

# Bethany Lutheran Church

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“Nourished in the Word”

## November Newsletter 2017



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

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### Worship with Communion

Sundays, 8:00 & 10:15 AM  
Wednesdays, 11:00 AM

#### Sunday School

Sundays, 9:00 AM

#### Sung Morning Prayer

Tuesdays, 9:30 AM

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10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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#### Facebook Group

Bethany Lutheran Church

## From the Pastor ~ Outreach Opportunities

In addition to our ongoing support of the Spanaway Food Bank, I am happy to invite you into generous support of three additional outreach ministries between now and mid-December.

- 1) Samaritan Purse's *Operation Christmas Child* – the deadline to turn in boxes is **Sunday, November 12**. A table with information is set up in the narthex right now! The Sunday School has already packed up ten boxes – let's quadruple that! Check out the article in this newsletter for more info. We also welcome monetary donations to help with shipping costs (\$9/box).
- 2) Eatonville Family Agency's *Parent Shopping Days* – the deadline to turn in **UNWRAPPED, NEW** toys, books and other items is **Sunday, December 10**. You can shop for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, grade-schoolers and/or teenagers. There will be a **BIG** box in the narthex beginning on November 19 to collect the gifts you bring. The coordinator tells us that things like make-up kits and gift kits with body wash, etc. for teens are especially needed. My suggestion – shop for child(ren) the age(s) of your own child(ren) or grandchild(ren) – you will already have great ideas! Monetary gifts are also welcome – we can buy gift cards to add to the fun.
- 3) Bethany's *Giving Tree for Bethel School District Families* – the deadline to turn in **WRAPPED, NEW, PERSONALIZED** gifts and **non-perishable holiday food items** is **Wednesday, December 13**. Tags will hang on a tree in the fellowship hall for you to take and shop for a specific person, e.g., *boy age 12, mother, or girl age 3*. There will also be tags for specific food items. Monetary gifts are welcome – we will buy grocery gift cards for the families to purchase the fresh food they need.

# Bethany Kids & More

## Youth Group News

Thank you for all the donations and support of the Bethany Youth! We made over \$200 selling goodies and log pumpkins!

Are you ready to start Christmas shopping? Be sure to come to the **Annual Christmas Bazaar**. Handmade crafts, fresh cranberries, handmade soap, hand crafted jewelry, homemade Scandinavian baked goodies and more! Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00AM – 1:00 PM



*Making Luther Roses at Youth Group*



*Celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation*

## Kids' Korner



*Praying at the font*

## Community Rewards

Have you signed up for the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program? You can help Bethany earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card. Sign up for the program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Bethany Lutheran Church at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards) and enter non-profit #87741. Then every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you help Bethany earn a donation! During the last quarter, \$26.81 was donated.

## From the Library

We are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the nailing of the 95 Theses this year. The church library has an excellent display about the Reformation that was put together by Emma Lee Kuhlmann. We also have quite a few books about the people and events of the time. Here are some of the books about Luther that might be of interest: Here I Stand (920 BAI) Papa Luther (JUV MAU) Martin Luther (920 NES) Luther's Life (920 STO).

# Holy Happenings

## Senior Social

The November Senior Social will be Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will begin around noon. All are welcome. The lunch ladies have "turkeys" in mind.... but it won't be what you will be eating! The coffee pot will be on, come, enjoy food & fellowship.



*October Senior Social*

## Stewardship Drive

We've received back about half of our stewardship packets so far. Have you considered *why you give what you give*? Packets can still be turned in to the office. Remember to let us know if you want offering envelopes. **Time and Abilities sheets will go out in January to be returned at the Annual Meeting.**

## Bethany Connect Pie Sale

The Bethany Connect Program will be selling Pippin Pies again this year for our annual fundraiser. The price will remain \$7 per pie or three pies for \$20. We will be taking orders on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> right after church service and the pies can be picked up on Sat. Nov. 18 or after church on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.... just in time for Thanksgiving. We will also be glad to take orders for pies and deliver them to the food bank if you would like your pie to support both programs. Pies can also be ordered by calling Linda King (253-843-2812). Thank you in advance for your support of the Bethany Connect Program.

## Upcoming Events

### Men's Breakfast

Sat. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM, Hangar Inn

### Property Meeting

Tues. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM, Office

### Youth Group

Wed. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 PM, Litzer Hall

### Bethany Quilters

Fri. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, Litzer Hall

### Bethany Connect Packing

Sun. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 AM, Classroom

### Council Meeting

Tues. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, Litzer Hall

### Senior Social

Thurs. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM, Litzer Hall

### Yahweh Yarners

Sun. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, Library

### Thanksgiving Day,

Thurs. Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, OFFICE CLOSED

## Beginner's Tai Chi

A beginner's tai chi class will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018, at 2:15 here at Bethany in the fellowship hall. Please contact Sallee Johnson, 253-847-0881, for more information about the class and how to register.

## Relating with Money

How we handle our money impacts every part of our lives. It is a huge factor in marriage, a tremendous responsibility in parenting and a potential landmine for singles. At FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY we show couples how to work together as a team, give singles some practical tips in financial accountability, and help parents teach their children about money from a young age. You'll discover that money is rarely just about money. It is about so much more! We begin on January 7<sup>th</sup>, it's time to sign up now at Dave Ramsey Financial Peace.

[www.daveramsay.com](http://www.daveramsay.com)



# Bits & Pieces

## Operation Christmas Child

The deadline to turn in boxes for Operation Christmas Child is Sun. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. If you need shoeboxes, feel free to take whatever you need from the first preschool room in the fellowship hall. Did you know? Instead of putting a check in your Operation Christmas Child box, you can make the postage donation online (see link below) and follow your box. You'll be able to print out a tracking label and attach it to your shoebox, and then use the Look-Up Tool to find out the country your box will be delivered to. **If you're not a shopper**, another option is to "build" a shoebox online. The cost is \$25, and there are some fun options to choose. <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/> and <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>.

JAKI: "My favorite thing I received in my shoebox was my own toothbrush. I had shared one with 10 girls at the orphanage in Guatemala. We never had combs or brushes. Other girls treasured the pictures they received of their giving families." Every shoebox has a story.

## Advent Evening Services

During Advent there will be three evening services: Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. At 5:30 PM there will be a Baked Potato Bar followed by the Holden Evening Prayer at 6:15.

*Thank you for all of the get-well cards, calls, birthday wishes, and flowers. Your thoughts are so very much appreciated!*  
~ Bunny Burgin

## Worship Corner

*What kinds of bread are used for Holy Communion?*

"Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America express unity but not uniformity in their communion practices. Congregations do use bread and wine, as set forth in the ELCA's set of priorities for the practices of word and sacraments, *The Use of the Means of Grace*. In accordance with the words of institution, this church uses bread and wine in the celebration of the Lord's Supper (Principle 44)." Excerpted from [www.elca.org/worshipfaq](http://www.elca.org/worshipfaq)

There are two opinions and rationales concerning what kinds of bread are used. Those who use leavened bread point to this being the most ancient attested practice of the Church (verified through paintings, mosaics, texts and sculptures). Leavened bread gives witness to the connection between the Eucharist (Holy Communion) and ordinary life. Those who use unleavened bread point to the Jewish Passover during which three of the four gospels recount Jesus' Last Supper took place (the gospel of John, alternately, states the Last Supper occurred before Passover began).

## Council Members 2017

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(President)

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*We sing!*