

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, May 15th

Fifth Sunday of Easter/Confirmation

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

Readings

First Readings

Acts 11:1-8

Psalm

Psalm 148

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel

John 13:31-35



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Confirmation Sunday.
Our 2022 Confimands are
Emerson Hamma, Taylah Jaques,
Ainsley Kubas, Austin Kupfner,
Hailey Marr, and Kian Ryan.
Congratulations!



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

SERVING THIS SERVICE

Accompanist	Connie Titcomb, piano
Lay Assistant	Ryan Gilbertson
Readers	Tyler Grosenick, Allison Marr and TBD
Ushers	Johanna Lightbourne and Maya Stringer
Tech	Kaleb Stringer
Children’s Church	Ava Fossen and Abbie Virts
Counters	Tim Lightbourne and Dena Wagner-Fossen
Hospitality	Bethel Lutheran in honor of our Confirmands

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- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** who is in the hospital after a fall.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **Elijah**, *godson of Turner Graybill and Jessica Crist*, struggling with mental illness.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Arlene Sexe** as she recovers at home from a recent hospitalization.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he concluded chemotherapy and radiation and begins immunotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and preparation for **Gordon Lord** who will be having an additional surgery in May.
- ✝ 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 for **Christie Dennehy**, *sister of Rev. Steve Nelson*, as she recovers from surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of support and healing for **Don and Kathi Bisgard** as they work through some medical issues with Don.
- ✝ 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 **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 healing and strength for **John Korpela** as he continues chemotherapy treatment.
- ✝ 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 healing for **Bob Walker**, *brother of Colleen Walker-Nelson*, who is managing kidney disease.



Greetings Bethel!

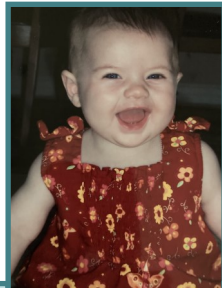
This weekend we celebrate Confirmation Sunday. It is on this day that we celebrate with folks in our church who have been participating in a two-year long journey of study and community, to further explore their faith and learn about the church. In Confirmation we learn about the Bible, the Lutheran Confessions, the Sacraments, and the general practices of the Church universal. We also have discussions about what faith is, and how these young people understand faith in their own contexts.

It has been an honor to walk alongside Emerson, Taylah, Ainsley, Austin, Hailey, and Kian over the past year. They have had a strange Confirmation experience, with two different Pastors, a year of Zoom instruction, and a shift in class curriculum. Throughout it all though, these six young adults have continued to be curious, kind, and consistent in their studies. They have completed memorizations, service hours, classroom hours, and even writing their own personal faith statements in the last year. This Sunday, they will reaffirm the promises that were made on their behalf at the time of their Baptisms. They will become full-fledged members and adults for all intents and purposes in the life of the Church. For this, I say "Thanks be to God!". I am overjoyed that these young people are taking this leap of faith, and look forward to their bright futures in the Church and in the world.

OUR 2022 CONFIRMANDS



Emerson Hamma



Ainsley Kubas



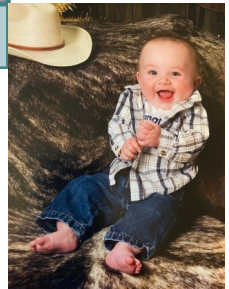
Hailey Marr



Taylah Jaques



Ethan Kupfner



Kian Ryan

"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, May 22nd.

Rehearsal will be Saturday, May 21st from 10 am to Noon.

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

Mrs. Ryan's Final Concert at CMR

This coming Monday, May 16th Mrs. Lynn Ryan will be leading the CMR Choirs in their final concert of this school year. It will also be Lynn's last concert at CMR. She has accepted a position as Elementary Band Teacher with Great Falls Public Schools.

Though we are fortunate that she will not be leaving Great Falls, this is going to be a very difficult concert for her and her students who LOVE HER!

The theme for the night is Broadway and is sure to be the highlight of this school year.



We would like to invite you to share in this night of beautiful music, amazing talent, and excellent leadership and support Lynn Ryan, her family and students.

Monday, May 16th 7:00 PM
Bill Williamson Auditorium,
CMR High School.

Grand Opening

habit, toggery + more
MAC Pharmacy &
Wellness

Saturday May 14th
10am to 5pm

Grand Opening celebration of two local businesses in one shared community space: Montana Apothecary & Compounding (MAC) and habit, toggery and yoga studio. All are invited to come for the day's events including food, giveaways, and an open house. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Nicole Frieling at nicole@habitmt.com



Lawn Mower Mechanic Needed

Two lawn mowers have been donated to Family Promise of Great Falls. However, they are in need of a little TLC and repair before they can be used.

We are looking for one or two mechanically inclined people who would be willing to take a look at the lawn mowers and diagnose/fix them and get them ready for summer. They will be used for lawn care at the Promise Place Shelter.



Please contact, Greg Grosenick, Family Promise Executive Director at 406-564-5267.



Close Knit Crafters Resumes in May!

Hey all you crafty people, Close Knit Crafters is starting back up and ready to get creative!

This group gets together to crochet, knit, do crafts of all kinds, teach you how to knit or crochet or just visit! Close Knit ministry began approximately 12 years ago to make **Prayer Shawls**, and have made over 100. Now they have expanded to doing any crafts. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM - Noon and we are a fun group! If you would like to join in this crafty crew, they meet in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel and will start back May 14th.

If you would like more information about this group talk with our leaders Sue Hesse, Shelly Murphy or Leone Nuessle.

All are welcome!



Memorial Day Work Retreat

May 27-30, 2022 **FREE**

(registration required!)

Enjoy all of the fun activities camp has to offer, and help FLBC prepare for summer camp with some work projects!

Summer Youth Weekend

July 15-17, 2022 \$75 per person. Camperships are available!

Join us for a Montana Synod + FLBC retreat. Learn about how BOUNDLESS God is through Bible study with small groups, worship, low ropes, service projects, and much more! This retreat is for High School aged youth (entering 9th grade in Fall 2022 through H.S. class of '22 grads) and chaperones. Youth must be accompanied by an adult 25+.

<https://flbc.net/youth-summer-weekend/>

FLBC is hiring for 2022 Summer Staff!

We are looking for faith-filled, hard-working, and kind-hearted individuals to join our team. Visit <https://flbc.net/employment/> to learn more and to apply! People ages 16+ are invited to apply for a variety of positions such as camp counselors, support staff, and more!

Attention High School and College Graduates

Bethel Lutheran Church has dedicated Sunday, May 22nd as Graduate Sunday and would like to invite you to worship and for a special blessing.



If you are a high school or college graduate and would like to worship with us on this special Sunday. Contact Tami at the Bethel office to RSVP. 406-761-1543 or email bethelgf.church@gmail.com

Congratulations on this wonderful achievement!

Thank you to Rev. Jason Asselstine for covering for Pastor Jessie last Sunday. We enjoyed his message and visiting after worship.



Pastor Jason Asselstine shares The Good Shepherd story during the Children's Message.



Alex Kraft and Collin Achenbach were married in the eyes of God and their family and friends Saturday, May 7th at Bethel Lutheran Church. Rev. Barb Gwynn presided over the ceremony. Congratulations and many blessings to the beautiful couple.

Joke of the week...

Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?
He just knew there was something fishy about it.



Just for YOUTH

The words for Jesus' new commandment are hidden here. Look for and circle these words:

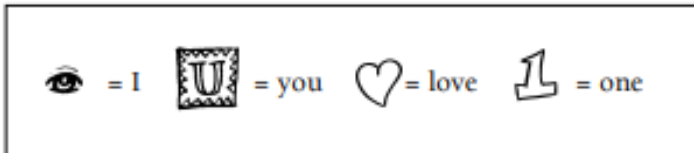
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H L O V E D A Y
A N O T H E R O
V A N L O V E U
E S E I N O T H


Jesus teaches about love




John 13:31-35

Read the story below, filling in these words for the pictures:





Jesus was eating a meal with his disciples. Jesus




said to them: "Little children,  am with


 only a little longer.  give  a new

commandment, that    another.

Just as  have  d ,  also

should   another. Everyone will know

that  are my disciples, if  have 

for  another.

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) 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 5/17

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

Wednesday 5/18

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

Friday 5/20

- Bethel office is closed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 5/22

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

Tuesday 5/24

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

Wednesday 5/25

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

Friday 5/27

- Bethel office is closed.

Saturday 5/28

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

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 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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