

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, October 17th

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

Readings

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalms 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

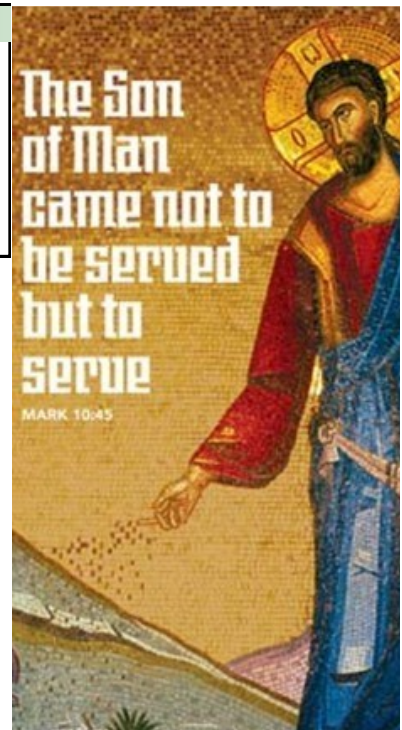
**Join us Sundays
9:30 AM
in-person or
online at
bethelmt.org**

Adult Education after worship with Pastor Jessie.

This week's topic: Lutheran Reformation

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Accompanists	Lynn Ryan, piano; Pastor Steve Nelson, guitar
Lay Assistant	Ainsley Kubas
Usher	Donna Vinnedge
Tech	Adam Elkin
Children's Church	Isabelle Grosenick and Olivia Violet
Counters	Stephanie Cummings and Laurie Turner



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

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- ✝ 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 Madson**, *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** and 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 manages the results of medical tests.
- ✝ 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 to recover from covid.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **Glenn Vannatta** who is going through some medical testing.



2021 FLBC ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 9, 2021

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp had a very successful year, although they were not sure what it was going to look like going into this program year. And although it looked very different than in years past, they were still able to serve Montana youth and families and give people of all ages a safe and awesome place to bring Christ into their hearts.

The meeting started at 2:30 pm with a welcome from Sandy Drollman FLBC Board President and Margie Feidler, Camp Director.

A short President's Report from Sandy Drollman was giving, sharing her kudos and appreciation for the staff and FLBC Board for all their hardwork and tough decision making over the last two years. Her term on the Board is up this year and a thank you was given to Sandy, by Margie for all her dedication to the camp.

In the Treasurer's Report the following information was shared:

- 815 guests (retreats/events/EEstudents) served from September 2020 to May 2021
- 7 weeks of Summer Camp for youth, families, and groups.
- 544 on-site campers (Youth and Grand Camp)
- 178 Glacier Wilderness and Senior High Off-site Campers
- 192 Week-long Family Camp and Custom Week Campers
- 15 Day Camps in congregations with over 400 Day Campers
- 52 Summer volunteers representing 8 states
- 36 summer staff

Although income was down this year due to smaller numbers served for safety purposes, expenses were down as well. (If you would like to see the info brochure or balance sheet please email Tami at bethelgf@gmail.com).

High light from the Endowment Committee report for the year 2020, they financially helped children attend camp, provided new beds and mattresses and strategic planning. At the present time the Endowment Fund has a total of \$821,071.00 some of which I designated for camper ships and the remainder can be used for operations.

Margie Feidler gave a detailed Director's report with lots of kudos to the staff for their flexibility in keeping camp safe. Welcomed new community staff, Amari Chenault and Jesse Christensen who came...

What's Happening at FLBC

Crazy About Quilting & Crafting

Thursday, November 4 - Sunday, November 7 2021

\$220/person (Thurs-Sun) // \$205 (Fri-Sun) // \$75/day (Commuter)
Non-refundable \$75 deposit due by October 21st.

Bring your quilt and craft projects and work along-side friends old and new on the shores of Flathead Lake. FLBC will also be providing opportunities to learn new skills! Evening devotions, worship and plenty of time for conversation with delicious meals and cozy accommodations will make for a relaxing weekend away.

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!

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

...on board in September. She also gave a heart-felt thank you and sending for Jacob Kvale, who is leaving camp and moving to Missoula, Montana for new adventures. She commended the fund raising efforts to pay down the loan from the Endowment Fund for the purchase of Lot 7 and have only \$44,000.00 left. Camp also received a technology grant and matching funds challenge for anyone who has never given to camp before or hasn't in a long time, donating to camp now will result in the grant matching your donation.

Camp is also running a Holy Ground campaign (on bottom right side of this page.)

Strategic Planning is getting rolling once again and breakout session for feedback was directed by Dennis Trotter to find out what congregations love most about camp, what they can do better, and other new ideas for camp.

New board members were voted on:

- Colter McCarty (re-signing 3-yr term)
- Pastor Wendy McAlpine (3-yr term)
- Dan Richardson (3-yr term)
- Charmane Plum (3-yr term)

One new Endowment Committee member:

- Jim Stauffer (3-yr term)

There was no new business proposed, thank yous were given to outgoing board members and adjourned at about 4:15.

My husband Greg and I appreciated the opportunity to represent Bethel at this meeting and it was an absolute beautiful day at Camp. If you haven't been to FLBC in the fall, I highly recommend it.


Respectfully submitted by Tami Grosenick, FLBC delegate from Bethel.

If anyone would like to see full reports or balance sheets, email me at bethelqf.church@gmail.com or call the office and I will be happy to provide you with copies.

Holy Ground

Campaign to officially run 2022-2024

"God Claims Earth and everything in it, God Claims World and all who live on it." Psalm 24:1 (MSG)



Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp is excited to continue caring for this special piece of creation entrusted to us through our "Holy Ground" mini Capital Campaign. Officially beginning in 2022, we will focus on outdoor improvements that need attention in order to continue offering fun, faith-filled, and safe programs for all. These items include:

1. Paying off the Hughes Bay land purchased in October of 2020	\$44,000
2. Repairing the Swim dock and installing a lift chair	\$37,000
3. Putting electric wires to upper bath house underground	\$20,000
4. Removing diseased/dangerous trees and planting new trees in the main area of camp	\$42,000
5. Adding an entrance and new element to the High Ropes Course	\$35,000
6. Installing a watering system and making needed improvements to the garden	\$10,000
7. Adding additional storage, a new transformer and electricity to our Upper Parking Lot	\$45,000

In total, an estimated \$235,000 will allow us to make these updates, with the goal of raising these funds by 2024! As we look to 2023 and the 80th birthday of the ministry of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, we hope to ensure the land continues to be taken care of to prepare for the next 80 years of ministry at FLBC! God has provided this amazing land which has developed into a wonderful home for Christ-centered adventure programs for people of all ages, all year long.

"The land is Holy Land. The seeds we sow both physically and spiritually, can flourish into beautiful hubs of life and diversity long after we leave." -Climate and justice, Sacred ground

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 reigns. 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. We ask that you prayerfully consider what a huge help you would be to your Bethel family. God Bless.

If you are interested, reach out to one of your Nominating Committee members:

John Blank

Terry Korpela

Doug Sexe

Donna Vinnedge

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.

1st MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS

Reminder: 1st Monday Night Quilters will meet Monday, November 1, 2021, 6-8 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran, 3125 5th Ave. So. Again, we will tie the quilts before the last step of binding them is done. Thank you to Peggy for binding the quilts made in October and to Susan for making two new "holy sheets" to use when we tie the quilts. The quilts we tie in November will complete the number we made this year that will be sent off 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. Come and see all the tops ready to be made into quilts. Also, there are many squares kits ready to be made into tops to be sewn at home. Reminder – park in the alley and wear a mask. If you have questions, or would like to pick up some squares kits, call 799-0100.



Faith
is like
WiFi



It's invisible,
but it has the power
to connect you
to what you need.

HOLY BAPTISM

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME; DO NOT STOP THEM; FOR IT IS TO SUCH AS THESE THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS. MARK 10:14

Stetson Kramer Stubbs
Was baptized last Saturday, October 10th
His parents, Bronson and Rachel and big brother Sterling and sponsors Danielle Crawford, Michelle Braget and Landon Stubbs.



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



Just for YOUTH

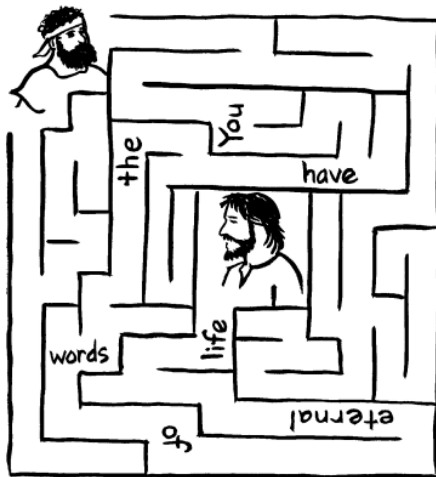
kids Celebrate

Lectionary 21



gather

Welcome to worship. Peter knew that Jesus could bring eternal life, life with God forever. Many churches sing Peter's words to Jesus every Sunday, adding "Alleluia!" because it is good news for all.



Bring Peter to find Jesus in the maze. Print the words you find along your way on the lines below in order to complete the verse.

ALLELUIA. LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? _____

_____. ALLELUIA.

Count how many times you hear "Alleluia" during worship today.

hear & celebrate



Our powerful God

Ephesians 6:10-20

God's power is awesome. Paul tells the people of Ephesus to find their strength in God, or "put on the whole armor of God."

Unscramble the words, then draw a line to the picture of each word.

elbt _____
erbsat plate _____
esosh _____
ishled _____
melthe _____
dorws _____



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

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10/19

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

Wednesday 10/20

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom 10:00 am
- No Logos

Thursday 10/21

- Hope Circle meets on Zoom 7:00 pm

Friday 10/22

Bethel office is closed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 10/24

- Sunday Worship in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- Adult Education with Pastor Jessie immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 10/26

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

Wednesday 10/27

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

Friday 10/29

- Bethel office is closed.

Pastor Jessie Obrecht

Contact information

Email: bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com

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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 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 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 lolli51gus@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. **Next meeting October 21st 7:00 pm**

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.