

Coming Events

SUN	AUG 25	<u>11th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Confirmation 10:30 Worship 11:45 Church Picnic
MON	AUG 26	7:00 Choir Practice
SUN	SEPT 1	<u>12th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship
MON	SEPT 2	Labor Day – OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 NO CHOIR
TUES	SEPT 3	11:00 Property Meeting
SUN	SEPT 8	<u>13th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship 11:45 God's Work, Our Hands Project

BETHANY ANNOUNCEMENTS 8-18-19

Faith Formation Meeting – There will be a planning meeting for all involved in Faith Formation, including Sunday School, Youth, and Confirmation, today, Sunday, August 18th at 9:15 in the Adult Bible Study room in Litzer Hall.

Elbe Service – This month's service at the Little White Church in Elbe is today, Sunday, Aug. 18th at 2:30 PM, followed by fellowship in the Pfarrhaus. The guest pastor will be Pastor Mark Woldseth (retired).

Leaders/Ministry Chairs/Organizers – As summer winds down, we're working on the calendar for the rest of the year. Please let the office know start dates for bible studies, rehearsals, Sunday School, and other ministries, as well as requested dates for special events. There are many exciting things happening and we want to keep everyone informed!

Ideas for School Supplies – We are still collecting school supplies to help Bethel and Eatonville kids start school with the things they need. You can give to one or both groups of kids. The donation boxes are in the narthex. Some ideas are: paper (college and wide-ruled), #2 pencils, colored pencils, pens, crayons, glue sticks, pink erasers, highlighters, rulers, tissue, and hand sanitize, as well as earbuds and backpacks. Please have donations here by Aug. 22nd.so they can be distributed before school starts.

God's Work, Our Hands – Bethany will be participating in God's Work, Our Hands on **Sunday, Sept. 8th after second service**. T-shirts with our church name will be available to wear and return, or to buy for \$10. Stay tuned for more information about what project we will be working on.

Picnic Sign-Up – There is still time to sign up to bring food for the annual church picnic, next Sunday, August 25th at 11:45. (**Worship will be at the regular times: 8:00 & 10:30.**) The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and condiments.

Food Bank Focus – The "urgent need" for August is protein products. Examples are: canned tuna, chicken; meat ravioli; spam; cheese crackers; jerky sticks; nuts; protein bars. Congratulations BLC on the June food bank focus! Almost every client in June received some TP!

Face Painters – We are looking for a crafty and/or artistic person who would like to do face painting at the picnic! It doesn't have to be fancy, just fun. Please see Lisa Blank if you can help.

From the Bishop – As you may have heard or read, the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA voted to declare the ELCA to be a "sanctuary denomination". This action was part of a larger resolution that reaffirmed the long-standing commitment of the Lutheran Church to welcoming and caring for immigrants and migrants. The following is an excerpt from a letter sent out to the Southwestern WA Synod congregations from Bishop Jaech.

"Providing sanctuary has many different meanings. I am sure that within our Southwestern Washington Synod, we will have many different reactions to the topic of sanctuary, depending on what definition we give it ... Right now, our immigration system is broken, chaotic and in need of repair. While we may have many different ideas about how to fix this broken system, we are also called to love our neighbors, particularly those who are most vulnerable to the brokenness of this system, especially families and unaccompanied youth ... The Churchwide Assembly's declaration that the ELCA is a sanctuary denomination binds only the ELCA Churchwide Organization; it does not bind or obligate congregations, synods, or other organizations to be a sanctuary place ... However, this action gives us the opportunity to dialogue with each other about how our congregations and church body can help the United States fulfill God's desire for justice for all, including citizens, immigrants and refugees."

All are urged to read the complete letter which was emailed with the bulletin announcements. There are also copies on the table in the narthex.