

BETHEL NOTES



Sunday, October 21st

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as “Son of David” he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won’t give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus’ question, “What do you want me to do for you?”

Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Aubriella Lorraine Olson

Parents

Timothy and Elizabeth Olson

Sponsors

Alex Bostic, Jennifer McDaniel, Alexandra Olson, and Avalee Olson

*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, continued.*

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Accompanists	Lynn Ryan, piano; Pastor Steve Nelson, guitar
Lay Assistant	Sue Hesse
Usher	Mary Gernaat
Tech	Kaleb Stringer
Children's Church	Julia Elkin and Isabelle Grosenick
Counters	Patty Braget and Greg Grosenick

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OFFICE HOURS

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 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 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 her care in the hospital as she recovers from covid. Also, continued prayers of strength and recovery for **Dick Seim** while he continues to regain his strength 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 treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of strength and healing for **Lisa Leland**, *niece of Sandy Bechard*, who was recently diagnosed with Breast Cancer and will have a lumpectomy on October 28th to remove the mass.
- ✝ Prayers of celebration and joy as we welcome **Aubriella Lorraine Olson**, *daughter of Timothy and Elizabeth Olson, granddaughter of John and Debbi Blank*, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this Sunday. Aubriella's sponsors are Alex Bostic, Jennifer McDaniel, Alexandra Olson and Avalee Olson.

Church Council

Meeting Highlights

Bethel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights October 12, 2021

Bethel Lutheran Church Council met on Tuesday, October 12. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

Pastor Jessie led devotions from Psalm 91.

Tami Grosenick reported LOGOS is up and running. Fund-raising for the ELCA youth gathering is underway.

Pastor Jessie reported there are 17 confirmation students.

Please welcome the students and their families when you see them in church.

The church calendar is getting busy with upcoming events such as Reformation Sunday on 10/31 and All Saints Sunday on 11/7.

Council approved the purchase of new a Christmas tree.

The Council was notified that Bethel was not selected for the ELCA - The Leading Congregations Initiative. We will be gathering ideas and making plans for other ways to move our congregation forward.

To view the September minutes in their entirety, please go to the [September minutes](#).



New Ovens In the Gathering Place Kitchen.

Using memorial funds, the Property Management Committee and Bethel Church Council worked with Eklund's Appliance to replace the ovens in the Gathering Place kitchen with brand new ranges.

A huge thank you to Debbie McCarty and Mick Davis for doing the leg work to research and shop for the ranges and Mick for being here for the install and cleaning the backsplash.

This is a much needed upgrade.



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 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 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



Are you looking for an opportunity to serve Bethel Lutheran Church? We have an opening on our Altar Guild Team to join us! What does Altar Guild Do? Twice a year, you and your team partner will set up /clean up communion for Sunday worship, aid in any special worship services, change out the paraments (colorful altar cloths) according to our church calendar, and have fun doing it! If you are interested please contact Terree Wozny terreewozny@charter.net or call the Bethel Office 406-761-1543.

Helping Hands Helps People

Last Sunday, we were so very blessed to have Carrie and Charlie Parker tell us about the Helping Hands program from First English Lutheran Church (as sister ELCA church here in Great Falls).

Helping Hands is a food pantry (and so much more) that is serving about 1000 people per month. On Saturdays from 1-3 at First English they give out food, clothing, diapers, hygiene kits, and “go kits” which are food baskets that have easy open cans, quick proteins such as peanut butter and tuna packets—they hand out about 25 of these kits every week.

Carrie has seen an increase in our homeless population over the last year and serves these people with a caring heart and open arms.

They are currently running a matching funds fundraiser with Town Pump. Town Pump will match up

to \$7500.00 of any donations received to Helping Hands. If you would like to help, you can donate directly to Helping Hands, or if you prefer to donate to Bethel and note Helping Hands in the memo and we will forward your donation to them.

Carrie and Charlie invite everyone to come and see where they are located and if you would like to volunteer, they would love to have you. Reach out to First English Lutheran Church for more information 406-453-9551.

Keep Helping Hands in your hearts and prayers and stay tuned this Christmas season for an op-



Early Bird Registration is coming to an end and we want to get in on it. If you are going to be in 9th through 12th grade next July and would like to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering, contact Tami in the Bethel Office for more information or to get registered and pay the \$150.00 non-refundable registration fee. 406-761-1543 or bethelgf.church@gmail.com

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.



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



October News

Warmth came all the way from **Joplin** this month in the form of



46 beautifully crafted quilts for both children and adults.

Thank you so much to **Beverly Worlery** and the **Quilting Ministry at Bethel Lutheran Church of Joplin**.



Thank you for the abundance of silverware! You heard our call for needing silverware and you all came to our rescue! Thank you, now not only do we have silverware to use at the Day Center, but we have some to give families when they set up their home.



United Way
of Cascade County

Thank you to the United Way for helping us fund our operations so that we can get back to serving families. Please continue to support the United Way of Cascade County with your annual giving.

What have we been doing and what are we planning?

In September we served five families by helping them find housing, providing emergency shelter at a hotel, and by providing showers and laundry services. Sometimes all it takes is for our case manager to make a call on the family's behalf to get them into an apartment.

Going forward, we know that we must do more to help children and their families, and our board is holding a strategic planning session with Mark Willmarth of **Vision West Consulting** this month to develop our short- and long-range plan for how to proactively address the needs homeless children and their families are facing. We'll share that plan with you next month.



Volunteer Highlight

Judy Shattuck and Darla Parker have been tirelessly working at the Day Center every Monday morning since June. Come in and see the results of their endeavors at the Day Center.



First, they cleaned and organized the whole facility, next they updated our church lists and now they are working on our media contact list. Judy and Darla start our week off with lots of laughter and joy. Thank you both for all you are doing to help us serve families!

Just for YOUTH

Send

Commandments to follow

The ten commandments give us a map for life. God gives us guiding rules just like families have rules about life in their homes. Doing what God commands makes a big difference in the way we live and serve every day.

In the space below, draw a map of places you go during a regular day. God's commandments will help you in all of those places.

YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS. Keep God's name
You shall not steal. You shall not use words to hurt your neighbor.
YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY. You shall not take anything from anyone.
YOU SHALL NOT WANT SOMEONE ELSE'S BELONGINGS. You shall not want to have what belongs to someone else.
HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER. You shall not kill.
REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY. holy.



Help us to keep your commandments, Lord.
 Amen

This week

Talk about God's commandments at home: one each day and two on the even days until you've done all ten of them, then put them into action.

kids
Celebrate
 Lectionary 22



gather

Welcome to worship.

At times we all try to add or subtract some things from God's commandments. We fool ourselves into thinking that our ways are better than God's ways.

Add or subtract the numbers below each line to figure out what word should be printed there. When you have done them all, you will have a Bible verse.

$6+6$	$2+1$	$7+3$
$3+1$	$8-5$	$11-4$
$11+6$	$5+3$	

Deuteronomy 4:2b

KEY: 3 = the 4 = of 7 = Lord
 8 = God 10 = commandments
 12 = keep 17 = your



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 10/26

- 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 10/31

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

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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.