Bethel Lutheran Church

November 3, 2022

# **BETHEL NOTES**

#### Sunday November 6, 2022

All Saints Sunday

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

#### Readings

First Readings
Daniel 7:1-3,
15-18

*Psalm* Psalm 149

Second Reading
Ephesians 1:11-23

Gospel

Luke 6:20-31

#### This Sunday

Join us for Potluck and Performance after worship in the Gathering Place.

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

# Family Worship and All Saints Sunday!

#### **SERVING THIS SERVICE**

**Accompanist** Connie Titcomb, piano; Mac Carlson, violin;

Sara Graft, jimbe/guitar

Lay Assistant Josie Delorit

**Readers** Elle Gustafson, Tyler Grosenick, Andrew Dullum,

Drake Lange, Ainsley Kubas, Jackson Duff,

Sammy Seidel

**Usher** Addi Carlson and Emily Woods

Tech Adam Elkin

**Children's Church** Isabelle Grosenick and Olivia Violett **Counters** Tim Lightbourne and Warren Johnson

# Blessed are you

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

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- Prayers of comfort for friends and family of Terry Ryan, Patrick Ryan's brother, as they mourn his passing.
- Prayers of comfort for friends and family of Cheri Schmidt, Sandy Pepos' mother, as they mourn her passing.
- → 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, former Bethel Member as she recovers at home from a serious injury after a fall.
- ♣ Prayers of healing for Alex Bostic as he continues to recover from surgery.
- Prayers of healing for Laura Kupfner as she manages a new diagnosis for her eyes.
- Prayers of healing for **Diana Fransen**, *Lynn Ryan's mother*, for recurrence of cancer diagnosis.
- → 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 Clark Walburger, brother-in-law of Grant Smith, as he manages health issues.
- Prayers of healing for Abby Bisgard-Clegg, daughter of Don and Kathi Bisgard, as she awaits a follow-up medical test in November to confirm successful treatment of cancer.
- Prayers of healing for **Doug Kickbusch** as he continues treatment for a brain tumor.
- → 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.



Pull out your favorite potluck recipe and join in after worship THIS SUNDAY. We have some beautiful music planned and the Mission Endowment Committee is supplying the pulled pork.

Join in for fun, food, and fellowship!!

## 'THANKFUL FOR YOU' BAGS FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES STAFF

When we look around our community of Great Falls, we see so many different organizations whose purpose is to help those in need. One of those occupations is Child Protective Services. These caring, giving people have a very difficult job. They receive and investigate reports of child abuse and neglect, work to prevent domestic violence, help families to stay together or reunite, and find placements in foster or adoptive homes.

As you can see, this is a high stress job and we would like to give these dedicated people a little gift to let them know they are appreciated and thanked.

After worship on November 20<sup>th</sup> we will be assembling Thankful Bags for Child Protective Services Staff and we need to make 65 bags. We are looking for help in two ways.

Donate items to go in the bags or stay on the 20<sup>th</sup> and help assemble them.

Below is a list of suggested items that can go in the bags, but you can be creative! We would like to have all donations in my November 16<sup>th</sup>. You will see a collection location in the narthex at Bethel.

#### Items for bags -

gum, mints, candy (pre-wrapped), chips, salty snack, energy bars, granola bars, confetti, post it notes (lined are fun), ink pens, fun markers, small kleenex, small lotion, chapstick, small playdough, crayons, fidget toys, stress/squeezy balls, small writing tablet.

If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Jessie or Patti Braget.

"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, November 12th.

Rehearsal will be Saturday, November 11th from 10 am to Noon.

If you would like to play in the Bell Choir that Sunday, email Sharon Mueller at <a href="mailto:oboeclar@gmail.com">oboeclar@gmail.com</a> by November 9th.

# FISH! Facts



Last week FISH served 49 families which consisted of 63 adults and 38 children. We gave them a total of 2919 pounds of food.

If you are interested in helping with FISH please contact John Blank at 781-1903 or Mary Gernaat at 452-8769. It is a commitment of only 2 hours in the morning once every 3 months.

A collection point for food and supplies along with a needs list is located at the entrance of Bethel. Items can be dropped off at anytime and will be taken to FISH! to help those in need.

Thank you for supporting this much needed ministry.



#### **RETREAT ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **Advent Retreat**

December 2-4, 2022 ||
Cost: Ages 12+ = \$185; 411 = \$93; 3 & under = free
Register by November
18th, 2022.
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.

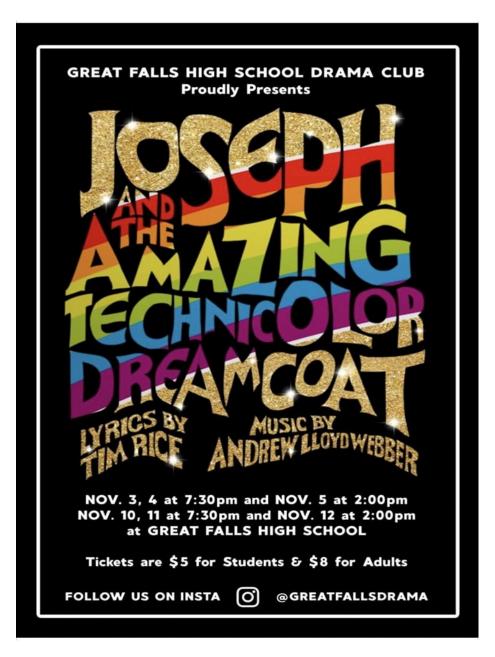
# <u>Anniversary</u> Celebration!!

Please help us celebrate Don and Sue Hesse's 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 5th at 6:00 pm at the Black Eagle Community Center.

Renewal of vows, food, and music. No host bar. No gifts PLEASE!

Your presence is gift enough!

RSVP, call or text Myra Pottratz 406-788-3170 or Melissa Pottratz 406-899-3059.



#### **TOWN PUMP TEAMS UP TO FUND FISH!**

Town Pump has again selected FISH to be part of the "Be a Friend in Deed, Help Those in Need" campaign. This will mark 21 years since the Town Pump Foundation began their annual campaign to raise funds for Montana Food Banks. Town Pump will match every donation to FISH up to \$25,000 from September 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022.

Please send your donation to: FISH P.O. Box 662 Great Falls, MT 59403

Thank you for your support of FISH.



### **ALL SAINTS**

Today we remember the newly baptized as well as those who are now the church triumphant.

The saints that were *baptized* during the past year:
Finley Jo Morris
Olivia Grace Morris

The saints that *died* the past year:



Marlys Bair
Trudy Terwilliger
Bob Vander Aarde
Jo Ann Robitaille
Margie Holland
Donna Wester
Arlene Sexe
Rochelle Barnes
Dale Ost



# Calling Crafters & Bakers

This year we are going to have a Holiday Bazaar as a 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.

The sale will be Sunday, December 4th and will be held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. This will be the Family worship and Logos Christmas program Sunday and the bazaar will be open to the public.

Please let us know if you have questions or would like to donate to the sale. bethelgf.church@gmail.com or 406-761-1543.

#### **MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Night Quilters will meet Monday, November 7,2022, 6-8 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran, 3125 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. Please park in the alley. The quilts will be tied before the last step of binding is done. Thank you to Peggy for binding the quilts made in October and to Janine for making quilt tops. The quilts we've made since December 2021 will be given to Lutheran World Relief.

If you'd like to help from home, there are many squares kits ready to be sewn into tops, and also fabric to be cut into squares. If you have questions, or would like to help sort fabric, we have an oversupply. Please contact Trudi, 799-0100, if you have questions.

# Just for Youth

## **Gend**

#### God's saints

At baptism we are made saints in God's family. Draw the child being baptized. Draw a cross on the child's forehead. Have you seen a baptism? Draw yourself watching the baptism.



#### Logos

Wednesday,
November 9th
Bible Lesson:

All Saints -Luke 6:20-31

#### Menu:

Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans, Breadsticks and Brownies

Thank you, God, for the saints who came before us. Help us follow their examples.
Amen.

# THIS WEEK...

Make a phone call or send a letter or e-mail message to a saint of any age from your own family.

#### Family ties

We have inherited many things from our relatives. You may have the same name as one of your relatives. Sometimes our inheritance can be seen. Look at these two groups of people. Match each child with at least one adult who looks like she or he might be related.



The best inheritance is from God. We are all God's beloved children: God gives us eternal life. That's a great reason for an All Saints Sunday celebration!



This is a good day to look at family photos together and tell family stories.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### Tuesday 11/8

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am.
- Men's Breakfast resumes, in the Fellowship Hall and Zoom 7:00 am
- Council meeting on Zoom and in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

#### Wednesday 11/9

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

#### Friday 11/11

• Bethel office closed

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Sunday 11/13

- Worship led by Dave Scholten, LPA in-person & live stream 9:30 am
- World Hunger Sunday we receive an additional offering in support of this outreach ministry

#### Tuesday 11/15

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

#### Wednesday 11/7

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

#### Friday 11/19

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 both 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. We will resume after Labor Day in September, 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: November 17th at Patti Godtel's (2925 Delmar Dr)

#### Weekly Text Study with Pastor Jessieonline

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.