

# Bethany Lutheran Church

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“...gathered in Christ...”



**Evangelical Lutheran  
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## February Newsletter 2019

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### February Worship

Sundays

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

### **Sunday School**

Sundays

9:15 AM

### **Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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## Annual Meeting Highlights

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Meeting. We had a great turnout of 73 voting members. Elections were held and the following were elected:

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL (3) 3-YEAR TERMS

Nori Wendt

Inez Hollmann

Cathy Keyes

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE (3) 1-YEAR TERMS

Paulette Van Cleve

Deb Noble-Perry

Sandy Cooper

### ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE (1) 3-YEAR TERM

Merrill Severson

### TACOMA LUTHERAN RETIREMENT REP (1)

Nancy Woodward

### ELBE LUTHERAN CHURCH REP (1)

Doris Gadley

### SYNOD ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBERS

Garry & Lisa Olson

Several ministries were highlighted, including VBS, Seminary Support, Memorial Day, and Yahweh Yarners. The Bell Choir director, Choir director and Sunday School Coordinator were recognized for their service. The 2019 Budget was accepted.

Copies of the Annual Report are available on the table in the narthex. If you haven't had a chance yet, please take a look at all of it, but especially the ministry reports. They give a great snapshot of who we are and what we do here at Bethany!

## Two Important Meetings

There are two upcoming important meetings: one for ALL USHERS on Sunday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM; and one for ALL ALTAR GUILD members on Sunday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM. Whether you're relatively new or have been volunteering for years, please plan to come to go over clarification of duties and some changes.

## Senior Social

### *February Senior Social*

*Hearts and Presidents!!!*

*Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.*

*Noon - Litzer Hall*

*All are welcome!*

*Sign up in Narthex!*



*January Senior Social*

## From the Food Bank

The "urgent need" for February is peanut butter. We are always desperately short. Our kids need it; our seniors and homeless crave it for the protein. Put in the food bank basket in the narthex. Thank you!

**Food Bank Winter Campaign** – This is our last month of collecting winter hats, scarves, and gloves for our clients. Knit, crochet or buy. Please put in the food bank basket. Thank you all for your support of this campaign!

## Calendar of Monthly Events

### **Bethany Connect Packing**

Sun. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30, Rm 8-9

### **Worship & Music Meeting**

Mon. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM, Office

### **Property Meeting**

Tues. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00, Litzer Hall

### **Bethany Quilters**

Thurs. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, Litzer Hall

### **Finance/Budget Meeting**

Mon. Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM, Office

### **Council Meeting**

Tues. Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, Litzer Hall

### **Youth Group**

Wed. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM, Litzer Hall

### **Yahweh Yarners**

Sun. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 AM, Library

### **Usher Meeting**

Sun. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 AM, Sanctuary

### **President's Day**

Mon. Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, OFFICE CLOSED

### **Senior Social**

Thurs. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:00 PM, Litzer Hall

### **Altar Guild Meeting**

Sun. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 AM, Sanctuary



*Bible Study Ladies having "High Tea" in Sumner*

## Cemetery Project

On November 11, 2018, Dane Tolson headed up an Eagle Scout program to begin photographing and cleaning headstones. Volunteers met at 9:30 AM and over the course of the whole project there were around 44 people that showed up to help. People were separated into groups and they were all assigned different sections to work on. They moved through the cemetery in these groups until they had made it through the entire cemetery by around 1:30 PM. The weather was great, the turnout was great, everyone was respectful, and seemed to enjoy doing this work. Later, the images of all the headstones were uploaded to the BillionGraves website where they were all transcribed within a couple days. On the website the images are searchable, viewable, and Geo-tagged so they can be found if someone wants to visit their ancestor(s). If you wish to look at the images you can search for BillionGraves and within the website search for the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery or use one of these links:

<https://billiongraves.com/cemetery/Bethany-Lutheran-Cemetery/159373/volunteer>

or

<https://billiongraves.com/cemetery/Bethany-Lutheran-Cemetery/159373>.



*Cemetery clean-up volunteers*



*Edison's Baptism*



*Bethany Connect Ladies*



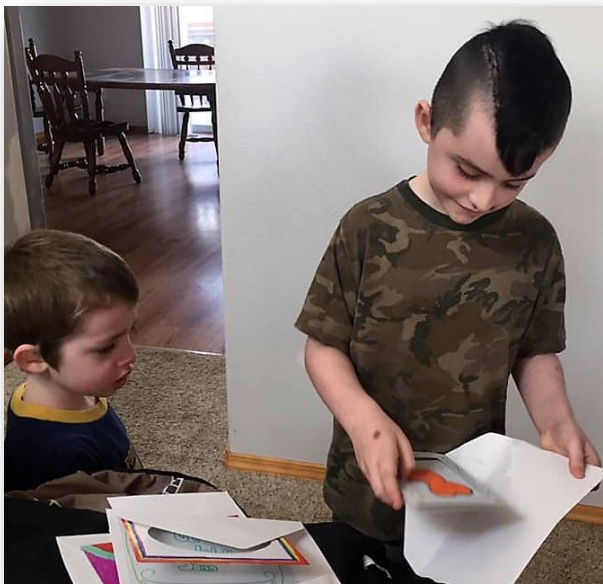
*Festival of the Nativity*

## Giving Statements

Please look for your 2019 giving statement in your email. For those that don't have email, statements were mailed on Tuesday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. Please note that there were a couple of emails with errors that bounced back and, in the interest of time, were mailed instead. If you have not received your statement yet, please let our financial secretary Wendy Smitherman know.

## From the Finance Committee

There is still work to do translating the annual budget amounts into individual monthly amounts, so there are no numbers to report for the month of January yet. The full financial report will be available on the Finance Board on the table in the narthex after the council meeting on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.



*Elijah opening his cards from the Sunday School kids*

## We Pray For ...

- Elijah Green – recovering from brain surgery
- The Vert family – mourning for Steve's brother, Bob
- Katie Wills, Betty Greenop, Margaret Stringer – health concerns
- Sandy's mom, Helen Cooper
- Debbie Roper – recovering from surgical procedure; thanksgiving for good news on outcome!

## Council Members April 2018-April 2019

**Nori Cash**  
(President)

**Nancy Woodward**  
(Vice-President)

**Wendy Smitherman**  
(Secretary)

**Paulette Van Cleve**  
(Treasurer)

**Lisa Olson**

**Deb Noble-Perry**

**Frank Putnam**

**Pastor Janeen Smith**

## February Poem ~ Jill Kerton

February can be found  
As the month full of love  
Having fullness of heart  
With blessings from above

You've given us freely, abundantly,  
Forgiveness without any cost,  
Especially to those who are sad  
Or those who are forever lost.

As we are helped and healed  
Please let us do the same  
With help from the Holy Spirit  
Through your Son's Holy name.

Please during this new season of Lent  
Help us to keep others in prayer  
By keeping this lovely world of ours  
Healthy, happy and safe from despair.