

# BETHEL NOTES

## Sunday November 20, 2022

*The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.*

### Readings

*First Readings*

Isaiah 2:1-5

*Psalm*

Psalm 122

*Second Reading*

Romans 13:11-14

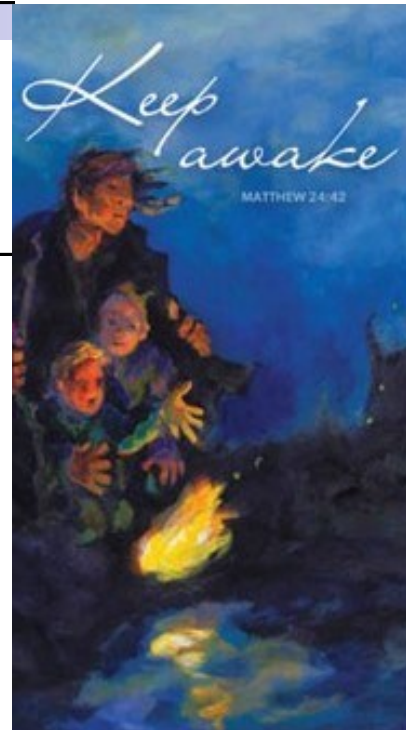
*Gospel*

Matthew

24:36-44

**This Sunday  
After Worship...  
decorating the  
church for  
Christmas!!**

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



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### **SERVING THIS SERVICE**

<b>Accompanist</b>	Lynn Ryan, piano; Mac Carlson, violin; Sara Graft, jimbe
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Judy Statham
<b>Usher</b>	Sara Sexe
<b>Tech</b>	Adam Elkin
<b>Children's Church</b>	Julia Elkin and Ava Fossen
<b>Hospitality</b>	AnneRose Rogers and Terry Korpela
<b>Counters</b>	Stephanie Cummings and Sara Sexe

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- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Dena Wagner-Fossen** who is home recovering after a recent hospitalization.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Colleen Walker-Nelson** as she heals from surgery of a broken leg after a fall.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Abby Bisgard-Clegg**, *daughter of Don and Kathi Bisgard*, continues to manage health issues, but feeling and doing very well.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Bill Van Hovel**, *Connie Titcomb's brother-in-law*, who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and having prepares for surgery in December.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Clark Walburger**, *brother-in-law of Grant Smith*, as he in the hospital from a broken pelvic bone.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Carol Smith**, *Shirley Cayko's mother-in-law*, who is recovering from a burn injury.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Lindy Coon**, *sister of former Bethel member Laura (Wandke) Overturf*, as she recovers at home from a serious injury after a fall.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues to manage his health.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Laura Kupfner** as she manages a new diagnosis for her eyes.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Linda O'Connor**, friend of *LaRae Veitch*, as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Linda O'Brien**, *Sue Hesse's sister*, as she battles chronic pain.
- ✝ Prayers of faith and strength for **Cindy Doughty**, *Patty Braget's sister*, as she manages ALS.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Lynn Klaasen**, *sister of Jan Robitaille*, who is undergoing continued medical testing and treatment planning for cancer diagnosis.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Doug Kickbusch** as he continues treatment for a brain tumor.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Travis Cushman** as he receives treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Rev. Inge Williams**, *friend of Pastor Jessie*, going through chemotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of strength in leadership for **Gustavo Driau**, Regional Representative of South America.
- ✝ Prayers of 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.



# THANKS TO OUR THANKFUL BAG STUFFERS!!





### **Altar Guild is looking for a few good women (or men)**

Donna Vinnedge has decided to step down from her position on an altar guild team. Donna has faithfully served on an altar guild team for many years and her teammate will miss her. We wish to thank Donna for her many years of dedicated service.

That means there is an opportunity for "at least" one person-men are welcome also-to join this behind the scenes ministry. The commitment is minimal. As it currently stands each two person team serves for one month, 2-3 times per year. The time commitment each week during the month is about an hour to set up the altar before a service and clean up afterwards. If you have an interest in joining this ministry or learning more about it, please contact Tami or any of the current altar guild members.

Current teams are

1. Tami Grosenick and JoDee Black
2. Marilyn Carlson and ? (Vacant)
3. Sue Hesse and Jane Mart
4. Patty Kain and Debbie McCarty
5. Mary Gernaat and Terree Wozny



### **A THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER**

"O, heavenly Father:  
We thank thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank thee for health and remember the sick. We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless. We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service, that thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen."

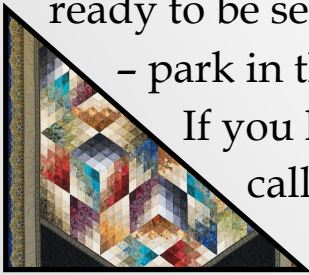
- Abigail van Buren,  
a.k.a "Dear Abby"



## MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS

The 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Night Quilters will meet December 5, 6-8 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran Church, 3125 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. We will tie quilts and get them ready for binding. Thanks to Leanna for binding the November quilts and Janine for sewing tops. If you would like to help from home, there are squares ready to be sewn. Reminder – park in the alley.

If you have questions, call 799-0100.



fundraiser for Vacation Bible School Day Camp 2023. We are in need of baked goods and crafts that we can sell to support our kids.

### **Sunday, December 4th , Following Worship**

This will be the Family worship and Logos Christmas program Sunday

If you would like to donate, items can be delivered either the Friday before the sale or on Sunday morning. Contact Tami 406-788-9587 if you would like to drop items off before Sunday.

Thank you all in advance.

**Mark your  
calendars,  
Sunday,  
December 27th.  
After worship.  
Let's decorate our  
church for  
Christmas!**

## SHARE YOUR INPUT

*Draft social message on climate care*



### **Public response period: Social message on climate care**

A draft of the ELCA's forthcoming social message on climate change and how we are called to respond has been posted, and the public comment period is open through Friday, Dec. 2.

This project was authorized in light of the grim contemporary situation affecting our global home and the need for fresh action on the part of this church. The draft will be edited in response to your feedback and brought to the ELCA Church Council for a vote this spring.


[Read the draft and provide your input.](#)

**The CMR Performing Arts  
Production of  
Disney's**

# BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

**December 1-2**  
7:30 pm  
**December 8-10**  
7:30pm  
**Special December 3rd**  
Matinee  
2:00pm  
**Bill Williamson**  
Auditorium

**For Ticket  
Information  
Please Call  
406-268-6117  
Tickets \$10**



**Music by Alan Menken**  
**Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice**  
**Book by Linda Woolverton**  
**Originally Directed by Robert Jess Roth**  
**Originally Produced by  
Disney Theatrical Productions**

Disney's Beauty and the Beast  
Is presented with special arrangement  
with Music Theatre International  
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## Give together.


Giving Tuesday | Nov. 29, 2022



Giving Tuesday is an opportunity to make our communities stronger one act of giving at a time.

Please join us in supporting featured **Feeding America** affiliated food banks.

 **Celebrate:** Share photos, messages of gratitude and inspiration in honor of our featured food banks. Between November 22 and 29, for each photo or message posted to their fundraising pages, Thrivent will donate \$1, up to \$500 per organization.

 **Donate:** Amplify your impact! For every \$2 donated on Thrivent's giving platform, Thrivent will match \$1 and cover processing fees so 100% of your donation goes to the nonprofit organizations.\*

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*\*Donations made online to featured organizations through Thrivent's giving platform and at in-person events on Giving Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022, will be matched \$1 for every \$2 donated up to \$20,000 per Thrivent Member Network. Thrivent, in partnership with Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing®, offers you the opportunity to make online personal donations to the organizations you care about.*

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## RETREAT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Advent Retreat

*December 2-4, 2022 | Cost: Ages 12+ = \$185; 4-11 = \$93; 3 & under = free*  
**Register by November 18th.**

Join us for this cozy Christmas Retreat to journey through Advent together and prepare for the holidays with crafts, delicious food, and an opportunity to find & take home your perfect Christmas tree!

### Winter Youth Retreat

*December 29, 2022 - January 1, 2023*

*(Thurs – Sun) | Cost: \$175*

*Register by December 15th, 2022.*

Calling all 3rd-6th graders! Join FLBC for an awesome retreat at camp! Get excited about cookie decorating contests, candle making, Christmas pageant, s'mores around the campfire, stargazing, Bible studies centered around the theme of Epiphany, worships, games, crafts and more! Ring in the new year with FLBC staff and friends, new and old.

### Ski - Snowboard - Stay Winter Retreat

*January 13-16, 2023 (Fri-Sunday, or stay through Monday) | \$150/person*

*Fri-Sunday – OR – \$175/person Friday – Monday ~ For youth groups coming together: 1 free adult for every 5*

*youth. \$100 deposit/person and registration due by January 3rd, 2023.*

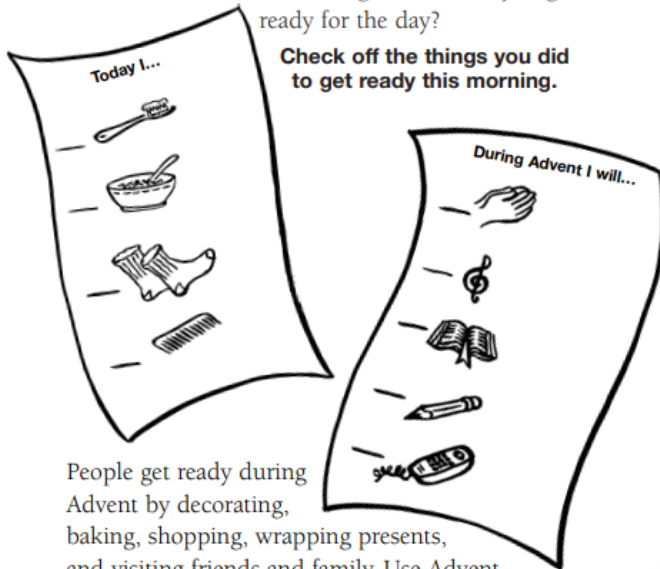
Let FLBC be your basecamp for a winter adventure! Come for all or part of the long weekend. Spend the day at camp or head to one of our local ski/snowboard areas or cross country ski trails, or spend the weekend hanging out at camp! This weekend is for youth groups, families, adults, and Junior/Senior High individual campers. Price does not include lift tickets or rentals.

[flbc.org](http://flbc.org)

# Just for YOUTH

## Advent on the inside

Matthew 24:36-44 tells us to be ready, for Jesus will come again. How do you get ready for the day?

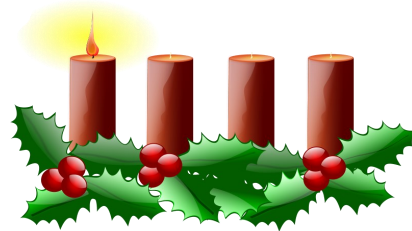


People get ready during Advent by decorating, baking, shopping, wrapping presents, and visiting friends and family. Use Advent to get ready on the inside, too.

Check off the things you can do to "be ready" for Jesus.

## THIS WEEK...

Set your alarm for 5 minutes earlier than usual. Use the extra minutes to pray for your family.



Welcome to worship. What time is it? It's advent! It's time to wait and prepare for Jesus' coming.

Use the numbers and letters on the clock to solve the hidden message. The first one is done for you.



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 means    6    9    12    2    8    11

## LOGOS

Wednesday,  
November 30th

### Lesson:

Advent (1) -  
Matthew 24:36-44

### Menu:

Pulled pork sandwiches, fruit cups, carrots/celery with ranch, chips and fudge bars.

## LET US PRAY...

Come, Lord Jesus. Be with us as we get ready for your coming. Amen.



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Tuesday 11/29**

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

### **Wednesday 11/30**

- Bible Study led by Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos Youth ministry 5:30 pm; High School 6:30 pm

### **Friday 12/2**

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday 12/4**

- Logos Christmas Program and Family Worship led by Pastor Jessie and the Logos Youth Ministry in-person & live stream 9:30 am
- Stop by our craft and bake sale and support our Vacation Bible School Fund.

### **Tuesday 12/6**

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

### **Wednesday 12/7**

- Bible Study led by Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos Youth ministry 5:30 pm; High School 6:30 pm

### **Thursday 12/8**

- Exec Board Zoom meeting 5:30 pm

### **Friday 12/9**

- Bethel office 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 Meets In-person and Online**

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—in person**

This group meets once a month usually on Thursday evenings. 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.

**Next meeting: December**

### **Weekly Text Study with Pastor Jessie-online**

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.