

# Bethany Lutheran Church

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“Called to Be Disciples”

## October Newsletter 2017



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### Worship with Communion

(Beginning Oct. 8, 2017)

Sundays, 10:15 AM

(Beginning Oct. 18, 2017)

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM

### Morning Prayer

(Beginning Oct. 17, 2017)

Tuesdays, 9:30 AM

### Sunday School

Sundays, 9:00 AM

### Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Bethany Lutheran Church

## Highlight on Worship ~ from Pastor Janeen

Thanks to all who completed worship surveys, spoke to or emailed me, or participated in last Sunday's conversation about worship time needs for ourselves and for those who have yet to come join us.

**On Sunday, October 8, our worship time will move to 10:15 AM, preceded by Sunday school for children and adults at 9:00 AM.** Our teachers and families with children are excited to be able to attend both worship and Sunday school each week! This change accommodates the needs of about 2/3 of our current worshippers. For the rest of us, an 8 AM worship time would be a welcome addition to the schedule. While the decision is not yet made when such an addition will occur, we are quite close to that decision and will inform you promptly.

**On Tuesday, October 17, at 9:30 AM, a sung morning prayer service will be started.** *In the Morning I Will Sing*, written by Marty Haugen, will be offered weekly one half hour before Lord and Ladies Bible Study. It is open to all! You are invited to come, as your schedule allows, and help us learn this beautiful setting.

**On Wednesday, October 18, at 11:00 AM, a weekly mid-day Eucharist service will be started.** This will be a spoken service with an emphasis on prayer for healing for ourselves and others. This service will be an extension of our prayer chain and Sunday intercessory prayers.

*"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."*  
MARK 11:24-25

If you are one interested in seeing us offer other worship times and/or days, be assured that this is only the beginning of the conversation. I am always ready to hear your ideas and dreams for the future of Bethany Lutheran Church.

# Bethany Kids & More

## Youth Group News

### Upcoming Youth Events

- Friday, October 20th  
Fall Outing to Lattin's Cider Mill
- Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM  
Youth Group Meets
- Sunday, October 29th  
Fall Bake Sale
- Sunday, December 3rd  
Annual Scandinavian Bazaar

Watch for more details in the Announcements!



*Celebrating Holy Cross/Installation*

## Senior Friends Program

Are you a senior? Do you ever feel socially isolated because of your increasing age and decreasing mobility? Are you a little (or a lot) lonely? Bethany Lutheran Church cares about you! There is a new program from Lutheran Community Services Northwest called Senior Friends, which can help you stay connected with people. If you'd like more information, please talk with Pastor Janeen, who will contact LCSNW on your behalf, or you can contact them yourself at (253) 272-8433.

## Kids' Korner

Sunday School is up and running! Beginning on Sunday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School will be starting at 9:00 AM with its own dedicated time before the worship service, which will start at 10:15 AM. This will make it possible for teachers as well as the students to regularly attend worship each week.

The children's "WORSHIP TIME" program is scheduled for Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. This is your chance to see what the kids have been learning in Sunday School. Watch for more details after the first of the year.



*Worship with Elsie*



*Welcome Pastor Janeen!*

## A Special Thank You

Losing my husband has been very difficult, your love and support have been so very important. You are very special and I thank you for your kindness. ~ Kathy Mettler

# Holy Happenings

## Senior Social

The October Senior Social is October 19<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be served around noon. As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the theme for our luncheon will focus on Martin Luther and his life and his belief that all should hear the word of God. A special guest or guests may bless us in October! All are welcome! Come, and join in the fellowship.



*Sept. Senior Social Fun*

## Blessing Bag Project

Update on The Blessing Bag project: Last fall the church's generous donations enabled the Blessing Bag Project to make and distribute 100 bags in our community. There were many positive reactions from our congregation and those who received these bags of blessings. Part of reviewing the outcome of the project was to look at what time of year would be best for collecting for the bags. With many activities in the months of October, November and December, it was decided to use the month of January as the time to once again collect Blessing Bag items and distribute in our community. Be looking in the newsletter as January approaches for the kickoff of the Blessing Bag Project and items needed to once again fill 100 Blessing Bags.

**Deuteronomy 15:7** "... you shall open your hand to those in need and give him sufficient for his need..."

## Upcoming Events

### Property Meeting

Tues. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 PM, Office

### Men's Breakfast

Sat. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM, Hangar Inn

### Columbus Day, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, OFFICE CLOSED

### Council Meeting

Tues. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, Litzer Hall

### Bethany Quilters

Wed. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, Litzer Hall

### Youth Group

Wed. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM, Litzer Hall

### Stewardship Kickoff

Sun. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>

### Bethany Connect Packing

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

### Yahweh Yarners

Sun. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM, Library

### Weekly Morning Prayer Service Begins

Tues. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM, Sanctuary

### Weekly Mid-Day Eucharist Service Begins

Wed. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

### Senior Social

Thurs. Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM, Litzer Hall

### Fall Bake Sale

Sun. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Narthex

## Financial Peace

What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing, and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. If you're interested in learning more about the class, message me! Klbirdseye1@gmail.com, because we're offering it at Bethany just for you starting in January!

# Bits & Pieces

## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a Christian ministry that reaches the poorest of the poor children around the world in 104 countries. They receive a shoebox filled with surprises of school supplies, hygiene supplies, and toys. For most, it is the first gift of their lives. They also receive a book about Jesus and a 12-week discipleship course for the family. Each box profoundly affects the child and family in amazing ways. Be a part of this miracle ministry and change lives. Choose a plastic or cardboard shoebox, gender, and age group and fill. Put a check (made payable to Samaritan's Purse) or cash inside for \$9.00 for shipping. Wrap if you wish, but be sure to wrap cover separately. Label the top "boy" or "girl" and the age group. Pray for the child and the volunteers. Place on the table in the narthex by Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. All the rest of the information you need will be on the table in the narthex, or you can contact Cathy Keyes at 253-847-5469. Please make several. Thank you so much! ~ Cathy

## Stewardship Drive

Our Stewardship Drive will kick off on Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> and conclude on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is "Well done, good and faithful servant." **If you would like weekly offering envelopes, please contact the office.** Watch the bulletin for more information.

## Prayer Shawls

Do you know someone who needs comfort? Consider giving him or her a prayer shawl. The Yahweh Yarners work hard to keep a pile of prayer shawls for you to give. They are kept in the first preschool classroom in the hallway by the upper kitchen. Many are appropriate for men or women, and can also be used as lap blankets. Just choose one, fill out the card in the bag that the shawl is in, and use the sign out sheet on the clipboard to keep track of how many are given.



## Council Members 2017

**Jim Haifley**  
(President)

**Deb Noble-Perry**  
(Vice-President)

**Nori Cash**  
(Secretary)

**Jim Erickson**  
(Treasurer)

**Adaline Pettit**  
(Youth Representative)

**Frank Putnam**

**Deacon Janeen Smith**

**Paulette Van Cleve**

**Sally Williams**

**Nancy Woodward**

## A Poem ~ by Jill Kerton

Last night I was not feeling well  
As tears ran down my face  
All the while words were enjoying  
Their own wild and fantastic race.

I know that you've given us a challenge  
To use our blessings and talents well  
While bringing harmony and compassion  
But it doesn't always go so swell.

I know that we shouldn't judge others  
By the way they look, act, or live,  
Instead we should be sowing seeds  
Of love, like your son, and forgive.

Help us to change our bad feelings  
So we can help ourselves and others  
For we should always be found instead  
A special family of sisters and brothers.