

# BETHEL NOTES

## Sunday, May 22nd

### *Sixth Sunday of Easter/Graduate Sunday*

*Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.*

### Readings

*First Readings*

Acts 16:9-15

*Psalm*

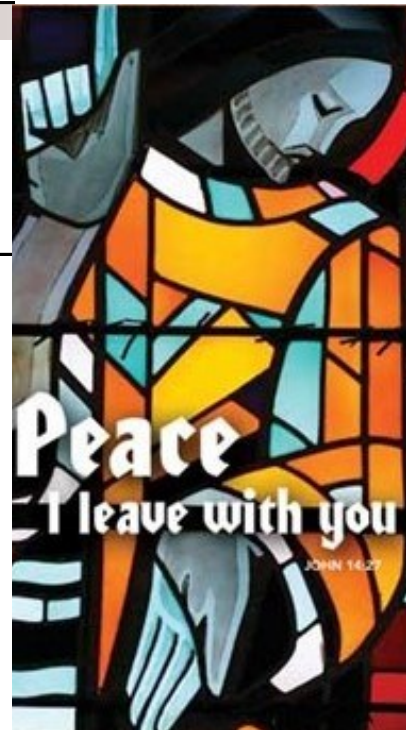
Psalm 67

*Second Reading*

Revelation 21:10,22-22:5

*Gospel*

John 14:23-29



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

### SERVING THIS SERVICE

<b>Accompanist</b>	Connie Tticomb, piano.
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Mark Kohoutek
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Tech</b>	Adam Elkin
<b>Children's Church</b>	Maya Stringer and Olivia Violett
<b>Counters</b>	Pam Dougherty and Greg Grosenick
<b>Hospitality</b>	The Grosenick Family

### OFFICE HOURS

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

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- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** who is in rehab at the Grandview after hospitalization from a fall.
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Arlene Sexe** as she recovers at home from a recent hospitalization.
- ✝ 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 **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.

# Bethel Graduates 2022



Avalee (Ava) Olson will be graduating from Central Catholic High School and will be attending cosmetology school here in Great Falls at the Academy of Salons.

Dylan Erickson is graduating from CMR High School and will be taking some time to find his passion.



After Graduating from CMR High School, Madeline Hamma plans to attend the University of Colorado Boulder to study both Aerospace Engineering and Astrophysical and Planetary Science.



## 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!

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY IN FIVE CHAPTERS

### CHAPTER ONE:

I walk down the street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I fall in.  
I am lost ... I am hopeless.  
It isn't my fault.  
It takes forever to find a way out.

### CHAPTER 2:

I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I pretend I don't see it.  
I fall in again.  
I can't believe I'm in the same place.  
But it isn't my fault.  
It still takes a long time to get out.

### Chapter 3:

I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I see it is there.  
I still fall in ... it's a habit.  
My eyes are open.  
I know where I am.  
It is my fault.  
I get out immediately.

### Chapter 4:

I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I walk around it.

### Chapter 5:

I walk down another street.

~Portia Nelson

**Road Construction on Fox Farm Road beginning May 31st 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 right to see area that will be affected.



## **Congratulations to Beth Olson, TLC Daycare Center!**

One of the winners of this year's Inspire Awards. The Inspire Awards go to female business owners with five or more successful years in business and have mentored at least one other entrepreneur.



## **Great Falls High School Choirs**

present

**"A Disney Extravaganza"**

**Choir Director Patrick Ryan**

**Monday, May 23, 7:00 pm at The Da-**

**vidson Family Auditorium at Great Falls High**

**Free admission**



## Spring is Here and Flowers are *In Bloom...*

...and we are looking for an individual or individuals or a family who may want to purchase and plant the pots at the entrance of the church. If you are interested contact Tami in the Bethel Office 406-761-1543.



### 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!

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

bring a lawn chair!

an offering will be taken  
to support the work of the  
Great Falls LGBTQ Center

### Joke of the week...

How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman?

*By his net income.*





# MAY NEWS

## Promise Place Shelter Story

One Promise Place Shelter family has successfully completed their stability plan, found a nice apartment, has help with childcare, and is starting work. This diligent young mother of three recently told us: "The day the Family Promise van came to pick me up to be interviewed to stay at Promise Place Shelter, I had no idea what to expect. Come to find out--that day was truly the first day of the rest of my life."



## Volunteer Highlight



At a moment's notice Doug Kickbusch jumps into our shuttle van to pick up families who need rides to appointments, school, or work. He makes sure that our candy bowl is full and has become our advocate by asking for donations from local businesses to help with our signage and equipment repairs. He also took the lead getting the trailer locks fixed, the trailer door fixed and the signage for the van and the shelter. Doug, who recently retired as a truck driver, wanted to be involved in helping others. He's an active member of Bethel Lutheran Church.

**Thank you, Doug, for contributing over 50 hours of your life to Family Promise so far this year!**

## You make a difference!

Thank you to all the Promise Place Shelter Support Teams that have consistently provided dinners to the two families staying at Promise Place Shelter. Your acts of kindness and hospitality have made a huge difference in the lives of everyone you have served!

## Current Needs

- Sanitizing wipes
- Pillows
- Ramen
- Beanies
- Chef Boyardee (pull-top lid)
- Soup (pull-top lid)
- Laundry detergent pods
- Trash can liners
- Backpacks
- Mac & cheese microwave cups
- 8 ½" by 11" office paper
- 8 ½" by 11" manilla envelopes
- Saltine crackers
- Coffee pods regular and decaf
- Light gloves
- Deodorant (men/women)

# Just for YOUTH

## Meet Lydia

Acts 16:9-15

Paul and Silas traveled far and wide, teaching people about Jesus. One day they met a woman named Lydia. She sold expensive purple cloth. Lydia loved and worshiped God. She listened to Paul's words about Jesus. Then she told her whole family about Jesus. They all came to Paul and were baptized.

Circle  
six shells  
hidden  
in this  
picture.



**Fun fact:** The dye Lydia used to make purple cloth came from shellfish that live in the Mediterranean Sea.

## 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.*



Thank you, Jesus, for the new life  
I have as a child of God. Amen



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday 5/29

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

### Monday 5/30

- Memorial Day, Bethel Office is closed.

### Tuesday 5/31

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

### Wednesday 6/1

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

### Friday 6/3

- Bethel office is closed.
- Aitz Chaim Friday 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 [lolli51gus@icloud.com](mailto: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](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 [lolli51gus@icloud.com](mailto: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](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.

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