

Bethany Lutheran Church

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“Called to Be Disciples”



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September Newsletter 2018

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Fall Worship Schedule

Beginning **Sunday, Sept. 9th**, we will resume two services each Sunday, **8:00 AM** and **10:30 AM**, with Sunday School at 9:15 AM. The chairs will be turned back to the cross and we will be using the blue With One Voice Setting 5 liturgy. Thank you for your flexibility as we changed things up for the summer, providing the opportunity to appreciate our beautiful stained glass, to sit somewhere new, and to learn some new music.

New Mid-Week Bible Study to Begin

Four Gospels, One Jesus? - An Invitation to Bible Study
In our three-year cycle of readings for worship, we focus on Matthew one year, Mark the next year, and Luke the third, with readings from John sprinkled in all three years. How well do we understand the portrait of Jesus painted by each gospel writer? Or do we even recognize that different aspects of Jesus are portrayed in each gospel?

Richard A. Burrige, Professor of Biblical Interpretation and Director of New Testament Studies at King's College London, has written an engaging book, *Four Gospels, One Jesus?*, which explores the symbols used historically (think Book of Kells) for the gospels and encourages the reader to understand Jesus more fully.

At Bethany, thirteen sessions between October 3rd and January 30th will be offered at two different time slots on Wednesdays: at 12 Noon – 1 PM (bring your lunch!) and from 7 – 8 PM. Participants will read Burrige's book and all four gospels over the course of the study.

There is an outline of the study posted on the bulletin board in the narthex, and you are invited to consider this opportunity for Bible Study. There will be room for eight participants at each session time. If you are interested, talk with Pastor Janeen or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex next to the outline of the study.

Fall Schedule

(beginning Sept. 9th)

Sundays

8:00 AM Worship

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Holy Happenings

Senior Social

Calling All Seniors! Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 20th at 12:00 noon in Litzer Hall. Lunch will be provided by the "famous" Lunch Ladies. All are welcome; we only ask that you put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex so we know how much food to prepare.

Youth Group

Youth Group will resume on Wed. Sept. 26th and continue on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 5:30 PM, beginning with dinner. All junior and senior high youth are invited and always welcome to bring a friend.

If you'd like to volunteer to bring dinner for a Youth Group night, please see Sarah Simon. The kids aren't picky and are always appreciative!



Bethany Connect

The Bethany Connect kickoff meeting and first packing will be Sunday, Sept. 16th after the 10:30 AM worship service (about 11:30 AM). A light lunch will be provided. If you know your student/military person's address and email, please call or email Linda King. Updated pictures and info for the Bethany Connect bulletin board can be emailed to Wendy Smitherman.

Upcoming Events

Labor Day

Mon. Sept. 3rd, OFFICE CLOSED

Property Meeting

Tues. Sept. 4th, 7:00 PM, Office

Bell Choir Resumes

Thurs. Sept. 6th, 6:45 PM, Sanctuary

Rally Day

Sun. Sept 9th, 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship

Sunday School Jubilee

Sun. Sept 9th, 9:15 AM, Litzer Hall

Choir Practice Resumes

Mon. Sept. 10th, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

Council Meeting

Tues. Sept. 11th, 7:00 PM, Litzer Hall

Care & Community

Sun. Sept. 16th, 9:15 AM, Litzer Hall

Bethany Connect Meeting & Packing

Sun. Sept. 16th, 11:30 AM, RM 8/9

Senior Social

Thurs. Sept. 20th, 12:00 PM, Litzer Hall

Yahweh Yarners

Sun. Sept. 23rd, 9:15 AM, Library

Youth Group

Wed. Sept. 26th, 5:30 PM, Litzer Hall

Kids' Korner

Sunday School for kids ages Pre-K through 6th grade will kick off with Jubilee on Sunday, Sept. 9th at 9:15 AM. Regular classes will begin Sunday, Sept. 16th at 9:15 AM.

Care & Community

There will be a Care & Community meeting on Sunday, Sept. 16th at 9:15 AM, between services. This will be an introductory meeting for all those involved in Food Bank, Senior Social, Blessing Bags, Bethany Connect, Memorial Day, Yahweh Yarners, Bethany Quilters, & Christmas Outreach. Scheduling and budget will be discussed.

Bits & Pieces

Council Members

2018-19

Nori Cash

(President)

Nancy Woodward

(Vice-President)

Wendy Smitherman

(Secretary)

Paulette Van Cleve

(Treasurer)

Lisa Olson

Deb Noble-Perry

Frank Putnam

Pastor Janeen Smith

2018 Directory

The 2018 Directory will be available on the table in the narthex on Sunday, Sept. 9th. Thank you for your patience while getting the new software figured out to print them.



Thank You for School Supplies

A grand total of 816 school supply items were donated to the Bethel and Eatonville School districts and were very much appreciated by those who will distribute them and those who will receive them. As the supplies were being delivered to Eatonville, a young boy was returning to his dad's car, very disappointed that there were no backpacks left. He was one happy boy when he saw our delivery and got first pick!

We Pray For ...

- Marilyn Goddard - still in the hospital
- Glenda Clemons - recovering from back surgery
- Leanne Wells - health concerns
- Sally Pollock - recovering from elbow surgery
- Shelton family - death of Patty's mother

Food Bank

Thank you for your continued support of the Spanaway Food Bank. The fresh produce from the garden is also appreciated by the clients!

The "urgent need" for September is peanut butter.



From the Garden

Thank you to Walt Sandor for completing the metal archway into the garden. Along with the bench, the metal cross, and the abundant harvest, it's our own little Garden of Eden, a place to appreciate the bounty of the Master Gardener.

In the next two weeks, the bulk of the tomatoes and peppers will be ready to harvest. Volunteers are always welcome to harvest for the food bank or do some weeding!

Financial Update

	June	
	Anticipated	Actual
Beginning Balance		(\$4,232.47)
Receipts	\$17,026.00	\$17,681.00
Disbursements	\$17,941.00	\$16,785.86
Ending Balance		(\$3,337.33)
	July	
	Anticipated	Actual
Beginning Balance		(\$3,337.33)
Receipts	\$19,214.00	\$16,445.88
Disbursements	\$19,991.00	\$17,665.94
Ending Balance		(\$4,557.39)
	August	
	Anticipated	Actual
Beginning Balance		(\$4,557.39)
Receipts	17,026.00	14,892.14
Disbursements	18,291.00	16,701.75
Ending Balance		(\$6,367.00)

After down, up, and down again earlier in the year, the General Fund started the summer in the negative. As you can see from the chart, it recovered some in June, but has continued to go further in the negative in July and August.

We have held expenses well under what we budgeted; however, income has lagged even further.

This has been a heavy travel summer for many people. It is our hope that many will be able to catch up in the next month or two on what they had intended to give. **Most of our expenses are regular ones; hence we rely on regular giving.**

More detailed reports are posted on the council bulletin board and can be made available to you out of the office.

All your contributions are appreciated; at this time, we ask that you consider helping get us back in the black in whatever way you are able.

Bethany Finance Committee

How You Can Help

- Catch up on your weekly or monthly pledge if you've fallen behind
- Increase your weekly or monthly pledge – every dollar helps!
- Consider a one-time donation