

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, November 7th

All Saints and Logos Family Worship

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

Readings

First Readings

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm

Psalm 24

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6A

Gospel

John 11:32-44

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

Adult Education after worship
with Pastor Jessie.

*This week's topic: Lutheran
Reformation, conclusion*



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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Accompanists	Connie Titcomb, piano; Pastor Steve Nelson, guitar
Lay Assistant	Judy Statham and Tucker Rambo
Readers	Macy Hurin, Sammy Hurin, Addi Carlson, Hailey Marr, Austin Kupfner, Ainsley Kubas
Peace Leaders	Kian, Kendall, and Kari Ryan
Usher(s)	Emma Shimerdla, Isabelle Grosenick, Maya Stringer
Acolyte	Brian Boucher
Tech	Adam Elkin
Children's Church	Allison Marr and Abbie Virts
Counters	Patty Braget and Sara Sexe

OFFICE HOURS

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

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- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Taylah Jaques** having surgery on Friday.
- ✝ 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 Vander Aarde** as he continues cancer treatment and recovers from a fall. Also, prayers of strength for **Marj** as she is supporting Bob.
- ✝ Prayers of support and strength for **Trudy and Earl Terwilliger** as they manage Trudy's health.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Arlene Sexe** as she continues with cancer treatment.
- ✝ 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 continued healing for **Ron Elkin** as he continues to rehab after an injury and surgery for his arm.
- ✝ 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 healing for **Kim**, *daughter of Dick and Mary Seim*, as she continues her recovery from Covid in a rehab hospital..
- ✝ 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*, who was recently diagnosed with Breast Cancer and is recovering from a recent medical procedure.

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.



QUILTING IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC:

The four quilts displayed are a sampling of the 27 quilts made this year by the Monday Night Quilters who meet at New Hope Lutheran Church the first Monday of each month. Women from various Lutheran churches in Great Falls (including Bethel) attend along with some from St. Ann's Catholic Church and sometimes friends come along. During the pandemic year we have usually had 8 women attend so it's been challenging to get this many quilts prepared. All these quilts will be sent off this month to Lutheran World Relief via a trucking firm out of Shelby that donates the truck, trailer and driver to take the quilts to the Minneapolis distribution center. They are shipped overseas or around the USA when disasters happen. A lot are shipped in the USA to flooding or hurricane-struck areas. If you would like to contribute to shipping the quilts overseas to areas where disasters have struck, please put your donation in one of the envelopes on the quilts. Suggested donation \$5 per quilt. If you have any questions, I will be glad to answer them, AnneRose Rogers, 1 269 930-0887, rosenkat3@gmail.com



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



Greetings Bethel!

Over the course of the past few weeks, I've had conversations in various settings with folks who are struggling with understanding and accepting God's unconditional love in their lives. It's hard to imagine someone who loves us and holds us near no matter what. It's hard to grasp the concept that our Creator considers us to be Holy and Sacred. In everyday life, we typically must earn titles like those. We must be flawless or ruthless or 1000% ambitious. We must get it right. Through Jesus though, we are made whole even though we will never be perfect, blameless, or flawless. We are saints and sinners simultaneously.

Now I don't know about you, but I don't always feel very Mother Theresa-like. So how on earth do I get this title of being a saint? You see, at the time of our baptisms we are washed clean and sealed with the sign of the Cross. With that sign of the Cross we are named and claimed FOREVER as God's own beloved children. Through the Cross we receive forgiveness and redemption and there is no one and nothing that can take that away. As we celebrate All Saints Sunday this week, I hope you will remember how incredibly loved you are. I pray that we will celebrate the Saints that have gone before us and give thanks for the ways that they were (and still are) loved. And finally, I hope that we will read the names of the newly baptized and lift them up continually so that they will remember and know how radically loved they are as well. You, my dear friends, are God's beloved children. You are the Saints that will gather together at the end of the ages. You have a God that wipes away all tears and walks into the valley of the shadow of death alongside you. If that isn't reason to celebrate, I don't know what is. If that isn't balm for our weather-beaten souls, I'm not sure what ever could be. So this weekend, let's celebrate love, let's celebrate all of the saints who have been, are, and will be, let's celebrate God's radical love and the ways it continues to transform our world today.

-Pastor Jessie

This Sunday we remember the newly baptized saints as well as those who have passed this year.

The saints that were **baptized**
during the past year:

Taylah Jaques
Charles Knick
Hazel Vick
Stetson Stubbs
Aubriella Olson

*The saints that **died** this past year:*

Jeremy Hawks
Fran Hardesty
Scott Elkin
Clinton Fladstol

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.



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.

Town Pump Challenge

Town Pump has again selected FISH to be part of the 2021 campaign—"MONTANANS HELPING MONTANANS." This is the 20th year for Town Pump's support of food banks.

From September 1 through November 30, Town Pump will match each dollar collected by FISH up to \$25,000.

If you wish to help reach the FISH goal, please send your donation to:

FISH
PO Box 662
Great Falls, MT 59403



Save the Date Bethel Art Auction....

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

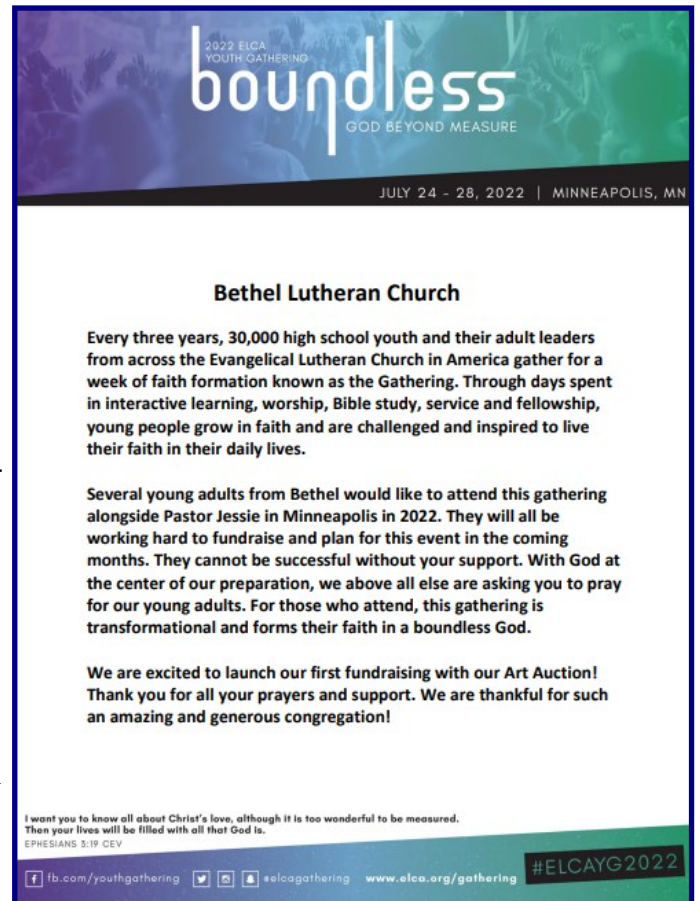
This fundraiser will help raise money for our youth that will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in July, 2022! We have a number of youths that have expressed interest in attending this life changing event. However, we will need the help of our church family!

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 an 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 Braget 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. Bidder 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 artist like: Gary Holland, James Seward, Lane Kendrick, John Peterson, and Colt Schendel.

We will post all the details along with pictures of the artwork in the next few weeks.



2022 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

boundless

GOD BEYOND MEASURE

JULY 24 - 28, 2022 | MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Bethel Lutheran Church

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

Several young adults from Bethel would like to attend this gathering alongside Pastor Jessie in Minneapolis in 2022. They will all be working hard to fundraise and plan for this event in the coming months. They cannot be successful without your support. With God at the center of our preparation, we above all else are asking you to pray for our young adults. For those who attend, this gathering is transformational and forms their faith in a boundless God.

We are excited to launch our first fundraising with our Art Auction! Thank you for all your prayers and support. We are thankful for such an amazing and generous congregation!

I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is. EPHESIANS 3:19 CEV

fb.com/youthgathering twitter.com/elcagathering www.elca.org/gathering #ELCAYG2022

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

Just for YOUTH

Send

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.



This week

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

kids
Celebrate
All Saints Sunday



gather

Welcome to worship.

We are connected! We're all in God's family of baptized saints! All Saints Sunday is a day to celebrate the people we call saints. Saints are ordinary baptized people who show us God's love.



Try to connect all four faces with only three lines. As you draw the lines, think about the three names we use for God at baptism: "Child of God, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."



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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