "Weep with those who weep, rejoice with those who rejoice" (Romans 12:15). When we feel free to share our sorrows and our joys with fellow Christians, friendships are deepened and our bond in Christ is strengthened. When our losses are viewed in light of Christ's suffering and death on the cross, they can take on deeper meaning and purpose. When our joys are connected to our Lord's resurrection from the dead, they can become even more significant as well!

Please invite a friend to join you. Register below and email or snail-mail to Rev. Greg Karlsgodt, 2622 Grassland Dr., Missoula, MT or [gk@kogudus.org](mailto:gk@kogudus.org). You may reach me by phone at 406-544-1699 for more details. The retreat will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, begin again at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and end that evening at 7:00. You may also visit this website for more information regarding Kogudus Renewal Ministry and its history: [www.kogudus.org](http://www.kogudus.org).

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Greg Karlsgodt  
Executive Director of Kogudus Renewal Ministry

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

Cost = \$40 (for 2 dinners, 1 lunch and retreat supplies). Scholarships are available upon request (talk to Greg).

Checks may be made out to KOGUDUS RENEWAL MINISTRY and brought to the retreat. If you would like to pay it forward and enable someone else to attend, donations are welcome.

Housing and breakfast will be provided for out-of-town guests. Ask Greg for arrangements.

# Just for YOUTH

Jesus sends helpers to care for you.

**Color in all of the boxes with an X or a K to find three people who help you.**

X	N	U	K	R	S	K	E	X
P	X	A	K	S	T	O	X	R
T	E	X	A	C	K	H	E	R



*Thank you, Jesus, for sending loving people to care for me. Amen*

## The fig tree

Luke 13:6-9

Today Jesus tells a story about a fig tree. Use the pictures to help you read it.



man






fig tree



figs




gardener

A  had a . The  never had any

 on it. The  said to his ,

“For three years this  has had no .

Cut it down!” The  answered, “Let it alone

one more year. I will care for it.”

Like the fig tree, we have good times and bad times. But Jesus always cares for us, like the gardener cared for the fig tree.

## Fruits of faith

Like the gardener in the Bible story, Jesus cares for us. We feel Jesus' care through the loving people in our lives.

**On each piece of fruit, write the name of one person who cares for you.**



## this week

Fruit has beautiful designs inside. Cut an orange across to find a wheel shape. Cut an apple across to find a star of seeds. Each time you eat some fruit, give thanks for Jesus' love and care.



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Tuesday 3/22**

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast Zoom & in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

### **Wednesday 3/23**

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos 5:30; High School 6:30

### **Thursday 3/24**

- Lenten Soup Supper in the Gathering Place 6:15 pm
- Holden Evening Prayer Service in the Sanctuary 7:00 pm

### **Friday 3/25**

- Bethel office is closed.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday 3/27**

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie, in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- Adult Education in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

### **Tuesday 3/29**

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast Zoom & in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

### **Wednesday 3/30**

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos 5:30; High School 6:30—PJ Night

### **Thursday 3/31**

- Lenten Soup Supper in the Gathering Place 6:15 pm
- Holden Evening Prayer Service in the Sanctuary 7:00 pm

### **Friday 4/1**

- Bethel office is closed.
- Aitz Chaim worship 6:00 pm

## **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 [loli51gus@icloud.com](mailto:loli51gus@icloud.com) for a link to join the meeting.

### **Men's Breakfast**

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, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at [dscholten@dlsconsulting.net](mailto: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 [loli51gus@icloud.com](mailto:loli51gus@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](mailto: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](mailto:bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list.

### **Pastor Jessie Obrecht**

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