Bethel Lutheran Church

September 15, 2022

# **BETHEL NOTES**

## Sunday, September 18, 2022

15th Sunday after Pentecost

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need

#### Readings

First Readings Amos 8:4-7

*Psalm*Psalm 113

Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel
Luke 16:1-13

# This Sunday

Sunday September 18th

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

#### Join us Sundays

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

#### **SERVING THIS SERVICE**

**Accompanist** Lynn Ryan, piano

Lay Assistant John Blank

**Usher** Johnna Lightbourne

Tech Adam Elkin

Children's Church Julia Elkin and Maya Stringer

**Counters** Tim Lightbourne and Greg Grosenick

# YOU CANNOT SERVE GOD AND WEALTH

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#### OFFICE HOURS

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

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- Prayers of comfort for friends of family of Heath Poser, nephew of Connie Titcomb, as they mourn his passing.
- → Prayers of healing for Mick Davis as he recovers from heart surgery.
- 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 fast healing for Alia Evans, granddaughter of Thelma Seyfert as she recovers from a motorcycle accident.
- Prayers of healing for Macy Hurin as she undergoes eye surgery Monday, September 19th.
- 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 healing for Lynn Klaasen, sister of Jan Robitaille, who is managing health issues.
- ♣ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** who is recovering at home.
- 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 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 Sharon Bossie who is having continued medical issues.
- ♣ 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.

## First Night of Logos a Success!!

We are off to a great start with Logos welcoming returning youth as well as new families!! A huge thank you to our teachers Jo Ann Dullum, Johanna Lightbourne, Mike and Healther Kubas, Sandy Pepos, Laura Kupfner and

Colter McCarty. Our kitchen staff were amazing Debbie McCarty, Mark and Patty Kohoutek, Kelsey Johnson, Walt Nuessle, Rebecca Boucher, Kelly Daniel and Sue Reppe.



Enjoy these pictures from Johnna from her class lesson The Lost Sheep parable.







# Sunday Worship Staff Openings

We have a couple of paid positions during Sunday morning worship.

Children's Church—looking for 2 individuals

Located in the Fellowship Hall, the main duties are to read a bible story that relates to the worship lesson for the day and work through children's bulletins. Bring the children out for Pastor's message and also for communion.

Tech—looking for 1 individual

Responsible for scheduling and running the live stream worship as well as controlling projection slideshow for in-person worship.

To apply for either or both of these positions please see Tami in the Bethel Office, 406-761-1543

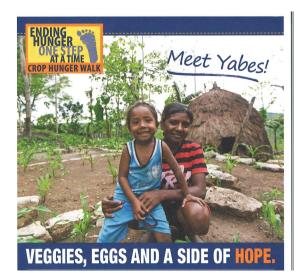
# Calling Crafters and Bakers

This year we are going to have a Holiday Bazar 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 bazar 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.

# 2022 CROP Hunger Walks



2022 Great Falls CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 2, 2022 **West Bank Park** 

> Registration: 1:30 pm Walk begins 2:00 pm

Pick up your walker donation envelope in the Bethel Office or at Church on Sundays. You may also sponsor a walker or make a direct donation to the CROP Walk.

## **SEEDS, CHICKENS & YOU**

#### the winning combo to end hunger



Yabes and her daughter Sifralili are posing happily in their new vegetable garden in West Timor, Indonesia. Just outside the scope of the camera are a rooster, some hens and the chirping sounds of 50 baby chicks.

Before, Yabes struggled to keep her little girl healthy.

"Sifralili was often sick...I had no water and could not keep our home in a hygienic way...we rarely ate vegetables because we couldn't plant a garden and we could not afford to buy them in the market, either."

As part of the CWS Zero Hunger initiative, Yabes now has a protected clean water source. She received seeds and training to build a home garden. With the gift of a rooster and three hens, she's now collecting eggs and raising enough chickens to turn a profit. She has saved almost enough to build a latrine for her family.

When you support a CROP Hunger Walk, you are there investing in global neighbors like Yabes with this winning combo for a healthier, more prosperous life.

More mothers like Yabes need your help. Together we can continue to transform communities in Indonesia and around the world. Give today!









\*seeds, tools, chickens & clean water access

"Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later. Divide your gifts among many, for in the days ahead you yourself may need much help."

- ECCLESIASTES 11:1 (TLB)

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#### 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.







Can your business,
congregation or
organization sponsor a
hole? Visit
www.flbc.net/golf for
info!

# Friday, October 7th, 2022 @ Polson Bay Golf Course

Proceeds help make camp financially accessible to all! \$150 / golfer

(includes green fee, golf cart, tournament memorabilia, lunch, food & beverage, and post-tournament award reception with appetizers)

#### Schedule:

10:30-12: Check-in open; driving range available
12 PM: Golfing begins - Shotgun start
4PM: Awards & Reception @ Polson Bay Golf Course
(additional guests are welcome to attend the reception by donation)

#### **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 <a href="mailto:flbc.net/golf">flbc.net/golf</a>

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-fore-gettable impact! Contact <a href="mailto:carlee@flbc.net">carlee@flbc.net</a> for more information about supporting the tournament in this way!

# Just for Youth

#### A mixed-up story

Luke 16:1-13

Today's gospel is a mixed up story. Even though the manager was losing money for the rich man, he was not punished. He was praised for what he did! Jesus says, "Whoever is faithful in a little is also faithful in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much." Our goal is to be faithful to God with all of our money, time, and energy.



We can serve God instead of serving our money. If we worry about making money instead of serving God, our lives become as mixed up as the manager's story.

Find and circle five money things that would not fit in a story set in Bible times.

You are our treasure, Lord.
Amen.

**7his week...**Make a family list of the many daily gifts we receive from God.

### Logos

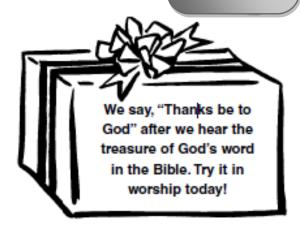
## Wednesday, September 21st

Bible Lesson: Luke 16:1-13

Dinner:

Chicken Nuggets, Cheesy Potatoes, Corn,

Dinner rolls and Oreos for dessert.



#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### Tuesday 9/20

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

#### Wednesday 9/21

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

#### Friday 9/23

• Bethel office closed

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Sunday 9/25

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie Obrecht, in-person & live stream 9:30 am
- One Coin Found book study begins after worship.
- Rosh Hashanah worship begins 6:00 pm

#### Monday 9/26

 Rosh Hashanah worship 9:00 am to noon.

#### Tuesday 9/27

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

#### Wednesday 9/28

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

#### Friday 9/30

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## **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

<u>Thursday, September 15th 7:00 PM at</u> <u>Terry Korpela's home 3025 Delmar.</u>

#### 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