

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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*Now there are some things we all know, but we don't take 'em out and look at them very often. We all know that **something** is eternal. And it ain't houses and it ain't names, and it ain't earth, and it ain't even the stars . . . everybody knows in their bones that **something** is eternal, and that something has to do with human beings. All the greatest people ever lived have been telling us that for five thousand years and yet you'd be surprised how people are always losing hold of it. Here's something way down deep that's eternal about every human being.*

Thornton Wilder, *Our Town Act III*

These lines come from Thornton Wilder's beloved play, *Our Town*, set in a small New England town in the early twentieth-century. At the beginning of the final act the Stage Manager takes us to the cemetery to visit the dead. "They're waitin'," he tells us, "They're waitin' for something that they feel is comin'. Something important and great. Aren't they waitin' for the eternal part in them to come out clear?"

Soon it will be All Saints Sunday. It's the date in the church year set apart to remember loved ones who have died. It is a remembrance that conveys both the finitude and the preciousness of life. It's this same sensibility that Wilder conveys when the character Emily, now a resident of the cemetery, has the chance to revisit her life. She exclaims: "Oh earth, you're too wonderful for anybody to realize you." And then she asks, "Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it? – every, every minute?" The Stage Manager answers "No," but then he adds, "the saints and poets, maybe – they do some."

I guess that's why it's important that we listen to them—to poets and saints. And it's why we gather as a community of faith to remember loved ones who have died, why we celebrate the wonder and preciousness of life, and why we give thanks to God for it all.

Peace,

Pastor Richard

Fall Christian Education

Fall Adult Education - join us on Sundays at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room as we study Luther's Small Catechism.

Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary there is a study and discussion of World Religions, currently focusing on Buddhism. Please join us.

Parish Life

We now have the publication schedules for the 2016-2017 programs for the Carpenter Performing Arts Center, the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, the Cerritos Center Performance Highlights and the LA Phil-Walt Disney Concert Hall. We also have the Magic of Christmas starring the Young Americans. There will be eight scheduled shows for December 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16 17, and 18. Please stop by and see us on the Patio and let us know if you are interested in any of the programs so tickets can be ordered.

Parish Life is again taking your orders for **See's Candy for Christmas**—order forms will be available in November. Start your holiday shopping early! Candy orders will be delivered to Bethlehem in early December for you to pick up. Mailing boxes are also available. See you on the patio!

Men in Mission Meeting

The next Bethlehem Men-In-Mission meeting will be on Saturday, November 5th, 2016, at 9:00 A.M in the Fireside Room. We will continue our study of "Luke's Gospel to the Gentiles" from the Master Builders Bible for Men. The reading for this week will be Chapter 10:38 thru Chapter 12:12 with discussion on verses 10:38-42 about Martha and Mary. We will also meet on Saturday, November 19th, 2016, at 9:00 A.M in the Fireside Room. We will continue our study of "Luke's Gospel to the Gentiles" from the Master Builders Bible for Men. The reading for this week will be Chapter 12:13 thru Chapter 15:10 with discussion on verses 12:13-21 about the rich fool.

Faith Circle—All members and guests, please do not forget our November meeting which is on the first Tuesday, November 1st. We meet at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room and Ginny Gary will be our Bible Study Leader. Our hostess is a surprise! Hope to see all of you, Arlene.

Phoebe Circle has a change of location for our November 8th meeting. We are meeting at the home of Jeanne Sandvig, 6111 Barbados Ave., Cypress beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd in the sanctuary at 7 pm. WELCA will host "Desserts in Bachman Hall" after the service. Please join us, invite friends and family, too!

Annual Congregation Meeting - Mark your calendars. We will have a brief Congregational Meeting following the worship service on Sunday, November 20 in the sanctuary to approve the Budget for 2017 and vote on new Council members. Please plan to attend.

SAVE THE DATE - 3rd Annual Bethlehem Youth Caroling Outing to Katella Manor on Sunday Dec. 11th at 4pm all are invited, details to follow. Thank you, Christina Watson.



Lutheran Social Services-Long Beach Community Care Center Monthly Report

Dear Bethlehem Family and Friends,

As we continue our monthly request for in-kind food donations in 2016 we are asking you for your continuing help during November of **Thanksgiving foods** – boxed potatoes, stuffing mix, canned vegetables, canned cranberry sauces, bread mix, you get the idea. Continuous donated items of all food items especially with pop tops, clothes and socks (new or gently used) are always needed.

Thanks again for helping to keep our Lutheran Social Service cupboard (Pastor's Pantry in Narthex) full. Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Long Beach and the people and families served daily in their Ministry always appreciate your kindness, care and compassion.

Bob, Andrea and crew
Social Ministry Committee



*******HELP*******

**SPECIAL REQUEST as FALL, WINTER is here –
IN NEED OF WARM KNITTED SCARVES, HATS AND GLOVES-ALL SIZES**





43rd Apple Festival Bazaar Report 2016

Chairpersons: Christina Watson & Dianna Reynolds

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>HEAD CHAIRPERSON</u>
<u>Kitchen</u>	Dianna Reynolds & Janice Hunt
<u>Gourmet/Bakery</u>	Debby Gustafson & Cheri Dobberteen
<u>Addie's Attic</u>	Johanne Hansen & Jeanne Sandvig
<u>New Treasures</u>	Marianne Sakowski & Camille Riach
<u>Handmade Crafts</u>	Marjorie Moeller
<u>Setup/Tear down</u>	Men in Mission
<u>Lynn's Book Nook</u>	Erica & Katrina Gary
<u>Cashiers</u>	Jeanne Sandvig, Alice Roop, Charlotte & Dianne Clark
<u>Treasurers</u>	Dawn Rentch & Lana Dieter

Bethlehem Lutheran's 43rd Annual Apple Festival Bazaar was held on October 15, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. until 1 p.m. No coffee or donuts were sold this year. Lunch was sold from 10:00 to 12:55pm.

To publicize the event, articles were placed in the newsletter and in the bulletin insert requesting help of all members of Bethlehem. A sign up sheet was passed around at the W.E.L.C.A. Fall General Meeting. Verbal announcements were made after the church services starting in September.

To reach the community, Christina emailed a press release to the News Enterprise. The article was not printed. Canceling our paid advertisement might have affected publishing our Bazaar news. The wooden APPLE FESTIVAL BAZAAR sign was propped up against the tree on Wallingsford, festooned with colored flags. The beige banner was placed on the PCP pipe facing Katella and the red banner was strung across two poles facing the alley on Sunday Oct. 9th.

Several women worked on their own to provide baked goods. Cheri Dobberteen provided beautiful Bundt cakes, banana bread, pesto, fresh herbs and homemade candy, Camille Riach made candy, Caryl Harris made cinnamon rolls, Jams and other goodies were donated by members, Bill Haglund made 22 jars of Donna's Bean Soup and Pat Watson baked "Grandma Bread". Most Gourmet/Baked items were sold by Sun. October 16th.

Craft Workshops were not held again this year, instead people were encouraged to make crafts and this year several handcrafted items were donated. Marjorie Moeller and Dianna Reynolds donated many handmade, hand sewn, hand crocheted/knitted items. New this year were personalized ornaments chaired by Liz Nehrenberg.

Addie's Attic received a lot of donations this year. Many of the items were brand new with the price tag still attached. Marianne S. and Camille agreed to chair a separate area for the "brand new treasures". In Bachman Hall, signs were hung from hooks in the ceiling indicating donation locations

for sorting and pricing. Several people worked throughout the week pricing and organizing the donations, especially Johanne, Jeanne, Camille, Arlene, Marianne and Linda S and her granddaughter.

Dianna and Janice coordinated the donations needed for the kitchen. All donations came from the congregation. We brought the Olive School Chili back this year and also sold "chili by the quart" and it was very successful. Janice and Dianna ran the kitchen the day of the event with Bethlehem ladies working shifts. Food service was steady from 10:00-12:55.

Set-up for the Bazaar began at 6:00 a.m. Sat. morning where the Men in Mission, under the supervision of Jim Brandon, erected 10 pop-up tents. 4 Long tables and 1 small table for condiments were placed for dining. All other tables were used for Addie's Attic, Lynn's Book Nook, Crafts, New Treasures and cashier.

Pastor Richard led us in prayer just before opening. We dedicated this Bazaar to our saints that recently joined our Lord ; Karen Bonwit, Joen Coleman, Doris Schaefer, Jean Franz, Lynn Estabrook, Dan Powers and Charlie Buezis.

The Craft area was placed next to the Nursery (Gourmet/ Bakery) for better visibility. Tarps were placed on the grass to display all the clothing, which was sorted by gender. The "better" clothing items were put on 4 racks and placed by the cashier area.

All departments were outside except Gourmet/Bakery. The Bank was located in a Sunday school room. Kitchen served from inside the building offering seating outside under the two pop-ups against the East wall. Margie Reynolds provided centerpieces of baskets with apples and fresh plants. Bachman Hall was used only for the volunteer refreshment area.

Three separate organizations came to take all that was left from our sale. Seafarer's Lutheran Maritime Mission took mostly men's clothing and kitchen wares. Theresa Murphy from "Precious Life" took women's clothing for their organization. The balance of the donations was collected by "Beacon House", a non-profit organization located in San Pedro. We fed the two volunteers from Beacon House at no cost to them. Two of their men and about 15 of our volunteers filled their big truck to about half capacity. The church building and parking lot was cleaned up by 2:20 p.m. due to so many helping hands.

Approximately \$2030 was raised on Saturday. The Lynn's Book Nook raised \$59 in books etc. for Vacation Bible School in 2017. Additional funds for Gourmet/Baked goods and IOU's were collected the next day. We will net about \$2200. We feel sales were lower this year due to a very low attendance.

It was a cool, beautiful day everyone had a great time, enjoying each other's company, spreading the word of "Bethlehem" through fellowship; working, eating and playing together. Thank you to everyone who participated.

In Christ's Name, Christina Watson and Dianna Reynolds.





W.E.L.C.A. News

November 2016

Women's Bible Study

When God Chooses the Unlikely

Session 3: Paul and the Power of Failure



WELCA Board

The next meeting of the WELCA Board will be held **Sunday, October 30th (for November)** For more information, contact Dianna Reynolds. **This will be a combined Board meeting for departing Board members and newly voted in Board members. We will meet after the congregational lunch.**

FAITH Circle

Meets **Tuesday, November 1st** beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The hostess will be Arlene Pollard with Bible Study by Ginny Gary. For questions and details, call Faith Circle leader, Arlene Pollard.

PHOEBE Circle

Meets **Tuesday, November 8th** beginning at 6:30 p.m. hosted by Jeanne Sandvig, 6111 Barbados, Cypress. For questions and details, call Dianna Reynolds. All Women of Bethlehem are welcome.



Sunday Morning

Coffee & Cookies

Thank you to Phoebe Circle for providing coffee and cookies in the month of October. Faith Circle will be responsible for the month of November.

Join the Pacifica Synod

Women of the ELCA

On Facebook.



Women's 2016 Theme

"Serving with Joy"



WELCA's Calendar of Events



November 4th and 5th

**Pacifica WELCA Convention
At Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

Thanksgiving Eve Dessert

Wednesday, November 23rd, after service



Thank you all for a successful

43rd Apple

Festival Bazaar!

We had a wonderful day

Save the Date!

Tuesday, December 6th

**WELCA Christmas Gathering and
General Meeting**

Check out Pacifica Partners on line

www.pacificawomen.org

click on news & events

International Seafarer's Center and Lutheran Maritime Ministry

Did you know.....The International Seafarer's Center started in 1982 in a bus reaching out to Merchant Seafarers, much in the same way as the USO did to the military during the world wars.

Now, they are a non-profit organization with a 13 member board of directors , located on South Pico Ave. in the center of the Port of Long Beach. The center has a large common room complete with a ping pong table, pool table, separate T.V. and reading room, computer and telephone room, chapel and small store.

This center serves seafarers from Noon-10 p.m. six days a week and is run by two women and many volunteers. They have four vans that pick the merchant seamen up from the ships and bring them to the center (at no charge to them) and take them shop- ping at local stores if they desire. At the center they can enjoy complimentary refreshments and browse through the "back room" where they can take a jacket, pants, shoes and anything else they need, also at no charge.

Now I want you to close your eyes and think of yourself back home. Practically everything you picture in your mind's eye (furniture, knickknacks on shelves, food, and clothing) came to us by these huge ships. At any given time there are 60-80 ships in port. Long Beach is the largest port in the U.S, the third largest in the world. A crew of only 21-24 men and sometimes women run these ships. They are paid below poverty level salary. The top pay is around \$800.00 a month for a 12 hour, often dangerous, day.

The seafarers come from all countries around the world; places you have heard of like Russia, Bulgaria, China, and Indonesia and places you haven't heard of like Tuvalu and Kiribati located in the South Seas. These people are away from their families for up to ten months at a time. But to them it is a way to support their family (which may include parents, grandparents as well as their wives and children). Often there is no work available in their homeland and they are forced to work long hard hours on these freighters.

So where does the Lutheran Maritime Ministry come in, you ask? Well at the 2000 Pacifica W.E.L.C.A Convention, Chaplain Virginia Sharma spoke to the women about the International Seafarer's Center and explained that the Lutheran Ministry reaches out to seafarers of all nations and cultures with Christian Witness and Word, meeting personal needs and encouraging spiritual growth. This is where your donations come in. At Christmas time over 2,000 gift bags are assembled and distributed to the sea- farers.

The Lutherans are the main providers of the items that make up these "gift bags".

We spent several evenings last year putting the bags together and had the opportunity to meet some of these amazing people. These are the only gifts they will receive at Christmas. I will be going to the center on Tues. Dec. 13th 6pm to bring our donations and help package the Christmas bags for the Seafarers. If anyone wants to join me they can email cjwat-song@aol.com or call me.

Imagine yourself in a strange country where no one speaks your language, you are away from your loved ones and you can't even communicate that you need toothpaste. In a small but important way the International Seafarer's Center in conjunction with the Lutheran Maritime Ministry (of which we are all a part) can bring some joy to these deserving men and women.

Thank you for all of your contributions. (See below)

Christina Watson, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Volunteer, International Seafarer's Center Seafarer's

Christmas "Shoe Box" Gift Recommended gift items in each box: Shampoo (full size) Toothpaste (full size) Pens, any kind Tooth brush in package Disposable razors Chewing gum Men's white socks (doesn't have to be tube style) Wrapped hard candy Wrapped chocolate candy, any size Top Ramen (flat package) Nail clippers/nail files/emery boards

If you cannot make up a whole box, any contributions will be appreciated. Call Christina Watson if you have any questions or you can contact the center directly at (562) 432-7560 and ask for Pat or MaryJo. Address: 120 South Pico Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802-6247



John & Luelle Buezis

11/15/1952

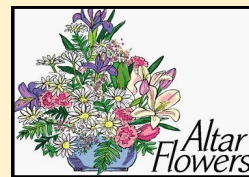
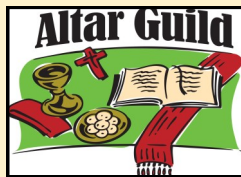
11/5 Ayla French-Campbell	11/7 Bill Lindell	11/9 Arlene Pollard
11/10 Alice Roop	11/12 Harold Miller	11/15 John Payne
11/18 Rich Schultheis	11/18 Harold Snell	11/19 Nadine Bohlken
11/19 Andrea Campbell	11/19 Nickolas Carrillo	11/20 Lois Bohlken
11/20 Darren Sandvig	11/20 Bertram Sohl	11/22 Dick Hansen
11/22 Jim Martin	11/27 Paul Meyer	11/28 Monica Kracy
11/28 Camille Riach	11/30 Ken Watson	



Gladyce Ackerman	Doug Evans	Pete Miller	Ed Sutton
Julie Anderson	Judy Frazier	Sandy Miller	Joyce Tarver
Elaine Asbury	Katrina Gary	Terry Morriss	James Taylor
Amy Bachman	Rick Gary	Michael Murray	Ann Tegtmeier
Shirley Bell	Dr. Steve Graham	Linda Nygard	Steve Tegtmeier
Colleen Bidwell	Jason Guerin	Coler Pearce	Alyssa & Jurrian Terpstra
Arthur Brandon	Bruce Gustafson	Andrew Pritchard	Allen Thunselle
Luelle Buezis	The Bryan Halverson Family	Dale Retrum	Hank Van Zant
Elinor Blum	Joe Harris	Nick Riley	Elisabeth Waddell
Andrea Campbell	The Hashimoto Family	Bill Ritz	Sandy Wasky
Bob Campbell	Diana Hayden	Louise Ronchetto	Tom Watkins
Laurie Carpenter	Donna Hoffman	Jason Sakowski	Hal Wolfe
Gloria Clara	Genevieve Jenkins	Valerie Sanchez	
Linnea Clayton	Betty Jones	Lorie Schnebelie	
Etta Bjornson Connell	Julie Kizziar	Rich Schultheis	
Maxine Cornwell	Linda Kjenstad	Mary Seibert	
Sara DeWeese	Joan Lee	Amy Sisk	
Keresey Dillon	William Lewis	Dorothy Sideris	
Laura Duke	Erin Lopez	Charlotte Sohl	
Joan Ebersold	Jessica McIntire	Leslie Summers	

Thanks to These People for Serving in November

	Reader	Cantor	Ushers	Counters
11/6	Alice Roop	Andrea Campbell	Paul Meyer Samantha Retrum David Retrum	Charlotte Driskill Jim Martin
11/13	Eric Dobberteen	Andrea Campbell	Dawn Rentch Marv & Susan Schneider Christina Watson	Marv Schneider Susan Schneider
11/20	Dale Retrum	Andrea Campbell	Joan Ebersold John & Janice Hunt Pam Tipich	Marjorie Moeller Doris Morrissey
11/27	Jeanne Sandvig	Andrea Campbell	George & Marsha Egbert	John Buezis John Buezis, Jr



11/6 **Marge Hargrove**
11/13 **George & Marsha Egbert**
11/20 **Andrea Campbell**
11/27 **Marianne Sakowski**

11/6 **Buezis, Jr**
11/13 **Martin, Roop**
11/20 **Hansen, Schultheis**
11/27 **Clausen, Haglund**