

Bethany Lutheran Church

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"... gathered in Christ ..."



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July Newsletter 2019

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July Worship

Sundays

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Mutual Ministry

If you take a look at the bulletin boards in the hallway by the office, you'll see some changes! One of the bulletin boards highlights the Mutual Ministry Committee. This is one of only five committees that our ELCA Model Constitution requires the church to establish. It's that important! So just what is Mutual Ministry? In broad terms, it's how the congregation and the pastor mutually carry out the mission of the Christian church and build up the body of Christ by using their individual and collective gifts and callings. The role of the Mutual Ministry Committee is to help facilitate that mutual work here at Bethany. The current Mutual Ministry team members are Elaine Earl, Lois Erickson, Kim Nelson, Garry Olson, and Janeen Smith. Together they are studying the Congregational Leader series book, "PASTOR AND PEOPLE, Making Mutual Ministry Work."

Food Bank Focus

The "urgent need" for July is toiletries. Though we focus on food, our clients are absolutely delighted and blessed to receive vital and essential personal products. Examples would be shampoo, deodorant, razors, sanitary supplies, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and soap. Thank you!

We Pray For ...

- Beulah Parsons – home on hospice
- John Fife – recovering from surgery
- Lisa Olson – tests & preparing for heart surgery
- Leanne Wells – vascular parkinsonism
- Gail Egbers – cataract surgery July 1st
- Safe travels Adaline Pettit in Europe
- David Bacher – thanksgiving for a safe mission trip to Peru
- Obe Estby – continuing health concerns
- John Berghammer – battling eye cancer
- Marc Olson – ongoing treatment of ALS

Holy Happenings

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Senior Social

A Big Thank You! We would like to thank all who brought food for the June BBQ. It was truly a feast! Also, thank you to those who brought items to fill the Food Bank Shopping Cart. See you in September!

The Lunch Ladies



July BBQ Senior Social



Quilt Sunday

Calendar of Monthly Events

Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Mon. July 1st, 6:30 PM, Office

Independence Day

Thurs. July 4th, OFFICE CLOSED

VBS Commissioning

Sun. July 7th, during both worship services

Evelyn Wood Baptism

Sun. July 7th, during 10:30 AM Worship

Vacation Bible School

Mon. – Fri. July 8-12th, 8:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Endowment Committee Meeting

Tues. July 9th, 6:30 PM, Rm. 8-9

Council Meeting

Tues. July 9th, 7:00 PM, Litzer Hall

Yahweh Yarners

Sun. July 21st, 9:15 AM, Library

Tammy, Haven & Madison Haifley Baptism

Sun. July 21st, during 10:30 AM Worship

Mission Trip Commissioning

Sun. July 28th, during both worship services



Ready to ROAR!

Southwest WA Synod Assembly Update ~ Lisa Olson

The Southwest Washington Synod Assembly was held in Vancouver, WA, on June 8-9th. The theme for the weekend was from Isaiah 43:19, "See, I am doing a new thing!"

- I) Voting was quick for the bishop position. Pastor Rick Jaech was re-elected Bishop by an overwhelming majority of voting members. One of the questions Bishop Jaech was asked on his nomination form was "What do you see as the principal challenge to this synod in the next six (6) years, and how would you address it?"

His answer was, "Just as Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and follow him into Galilee and the world, so today the risen Christ is calling us to go out and explore new ways to do ministry with our neighbors. Fifty years ago, the vast majority of families in the US went to church each Sunday and congregations grew simply by opening their doors and welcoming people in. That is no longer the case. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is now stirring us up to go out through those doors and discover new ways in which Christ is at work in the world.... With the Holy Spirit's help, we are strengthening our congregations and equipping our leaders for ministry. In this way, Christ leads us into a new future."

- II) The following Resolutions and Memorials were voted on:
1. Resolution for Paid Parental and Family Leave/Care of Family Due to Illness
 2. Memorial on Paid Parental and Family Medical Leave
 3. Gun Safety Resolution
 4. Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery (Be it resolved, that we the people of the 2019 Southwestern Washington Synod explicitly and clearly repudiate the European-derived "Doctrine of Discovery," in solidarity with the action of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 2016.)
 5. Resolution to Amend Model Constitution (to permit Associate Members to actively participate in congregational governance currently prohibited in Chapter 8.02(d) and Chapters 11, 12)

III) Presentations

1. Where your offering is going/what it is supporting:
 - a. Mission Support to two new synod programs:
 - i. IMAGINE program helps congregations discover their gifts and then go out to meet and engage with their neighbors.
 - ii. Our PSALM program supports lay ministers in faith formation and developing skills for ministry
2. Other presentations.
 - a. Examples of merged congregations, including Saron Lutheran and First Presbyterian Church that expanded their ministries
 - b. Living Stones Prison Ministries
 - c. Parish Nurse Association
 - d. Dance ministry in Tacoma

Financial Update

	May	
	Anticipated	Actual
Beginning Balance		\$9,416.07
Receipts	\$17,518.00	\$20,950.61
Disbursements	(\$17,634.00)	(\$20,183.61)
Ending Balance		\$10,183.07
	June	
	Anticipated	Actual
Beginning Balance		\$10,183.07
Receipts	\$17,516.00	\$17,141.00
Disbursements	(\$18,258.00)	(\$17,020.62)
Ending Balance		\$10,303.45

PSALM Ministry

PSALM (Program for Strengthening Active Lay Ministry) is beginning its second year with the current class of 17 participants and 12 mentor pastors. The Synod is now looking at starting a second group to join them this fall prior to the October 11-12 PSALM Retreat at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Olympia.

The PSALM Ministry is a two-year course of study that includes 2 retreats per year, as well as congregational projects that seek to broaden and deepen skills for active lay members in service to both their home congregation and to their community. New participants will join with the current group in the (4) retreats scheduled, but will begin their course of study in the regular order of Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Lutheran Confessions using DVDs and textbooks.

After completion of the program, some participants may then be asked by the Bishop to take on the role of a SAM (Synodically Authorized Lay Minister) if a challenged congregation needs leadership.

Applications are available in the church office. Please contact the Synod Office 253-535-8300, or the Bishop's Associate with any questions.

Council Members April 2019-March 2020

Nori Cash
President

Nancy Woodward
Vice-President

Wendy Smitherman
Secretary

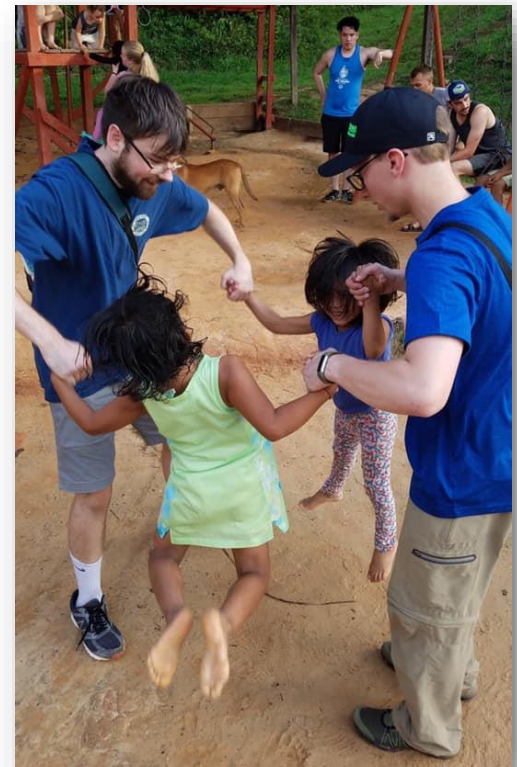
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Cathy Keyes

Lisa Olson

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Pastor Janeen Smith



David Bacher in Peru