

Bethany Lutheran Church

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May Newsletter 2019

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May Worship

Sundays
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday School
9:15 AM

**Sunday School Jubilee
(last day of Sunday School)**
Sunday, May 19th, 9:15 AM

Office Hours
Monday – Thursday
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Annual Women's Tea

"Welcome Spring"

Saturday, May 11, 2019

12:00 PM

Tickets on sale in the narthex

Adults \$8.00

6-12 years \$5.00

5 and under free



*Please contact Janis, 253-307-3613,
if you'd like to be a Table Host*

We Pray For ...

- Candice Crosetto & Family – as they grieve the death of Jon
- Peggy Aekins – (Gary Pollock's stepsister) preparing for back surgery
- The Family of Penny Scollard – (Joni Hallgren's cousin) as they grieve
- The Family of James Wall, Jr. – (Doris Gadley's brother) as they grieve
- Frank Kerton – (Jill's husband) preparing for surgery
- All those preparing for surgery and/or other medical procedures

Senior Social



April Senior Social

The May Senior Social will be May 16th at noon in Litzer Hall. Come join the Lunch Ladies for a South of the Border lunch. All are welcome - sign up in narthex.

June 20th will be the last Senior Social until the fall. We will conclude with a Bar-B-Que. If you would like to contribute to the meal with side dishes, that would be wonderful. Burgers and brats will be provided.

As you know, the lunch is provided as a ministry of the Lunch Ladies. It is a blessing to see so many enjoy fellowship each month. A special request from the Lunch Lady Team is that Senior Social participants FILL THE FOOD BANK SHOPPING CART in June to help supplement the food bank for the summer months. Your donations will help so many others as Bethany's outreach ministry continues outside our doors! Thank you and see you in May and June.



Fixing the back porch

Calendar of Monthly Events

Bethany Connect Packing

Sun. May 5th, 11:30 AM, Rm 8-9

Property Meeting

Tues. May 7th, 11:00 AM, Litzer Hall

Rejected Prophets Bible Study Begins

Wed. May 8th, 12:00 & 7:00 PM, Litzer Hall

Youth Group

Wed. May 8th & 22nd, 5:30 PM, Litzer Hall

Bethany Quilters

Thurs. May 9th, 9:00 AM, Litzer Hall

Spring Tea

Sat. May 11th, 12:00 PM

Worship & Music Meeting

Mon. May 13th, 7:00 PM, Library

Council Meeting

Tues. May 14th, 7:00 PM, Litzer Hall

Senior Social

Thurs. May 16th, 12:00 PM, Litzer Hall

Yahweh Yarners

Sun. May 19th, 9:15 AM, Library

Sunday School Jubilee

Sun. May 19th, 9:15 AM

Prayer Pal Reveal

Sun. May 19th, 9:30 AM, Litzer Hall

Mutual Ministry Meeting

Tues. May 21st, 6:30 PM, Litzer Hall

Memorial Day

OFFICE CLOSED

Memorial Day Service

Mon. May 27th, 10:30 AM, Cemetery

Food Bank Focus

The "urgent need" for May is products for the homeless clients. This includes foods that do not need refrigeration or a can opener and that are easy to eat. We always can use more plastic flatware for them, too. Thank you for your devotion to our food bank!



Showing their work on the Jesus Timeline Map

Memorial Hand Bell Choir

It is time to refurbish the hand bells! Small repairs, maintenance, and music are normally funded with money raised at the yearly Bell Choir Concert. Scheduling conflicts prevent the concert this year and with three octaves of bells (37 total), the refurbishing comes with a substantial price tag of approximately \$2500. In order to raise the funds necessary, Wendy Smitherman has created an "Adopt a Bell" board, which you will find in the narthex. There is a picture of each bell on an envelope with the price to adopt that particular bell, ranging from \$22 to \$100. If you'd like to adopt a bell, please remove the envelope that has the amount you'd like to donate, put your donation in the envelope and either return it in the offering plate or leave it in the office. Don't see the amount you'd like to donate? Other options are to ask a friend or family member to share in the price of a bell, or you can make a donation in any amount by using the extra envelopes on the top of the board. We thank you for your generous donations! We look forward to playing for you in May, and all of next season.

Sunday School News

Sunday School will end the school year with a Jubilee on Sunday, May 19th at 9:15 AM. Come join the fun!



Jesus Life Timeline

Memorial Day Service

There will be a Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 27th at 10:30 AM in the cemetery, followed by a light lunch in Litzer Hall. Jay Cash will be the Master of Ceremonies. Please watch for a sign-up in the narthex for help with this annual event.

Mission Trip

McKenzie Ford, a student in our Bethany Connect program, is now attending Eastern Washington University and is a part of the Chi Alpha ministry there. She is fundraising for a mission trip to Thailand this summer with Chi Alpha. Her funds need to be in by June 1st. If you'd like to make a donation to her trip, you can make a check out to Bethany and we will send one check from the church.



Gearing up for VBS!

Prayer Pals - Attention, Ladies! Would you like a known or secret Prayer Pal? We will be revealing last year's pals and drawing names for new ones on Sun. May 19th at 9:30 in Litzer Hall. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Edmunds, 253-535-0414

New Bible Study to Begin

Janeen will be facilitating a new Bible study, "Rejected Prophets – Jesus and His Witnesses in Luke - Acts," by Jocelyn McWhirter. From the book cover: *The Agenda Behind Luke's Story - By the 80s of the first century, the Romans had killed Jesus, Peter, and Paul; ravaged Jerusalem; and destroyed the temple. Many Gentiles believed in Jesus, while most Jews did not. In order to show that all this was part of God's plan, Luke compares Jesus and his witnesses to Israel's prophets who also went to the nations and were rejected by some of their own people.*

The study will begin Wednesday, May 8th, with an introductory session. There will be an afternoon study at 12:00 PM (bring your lunch!) and an evening study at 7:00 PM. The other two dates in May will be May 22nd and May 29th. The remaining dates are still to be determined. Please let Janeen know if you are interested. The book is available on Amazon in both paperback and Kindle editions.

Missing Bell Plaque

There were originally three 3-dimensional bell plaques that hung on the wall outside the Library in Litzer Hall. There are only two there now. Someone may have removed the plaque in order to hang a poster/sign for an event that was taking place and neglected to return it to its rightful place. The plaque has been missing for some time; it could be more than a year.

Please be on the lookout for it. It could be in a classroom, cabinet, closet, on a piano, behind a sofa pillow, on a shelf, buried somewhere no doubt. Please look on, over, and under things, or where you'd least expect to find it. It must certainly be somewhere in the church. ~ Vivian Ogren

NO NAMES WILL BE TAKEN – IT JUST GOT LOST!

Council Members April 2019-March 2020

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