

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, November 14th 25th Sunday after Pentecost

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

Readings

First Readings

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm

Psalm 16

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14[15-18] 19-2

Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

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



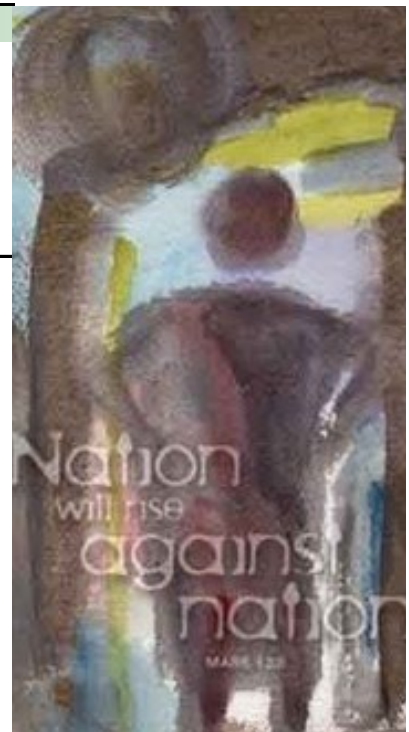
world hunger

This Sunday an additional offering will be received to support **ELCA World Hunger**.

No Adult Education this Sunday.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Pulpit Supply	Dave Scholten, LPA
Accompanists	Lynn Ryan, piano; Pastor Steve Nelson, guitar
Lay Assistant	Anne Vannatta
Usher(s)	Sue Hesse
Tech	Adam Elkin
Children's Church	Isabelle Grosenick and Olivia Violett
Counters	Pam Dougherty and Greg Grosenick



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- ✝ Prayers of peace for **all veteran's and their families** as we remember their faithful service this Veteran's Day.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** as he has surgery this morning in Denver.
- ✝ Prayers of healing as well as thanksgiving for **Kim**, *daughter of Dick and Mary Seim*, who is a "miracle covid patient" as she continues her recovery and is doing so very well.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Taylah Jaques** as she recovers from surgery last Friday.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** as she undergoes medial testing.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Cody Buus**, *Cindy Considine's nephew*, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Leroy Diacon**, *father of Amber Erickson*, who is recovering from a recent heart attack.
- ✝ Prayers of strength and healing for **Arlene Sexe** and she continues to undergo treatment for cancer.
- ✝ 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 continued healing for **Katie Madsen**, *niece of Doug Sexe and granddaughter of Arlene Sexe*, as she continues cancer treatment and is responding well.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Steve Young**, *brother of Sue Hesse*, as he continues to manage back issues.
- ✝ Prayers of support and healing for **James Trunkle**, *friend of Dena Wagner-Fossen*, as he manages health issues.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Bob and Marj Vander Aarde** they continue treatments for Bob.
- ✝ Prayers of support and strength for **Trudy and Earl Terwilliger** as they manage Trudy's health.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Leonard Murphy** as he recovers from complications of knee surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort, support and healing for **Don Bisgard** as he continues to manage after medical procedures.
- ✝ Prayers of strength and recovery for **LaRae Veitch** as she rehabs after knee surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Eric Peterson** as he continues treatment for cancer.
- ✝ 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 recovers from a recent surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Bob Walker**, *brother of Colleen Walker-Nelson*, who is managing kidney disease.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **Glenn Vannatta** who is going through some medical testing.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Mathias Pepos** who is recovering from injuries from a car accident.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **John Korpela** as he continues to recover at home from a recent hospitalization.
- ✝ Prayers of strength and healing for **Lisa Leland**, *niece of Sandy Bechard*, as she received treatment for breast cancer.

QUILTING IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC:

A sincere thank you from AnneRose Rogers and all 1st Monday Quilters for the many positive comments and donations for shipping cost, one person said, "Everyone who receives a quilt is also covered with a blanket of love from us."



In Search Of... A Treasurer to Serve on Council

Bethel is looking for a Treasurer to take over for Dena Wagner-Fossen. Dena has one more year of council/treasurer and would mentor a new council member for an entire 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 call the church office or anyone on the nominating committee: John Blank, Terry Korpela, Doug Sexe or Donna Vinnedge. We ask that you prayerfully consider what a huge help you would be to your Bethel family. God Bless.



Covid Guidelines for Worship

As of August 10, 2021

- ◇ Masks are **strongly recommended**, but not required.
- ◇ Continue physical distancing.
- ◇ Coffee Hour on hold

If you have a fever or are feeling unwell, please take care of yourself and join us online for worship.

What's Happening at FLBC

Advent Family Retreat

December 3-5, 2021

Ages 12+ = \$178; 4-11 = \$89;
3 & under = free

Come to camp to prepare for Christmas! Families of all sizes are invited to join us for a cozy winter getaway with crafts, delicious food, and an opportunity to find & take home your perfect Christmas tree!

Holy Land Pilgrimage

June 20-29, 2022

There are still spots available for this long awaited journey to the Holy Land! Join FLBC staff and guide, Elias Nawawieh as we experience the Holy Land in a whole new way. Visit <https://www.eliaستours.com/tours/flathead-lutheran-bible-camp-holy-land-trip> to learn more!

Upcoming Retreats/ Important Dates

- December 1: Summer 2022 Staff Application Opens!
- December 3-5, 2021 Advent Retreat –see above
- December 15, 2021 Registration for Youth Camps open
- January 14-16, 2022 Jr. and Sr. High Ski & Snowboard Retreat

For more information on these events go to flbc.net or call the office at 406-752-6602

Our guest speaker for Adult *Education after Worship* on Sunday, November 21st (rescheduled from November 14th).
Join us as we discuss faith in the military.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR JEFFREY S. SIMPSON

Major Jeffrey S. Simpson is Wing Chaplain at the 120th Airlift Wing, Montana ANG. As Wing Chaplain, he oversees all chapel functions for the 120th AW, 219 RHS and Airmen at the JFHQ, to include supervision of four chaplains and three religious affairs airmen. His duties include conducting or providing for liturgy, rites, and ministrations for all faith groups. He makes pastoral visits to various work stations, and he provides pastoral counseling and ministry to the sick, confined, bereaved and dying. He also participates in local civic, patriotic and religious observances.

Chaplain Simpson hails from Marysville, Michigan and entered the Air Force in February 1993, before joining the Montana Air National Guard (MTANG) in June 1995. His first assignment was an active-duty Missile Chef at Malmstrom AFB. He then joined the MTANG where he served as a Chef, Safety NCO, Additional Duty 1st Sergeant, Training Manager, and Fitness NCOIC. During this time, he also served as an assistant pastor and Christian school principal for 18 years. After becoming a chaplain in 2012, he served again on active duty at Malmstrom AFB (Sep 2017 – Nov 2020). He has deployed in support of operations NOBLE EAGLE, HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF, IRAQI/ENDURING FREEDOM and HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF.



Evening Bible Study Survey

Are you interested in an evening bible study? Answer these few questions below and email, mail or drop them off in the Bethel Office. You can also click this link for a online form to give us your preference.

[SURVEY](#)

1. If you are interested in an evening bible study would you prefer on Zoom, in-person or a combination ?

2. What night of the week works best for you?

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

3. What time of the night works best for you?

5:00—6:00 pm

6:00—7:00 pm

7:00—8:00 pm

4. Are there any other ideas or comments you would like us to know?

Veterans Day Reflection

Terree's and Udo's military religious experiences were less about building relationships in a religious community and more about defining and maintaining our religious foundation in an ever-changing world.

The time that Terree served in the Army was from 1971-1992 which with the exception of the end of the Vietnam War and Desert Storm was a time of relative peace. When stationed in the Continental United States, Terree and I looked for an LCA, ALC, or ELCA congregation in the town next to the U.S. Army post. Our associations with in the local congregations were fairly brief because at that time Army assignments were usually for three years. This brief stay in a community limited our involvement in the local congregation. For example, once we led the High School Sunday School class for one year and volunteered for reader and communion assistant. We concentrated on learning similarities and differences from each congregation.

Here are some unusual reflections from our military years:

Sunday bible study was an "interesting" experience. In El Paso, Texas, I remember a retired LCA Bishop leading one Sunday a study on the book of Revelation. His opening statement was, "I don't understand why our pastor selected Revelation for bible study. This is a difficult book to study." Moving to another military community, we attended another bible study which was "boring" to say the least. That ended our bible study attendance for many years.

Learning and talking to many pastors opened our exposure to different approaches. In Killeen, Texas, when asked why he did not have a children's sermon during the Sunday worship service, the pastor responded to me, "Because the majority of the adults will listen to the children's sermon and tune out my main sermon."

Another pastor in Rock Island, Illinois made us aware of potential heritage issues when looking for a congregation. He said, "You would have had

a problem being accepted in the Lutheran church down the street as you are not of Swedish descent."

An interesting experience was the Christmas Eve service in Fort Hood, Texas. The military chaplain invited a professor from Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, Texas to lead and preach the German language Christmas Eve service on post. Terree and I enjoyed the service. There was only one "small" issue with the sermon. The professor was so happy to speak German that the sermon lasted more than 45 minutes. He could not find an end to his message.

When Terree transferred to Germany, Sunday services were held on the military post. Luckily, there were usually Lutheran chaplains available to lead the service. Terree and I could have gone to a German Protestant church, but decided to stay within the military community. We were able to attend "General Protestant" services and even an Episcopal Holy Week service. This increased our experience in different kinds of worship services.

One very emotional service was a Reformation Day service at the church in Worms, Germany. Many Lutheran chaplains from the many U.S. Army installations as well as soldiers and family from those communities attended the service. Think about the "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" in a 500 year plus church and strong organ music!

Taegu, South Korea had a very small military Lutheran community. The pastor lead two general Protestant service on Sundays. Once a month, we Lutherans had a small evening Sunday service, about 10 people or less. I remember the pastor saying, "If you can't sing good, sing loud."

Military chaplains were very caring and nurturing within the military communities.

Udo Wozny



Bethel Art Auction November 18th to 30th....
We are excited to announce our first fundraiser for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis November 19-30.

This fundraiser will help raise money for our youth that will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in July, 2022! We have 13 youth that have signed up for this life changing event. However, we will need the help of our church family!

Marty Johnson, a longtime member of Bethel passed away in 2018. He was a large supporter of youth ministries and donated his entire Art collection to Bethel to help raise money for youth ministries.

We will have a Silent Art Auction, where bidders can post their bid on the bid sheet posted on the art. This art will be displayed in the hospitality room. You can bid in person or you can contact Patty Bragert 868-7641 or Tami at the church to place your current bid. We will run this auction for 12 days. At the end of the auction, the highest bidder will be the winner. They will be notified by telephone.

There are nine pieces of art, ranging in sizes from 15" X 18" – 30" X 42". The artwork is from a variety of artists like: Gary Holland, James Seward, Lane Kendrick, John Peterson, and Colt Schendel.

Church Council

Meeting Highlights November 9, 2021

Meeting Highlights Bethel Lutheran Church Council met on Tuesday, November 9. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

- ◇ Pastor Jessie led devotions from our new devotional book, Live in Grace - Walk in Love by Bob Goff.
- ◇ Logos is going well, and our first Family Worship Service was a great success!
- ◇ Youth will decorate the church for Christmas.
- ◇ Thirteen students have signed up for the ELCA Youth Gathering. The artwork sale fundraiser for the Gathering begins November 18.
- ◇ VBS will be July 17 - 22 and VBS will hold a fundraising bake sale on December 19.
- ◇ We will have Christmas Eve services at 4:00 and 6:00 pm. We will ask people to wear masks and try to social distance, but we realize the number of people attending may make that difficult. Our main concern is keeping people safe.
- ◇ There is an urgent need for a financial secretary.
- ◇ The Christmas Giving Tree this year was discussed. We will designate giving to Helping Hands and ELCA Good Gifts.
- ◇ Council decided to change the December Council Meeting date to December 7 and the Executive Council will meet by zoom on December 2.

To view the October 2021 minutes in their entirety, please go to [October minutes](#).

Just for Youth

Send

The Lord's Prayer

Draw lines to connect these actions to their matching words from the Lord's Prayer. Use these actions to remember part of the Lord's Prayer. Use these words as you pray today in worship. Remember them at home or at play when you are feeling afraid. God's power and love are with you always.



kingdom



power



glory



now and forever

This week

Pray the Lord's Prayer before bedtime each night as rest for your mind and body.

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kids Celebrate

Lectionary 33



gather

Welcome to worship. There are times when we feel afraid. Complete the prayer below and pray it when you need to remember that God is with you.

Dear God,

Be with me when I feel afraid. Sometimes when I am _____ I am afraid.

(add a place)

Sometimes when I'm doing _____ *(add an activity)*

I get worried. Please be with me. When I know you are with me I feel _____. Thank you *(add a feeling)*

for loving me at all times and in all places. Amen



Join us for Logos Youth Ministry
Wednesday evenings Pre-K through 8th grades 5:30 to 7:30 pm
High School 6:30 to 8:30 pm
To register or for more information call the Bethel Office
406-761-1543 or go to bethelmt.org/youth/programs/logos

Calendar of Events

Tuesday 11/9

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast Zoom & in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am
- Church Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm
- Nominating Committee meets in the Hospitality Area 7:00 pm

Wednesday 11/10

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

Friday 11/12

- Bethel office is closed.

Saturday 11/13

- Handbell Choir practice 10:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 11/14

- World Hunger Sunday Worship led by Dave Scholten in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- Adult Education with guest speaker immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 11/16

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast Zoom & in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am
- Hope Circle meets on Zoom at 7:00 pm

Wednesday 11/17

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

Friday 11/19

- 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 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 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 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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