

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, October 31st

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

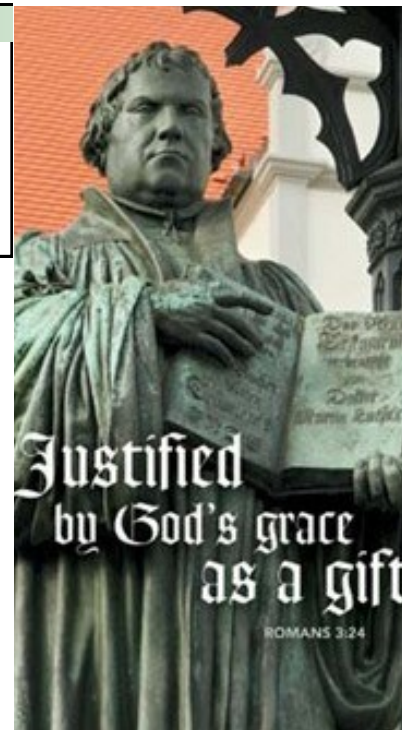
Psalm
Psalm 46

Second Reading
Romans 3:19-28

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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Don't forget to wear red!

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

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| Accompanists | Connie Titcomb, piano; Pastor Steve Nelson, guitar |
| Lay Assistant | Walt Nuessle |
| Usher | Mary Gernaat |
| Tech | Colter McCarty |
| Children's Church | Julia Elkin and Ava Fossen |
| Counters | Pam Dougherty and Dena Wagner-Fossen |

OFFICE HOURS

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

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- ✝ 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 recovers 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 will have a lumpectomy on October 28th to remove the mass.

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.



Bethel Bell Choir

Many thanks to those that participated in the bell ringing the last two Sundays. Our next opportunity is the weekend of November 13 and 14. I need a commitment by 10:00 AM-12:00 PM on Saturday the 13th and by 8:30 am before the service on the 14th. If you could let me know by November 9 that you would like to play that would be great. That will give me time to prepare the music for the number of ringers that have responded. Thanks again for making beautiful music for our worship service.

Sharon Mueller oboecclar@gmail.com



Sunday we were blessed with the sweet sounds of the Bethel Bell Choir
From Left to right: Pam Dougherty, Dena Wagner-Fossen, Rebecca Boucher, Ava Fossen, Tamy Scholten, Dave Scholten Directed by Sharon Mueller.

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



Greetings Bethel!

This weekend we celebrate Reformation Sunday! On Reformation Sunday we don our red clothes, sing “A Mighty Fortress” and other Martin Luther hymns and talk about how Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany. As we enter into this weekend, I think it’s important to talk about the “Whys” behind some of these things.

Why do we wear red?

The color red is the color of the Holy Spirit and the martyrs (those who have died for their faith) in the church. On Reformation Sunday we celebrate that Martin Luther was moved by the Holy Spirit to reform the church, and that that work of the Holy Spirit was a Pentecost-type moment in which the Word (The Bible) was brought to far more people than just the clergy and church elite through Luther’s German translation. We remember the martyrs who have worked tirelessly to continue to reform the church over the years on Reformation Sunday, and we also remember that we, too, are called to continue to reform the church and be made new through God’s promises. Who knew that the color red represented all of that!

Why do we still celebrate Luther?

I have a feeling that if Luther knew we were celebrating him, or named an entire church body after him, he probably wouldn’t be too terribly pleased. On Reformation Sunday, rather than celebrating Martin Luther, we celebrate the work of reforming that Luther and many others took part in. Obviously, we celebrate our heritage through Luther and his teachings, but even more we celebrate that through these teachings and reforms, we have had the privilege and the joy to come to know God, the Holy Scripture, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit more deeply.

Does this mean we don’t like Catholics?

Absolutely not! We continue to hold many of the same beliefs (and some different ones) as the Roman Catholic Church. We have a different way in which we organize our Church and our clergy, but as Lutherans we have a rich history with the Roman Catholic Church that we celebrate and honor to this day. It is important to remember that Reformation Sunday is not an anti-Catholic moment for us as Lutherans, but a celebration of our history which influences how we live into our future.

How do we continue to be reformers today?

In the past few years the ELCA has repeated the saying “Always being made new” to many of our congregations and synods around the country. This emphasizes our commitment to not just be reformed once in 1517 as the church, but to always be open to God’s transforming work in our midst. If we’ve learned anything in the past year or two, it is that the world changes and it changes quickly! Similarly the Church will change and grow and be made new. As God’s people, we are called to be reformers by continuing to care for a changing world filled with changing people in new and diverse ways every day.

I hope this is a helpful framing of Reformation Sunday, and I cannot wait to worship with you all on Sunday!

Peace,
Pastor Jessie



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.

We are also looking for two male chaperones to accompany the youth on this trip. Chaperones travel fees and registration are covered by the group.

If you are interested in being a chaperone, the dates of the Gathering are July 24th through the 28th with travel days on either side.

For more information or to volunteer call or email Tami at 406-761-1543 or bethelgf.church@gmail.com

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.



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



HELP! HELP!! HELP!!!

We have the best possible of all problems, a lot of kids in LOGOS! And we need your help. We are looking for adult volunteers in the following:

- ♦ Assisting in the Middle School/Confirmation class (we have 19 Kids!)
 - ♦ Here you would be assisting Pastor Jessie with keeping the kids engaged and interacting with the lesson. You may also lead small breakout discussion groups. Times would be 5:30 to 7:30 pm.
- ♦ Assisting with High School (we have 20 kids!)
 - ♦ Colter has one assistant, who cannot be there every week, you will be working with Colter to set up a schedule for when you would be needed to assist with games, discussion and connecting with the High School age group. Times would be 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
- ♦ Assisting with Kitchen for both Logos Pre-K thorough 8 and High School.
 - ♦ We are looking for Cook Teams in pairs of 2 or 3 individuals who would assist AnneRose Rogers in preparing, serving, and cleaning up after the meal. If we could pull two or three teams together, we would be able to rotate and serve one evening per month. Times are 4:30 or 5:00 until about 7:00 pm.
 - ♦ We are also looking for 1 or 2 individuals who would be willing to help prep, serve and clean up after High School meals. Most set up is done during the day and this person(s) would be setting out the appetizer, and serving the meal, which is served buffet style. Also would need to clear and put away after the meal. Times would be 5:30 pm to 7:30.

If you are interested in one of these volunteer opportunities or need more information call Tami in the office at 406-761-1543. This is a great opportunity to get to know some amazing kids and assist in growing their relationship with God.

Welcome, Aubriella Lorraine Olson



Last Sunday we celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with the Olson family as their baby daughter, Aubriella Lorraine Olson was baptized.

Her parents Tim and Beth along with grand parents John and Debbi Blank, sponsors Alex Bostic, Jennifer McDaniel, Alexandra and Avalee Olson who are also Aubriella's sisters, brother Griffin and sister Aeli.



Just for YOUTH

Send

Sharing Jesus' commandment



Love other people.

Love God.

These friends are sharing the two parts of Jesus' commandment. Can you decide which sentence belongs to each person? Print the correct sentence in the bubble over each friend's head. (Hint: Check out their hands to get a clue about what each friend is saying.)

This week

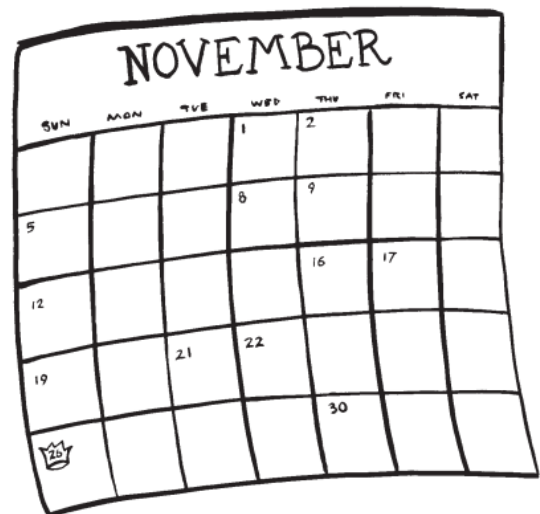
Draw a heart around the date on the calendar each day you pray or talk about God.

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Welcome to worship. God loves us always! We can talk about God at any time . . . in any place . . . on any day—not just on the days we come to church. Fill in the rest of the numbers on the calendar.



How can you show your love to God on plain days at home? What can you do at school or on play days?



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 11/2

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

Wednesday 11/3

- Pastor Jessie out
- Bible Study participant led on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos 5:30 pm; HS Logos 6:30 pm

Thursday 11/4

- Pastor Jessie out
- Council Exec Board Zoom meeting 5:30 pm

Friday 11/5

- Bethel office is closed.
- Aitz Chaim worship service 6:00 pm

Saturday 11/6

- Make It With Wool 8:00 am
- Close Knit meets in the Gathering Place 9:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 11/7

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

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
- 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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