

# BETHEL NOTES

## Sunday, September 4, 2022

### 13th Sunday after Pentecost

*Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.*

### Readings

#### First Readings

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

#### Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

#### Psalm

Psalm 1

#### Gospel

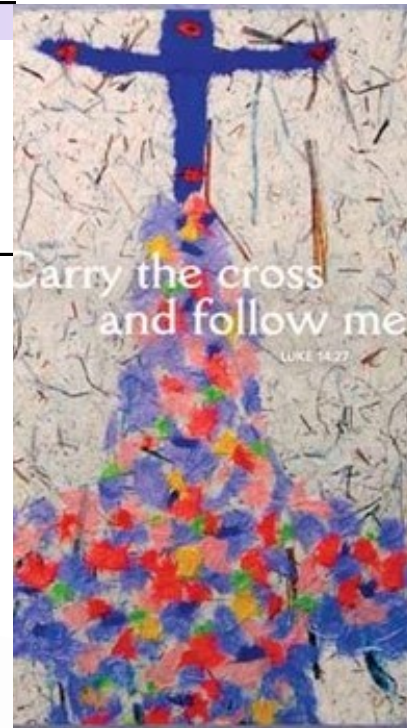
Luke 14:25-33



**Join us Sundays**  
**9:30 AM in-person or**  
**online at [bethelmt.org](http://bethelmt.org).**

### SERVING THIS SERVICE

<b>Accompanist</b>	Mary Seim, piano
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Mark Kohoutek
<b>Usher</b>	Earl Terwilliger
<b>Tech</b>	Adam Elkin
<b>Children's Church</b>	Ava Fossen and Olivia Violett
<b>Counters</b>	Pam Dougherty and Dena Wagner-Fossen



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### OFFICE HOURS

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

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## Let Us Pray...

- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Anne Vannatta** as she moves in with her sister to help Anne manage on-going health concerns.
- ✝ Prayers of support and comfort for **Tony Marcson**, *Jessica Crist's brother-in-law*, as he is in hospice.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Lynn Klaasen**, *sister of Jan Robitaille*, who is managing health issues.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** who is home after a stay in assisted care to regain strength.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Cindy Doughty**, *Patty Braget's sister*, who is preparing for surgical implantation of a feeding tube.
- ✝ 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 received good results from her recent test results and will be having a second scan in November.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Doug Kickbusch** as he begins treatment for a brain tumor.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** who is having continued medical issues.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Heath Poser**, *nephew of Connie Titcomb*, who was diagnosed with inoperable brain tumor and is in Hospice.
- ✝ 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.



# Upcoming Information Session!

**Sunday September 18th**

Adult Education after worship, Pastor Jessie will share information about Church Wide Assembly. In the Fellowship Hall.



## CWS and CROP Hunger Walks

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of [Church World Service](#), a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised is returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts.

## Background

The Crop Project began in 1947 when farmers were asked to donate food and seed crops to our hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. The first CROP Hunger Walks took place in Bismarck, North Dakota (1969), and York, Pennsylvania (1970). Since then, CROP Hunger Walk events have been held in hundreds of communities, large and small, raising millions of dollars to eradicate hunger and poverty.

***Great Falls Crop Walk is Sunday, October 2nd  
Sign Ups will be available at Bethel Soon!***

## MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS

1<sup>st</sup> Monday Night Quilters will meet Monday, September 12, 2022, (the second Monday, due to Labor Day), 6-8 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran, 3125 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. Please park in the alley. Again, we will tie the quilts before the last step of binding is done. Thank you to Peggy for binding the quilts made in August.

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.





# Logos Youth Ministry

*for youth in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade.*

LOGOS is the fun, mid-week youth ministry program which aims to nurture young people into faith and discipleship through Christian relationships.

- LOGOS means “The Word” and this ministry is theology (Word) in practice. LOGOS helps churches like Bethel bring the Word to youth.
- LOGOS is a unique, intergenerational program where people of all ages from our church and community actively participate.
- LOGOS consists of bible study, a shared meal opening and closing worship.

## ALL ARE WELCOME!

*First night of LOGOS, September 14, 2022*

*\$70.00 per student*

**Wednesdays**

**Pre-K through 8th Grade 5:30—7:30 pm**

**High School 9th – 12th grade 6:30—8:30 pm**

*Sliding scale &  
scholarships available*

*Contact the Bethel Office 406-761-1543*



**Registration  
Online  
bethelmt.org**

## Volunteers Needed!

*Teacher Assistants*

*Kitchen Help*

We love to have help with Logos and you do not have to commit to every Wednesday. Any amount of time will be very helpful.  
Please let Tami Grosenick know if you would like to help.





## Updated Synod Job Description: Office Manager

Start date: As soon as available. Accepting applications until the position is filled.

### **Compensation and Benefits**

- Full-time, hourly. \$17 per hour, 40-hour week, time and a half overtime when needed and approved in advance.
- Benefits: health and retirement benefits, vacation, sick leave and family leave, continuing education support.

### **Position Description:**

The Office Manager for the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is an integral part of the synod staff team whose primary responsibilities involve the day-to-day activities within an office environment including answering phone calls and email, maintaining paper and on-line filing systems, organizing events, maintaining a contacts database and a variety of front office reception tasks.

[Download the full job description and application instructions here.](#) Please feel free to share this in your congregation's newsletters



## **Upcoming Book Study: ONE COIN FOUND**

This fall we will be offering a book study on *One Coin Found* by Emmy Kegler (description below).

For anyone interested in participating in this book study, there will be a sign up on Sundays. You may also email the office at [bethelmt.org](mailto:bethelmt.org) or call 406-761-1543 and we will add your name to the list. Once we have all who will be participating, we will order the books and receive them the first Sunday of the book study, beginning Sunday, September 25th following worship in the Fellowship Hall.



***The stories of Scripture are for everyone. No exceptions.***

*Emmy Kegler has a complicated relationship with the Bible. As a queer woman who grew up in both conservative Evangelical and progressive Protestant churches, she knows too well how Scripture can be used to wound and exclude. And yet, the stories of Scripture continue to captivate and inspire her--both as a person of faith and as a pastor to a congregation. So she set out to fall in love with the Bible, wrestling with the stories inside, where she met a God who continues to seek us out--appearing again and again as a voice, a presence, and a promise.*

*Whenever we are pushed to the edges, our voices silenced, or our stories dismissed, God goes out after us--seeking us until we are found again. And God is seeking out those whose voices we too quickly silence and dismiss, too. Because God's story is a story of welcome and acceptance for everyone--no exceptions.*

*Kegler shows us that even when we feel like lost and dusty coins--rusted from others' indifference, misspent and misused--God picks up a broom and sweeps every corner of creation to find us.*



# Become a Volunteer for Benefis Peace Hospice

Join us and make a difference in the lives of others.

Benefis Peace Hospice of Montana is seeking volunteers to serve meals or assist with feeding at Peace Hospice House in Great Falls.



## September 2022:

### Free training and orientation session

This free training and orientation session will take place over three days in September:

- 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25.

## Sept. 13, 2022:

### Volunteer training registration deadline

Please call Sara Graft at (406) 455-3053 to register for the training.

In-person training will be in the Peace Hospice conference room. Attendance at each session is required.

Additional Peace Hospice volunteer opportunities include:

- Patient and family care, such as respite and socialization.
- Companionship and bereavement support.
- More!

Volunteer hours and schedules are flexible.

Sign up to see if volunteering for Peace Hospice is the right fit for you!

To learn more and fill out our Peace Hospice volunteer inquiry form, call **(406) 455-3040**, or visit **[Benefis.org/services-specialties/hospice/hospice-volunteer](https://benefis.org/services-specialties/hospice/hospice-volunteer)**.

*A service of Benefis Health System, Peace Hospice provides compassionate care to terminally ill patients and their families either at the Peace Hospice Residential Facility in Great Falls or wherever the patient calls home.*

**Benefis**  
PEACE HOSPICE

## 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.



## Upcoming Retreats & Events:

Find more information and register online at <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/>

### Women's Retreat

September 23-25, 2022 | \$175/person (Full Weekend) \$135/person (Saturday Only)

Join us for a weekend of fun, good company, great food, and rest. Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger, Director for Evangelical Mission at the Montana Synod, will lead our Bible Study focusing on Dwelling in the Word. Plus, spend time enjoying the beauty of camp, doing yoga on the docks, doing pottery, drinking coffee on the deck, and much more.

### FLBC Golf Tournament

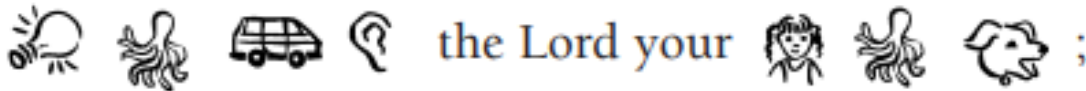
On Friday, October 7th, 2022, join FLBC for a fun day of golf at Polson Bay Golf Course as we raise funds for camperships! \$150 / player includes green fees, golf cart use, driving range practice & more! Register as a team of 4 or as a free agent. More information can be found online at [flbc.net/golf](https://flbc.net/golf)

Can your congregation / business / organization / family / etc. be a tournament sponsor? From donating a raffle item, to sponsoring a hole, to being the title sponsor, your support makes an un-forgotten impact! Contact [carlee@flbc.net](mailto:carlee@flbc.net) for more information about supporting the tournament in this way!

# Just for YOUTH

## Crack the code!

Print the first letter of each picture in the blank to crack the code of this message from Deuteronomy 30. These are ways the people of Israel followed God.



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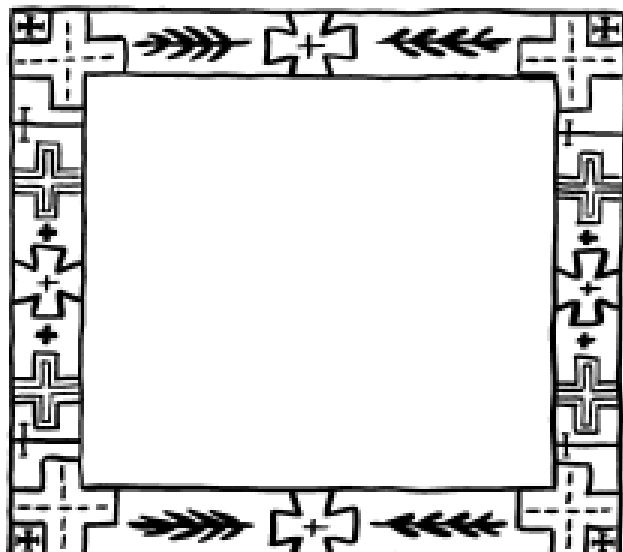
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Dear Jesus, help us to  
follow you. Amen.

*This week*  
Tape paper crosses to the  
mirrors in your home.

## Holy Cross Day

We follow Jesus always; on good days and bad days; in the morning and the night; on Sundays and every day. On September 14 we celebrate Holy Cross Day, a day to remember the cross as a symbol of Jesus' death and new life.



Draw a picture of yourself helping someone. That's one way to "take up your cross and follow Jesus."



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday 9/5**

- Labor Day, Bethel Office is closed

### **Tuesday 9/6**

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am

### **Wednesday 9/7**

- Fellowship Hall carpet cleaning 8:00 am
- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am

### **Thursday 9/8**

- Exec Board meeting on Zoom 5:30 pm

### **Friday 9/9**

- Bethel office closed

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday 9/11**

- Worship led by Dave Scholten, LPA , in-person & live stream 9:30 am
- World Hunger Sunday

### **Tuesday 9/13**

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast resumes, in the Fellowship Hall and Zoom 7:00 am
- Bethel Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

### **Wednesday 9/14**

- Bible Study led by Udo Wozny on Zoom 10:00 am
- First night of Logos 5:30 pm; High School Logos 6:30 pm

### **Friday 9/16**

- Bethel office 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 lolli51gus@icloud.com for a link to join the meeting.

### **Men's Breakfast Resumes Sept. 13th!**

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**

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.

### **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**

#### **Contact information**

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