

Bethany Lutheran Church

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“Nourished in the Word”

October Newsletter 2018



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Fall Schedule

Sundays

8:00 AM Worship

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Facebook Group

Bethany Lutheran Church

Annual Stewardship Drive – Oct. 14 - 28

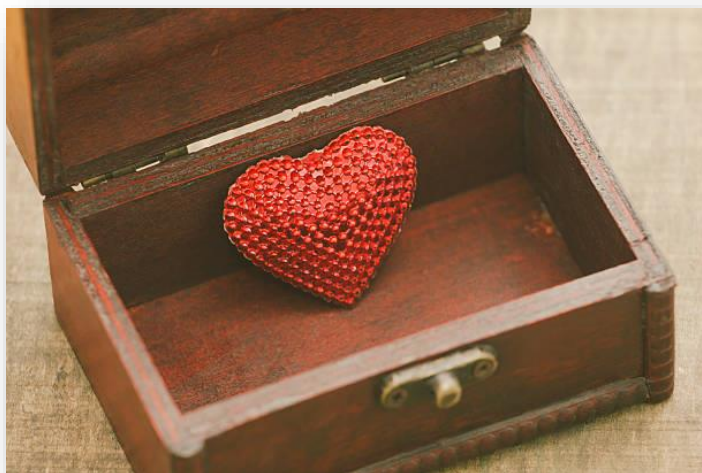
...where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Beginning on Sunday, October 14th, we will be invited to explore our personal/communal stewardship practices. We will hear from three of our members as we seek to answer the often asked questions of 1) why should we make estimates of giving (sometimes known as pledges), 2) why should our giving be first, before other things we consider essential and what tools are available to help us keep our giving first, and 3) why should we increase, or grow, in our giving?

Each member will also receive a letter from the pastor and a form to complete and return on October 28 indicating: an estimate of giving for 2019; whether or not you desire giving envelopes; and an invitation to participate in *Simply Giving*.

¹⁹ (Jesus said,) "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:19-21



Holy Happenings

Senior Social

This month's Senior Social is Thursday, Oct. 18th at noon in Litzer Hall. Come and join the October Fest Fun. All are welcome! Watch for the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Youth Group

- Mark your calendar now! The Youth Group is hosting their Annual Scandinavian Bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 2nd. Vendors are needed! Please contact Sarah Simon for more information.
- Thank you to Elaine Earl who provided dinner for the first Youth Group meeting of the school year. If you'd be interested in providing dinner for Youth Group, please contact Sarah Simon or let the office know.

Operation Christmas Child

Yes, it's that time again! We fill shoeboxes with prizes and send them to the poorest children in over 100 countries (including the US). As a mission, Operation Christmas Child hits a home run. It feeds their bodies with the hygiene supplies we send; it feeds their hearts with the toys and school supplies (as with hygiene, most likely their first ever); and it feeds their souls with their exposure to Jesus. There are millions of poor children around the world. This mission focuses on the poorest of the poor.

Your first step is to decide what shoeboxes to use: plastic ones like the ones sold in the dollar store; cardboard boxes (any size); or the professional ones made by "Samaritan's Purse" already decorated and sold for about \$3.00 at Hobby Lobby. There will also be shoeboxes available in the old preschool/storage room in the hallway by the upper kitchen. Take whatever you need for Operation Christmas Child. Finished boxes can be left in the office or at the Operation Christmas Child table in the narthex through Sunday, Nov. 11th.

Upcoming Events

Luncheon Bible Study Begins

Mon. Oct. 1st, 12:00 PM, Mettler's

Four Gospels, One Jesus? Begins

Wed. Oct 3rd, 12:00 PM or 7:00 PM
Litzer Hall

Columbus Day

Mon. Oct. 8th, OFFICE CLOSED

Lord & Ladies Bible Study Begins

Tues. Oct. 9th, 10:00 PM

Property Meeting

Tues. Oct. 9th, 11 AM, Library

Council Meeting

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

Youth Group

Wed. Oct. 10th & 24th, 5:30 PM, Litzer Hall

Stewardship Drive

Sun. Oct 14th – Oct. 28th

Bethany Connect Packing

Sun. Oct 14th, 11:30 AM, RM 8/9

Senior Social

Thurs. Oct. 18th, 12:00 PM, Litzer Hall

Yahweh Yarners

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

Reformation

Sunday, Oct. 28th (wear red!)

Bits & Pieces

Council Members

2018-19

Nori Cash

(President)

Nancy Woodward

(Vice-President)

Wendy Smitherman

(Secretary)

Paulette Van Cleve

(Treasurer)

Lisa Olson

Deb Noble-Perry

Frank Putnam

Pastor Janeen Smith

We Pray For ...

- Marilyn Goddard & Leanne Wells –health concerns
- Sandy Cooper – recovering from hip surgery
- Bunny Burgin – recovering from cataract surgery
- Debbie Roper – brain aneurysm diagnosis
- Shardele Thompson- ongoing laryngitis
- Skylar King – in hospital again with heart problems

Food Bank News

- The "urgent need" for October is canned meat products. Ex. Ravioli or Spaghetti O's with meat.
- It's that time again for our longstanding tradition of collecting winter hats, scarves, and mittens for our food bank clients. We need sizes for women, men, adults, and children. You may knit, crochet, or buy. Please put in the food bank basket (or give to Cathy Keyes). FYI: The clients are very grateful!

2018 Directory Corrections

Listed below are the corrections for the Church Directory. You may write them in, or there are labels on the table in the narthex if you prefer.

FORDICE, Susan
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Puyallup WA 98373
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OLSON, Garry & Lisa
(360) 832-2703 (home phone)

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SHELTON, Donald & Patricia
(no home phone)

SMITHERMAN, Jakob
1090 W Benz RD #1542 (street name)

Sue Cunningham's cellphone:
253-260-7752 (*No label)

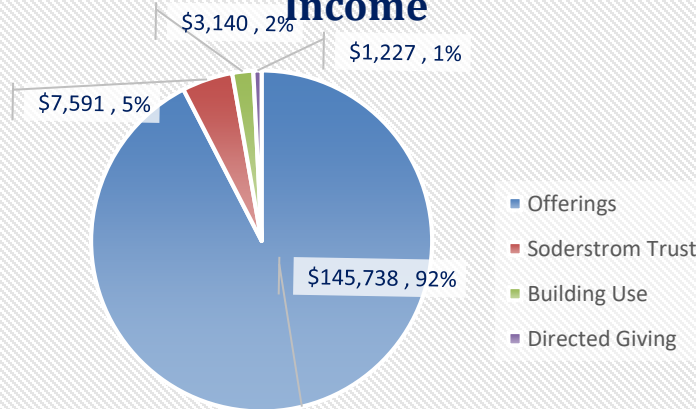


From the Garden

The garden continues to produce! Last month's harvest for the Food Bank included beans, cabbage, beets, cucumbers, green peppers, cauliflower, radishes, zucchini, and oh so many tomatoes. This month will also bring Brussels sprouts, pumpkins, and corn. Help will be needed to finish the harvesting (especially the tomatoes) and to get the garden ready for winter. Please see Walt Sandor if you can help.

Financial Update

Bethany Lutheran Church Income



Where Does the Money to Run the Church Come From?

We are able to **be the church** because of your financial gifts.

As you can see from the chart to the left, the income we have received year to date is overwhelmingly from **your** pockets. Members' donations range from \$0 to over \$6,000 per giver, year-to-date. From the least to the most, every dollar is essential to our effectiveness at being the church both for our members and for our community.

The numbers for September are better, (thank you to those who have either caught up or given extra!) but the challenge we are still facing is to overcome the previous months' deficits.

General Fund Standing

	July	
	Anticipated	Actual
Beginning Balance		(\$3,337.33)
Receipts	\$19,214.00	\$16,445.88
Disbursements	\$19,991.00	\$17,665.94
Ending Balance		(\$4,557.39)

Bethany Finance Committee

How You Can Help

- Catch up on your weekly or monthly pledge if you've fallen behind
- Increase your weekly or monthly pledge – every dollar helps!
- Consider a one-time donation

	August	
	Anticipated	Actual
Beginning Balance		(\$4,557.39)
Receipts	17,026.00	14,892.14
Disbursements	18,291.00	16,701.75
Ending Balance		(\$6,367.00)

	September	
	Anticipated	Actual
Beginning Balance		(\$6,367.00)
Receipts	17026	17746.82
Disbursements	17891	17153.98
Ending Balance		(\$5,774.16)