

BETHEL NOTES

THIS SUNDAY

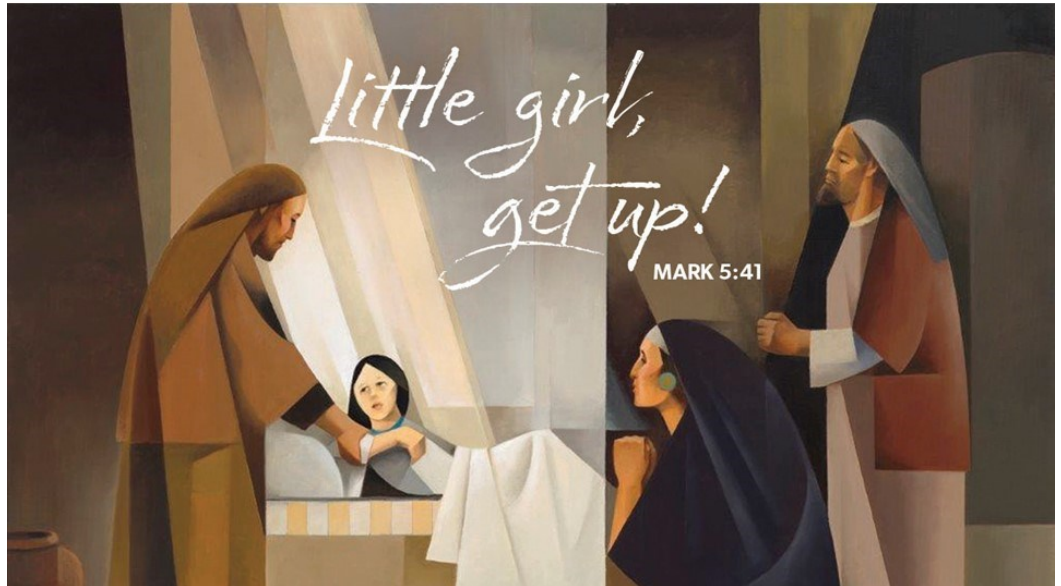
Readings:

First Reading:
Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalm:
Psalm 30

Second Reading:
2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Gospel Reading:
Mark 5:21-43



Serving Sun-

Accompanist
Mary Seim, Piano

Lay Assistant
Walt Nuessle

Usher
Sandy Pepos

Tech
Gabe Smith

Projection
TBD

Children's Church
Isabelle and Tyler
Grosenick

Hospitality
Ron and Dew Elkin

Counters
Greg Grosenick
Randy Gilbertson

This Sunday at Bethel...

We celebrate the **6th Sunday after Pentecost**.

We welcome and thank **Pastor Aaron Decker**, Missionary from Bolivia presiding in worship this morning. Join us after worship for a Q&A with Pastor Aaron about his mission in Bolivia.

Worship Planning Committee will be meeting in the Pastor's Office at 11:15ish Sunday.

Congratulations to **Ron and Dew Elkin** on celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Join us for cake and coffee after worship, in celebrating their marriage.

Vacation Bible School Day Camp is the week of July 22nd through 26th. Camp registration is open at www.bethelmt.org/vbs-day-camp. Youth entering 7th grade and up can apply to be a Junior Counselor at the link above as well! Please see the sign up in the Narthex for food items to donate for Camp this year!

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

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*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 continues with rehab at The Grandview.
- ✠ 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.





Rev. Aaron Decker Leading Worship at Bethel

Sunday, June 30th, Rev. Aaron Decker will be preaching and presiding in worship at Bethel. Pastor Aaron has been working in our Companion Church, the Bolivian Evangelical Lutheran Church, for two and a half years as a theological educator. This work has included teaching and writing learning materials to educate local pastors and Sunday school teachers throughout the Bolivian Church—and of course, learning from them! Before going to Bolivia, he served congregations near Boston and Philadelphia, and was a lecturer in Old Testament and Malaysia Theological Seminary.

Bolivia is the second poorest nation in the Americas (after Haiti.) But despite few resources, it is probably the only Lutheran Church body in the Western hemisphere that is growing. Pastor Aaron will be sharing his experiences in Bolivia and ways that the church is bringing extraordinary resurrection to ordinary people’s lives.



American Red Cross

Blood Drive at Bethel

July 15th

1:00 – 6:00 pm

Who Can Donate

- Be in good general health and feeling well.
- Be at least 17 years old in most states (16 years old with parental consent in some states).
- Weigh at least 110 pounds. Additional weight requirements apply for donors 18 years old and younger and all high school donors.
- Have not donated blood in the last 56 days

What to Expect at My Donation

1. Register, show your ID and read some required information.
2. Health History and Mini-physical, answer some questions and receive a general health check.
3. The Donation, you will be seated comfortably while a pint of blood is drawn. This will take about 8-10 minutes.
4. Refresh and Recover, afterwards, you can enjoy a snack and drink for 10-15 minutes before resuming your day.

Let’s roll up our sleeves and help save lives! Bethel Lutheran Church has a rich history of outreach, and we are excited to partner with the American Red Cross. Please consider donating and helping us reach our goal of 29 donors. For more information about donating, visit www.redcrossblood.org

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!

A Long Journey To A Short Walk With God

Recently, I was asked if I would be willing to share how I made the decision to apply for the LPA Program.

For as long as I can remember, I attended church every Sunday with ears and eyes open to listen and notice what was happening around me.

During my school years I was inspired and informed as I grew in my faith. I knew that after I graduated from High School that I wanted involvement in the life of God's Church. I have always been a spiritual person and wanted to, in some way, serve God. It was shortly after graduation Uncle Sam felt he needed me more than God did so I put my plans on hold and

enlisted in the United States Air Force to serve my country. While stationed here at Malmstrom I met Trudy and we were married.

After leaving the Air Force, I still felt committed to some sort of service work for others, so I took a job with the local utility (The Great Falls Gas Company.) My faith throughout continued to be important to me. Trudy and I became very active in volunteering at Bethel. I was aware of a desire to do more as far as ministry was concerned. Unfortunately, Trudy's illness began to restrict her involvement and I needed to spend more of my time with her. It was during this special time together she reminded me of how much I had enjoyed working alongside the elderly, the homebound, the recently bereaved and the sick. Always offering a friendly smile and a listening ear. It was from this desire to serve that she asked if I would consider becoming an LPA. It wasn't but a few weeks later she was in her heavenly home.

For the next six months I was lost until I found myself sitting around a table one Tuesday morning in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel. Men's Breakfast, a time of sharing, caring and fellowship was where God had placed me. It was during these Tuesday morning meetings that Trudy's request of becoming a LPA began to resurface again. After numerous comments from my brothers-in-faith about how I should use my gifts to serve my church community and to serve God through the work I was already doing. I knew that I must fulfill Trudy's wish. I came to the realization that God had been calling me all my life through all my life experiences. So what may seem like an all of a sudden decision was really a long preparation to serve.

In closing, I would like to encourage any other lay person to consider the LPA Program and join me as God Calls Us, God Transforms Us, God Sends Us.



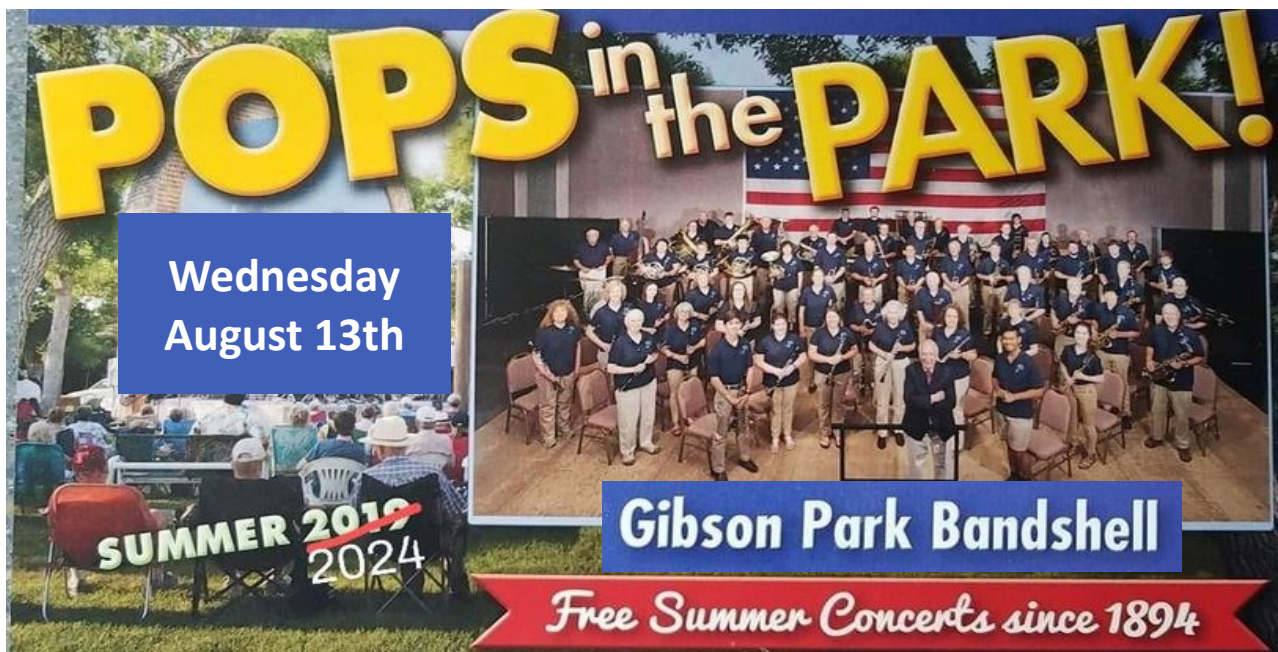
Bethel Church Council Meeting Highlights

Bethel Church Council met in person on Tuesday, June 18th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall and for once we didn't have a very long agenda. Here are some highlights from that meeting.

- HUGS has been pretty quiet with no requests for their services.
- Randy reported the youth group still owes the church \$1500, but has run out of time to fundraise, so they will have to figure that out when they get back. [*update: a large donation was made during the June 23rd offering that brought the total up to the goal!*]
- Our community Blood Drive is set for Monday, July 15 from 1:00—6:00 pm. Information is at the table inside the entryway. Interested people can click on the link to the Red Cross on Bethel's Facebook page.
- We're happy to report there are seven of our kids going to FLBC this year using money from the Jean Humphrey Campership Fund.
- We are looking for service ideas for "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday, September 10th.

In July the Executive Board will meet via Zoom on July 11th at 4:30 pm. There will be no in person July Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted Laurie Turner, secretary



GOSPEL MESSAGE



All Are Welcome

Do you ever feel left out? Do you ever wonder if Jesus is really for *you*? Perhaps you wonder if your sins are too many, or too bad. Or perhaps life has dealt you a rotten hand, and if people only knew what was going on behind your shallow “I’m fine” at church coffee hour, they wouldn’t be so friendly. Or maybe you’ve heard that Jesus is for the marginalized, the victims, and the irreligious—and you’re none of those things. You have a solid family, a good job, a nice church you’re very involved in. *Perhaps Jesus is too busy to be bothered with my concerns*, you think.

If you’ve ever thought that perhaps you’re not the right sort of person for the message of Jesus, today’s gospel reading should set your mind at ease. In one quick story Jesus heals a woman of low status *and* the daughter of a man well respected in the community. The woman with the endless flow of blood shouldn’t be near anyone, according to long-followed laws. But in faith, she dares to brush her fingers against the hem of Jesus’ cloak and, instead of a rebuke, hears the loving voice of her Savior. The leader of the synagogue is precisely the sort of religious authority we tell ourselves Jesus came to cast down from their thrones. But in faith, he dares to ask Jesus into his home and, instead of a rebuke, sees the Messiah restore his daughter to life.

No matter who you are, Jesus is for you. Jew or Gentile, rich or poor, any gender, any background, marginalized or imbued with worldly power—Jesus is for you. He is not ashamed or afraid of you. He is not too busy helping others. Reach out in faith and let him show you just how much he loves you.

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JUST 4 YOUTH

Eyes of faith

Jairus and the woman in today's gospel looked through eyes of faith. They saw Jesus and knew he would help them.

Roll your bulletin into a circle and look.

Who do you see?

Just like a never-ending circle, Jesus' love is never-ending.



Now bring the edges of your bulletin together to form a heart and look through it.

Who do you see?

Jesus loves all of those people.

Jesus loves you too!



Welcome to worship.

There are times when we reach out to others for a helping hand. We reach out to Jesus in prayer. We know that he always loves us, even when we are in need.



Three people above are in need of some help. Draw lines to match them with the people who are reaching out with love and help.

Reaching out to Jesus

Mark 5:21-43

Listen to today's gospel stories. Fill in the missing words to complete the story of Jesus and two people who reached out to him. (There are "hint words" at the end of each line that rhyme with the missing words to help you.)

Many people came to see and hear Jesus, including Jairus—a very important _____. (*pan*) Jairus knelt in front of Jesus and begged, "My daughter is _____. (*click*) "Please come and make her _____. (*sell*) At the same time a woman came up behind Jesus. She had been sick for twelve _____. (*cheers*) She said nothing but touched Jesus' _____. (*nose*) Right away she was made _____. (*bell*) "Who touched me?" asked Jesus. The woman came to him telling the _____. (*tooth*) Jesus said she was healed because she had faith in Jesus. At the same time people came to say Jairus' daughter was _____. (*bed*) Jesus said, "Do not fear, only believe" and he went to Jairus' _____. (*mouse*) As Jairus and his wife watched, Jesus made the girl live _____. (*amen*) Jesus healed the girl because Jairus had faith in Jesus.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7/2

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

Thursday 7/4

- Happy 4th of July! Bethel Office is closed.

Friday 7/5

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 7/7

- Worship service led by Pastor Steve Nelson in person and live stream at 9:30 am

Tuesday 7/9

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

Thursday 7/11

- Exec Board Zoom meeting 4:30 pm

Friday 7/12

- 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 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 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

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| June 30th | Pastor Aaron Decker |
| 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 | TBD |
| August 25 | Pastor Sara MacGilvra Branom |

