Bethel Lutheran Church

October 27, 2022

# BETHEL NOTES

## Sunday, October 30, 2022

#### Reformation Sunday

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

#### Readings

First Readings
Jeremiah 31:31-34

*Psalm*Psalm 46

Second Reading
Romans 3:19-28

Gospel John 8:31-36

## 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.

# Reformation Sunday! Wear Red.

#### **SERVING THIS SERVICE**

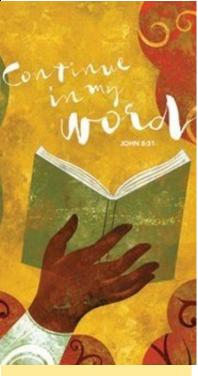
**Accompanist** Lynn Ryan, piano; Mac Carlson, violin;

Sara Graft, jimbe/guitar

Lay AssistantSue HesseUsherWalt NuessleTechAdam Elkin

Children's Church Julia Elkin and Olivia Violett

Counters Stephanie Cummings 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 healing for Laura Kupfner as she manages a new diagnosis for her eyes.
- Prayers of comfort for the friends and family of Georgia Lanham, friend of Jane Mart, who passed away.
- 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 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 Anne Vannatta 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 man-ages 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 managing kidney disease.

# 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!!

## '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 dedicate 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.

# Halloween Hijinks with Logos



**Happy Halloween!** 



Logos Teachers having a little "healthy" competition.



Couple of Princesses Sammy Seidel and Elle Gustafson.





Art projects: Painted Pumpkins Pre-k thru 2nd grade and painted racks by the 5th and 6th Grade.



#### **RETREAT ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Quilting & Crafting Retreat
Thursday, November 10 - Sunday, November 13 2022 ||
\$230/person (Thurs-Sun) //
\$215 (Fri-Sun)// \$75/day
(Commuter)
Register by October 28th,
2022

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**

December 2-4, 2022 || Cost: Ages 12+ = \$185; 4-11 = \$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.

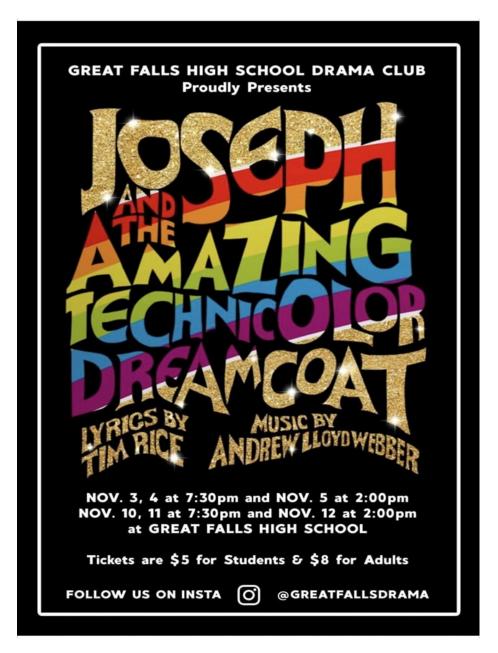
# <u>Anniversary</u> Celebration!!

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.



# **Church Council Meeting Highlights**

#### Bethel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights October 18, 2022

Bethel Lutheran Church Council met on Tuesday, October 18th in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

- Mission Endowment is working on a potluck with music following Family Worship on Sunday, November 6th.
- ♦ The nominating committee is working hard to fill positions on council. If anyone is interested, please contact Pastor or Tami in the church office.
- We have NAME TAGS just inside the door in the narthex. Please consider wearing one so new members will know who we are. It's good for the rest of us to refresh our memories, too!
- ♦ A big THANK YOU to Jane Mart and Debby McCarty for all their hard work on the gardens and grounds. They have also been seen raking leaves! Great job, ladies!
- On October 17th, Bethel took coffee and donuts to the Child and Family Services of DPHHS to thank the people there for all of their hard work. It was well received, and we hope to continue this relationship with them on a monthly basis. Thanks to Patty Braget for organizing, and to all who helped deliver!

Next meeting November 8, 2022 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.

# 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.

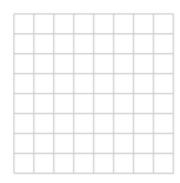
If you'd like to help from home, there are many squares kits ready to be sewn into tops, and also fabric to be cut into squares. If you have questions, or would like to help sort fabric, we have an oversupply. Please contact Trudi, 799-0100, if you have questions.

# Just for Youth

#### The Luther rose

This is the Luther rose. Each part of it tells something about God that Martin Luther wanted people to know. The cross reminds us that Jesus died for us. The heart means God loves us. The circle tells us God's love is never-ending. Copy the Luther rose using the empty grid as a guide.





#### Martin Luther



Martin Luther lived in Germany about 500 years ago. He taught people many things about God through his writings, his sermons, and his songs. He translated the Bible into German, the language spoken by his people.

#### Logos

Wednesday, November 2nd

#### **Bible Lesson:**

Reformation - John 8:31-36

#### Menu:

Sloppy Joes, corn, fruit mashed potatoes and frosted cookies

#### Re-forming game

Today is Reformation Sunday. Today we remember some changes that Martin Luther helped make in the church. "Re-form" these lines into something new. What new creation can you make from each line?

Example:











Dear God, be a guide in our lives for each new day and each change in our lives. Amen.

#### THIS WEEK...

Try "re-forming" or recycling some used clothes or items into a Halloween costume for Monday's celebration.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### 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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Sunday 11/6

- All Saint's Sunday and Logos Family Worship led by Pastor Jessie Obrecht, and Logos Youth Ministry in-person & live stream 9:30 am
- Potluck and Performance after worship in the Gathering Place.

#### 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

## **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.