

Bethany Lutheran Church

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June 2024 Newsletter

Entering into and Rejoicing in the Ordinary

This past week we transitioned from the season of Easter, the festival of the Day of Pentecost, and the commemoration of The Holy Trinity, into what is often referred to in the church as ordinary time. Throughout this long season, we use the color green in our worship space to reflect the greening action of the Holy Spirit; that is, the power to create vitality, fecundity, lushness and growth in the lives of individuals and the church.

We humans tend to view anything described as “ordinary” as “not special”, but consider the patterns and pathways of your life, or, perhaps, a smaller sample of your life such as a year. You probably have a calendar, physical or digital, that has special days noted –the birthdays and anniversaries of families and friends – holidays that you celebrate –an upcoming vacation trip – an important interview – an exciting event you want to attend – school breaks.

We look backward and forward to those special days (and if we need help, social media keeps us looking at them). In the church those “special” days or seasons are ones like Christmas and Easter and we do give them a lot of attention. Here’s the deal, though: we live most of our lives in ordinary time. I hope that you will join us this summer, whatever your calendar looks like, to explore how growth is enabled in and through the ordinary.

As a congregation of Christ’s Church, we will head into a transition period at the end of summer, at which time I will retire and move into a new season of my life. We still have time together these next three, ordinary, months. I pray that each of us will rise each morning to acknowledge the gift of life that God has granted us for the day, ordinary or special, to give thanks for every moment of it, and to lie down in the evening in continued thankfulness and praise.

Rejoice, my friends, and be glad,

Pastor Janeen

BETHANY GARDEN

Soon, the plants donated to the garden will be planted. Some plants need temperatures to be warmer to survive and produce for the food bank.

If you have questions or would like to donate more plants, **please contact Walt and Wendy Sandor.**

Thank you to all who donated plant starts and in a monetary way.

We very much appreciate your generosity.

Inspirational Quotes

2 Timothy 1:7

“For God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power, love and self-control.”

Matthew 19:26

“With God, all things are possible.”

Fun Facts

- The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing (when using the proper position of the hands on the keyboard; hunting and pecking doesn't count!).
- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- Identical twins don't have the same fingerprints.
- Ants don't have lungs. They instead breathe through spiracles, nine or ten tiny openings, depending on the species.
- Starfish don't have bodies. Along with other echinoderms (think sea urchins and sand dollars), their entire bodies are technically classed as heads.

Spanaway Food Bank

We've been getting some great donations in our food bank basket lately! Thank you! It makes a difference. Please keep thinking about the hungry when you shop. Right now, we are out of **peanut butter**. ALL food is needed and helpful. So are **hygiene supplies** and **TP**. We are still in need of more volunteers. It takes a lot to keep it running and we serve about 300 families a month. Volunteers usually work approximately 2 ½ hours a month.

Contact Cathy Keyes @ 253-227-3478 (cell) or 253-847-5469 (home)

HOLY HAPPENINGS IN MAY



Senior Social

June Calendar

2	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost Property Committee meeting	10 AM
8	Jan & Link Lingenfelter memorial	1 PM
9	3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	10 AM
11	Adult Bible Study Council Meeting	10 AM 5 PM
16	4 th Sunday after Pentecost	10 AM
18	Adult Bible Study	10 AM
19	Juneteenth - Office is closed	
20	Senior Social	NOON
23	5 th Sunday after Pentecost	10 AM
24-28	SCUBA VBS	10:30 AM - 1:00 PM
30	6 th Sunday after Pentecost	10 AM



**Please join the lunch ladies for the
June Senior Social
Thursday, June 20th
Lunch will include BBQed
burgers & brats.**

**If you would like to bring a
side dish or dessert to share
that would be wonderful.**

See you at noon!

*The lunch ladies will be taking July &
August off! Senior Social luncheons will
resume in September.*



June Birthdays

Kristi Fandrich	4
Alan Eagle	5
Sharon Erickson	7
Tucker Nelson	7
Pat Ward	7
Karen Andrascik	14
Jennifer Scott	14
Jill Kerton	15
Vernon Hallgren	16
Shelley Marion	20
Patricia Topping	22
Linda King	26
Gary Pollock	30
Dewaine Selzler	30



Placing **the** **Flags** **and** **Crosses** for **Memorial** **Day**

Thank you to Ruth Anderson, Kerry & Louise Harris, Kim & Steve Olsen, Judy Scott, Janis & Dewaine Selzler, & Wendy Smitherman for taking time out of your day to remember those who have died for us to live free in America. God Bless You!



The Property Committee organized a day of cleaning the playground area in preparation for VBS.

A big 'thank you' goes out to:

- Nancy & Kirk Woodward
- Gary Pollock
- Tom Schoop
- Roger Klein &
- Kerry Harris



Council Members & Officers

April 2024 – March 2025

Kelli Bacher, Secretary
Gary Christensen
Stan Lind
Walt Sandor
Carol Severson, Treasurer
Janeen Smith, Pastor
Paulette Van Cleve, Vice-President
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Plastic for a Bench

We are still collecting plastic **BUT** keep your plastic at home until after VBS. We will be needing all classrooms for VBS. Please collect soft plastics which include things like **bread bags**, **bubble wrap**, **plastic grocery bags from stores**, and **clean Ziploc bags**. Contact Walt or Wendy for any questions.

RIDDLE

First is the last. Last is the first.
You are in the middle. What am I?

ANSWER TO THE RIDDLE

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Please grab a Devotional. They are available in the Narthex to enjoy reading!

2nd Annual Plant Sale

RAISED \$533.00

Thank you to all who contributed and donated to the plant sale. The money will go to making a walkway in the garden.



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