

# Bethlehem Star June 2019



From the Pastor's Desk:

The summer season will soon be upon us, a time when many schedules may be adjusted for a "summer break". Thinking back on summers, as a student, I always looked forward to summer break. A break from the regular schedule of attending classes and doing homework, a time to play outside and hang out with friends, a time to go on vacation...sure, there were summer jobs and work to be done but there was also this sense of being a bit more carefree, staying up later, and enjoying the longer days of summer.

What is it that you enjoy about summer? I invite you to consider how your faith in Jesus can impact that which you enjoy about summer. For example, if you love the longer sunnier days of summer, you can think of the light that Christ brings to the world. Or if you enjoy spending more time with family and friends while on vacation, you can think of the many stories where Jesus interacted with those he called his family and friends. Our faith in Jesus can certainly impact our lives and experiences in every season but maybe in this summer season, as there may be some "breaks" in these weeks, you can focus and connect a bit more intentionally on the faith you share with your summer interests. I'd be interested in hearing some of your connection points.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Jennifer Schultz

- Pentecost Sunday is June 9th, one of the high festival days of the Christian Church, a day where we remember and celebrate the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples. We invite you to wear **RED** to worship this day.
- Additional Readers for Pentecost Sunday, June 9th: Can you read and speak a foreign language? Will you be available for worship on June 9th? If you answered, "Yes, Si, Ja, Da, Joo len, Oui, etc." to both of these questions and are willing to participate in worship on June 9th, please talk with Pastor Jennifer asap and she will fill in the details.

## **Pacifica Synod Assembly Report May 10-11, 2019**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pacifica Synod Assembly was once again held on the campus of Hope Lutheran Church in Palm Desert. The expansive church campus and warm hospitality of the members of Hope Lutheran provided the perfect location for our synod to gather. We are extremely grateful for the hard work of Hope's pastors, staff and congregation prior to, during and following the assembly.

Prior to the opening of the assembly on Friday, a pre-assembly wine and cheese reception was held on Thursday evening, allowing assembly participants to check-in early, visit displays and enjoy being in fellowship with one another.

Our theme of "O Lord, Open My Ears: Listening to God While Listening to Each Other" shaped our time together through speakers, table conversations, theme videos, ministry partners and opportunities for assembly participants to respond and ask questions of presenters in new ways. We were provided with tools to assist with active listening skills and having "holy" conversations.

The ELCA's Churchwide Representative for this assembly was Ms. Kathryn Johnson, ELCA Director for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations. Keynote addresses were shared by Dr. Brian J. Collins, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks and Dr. John Arthur Nunes, President of Concordia College New York in Bronxville. Something new this year was an interview/response time after each speaker's presentation led by Synod Council Vice-President, Ms. Lori Herman.

Music and song were shared to gather us all together as well as Bible study. Business of the assembly was conducted throughlections, resolutions, budget approval and conference meetings. Reports were shared, grant recipients celebrated and ministries lifted up. We ended our time together on Friday with a contemplative and inspiring Taizé service.

Some of you may remember Jonathon Doolittle, a former pastoral intern here at Bethlehem. Pastor Doolittle was recognized for his 25 years of ministry since his ordination.



Link to the Pacifica Synod report:

<http://www.pacificasynod.org/news-events/32nd-annual-pacifica-synod-assembly-2019/>

Report respectfully submitted by Jeanne & David Sandvig,  
Voting members representing Bethlehem Lutheran Church.



## Lutheran Social Services-Long Beach Community Care Center Monthly Report

Dear Bethlehem Family and Friends,

As we continue in this year, our monthly request in June 2019 for food donations will be for **CEREALS and Can fruit or Cups of fruit**. All other food donations of your choice will be appreciated. Let's fill Pastor's Pantry!

Summer is near, still need warm sweat shirts, jackets and socks and they can be gently used. **Special request** has been accepted for **Can Openers**, simple hand held type (\$1.00 at 99cent store).

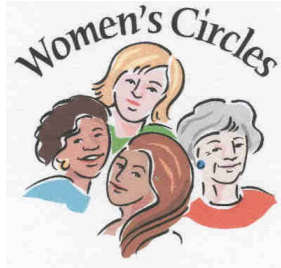
LSS is so happy to welcome us and receive the food items and warm clothing we bring. Thanks again for helping to keep our Lutheran Social Service cupboard (Pastor's Pantry in Narthex) full. Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Long Beach and the people and families served daily in their Ministry again appreciate your kindness, care and compassion.

Andrea and crew  
Social Ministry Committee





June 2019



**FAITH Circle:** Tuesday, June 4, 2019 **Lunch Out.** For questions and details, call Faith Circle leader, Andrea Campbell

**PHOEBE Circle:** Tuesday, June 18 (note date change), 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Paul's Place on Los Alamitos Blvd. **for dinner.** Christina Watson will lead the Bible Study. Afterwards we will go to tour Precious Life's Day Care facility.

For questions and details, call Jeanne Sandvig



**Sunday Morning**

**Coffee & Cookies**

Thank you to Faith Circle for providing coffee for the month of May. Men In Mission are responsible for the month of June.

Check out Pacifica Partners on line

[www.pacificawomen.org](http://www.pacificawomen.org)

click on news & events

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Women of the ELCA On Facebook

Thanks to all who attended May Ladies' Day "Dia de Musica." Special thanks to Dianna Reynolds for her leadership in planning our menu and preparing our main course, to Merle Hower for our delightful dessert offerings, to Debby Gustafson for her artful touches for our tables, and to the Boys and Girls Club of Cypress for our paper flower creations for the table decorations. Our WELCA Board did the room setup (thanks also to Bruce Gustafson for helping move tables), Sarah Sandvig Studios provided our talented singers. Erika Gary arranged for our PA system. Pastor Terry Tuvey-Allen, our speaker, touched on ideas to be more proactive to decrease human trafficking and improve social justice.



**June 2 WELCA Board Meeting 11:15 a.m.**

**July 21 Women's Service 10:00 a.m. Please see Vanessa to sign up!**

**July 28 WELCA Board Meeting 11:15 a.m.**

**August 6, Tuesday, All Women of Bethlehem Barbeque at the home of Melissa & Erik Sandvig at 6:00 p.m.**



W.E.L.C.A.'s 2019 Summer Community Outreach Project

Recipient: Precious Life-Los Alamitos-Day care center

We are collecting: **Sunscreen** (spray on),

**Toddler Building Blocks and Jumbo crayons/pencils**

Please bring your donations to the church by June 9th.

The donations will be delivered to Precious Life – Day Care Center on Tuesday Jun 11th Thank you, Christina Watson, W.E.L.C.A., Treasurer



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Friday August 2nd One day VBS 10-4pm

Church wide Bar-B-Q at 5pm.

More details to follow.



**MEN-IN-MISSION MEETING:** The next Bethlehem Men-In-Mission meeting will be on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, at 9:00 A.M in the Fireside Room. We will continue with our study of the **Book of Revelation from the Master Builders Bible for Men**. The reading for this week will be Chapters 11:19 through 14:20 with discussion on verses 11:19 through 13:1a / **Scene 4 The Enemy**.

## Parish Life - Spring & Summer Activities

### HOLLYWOOD BOWL:

- June 15th-Opening Night at the Bowl; with John Legend.
- June 29th-Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix in concert.
- June 30th-ABBA: The Concert
- July 2-3-4th of July Fireworks Spectacular with Nile Rodgers & Chic.
- July 5th-Leon Bridges Rhye
- July 13th-Cyndi Lauper with orchestra
- July 20th-Hugh Jackman The Man, The Music, The Show
- July 26-27 Into The Woods.
- August 3rd-The Gipsy Kings featuring Nicolas Reyes & Tonino Balliardo Las Cafeteras
- August 10th-Tchaikovsky Spectacular with Fireworks
- August 17th-Jurassic Park in Concert
- August 24th-Pink Martini with Orchestra
- August 31st-Maestro of the Movies- John Williams
- September 7th-Barry Manilow with Orchestra
- September 21st-Sing-A-Long- Sound of Music



If you are interested in going to see the Angels with our group from Bethlehem please sign up for the date(s) of your choice when we:

**See you on the patio!**



Anniversaries &  
Birthdays

Fritz & Shirley Campbell	6/2/1986	Bob & Andrea Campbell	6/3/1972
Ken & Christina Watson	6/7/1975	Brad & Vanessa Stevenson	6/16/1990
Kevin & Nancy Godfrey	6/19/1976	Darren & Sarah Sandvig	6/19/2004
Paul & Lulu Meyer	6/21/1958	Bill & Joyce Ritz	6/23/1956
6/3 Marsha Egbert	6/3 Margie Reynolds	6/9 Irene Cooper	
6/9 Rae Kinney	6/9 Brody Sandvig	6/11 Jennifer Schultz	
6/12 Laura Clausen	6/12 David Retrum	6/13 Jared Gustafson	
6/19 Paul Scott	6/26 Julie Joplin	6/28 Genevieve Jenkins	
6/29 Gladyce Ackerman	6/29 Jeff Cooper		



In Our  
Hearts &  
Prayers

Gladyce Ackerman  
 Julie Anderson  
 Elaine Asbury  
 Amy Bachman  
 Kevin Betts  
 Colleen Bidwell  
 Art Brandon  
 Jim Brandon  
 Kate & Steve  
 John Buezis  
 Luella Buezis  
 Shirley Campbell  
 Caren Cantafio  
 Laurie Carpenter  
 Leticia Chamberlain  
 Linnea Clayton  
 Irene Cooper  
 Maxine Cornwell  
 William Dampf  
 Sara DeWeese  
 Keresev Dillon  
 Jim Dooley

Joan Ebersold  
 Judy Frazier  
 Frank Gary  
 Katrina Gary  
 Bruce Gustafson  
 Janet Harris  
 Joe Harris  
 Diana Hayden  
 Gaylord Hollister  
 Violet Imoto Family  
 Genevieve Jenkins  
 Betty Jones  
 Dean Kinzel  
 Julie Kizziar  
 Joan Lee  
 Karol Lemerond  
 William Lewis  
 Erin Lopez  
 Patricia Lueckert  
 John Maio  
 Lawrence Massey  
 Jessica McIntire  
 Hal Miller  
 Pete Miller  
 Sandy Miller  
 Ethan Mohr  
 Bill N.

Linda Nygard  
 Dan Opoien  
 Coler Pearce  
 Retta Rasmussen  
 Dale Retrum  
 Sndy Retrum  
 Bill Ritz  
 Elaine Schulthies  
 Steve Schultz  
 Karen Smith  
 Leslie Summers  
 Ed Sutton  
 James Taylor  
 Ann Tegtmeier  
 Steve Tegtmeier  
 Mary "Betty" Vennes  
 Tom Watkins  
 Jerry Whitmore  
 Nancy Williamson  
 Mitsuko Yamamoto  
 Margaret Ziegler





## Thanks to These People for Serving in June

	Reader	Cantor	Ushers	Counters
6/2	Jim Martin	John Buezis	Christina Watson	Andrea Campbell Bob Campbell Lois DeForest
6/9	Alice Roop	John Buezis	Dave Scott  Linda Scott	Lulu Meyer  Paul Meyer
6/16	Brad Stevenson	John Buezis	Johanne Hansen Dianna Reynolds Vanessa Stevenson Christina Watson	Caryl Harris  Joyce Payne
6/23	Liz Nehrenberg	John Buezis	Jim Martin  Susan Martin	Dick Hansen  Alice Roop
6/30	Lana Dieter	John Buezis	John Hunt  Jamice Hunt	Marjorie Moeller  Doris Morrissey



### Altar Guild

6/2  
6/9 Alice Roop  
6/16 Lana Dieter  
6/23 Debby Gustafson  
6/30



### Altar Flowers

6/2 Payne, Watson  
6/9 Clausen, Gustafson  
6/16 Meyer, Stevenson  
6/23  
6/30 Scott