

Bethany Lutheran Church

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"Sent to Serve"



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November 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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Bethany Lutheran Church

'Tis the Season

As we approach the "Season of Giving," there are several opportunities for outreach ministry here at Bethany. Locally, we are collecting Blessing Bags that will go to the Spanaway Food Bank and toys for the Parent Shopping Days put on by the Eatonville Family Agency. On a more global scale, we are collecting boxes for Operation Christmas Child, as well as orders for ELCA Good Gifts. So, whether you like the idea of supporting a nationally known organization with an international outreach, or a smaller, local ministry with local outreach, there's something for everyone! (Look inside for more details.)

Bethany Reads

I have quite the stack of books on my nightstand pretty much all the time and, right now, many of them have to do with the gospels – you know - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. One book, especially, has caught my attention, *How God Became King: The Forgotten Story of the Gospels*.

Author N.T. Wright invites his readers to rediscover the story that has been distorted through the centuries – the story of Jesus that he argues all four gospel writers were telling. To do this he reviews how the great creeds arose as a means of establishing orthodoxy (*right belief*) in the early church, and how the missing middle – Jesus' life and mission as described in the canonical gospels– has caused distortion in modern understanding of the gospels themselves.

I recommend this book for its balanced acknowledgment of differing, and often opposing, beliefs of people of faith in many different corners of tradition. Wright is respectful, but clear, about how Christians, in good faith as they've been taught and led in the church, have a watered-down view of what the gospel writers all proclaim.

His title pretty much spoils the ending for those who only want to know the "point"; if you want to know more about what God becoming king in Jesus the Christ means, this book may be a good one for you to read.

Pastor Janeen

Senior Social

November Senior Social – Thursday, November 15th at noon in Litzer Hall. Please join the Lunch Ladies for another hearty hot meal! The theme for this month's lunch is: "The Frozen Chosen." Do you have stories to share from your days growing up in the cold regions of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and places in between? Here is your chance to share your stories, those days of blizzards, cold as you know what, ice fishing and many other adventures!!! The coffee pot will be on and the food will be hot! All are welcome, just sign up in the narthex for our head count.



Oktoberfest Senior Social

Holden Women's Retreat

February 8-11, 2019 - Focused on holistic renewal, Women's Retreat is a space for women to step back, put busy lives on pause, try something new, and, most importantly, to renew the bonds of womanhood with one another. Through intentional conversation, art, music, and reflection we are equipped with good courage for life beyond this "place apart." [Registration opens November 1st, 2018.](#) The cost is \$264 and includes meals and lodging. Lady of the Lake tickets are \$35.75 for the round trip and need to be purchased from the Lake Chelan Boat Co. This event fills up QUICKLY, so register soon!

Upcoming Events

Property Meeting

Tues. Nov. 6th, 11 AM, Library

Bethany Connect Packing

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

Veteran's Day

Bethany Connect Pie Orders

Nov. 4-11th, Narthex

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Veteran's Day

Mon. Nov. 12th, OFFICE CLOSED

Council Meeting

Tues. Nov. 13th, 7:00 PM, Litzer Hall

Youth Group

Wed. Nov. 14th & 28th, 5:30 PM, Litzer Hall

Senior Social

Thurs. Nov. 15th, 12:00 PM, Litzer Hall

Operation Christmas Child

Last day to turn in boxes

Sun. Nov. 18th

Yahweh Yarners

Sun. Nov. 18th, 9:15 AM, Library

From the Food Bank

Please remember the less fortunate at the holidays. Thank you! The "urgent need" for November and December is holiday foods. Examples are: potatoes; yams; cranberry sauce; stuffing mixes; carrots; corn; apples; nuts; rolls; green beans; brownie mix; cornbread mix; dates; evaporated milk; pumpkin; onions; flour; canned berries; and pie crust.

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!

Thanksgiving Dinner

On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 22nd several Bethany families are planning to host a traditional Thanksgiving meal for those from our church who might not otherwise be attending a family meal OR for any other families who would like to join the fun. Please sign up by November 4th or let the office know if you plan to attend. You will be contacted about what you can bring.

Bethany Connect Pie Sale

APPLE PIES ARE BACK, JUST IN TIME FOR THANKSGIVING! The Bethany Connect Program is once again sponsoring the Apple Pie Project. The two crust apple pies will be available for pick up at the church on Nov. 18th (just 4 days before Thanksgiving). The price will be \$7 for one pie or 3 pies for \$20. As in the past, if you wish to donate pies to the Spanaway Food Bank, we will be glad to deliver them for you. This way your support will benefit both Bethany Connect and the food bank. We will be taking orders at both services on **Nov. 4th and 11th**, or you are welcome to call Linda King at 253-843-2812 to place your order. Thank you in advance for your support!



Youth Group at the Cash's



4-7th Graders Receive Bibles

On Sunday, October 7th, our 4th – 7th graders received their Lutheran Study Bibles: Brooklyn Shelton, 4th grade; Cody Estby, 5th grade; Mackenzie Simon, 6th grade; Bailey Andersen, 6th grade; Blake Aragon, 7th grade.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Did you know you can help Bethany earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card? Fred Meyer donates over \$2 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works: Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Bethany Lutheran Church at:

www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number, **BB216**. Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Bethany earn a donation! You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.



5th Annual
Scandinavian Bazaar
Sunday, December 2nd 9-1pm
Hosted by Bethany Lutheran Church Youth
26418 Mt. Hwy E, Spanaway, WA 98387

- Handmade Crafts
- Christmas Decor
 - Treats
- Norwegian Baked Goods
 - Christmas Wreaths
 - Isagenix
 - Much More!

Join us for a fun and festive shopping day! This is the perfect opportunity to get that one-of-a-kind Christmas gift or maybe a little something for yourself . . .

We need vendors! There is a vendor sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. For questions or information, please contact:
Sarah Simon, 253-961-5269, OR Kelli Bacher, 253-691-3073

Blessing Bag Project

The Blessing Bag Project will benefit the Food Bank this year. The focus will be on women's hygiene products. A need was identified that would greatly benefit women who utilize the food bank. When one thinks of the food bank, mostly we think about food. It has been conveyed by the food bank that there is a great need for hand soap, shampoo and women's feminine hygiene products. There will be a pink collection box set up near Bethany's food bank shopping cart to receive your donations for the months of November and December. Your donations will be taken to the food bank the first of December and the first of January. Please consider donating to Bethany's Blessing Bag Project for 2018. Thanking you in advance! ~ Care & Community

ELCA Good Gifts

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. With generous, loving hands, we can make a difference. ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love. We will have a Good Gifts ornament tree in the narthex where you can pick an ornament with the gift you would like to give, mark your name on the gift sheet, and turn your check into the office or include with your offering. We'll do the rest! You can also shop online or use the Good Gifts catalog you'll find in the narthex.

Parent Shopping Days

We are collecting **unwrapped, new** toys, books and other gift items for the Eatonville Family Agency's *Parent Shopping Days*. You can shop for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, grade-schoolers and/or teenagers. There will be a **BIG** box in the narthex to collect the gifts you bring. Gift cards in smaller denominations for local merchants are also encouraged. The deadline to bring in gifts is Sunday, Dec. 9th.

Operation Christmas Child

Did you know? Instead of putting a check in your Operation Christmas Child box, you can make the postage donation online and follow your box at: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box>. You'll be able to print out a tracking label and attach it to your shoebox, and then use the Look-Up Tool to find out the country your box will be delivered to. If you're not a shopper, another option is to "build" a shoebox online. The cost is \$25, and there are some fun options to choose from at: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>.

DEVON: "My mother was a single mother of 4 kids in Granada. At 12 years old, I had never received a Christmas gift before until I got the shoebox. We loved the slinky and the bouncy ball that lit up. It impacted my life in a marvelous way. I became more grounded in the church. I started to do children's ministry; then teach Sunday school; then youth leadership; then became president of the district youth council; then president of the National Youth Council; then at 22 years old the youngest senator in the history of Grenada. Then I went into starting churches in troubled communities. My shoebox wasn't just a gift-it was a life-changing experience. I received a tool to transform my life!"

Please participate in this great ministry. **Every shoebox has a story!** Be part of a miracle in a deprived child's life! Fill a shoebox. **Due November 18th.** If you need a couple more things to fill your box, Janeen put some things near the table in the narthex.

General Fund Standing

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

	October	
	Anticipated	Actual
Beginning Balance		(\$5,774.16)
Receipts	19278	21078.93
Disbursements	19881	19427.51
Ending Balance		(\$4,122.74)

From the Financial Secretary

- Who is the financial secretary?
Wendy Smitherman
- How did she become financial secretary?
She was appointed by the council.
- What are the financial secretary's duties?

Handling all incoming funds; overseeing the offering counting; preparing giving statements; member of the stewardship, finance, and budget committees.

We Pray For ...

- Audrey (Jill's niece) - recovering from colon surgery
- The family of Pastor George Larson as they mourn
- Linda Pempeck - recovering from hip surgery
- The family of Shirlee Jelle (Ann Lachney's mom) as they mourn
- Obert Estby, John Fife, and Leanne Wells – continuing health problems
- The family of Linda McCauley (Vern Hallgren's sister) as they mourn

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

Property Committee

The Property Committee members are: Greg Johnson, Kirk Woodward, Dewaine Selzler, and Kerry Harris. The committee is always looking for additional members who have property management gifts to share (gifts needed are painters, plumbers, electricians, carpenters or those with jack-of-all-trades gifts). The committee meets the **1st Tuesday of the month at 11:00 AM**. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please join us at **11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 6th**. The coffee pot will be on! Thanks, Nancy Woodward, Council Liaison