

BETHEL NOTES

THIS SUNDAY

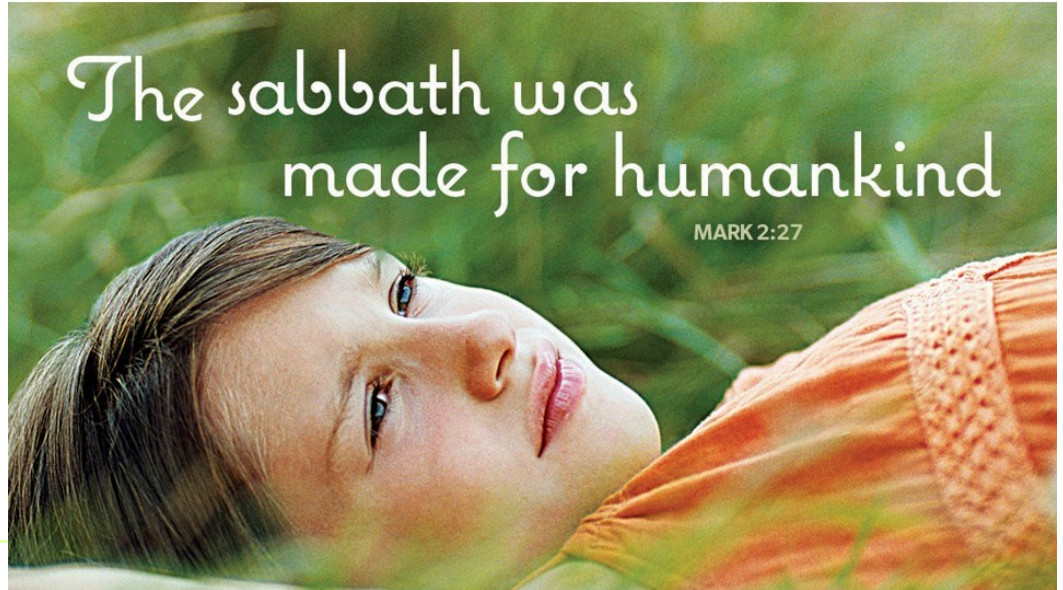
Readings:

First Reading:
Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Psalm:
Psalm 81:1-10

Second Reading:
2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Gospel Reading:
Mark 2:23-3:6



Serving Sunday

Accompanist

Lynn Ryan, Piano

Readers

Ellie Kosanda, Ethan Kupfner, Greta Graft, Kari and Kendall Ryan, Jackson Duff

Usher

Kolton Kupfner

Tech

Gabe Smith

Projection

Tim Lightbourne

Children's Church

Isabelle Grosenick & TBD

Hospitality

Leone Nuessle & Jan Robitaille

Counters

Patty Braget and Kelsey Johnson

This Sunday at Bethel...

Today at Bethel we celebrate the 2nd Day after Pentecost.

We welcome and thank **Patrick and Lynn Ryan** for leading our Hymn Sing worship this morning.

We also thank the **LOGOs Youth** for assisting in leading and reading our service.

After worship today we continue our **Adult Forum** on the third season of The Chosen.

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

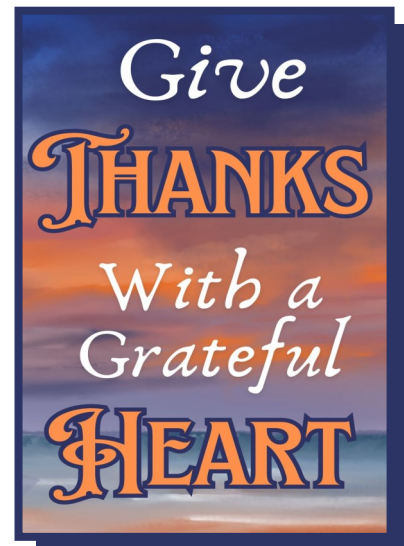
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*Lord,
in your mercy
hear our prayers.*



- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** as he is admitted to the Grandview for therapy.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Holly Lode**, daughter of *Bernice Johnson*, who is having a medical procedure in Billings this morning for kidney stones.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Charlie Hill**, friend of *Jeanne Rankin*, who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor and is meeting with specialist to determine treatment.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Shannon Obrecht**, family friend of *Karen Lord*, as she experiences complications with cancer treatment.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Don Bisgard** as he has recovers from surgery as part of cancer treatment.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Kathleen**, friend of *Dena Wagner-Fossen*, as she continues medical testing at Mayo Clinic.
- ✠ Prayers of continued healing for **Eric Peterson** as he receives chemotherapy that has slowed the progression of cancer growth.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Georgia Miller**, cousin of *Amber Erickson's*, as she has been going through treatment for breast cancer and is doing well. Hoping to only have a couple more treatments to go.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** as she manages chemotherapy treatments.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Broc Cole**, child of a friend of *Ali Morris*, as he battles lymphoma.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Kristin, Bobbie Bowen's daughter**, as she continues treatment for cancer.
- ✠ Prayers of support and comfort for **Pat Berkeley**.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues to manage his health.
- ✠ Prayers of strength in leadership for **Gustavo Driau**, Regional Representative of South America.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.



A Note From The Bethel Church Council

It was brought to the attention of our Church Council that there were concerns that Bethel was on the verge of closing because we combined the Confirmation worship service with Redeemer. We wanted to share some information to mitigate any misinformation that may be within our community regarding the status of both Redeemer and Bethel Lutheran Churches.

As you may know Bethel Lutheran Church and Redeemer Lutheran Church are both without a pastor at this time. As a result of this, we had combined our Confirmation Worship service for our youth into one service at Redeemer. The Redeemer youth have been attending confirmation class at Bethel throughout the year and they asked to be confirmed together.

Our congregations enjoyed this combined service so much that we are going to continue with a combined service, once a month throughout the summer alternating between churches. We will be meeting at Bethel on June 23rd. At Redeemer on July 21st.

Neither church is on the verge of closing. We are both healthy congregations that are in the middle of the call process and have found creative ways to worship together and support one another. We also hope this alleviates, in a small way, the need for additional pulpit coverage as our retired pastors, current pastors, and LPAs are being called to lead worship services more than they have had to in the past.

Thank you for sharing this information with those who have questions and please feel free to reach out to either council with questions or concerns.

Combined Worship
at Bethel June 23rd
9:30 am
All are Welcome!

Redeemer
Lutheran Church

God calls us
God transforms us
God sends us

BETHEL
Lutheran Church



Camperships Available!

Scholarships for Camp are available. If you or someone you know would like to attend Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp this summer we have \$400.00 per child available to help pay for camp.

If you have registered or are about to register, contact the Bethel Office at 406-761-1543 or email bethelgf.church@gmail.com to take advantage of this opportunity.

Check our FLBC.net for information regarding camps this summer.

THE SOIRÉE

PRESENTED BY:
SPARK THE ARTS

JUNE 8TH, 2024

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN

NO HOST COCKTAIL HOUR · CATERED DINNER
SILENT AUCTION · DESSERT AUCTION
50/50 RAFFLE · ART SHOW / SALE

THE SHOWCASE
PERFORMED BY STUDENTS, ALUMNI, & FACULTY

MANSFIELD CONVENTION CENTER

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM
DINNER STARTS AT 6 PM

TICKETS:
INDIVIDUAL - \$85
TICKETS FOR TWO - \$150
SPONSOR A TABLE OF 6 - \$600

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Blood Drive at Bethel

July 15th

**Sign Up to give blood.
More details to come.**



Congratulations Colter McCarty

Colter has graduated from Luther Seminary with a Master of Arts Degree—Deacon.



Randy Gilbertson give a gift to the graduating seniors from Bethel.

(left to right) Randy Gilbertson, Kyle Gilbertson, James Pinski, Mac Carlson, Ava Fossen and Julia Elkin



Jim Carlson and Randy Gilbertson give a blessing to our graduating seniors.



GOSPEL MESSAGE



What's the Point?

Here's what the point of this gospel reading is *not*: it's not about grain, and it's not about bread, and it's not about Pharisees, and it's not about David, the temple, or the priests; it's not about the synagogue, a withered hand, or lawfulness, and it's not even, finally, about the sabbath—as important as all these details are to the story.

The point of this gospel is to set eyes on and crack open hearts to what is most holy. Jesus would, over and over again, insist in word and deed that compassion and mercy trump tradition and supersede ritual when it comes to the sacred. As scandalous as that may look in action, and as unsettling as it felt to cautious stewards of the religious order, it is precisely what Jesus meant when he argued that "the sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath." Elsewhere, he similarly challenged the religious elite, "For the sake of your tradition, you make void the word of God" (Matthew 15:6), and preached audaciously in his Sermon on the Mount that he had not come to abolish the law but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17).

Elie Wiesel, a Jewish survivor of the Nazi Holocaust who became a writer, activist, and teacher, taught that "if even the most authoritative teaching, the most sacred text, leads to dehumanization, to humiliation, to harm, then we must reject it." So, too, did Jesus reject the misuse of the law, demonstrating instead how God intended it as gift, as grace. He exposed the broken-open heart of God's love for humanity in all the places where people react to mercy with hostility. Not only grieved but angry at the hardness of heart of those around him, at their silence and resistance to doing mercy and choosing compassion, in a mere four words—"Stretch out your hand"—Jesus defied tradition and chose the holy, the sacred—making his point. That's gospel.

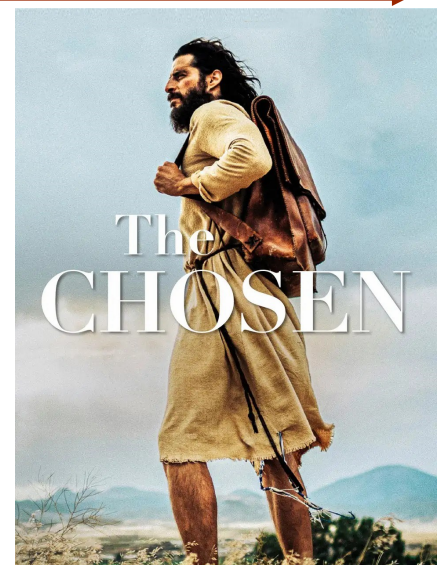
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Our Adult Forum Continues

After Sunday Worship

The Adult Forum continues this Sunday with episodes 3 and 4 for the third season. Bring a sack lunch and join in!

Mim Mikulecky shared, "I have been enjoying *The Chosen* so much. It has opened my eyes to view Jesus' ministry in a new & different way. Shows possible (emphasize possible) details of life & people in Biblical times. While it keeps to the teachings of our God, it also brings it to life."



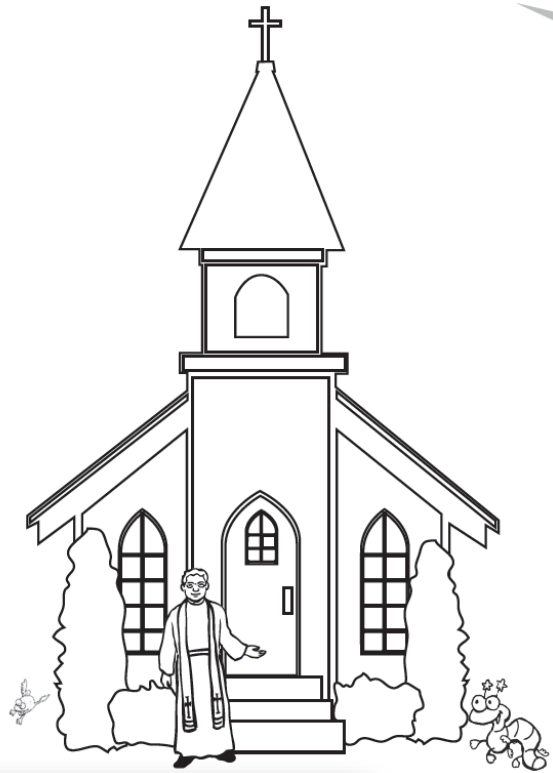
JUST 4 YOUTH



Together, they were part of a new family of people who believed in Jesus.

Green is the color of Pentecost.

Color five things in this picture that could be green.



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Life gets busy and families have lots of things they plan together! What is one thing you would like to try to help you rest and connect with your family? Pick one or a few things from this list. Tell your family you want to give it a try!

Sing together

Play catch or another outside game together

Take a walk

Look through pictures or videos of when you were little

Write a letter to a relative or friend who lives far away

Make a care package for someone nearby who would appreciate it

Create some art together

Bake or cook something

Play a board game or card game together

Put together a puzzle

Write your own idea here:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 6/4

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

Thursday 6/6

- **Executive Board Zoom meeting 6:30 pm**

Friday 6/7

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 6/9

- Worship service led by Jim Carlson, LPA in person and live stream at 9:30 am
- World Hunger Sunday
- Adult Forum The Chosen Season 3 in the Fellowship Hall following worship

Tuesday 6/11

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

Friday 6/14

- Bethel office is closed.

Fellowship Ministries

Electric City Bible Study—online

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 in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at dscholten@dlsconsulting.net for more information.

On hold until September

Hope Circle—in person

This group meets once a month usually on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. Bible study and fellowship are celebrated with this group of ladies. Contact Terry Korpela to be on the group email for meetings and prayer requests terry.korpela@gmail.com.

On hold until September

Preaching And Presiding at Bethel

June 2nd	Hymn Sing led by Patrick and Lynn Ryan
June 9th	Jim Carlson, LPA
June 16th	Dave Scholten, LPA
June 23rd	Pastor Sara Branom
June 30th	TBD
July 7th	Pastor Steve Nelson
July 14th	Jim Carlson, LPA
July 21st	Joint worship at Redeemer
July 28th	Dave Scholten
August 4th	Dave Scholten

