Bethel Lutheran Church

October 20, 2022

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, October 23, 2022

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

Readings

First Readings Jeremiah 14:7-10,

19-22

Psalm

Psalm 84:1-7

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8,

16-18

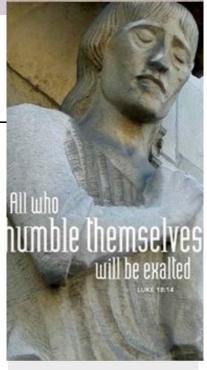
Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

This Sunday

We continue with the book study of One Coin Found after worship.

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



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SERVING THIS SERVICE

Accompanist Mary Seim, piano; Mac Carlson, violin

Lay AssistantJudy StathamUsherMarilyn CarlsonTechAdam Elkin

Children's Church Allison Marr and Abbie Virts

Counters Pam Dougherty and Jeanne Rankin

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 Rita Johnson, LaRae Veitch's sister, as they mourn her passing.
- Prayers of healing for **Diana Fransen**, *Lynn Ryan's mother*, for recurrence of cancer diagnosis.
- Prayers of comfort for Terry Ryan, Patrick Ryan's brother, who is in the hospital.
- ₱ 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 is in Hospice.
- Prayers of faith and strength for Cindy Doughty, Patty Braget's sister, as she manages ALS.
- Prayers of support and safe travels for the Boucher Family as they travel for medical appointments.
- ₱ Prayers of healing for Lynn Klaasen, sister of Jan Robitaille, who is undergoing continued medical testing and treatment planning for recent cancer diagnosis.
- Prayers of healing for Lindy Coon, sister of Laura Overturf, friend of Donna Vinnedge as Lindy recovers in the hospital with a brain injury after a fall.
- Prayers of healing and support for AnneVannatta as she is home continuing to

- mange health concerns.
- Prayers of healing for Eric Peterson as he continues with immunotherapy and is doing well.
- Prayers of healing for Alex Bostic as he continues to recover from surgery at home.
- 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 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 manag-

Cornucopia of Fun Coming November 6TH

Mark your calendars!

The Mission Endowment Committee is holding a Pot Luck and Performance after worship on Sunday, November 6th.

Our talented congregation and youth will be performing music and any other talent they have.



If you have a special talent you would like to share, email Jo Ann Dullum at jdockterdullum@hotmail.com and let her know.

Bring a favorite potluck dish to share and enjoy this wonderful time together!!



Thank you to all of our generous givers for the supplies and food for the Alliance for Youth Resource center. It it much needed and appreciated.

Mark Your Calendars & Don't Miss These Awesome Activities.

Oct 20th: Volleyball game VS Shelby (sophomore at 5:00, JV at 6:30)

Oct 21st Crosstown Football game 7:00 pm, Memorial Stadium

Oct 22nd V-ball at CMR vs Gallatin (11:00 sophomores, 12:30 Freshman and JV, 2:00 Varsity)

Oct 27th CMR/GFH Crosstown volleyball at GFH ((sophomores start at 4:00, JV and Freshman 5:30, V @7:00)

RETREAT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

"Fellaship" Weekend

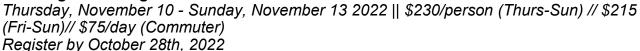
November 4-6, 2022 || Fathers: \$160 | Sons: \$75

Register by October 21st

Fathers! Sons! Uncles! Cousins! Grandpas! Brothers! Join us for a weekend full of quality time at FLBC. Enjoy good food, fellowship (fella-ship, get it?), fishing, Bible Study, worship, a conrhole tournament & so much more. Join FLBC's Wilderness & Environmental Education Director Richie Withycombe and his son River as we explore faith and relationship in God's great outdoors.

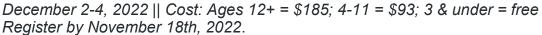


Quilting & Crafting Retreat



Bring your quilt and craft projects and work alongside 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 Retreat



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.

Thinking ahead to the beginning of 2023.....Mark your calendars!

Jan13-16 Winter Retreat (Ski, board, or hang out at camp!) - for Jr + Sr High youth groups or individuals, adults, and families!

February 5-7 Montana Winter Theological Conference with Dr. Michael Chan February 24-26 Couples Care Retreat

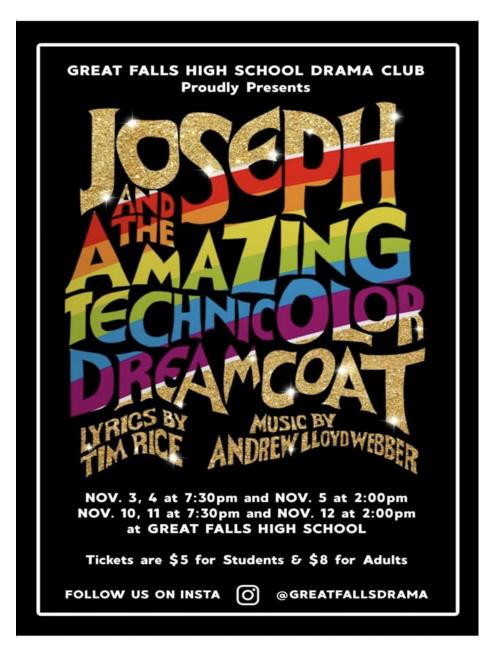
<u>Anniversary</u> Celebration!!

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.



Family Promise Who works behind the scenes to ensure of Great Falls that we are fulfilling our mission?

It is our Board and Committee members who consistently dedicate two to six hours per month along with their financial support to ensure Family Promise takes care of families facing homelessness. This month we'd like to highlight our Board President, Jordyn Rogers, who has worked tirelessly since starting on the board in 2019. For as long as she can remember, Jordyn enjoyed taking care of people. Originally, she had planned to become a nurse and while she was working on that degree, she took a business class that gave her the opportunity to work at a hospital's business department where she saw firsthand how medical debt affected people's lives. Empowering people to achieve financial well-being became the focus of her career when she started at Rural Dynamics, Inc. (RDI) as an Executive Assistant in 2017. She later moved into a Project Manager position and now is the Deputy Director. Jordyn loves her job and truly appreciates her dedicated team. As a daughter of two teachers, Jordyn always prioritized continued education and recently earned her Master of Public Administration from the University of Montana. Jordyn has served on various local nonprofit boards in Great Falls and is an active member of the Rotary Electric Club. Jordyn cherishes her family and spends a lot of her free time with them; she recently became a very proud aunt for the first time in May. In her free time, she enjoys reading, writing, developing digital content, traveling, and being mom to her three Pekingese pups Kratos, Kershaw, and Charlie. What drew her to serve on the Board at Family Promise? Jordyn especially likes how Family Promise fosters a community response to addressing homelessness. Her commitment to the



organization was further heightened when the Covid19 restrictions terminated the rotational sheltering model the organization was using. It was during the organization's hiatus in 2020 that she was convinced that Family Promise makes a significant contribution to Great Falls through helping families facing homelessness access the social services and support available. Helping families attain stability is paramount to breaking the cycle of poverty for the families we serve. She would like to see our organization continue working with many other local nonprofit organizations to build a facility that serves multiple organizations service needs.

Family Promise Week Open House Thursday, October 20th 4 to 7 PM

1019 Central Avenue—parking lot in the back.

Meet some of the families we serve and to hear our plans for how we will continue to improve how we assist families facing homelessness. Refreshments provided by our staff and volunteers.

Just for Youth

God hears our prayers

We don't have to wear masks or pretend to be better than someone else. God hears our prayers no matter who we are. We can all pray, "Lord, have mercy on us." God will give each one of us the forgiveness and mercy we need each day. Give each of these children equal amounts of good things in their treat bags.



We know God gives mercy to us. We can show mercy to others who say, "I'm sorry."

Lord, have mercy

Why do we say, "Lord, have mercy on us"? We are humbly asking for God's love and care even when we may not deserve them.

Dear Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.

THIS WEEK... Ask for mercy when needed and offer mercy to others who say, "I'm sorry."

Logos

Wednesday,
October 26th

Bible Lesson:

Luke 18:9-14

Menu:

Spaghetti with meatballs, salad, dinner rolls, caramel apple slices.



Olivia and Rose

Olivia was so excited about her new costume and mask that she put it on right away. She ran outside to show her neighbor, Rose. "Boo!" shouted Olivia. Rose jumped and screamed, "You scared me! I didn't see you coming."

What should Olivia say? Follow the path from Olivia to Rose and print the letters here to find out what Olivia said.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday 10/25
- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am.
- Men's Breakfast resumes, in the Fellowship Hall and Zoom 7:00 am

Wednesday 10/26

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

Friday 10/28

Bethel office closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 10/30

- Reformation Sunday Worship led by Pastor Jessie Obrecht, in-person & live stream 9:30 am – Wear Red!
- Adult Education One Coin Found book study after worship in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 11/1

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

Wednesday 11/2

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

Thursday 11/3

Exec Board Zoom meeting 5:30 pm

Friday 11/4

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

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: October 20th at Leone Nuessle (908 37th Ave NE)

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.