

BETHEL NOTES

THIS SUNDAY

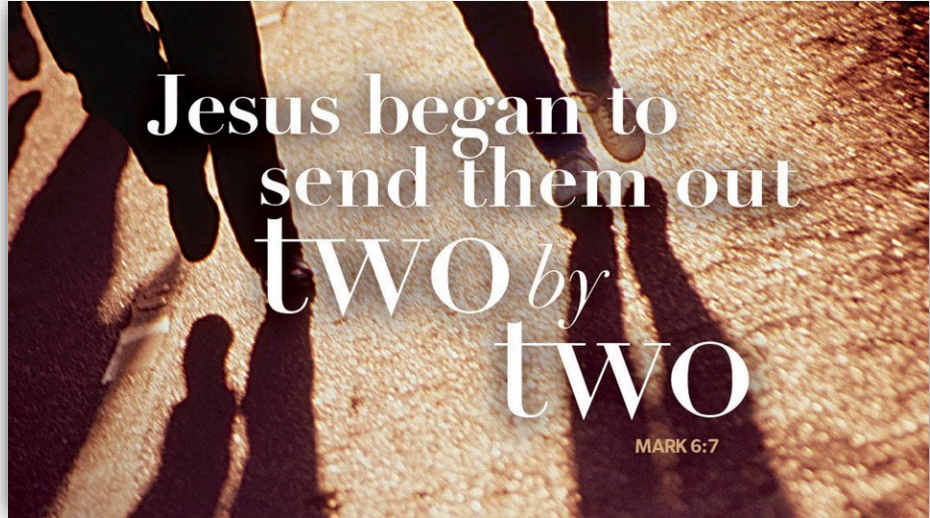
Readings:

First Reading:
Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm:
Psalm 123

Second Reading:
2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Gospel Reading:
Mark 6:1-13



Serving Sun-

Accompanist

Lynn Ryan, Piano

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This Sunday at Bethel...

We celebrate the 7th Sunday after Pentecost.

We welcome and thank **Pastor Steve Nelson**, for preaching and presiding in worship this morning.

New Adult Forum Book Study to begin August 4th after worship. Future Faith, Ten Challenges Reshaping Christianity in the 21st Century. If you would like Bethel to order a book for you, the cost is \$13.50, sign up on the table in the Narthex.

July 15th is our **Bethel Blood Drive**, the Red Cross is offering an incentive, *all who come to give blood July 1-31 will get a Fandango Movie Ticket by email to see TWISTERS! Plus, all who come to give in July will be automatically entered for a chance to win a 2025 Ram 1500 Big Horn®!* You may sign up on the Red Cross donor site or call the Bethel Office and Tami will help you sign up for your spot.

VBS is right around the corner, and we need your help with some snack and lunch item donations. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex or go online to bethelmt.org for the online sign

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

*Lord,
in your mercy
hear our prayers.*



- ✠ Prayers of healing **Shelly Murphy** who is home from the hospital, continuing to heal.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** as who is home and continues to regain strength.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Charlie Hill**, *friend of Jeanne Rankin*, who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor and is meeting with specialist to determine treatment.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Shannon Obrecht**, *family friend of Karen Lord*, as she experiences complications with cancer treatment.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Don Bisgard** as he continues cancer treatment.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Kathleen**, *friend of Dena Wagner-Fossen*, as she continues medical testing at Mayo Clinic.
- ✠ Prayers of continued healing for **Eric Peterson** as he receives chemotherapy that has slowed the progression of cancer growth.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Georgia Miller**, *cousin of Amber Erickson's*, as she has been going through treatment for breast cancer and is doing well. Hoping to only have a couple more treatments to go.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** as she manages chemotherapy treatments.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Broc Cole**, *child of a friend of Ali Morris*, as he battles lymphoma.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Kristin**, *Bobbie Bowen's daughter*, as she continues treatment for cancer.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues to manage his health.
- ✠ Prayers of strength in leadership for **Gustavo Driau**, Regional Representative of South America.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.





**American
Red Cross**

**Blood Drive at Bethel
July 15th
1:00 – 6:00 pm**

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. That's why Bethel is on a mission to help save lives by hosting a blood drive on Monday, July 15, from 1:00 - 6:00 to at our Fellowship Hall. We are about 25% of the way to meeting our goal of 29 donors. Let's Rally!

The community is invited to take part in this special event and donate blood for hospital patients in our neighborhoods and across the nation. The need for blood is constant, but only 3 percent of the U.S. population donates. By rolling up a sleeve, donors can play a critical role in the treatment of accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease.

To make an appointment or to learn more, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Completion of a RapidPass® online health history questionnaire found at RedCrossBlood.org/rapidpass is encouraged to help speed up the donation process. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Even if you are not able to donate, please tell your friends and neighbors about this opportunity to make a difference!

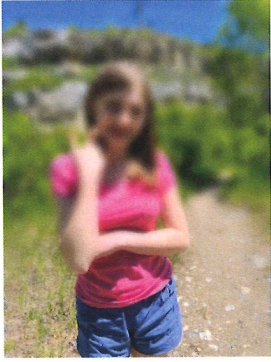
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To sign up: [Click this link](#) to be directed to the Bethel sign up page.

- Select the time and type of donation you want to give
- Sign in or create your new account

If you would like assistance in signing up, please call the Bethel Church office at 406-761-1543.

If you are a Facebook User, please consider sharing the Blood Donation post on our Facebook Page. We could reach many potential donors by inviting them to this great outreach opportunity!



Family Promise

of Great Falls

Summer Appeal 2024

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John and his high school aged autistic daughter Jenny (not their real names) moved to Great Falls for a new start not realizing how hard it would be to secure affordable housing. After spending his meager savings on a hotel stay, John shared his panic with one of the Great Falls Public School representatives who brought John to Family Promise. The timing couldn't have been better as Promise Place Shelter had an opening, and John and Jenny were accepted into the Shelter. Because of Jenny's condition, it has been difficult for John to work full time so staying at Promise Place Shelter has given them a few months to plan their future. After just three months they are thriving and continuing to work through their Stability Plan which includes applying for Medicare, Section 8 Housing Assistance, food stamps, disability assistance, and saving for permanent housing.

The challenges that families face are even more acute during the summer months because children do not have the support of the school system. With rents skyrocketing due to low housing supply, families are doubling up, are constantly moving, or are seeking shelter. For the families staying at Promise Place Shelter who have secured permanent housing, the funds for their housing application, damage deposit, first month's rent, and utilities start up are high and must be paid before they can move in.

Currently the average monthly rent is approximately \$1,300 per month and most rentals require two months' rent and utilities paid up front as a deposit. That is nearly \$3,000! Our goal is to raise \$9,000 to be able to move three families from Promise Place Shelter into homes of their own in 2024. Every dollar donated helps families achieve stable housing, which in turn inspires both the parents and the children to remain committed to a brighter future. Can you help in our mission to end childhood homelessness, one family at a time?

**To Donate to family Promise scan or
click the QR Code or to be directed
to their online giving.**



September 8, 2024

If you know of an organization who would like to be recipient of a service project or if you have an idea for a service project for those who to do a project here at Bethel reach out to the Bethel Office 406-761-1543 or bethelgf.church@gmail.com

“God’s work. Our hands.”



Join us for a day of service!

Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 8,700 congregations participating in “God’s work. Our hands.” day of service. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God’s love. Join us as we do God’s work with our hands!



Jason Gleason Receives a Great Honor

As one of over 385,000 Nurse Practitioners providing care in the United States our own Jason Gleason has been inducted into the Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners joining only 962 Nurse Practitioners since 2000 to hold this distinct honor.



Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners are recognized nurse practitioner leaders who have made outstanding contributions to the education, policy, clinical practice or research, and developing nurse practitioner leaders of the future,

Great Job Jason, your Bethel Family is so very proud of you!

Great Job Greta Graft!!

Greta showed her horse Dixie at the Montana Quarter Horse Association show locally in Vaughn. She did a clinic the day before to learn about judging criteria and skills. She won both the Champion Open and Youth Walk Trot High Point Buckles. Her horse Dixie and her practice and show 4-H and the local All Breeds shows in English, Western, Halter, Showmanship, Trail, and Bareback classes.

Good Job Greta, your hard work paid off and we are so proud of you!



**Greta Graft and
her horse Dixie.**

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Sent Out

In today's gospel reading, Jesus sends the disciples out on their own (in pairs, but without him) to spread his message, and he gives them a packing list: no food, no bag, no money, no extra clothes—only the love and power of Christ, and the good will of the people they would encounter to support them. The disciples must have felt woefully unprepared. And yet Jesus sent them anyway.

As Christians, we may feel unprepared for our journeys. We know that the Lord has sent us out into a broken world to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, but . . . *How do we do that? What do we say? What if people don't want to hear the message? Isn't it impolite to discuss religion?* Surely the disciples shared those concerns. But they went anyway, trusting Jesus. And in trusting Jesus, they found that his message of repentance and salvation was well received. "They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them."

Perhaps this story can serve as inspiration in our own vocations. Although we may not know how to tell others about the love we've found in Jesus, we know that Jesus is supporting us in our meager efforts. We may fear rejection, but Jesus tells us to shake the dust from our feet and carry on. If we worry that we won't get it right, we can remember that the word of God does not return empty. In your baptism, Jesus has called you into his family. In holy communion, he nourishes you for the journey. Throughout your life, he gives you a story to tell others, and the power to share his good news. Take courage, Christian, and go forth in his name. He's got your back!

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A huge thank you to Randy, Ryan and Kyle Gilbertson who replaced the soffits in the TLC play area, cleaned out the gutters and cleaned out the dryer vent. It took two days and a lot of work and we are so appreciative of their time.



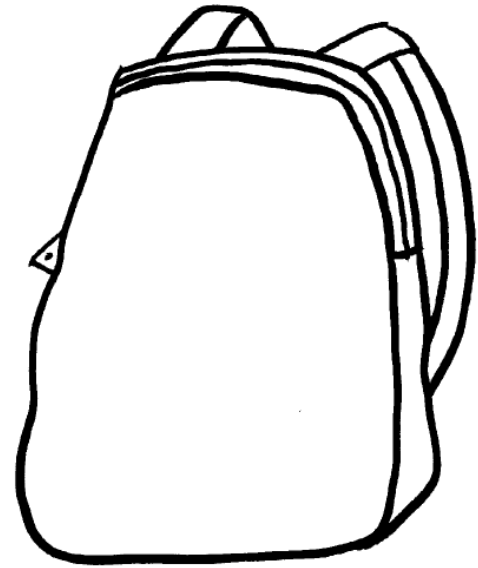
JUST 4 YOUTH

Travel light

Jesus gave instructions for his disciples when he sent them out to teach and preach. They were to pack lightly without many things. God would provide for their needs through the people they would meet. Some people would believe what the disciples had to say about Jesus; some people would not believe. Jesus told the disciples to keep going on their journey.

Tenisha is going on a walking trip or hike. What should she bring? Circle only a few items to keep her load light!

What would you take on a walking trip? Draw your needs on the backpack.



Serve the Lord

When we leave worship we may hear "Go in peace. Serve the Lord." We are servants of God. We can serve just like Jesus' disciples did.

Think of five ways to serve Jesus starting with the letters below. For example, **S**end a card to a grandparent.

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R
V
E

Welcome to worship.

"Who is Jesus?" People who heard him teach in his own hometown asked that question. They said, "Isn't this the carpenter, Mary's son? Where did he get his power and wisdom?" They didn't accept Jesus as who he really was.

So "Who is Jesus to us?" Search in the puzzle for these names and descriptions of Jesus...

TEACHER	HEALER	CHRIST	SAVIOR
PROPHET	SON OF GOD	LEADER	BROTHER
CARPENTER	SON OF MARY	JESUS	

C H R I S T P E Z D W H V
I A F J Y S R L E A D E R
S Y R A M F O N O S U A N
O C Q P I N R X B V R L K
N S W T E H P O R P E E A
O H M L E N R K I J H R G
F U R B Q U T P M V C A T
G J E S U S Y E K S A I N
O M T A X K Q L R O E S W
D Y B R O T H E R Z T L B

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7/9

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

Thursday 7/11

- Exec Board Zoom meeting.

Friday 7/12

- Bethel office is closed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 7/14

- Worship service led by Jim Carlson, LPA in person and live stream at 9:30 am
- World Hunger Sunday

Monday 7/15

- Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 1:00 pm

Tuesday 7/16

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

Friday 7/19

- Bethel office is 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

Join us for a fun and engaging conversation, and insightful discussion of each week's lectionary texts as we meet in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at dscholten@dlsconsulting.net for more information.

On hold until September

Hope Circle—in person

This group meets once a month usually on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. 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.

On hold until September

Preaching And Presiding at Bethel

July 7th	Pastor Steve Nelson
July 14th	Jim Carlson, LPA
July 21st	Joint worship at Redeemer
July 28th	Dave Scholten
August 4th	Dave Scholten
August 11th	Jim Carlson, LPA
August 18th	Hymn Sing with the Ryans
August 25th	Pastor Sara MacGilvra Branom
September 1st	TBD



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In *Future Faith: Ten Challenges Reshaping the Practice of Christianity*, author Wesley Granberg-Michaelson provides a lucid view of how the top ten winds of change blowing through global Christian faith are reshaping the practice of Christianity today. He is uniquely qualified to identify and interpret connection points between global Christian trends and the American church.

Drawing on the stories, examples, and personalities of pastors and congregations from throughout the U.S. as well as those from Africa, Asia, Latin America, who are the faces of Christianity's future, *Future Faith* is designed to inform and empower followers of Jesus to seek new ways of becoming the face of Christ to a rapidly changing world.

Leaders and practitioners in church growth, renewal, and planting will be a primary audience for this book. Students of religion from Catholic, evangelical, Pentecostal, and historic Protestant streams will find this book an informative and stimulating resource for pondering together the future of their faith. Small groups engaged in congregational nurture and growth will find in the author a welcome companion for guiding them through the multi-cultural landscape of contemporary faith.

Colter McCarty will facilitate this book study. Each week we will cover one chapter in the book and participants will take turns leading the discussion regarding their chapter. Only those who would like to lead will be asked to lead, there is no obligation for those who opt out of leading the discussion.

We will be Sunday, August 4th after worship and continue through October 6th.

If you would like to participate in the study, Bethel will order the books, the cost to cover the book is \$13.50 and you may sign up in the narthex or email Tami in the Bethel Office to get a book ordered for you. You are welcome to pick up the book on your own if you wish.

If you have any questions please contact Tami in the Bethel Office.