

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, September 11, 2022

14th Sunday after Pentecost

The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

Readings

First Readings

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalms

Psalms 51:1-10

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

World Hunger Sunday



*Join us Sundays
9:30 AM in-person or
online at bethelmt.org.*

SERVING THIS SERVICE

Accompanist	Lynn Ryan, piano
Lay Assistant	Sandy Pepos
Usher	Patty Braget
Tech	Adam Elkin
Children's Church	Isabelle Grosenick and Olivia Violet
Counters	Patty Braget and Greg Grosenick

I have found the coin
that I had lost

LUKE 15:9



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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 and family of Tony Marcson**, *Jessica Crist's brother-in-law*, as they mourn his passing.
- ✝ 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 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 awaits a follow-up medical test in November to confirm successful treatment of cancer.
- ✝ 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.



Thanks to a generous donor, four children went shopping for brand new school clothes this month! The donor heard about this family from one of our volunteers who was impressed by how respectful and appreciative the children were despite their very challenging summer move to Great Falls.

They moved here for new jobs and thought that they had an apartment only to find out that the apartment they had put a deposit on didn't exist. Because finding rental property is very challenging right now, they purchased a used camper trailer, and Family Promise helped pay to lease a spot in a trailer park until they can find more permanent housing.

The three oldest children started school in August and the youngest is enrolled at Head Start. In addition to Family Promise, the LDS Great Falls Stake helped the family with food and household items. This family feels very blessed to have landed in Great Falls where there are so many caring neighbors!

Thank you to Mighty Mo and everyone who attended our Raise a Pint Night. It was a lovely night to be out on their patio with family and friends enjoying their great food and a cool one! Thanks to the raffle donations from Planet Earth, Pizzaz, Blue Rose, and Dragonfly Dry Goods and many cash donations, we raised **over \$560** in donations in addition to the \$1 per pint sold from Mighty Mo.



Back to School Blast - Greg, Maggie and one of our families sponsored a table at the 1st Annual Back 2 School Blast on Friday, August 12th. It was put on by the United Way of Cascade County, the Great Falls Rescue Mission and the Alliance for Youth. Hundreds of local children were provided with free school supplies, clothes, haircuts and medical checks prior to the start of the school year. It was a great way to talk to families and provide information about what Family Promise can do for families in need.

September Needs List

- Sanitizing wipes
- Blankets
- Socks (new, all sizes)
- Pillows (new)
- Macaroni & cheese microwave cups
- Saltine crackers
- Coffee pods Reg/Decaf
- Ramen
- Chef Boyardee (pulltop lid)
- Paper towels
- 8 ½" by 11" office paper
- Light gloves all sizes
- Laundry detergent pods
- Toilet paper
- Soup (pulltop lid)
- Hot chocolate
- Backpacks
- Bottled water
- Diapers all sizes

Items may be dropped off at the Hub or at Bethel and we will arrange for pick up.



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.



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.](#)

Upcoming Information Session!

Sunday September 18th

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

Thank you for all the flowers, prayers and support from Leona Ost and her family as they celebrated the life of Dale. You are all so very appreciated.

MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS

1st 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 5th 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.



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 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.





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!***

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

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 for more information about supporting the tournament in this way!

Just for YOUTH

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.

Registration
Online
bethelmt.org

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Starts September 14, 2022

\$70.00 per student

***Sliding scale & scholarships
available***

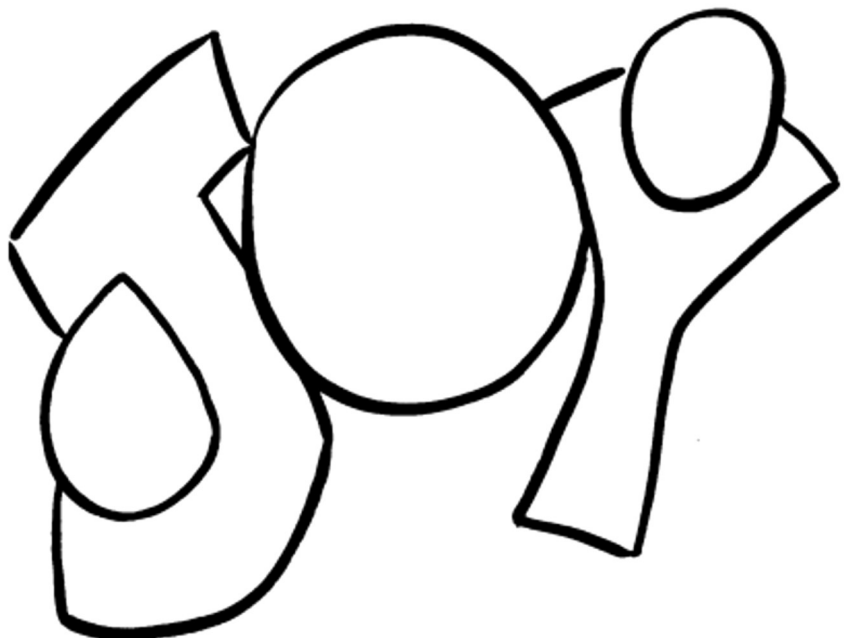
***Contact the Bethel Office
406-761-1543***

Thank you God, for
brining us back to you.
Amen.

This week

When you find some-
thing lost, thank God
for finding you.

Welcomed into God's family



Each one of us is welcomed into God's family. That's a reason to jump for joy! Look around you. Draw the faces of people worshipping today in the letters above. Be sure to include your own joyful face!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 9/13

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

Wednesday 9/14

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

Thursday 9/15

- Hope Circle resumes with in-person meeting 7:00 pm at Terry Korpela's home.

Friday 9/16

- Bethel office closed
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 9/18

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie Obrecht, in-person & live stream 9:30 am
- Churchwide Assembly presentation and discussion after worship in the Fellowship Hall

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

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

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 Resumes Sept. 13th!

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

**Thursday, September 15th 7:00 PM at
Terry Korpela's home 3025 Delmar.**

Weekly Text Study with Pastor Jessie-online

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