

Bethlehem Star

May 2019



From the Pastor's Desk...

"Alleluia! Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!" This proclamation adorns many an Easter worship. After the absence of Alleluias in worship during Lent, it's certainly a joyous pronouncement to sing and say as part of the Easter celebration. How does the word Alleluia resonate in your post-Easter Sunday experience? Does the joy and excitement of Easter seem to quickly fade away after Easter Sunday? Just like Christmas, Easter isn't just a single day, it's a liturgical season. There are 7 Sundays of the Easter season after Easter Sunday, so we in the church, celebrate Easter for more than one day.

As with many celebrations, we celebrate and then quickly move on to the next celebration. Every time we gather for worship, we actually celebrate Easter, for we proclaim the crucified and risen Christ in worship and in our everyday faith. I invite you to think about how Easter can be recognized in your daily life, so that you are reminded of the gift that Easter is to the followers of Jesus. While we may not put the same kind of energy and effort into the "everyday Easter", we still receive the same gift...the promise and hope of new life.

Easter Blessings,

Pastor Jennifer Schultz

- National Day of Prayer: You are invited to participate in a cooperative event recognizing the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Rush Park in Rossmoor. Pastor Jennifer will be participating, along with other leaders of area churches and ministries. Please bring a lawn chair, as the service will be held outside. There will be music and various prayers offered for our country, its leaders and people.
- Pacifica Synod Assembly will be Friday, May 10 – Saturday, May 11 at Hope Lutheran in Palm Desert. This year's theme is "O Lord, Open My Ears: Listening for God while Listening for Others." Please pray for all of the participants and their time together to worship, hear from speakers, conduct business, and enjoy fellowship. This year's voting members from Bethlehem are David & Jeanne Sandvig and Pastor Jennifer.
- Middle School confirmation meets May 7, 14, and 21.
- Sunday School for Children and Adults concludes on Sunday, May 19.



★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

THURSDAY, MAY 2

6:30 - 8 P.M. • RUSH PARK

3021 BLUME DR., ROSSMOOR

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER EVENT
FOR THE
ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY**



LED BY ROSSMOOR CLERGY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS



MUSIC PROVIDED BY LOCAL CHURCHES


We are gathering in the park, so bring your own lawn chair or blanket

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34



NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG  #LOVE1ANOTHER

Parish Life - Spring & Summer Activities

HOLLYWOOD BOWL:

- June 15th-Opening Night at the Bowl; with John Legend.
- June 29th-Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix in concert.
- June 30th-ABBA: The Concert
- July 2-3-4th of July Fireworks Spectacular with Nile Rodgers & Chic.
- July 5th-Leon Bridges Rhye
- July 13th-Cyndi Lauper with orchestra
- July 20th-Hugh Jackman The Man, The Music, The Show
- July 26-27 Into The Woods.
- August 3rd-The Gipsy Kings featuring Nicolas Reyes & Tonino Balliardo Las Cafeteras
- August 10th-Tchaikovsky Spectacular with Fireworks
- August 17th-Jurassic Park in Concert
- August 24th-Pink Martini with Orchestra
- August 31st-Maestro of the Movies- John Williams
- September 7th-Barry Manilow with Orchestra
- September 21st-Sing-A-Long- Sound of Music



If you are interested in going to see the Angels with our group from Bethlehem please sign up for the date(s) of your choice when we:

See you on the patio!



**Come with your whole family,
or come alone and meet some
new friends!**

**Children will have their own
activities led by the LRCC staff
and adults meet separately
with a keynote speaker. Enjoy
a weekend of family, fun and
fellowship!**

Registration Info

Adults (12 and up): \$105.00

Youth (4 -11): \$95.00

Children under 3: Free

Family Max: \$350.00

**Registration is done online and
is now open.**



El Camino Pines

El Camino Pines is a year round camp, hosting weekend retreats, Outdoor School and summer and winter camps. El Camino Pines is proudly affiliated with the Lutheran church and welcomes rental groups from all faiths and traditions.

El Camino Pines has a sleeping capacity of 128. Guests sleep in ten heated cabins equipped with a bathroom. There is a centrally located shower house. Our chapel and dining hall each hold 150 guests. A speaker's cabin is available for an additional cost, as well as a remote hermitage cabin that sleeps 12. A community dynamics course, rock wall, archery, horseshoes, basketball, volleyball, gaga pit, 9-square, disc golf and a swimming pool provide recreational opportunities. Plenty of hiking and outdoor relaxation awaits you amid the aromatic tall pines. A campfire ring and outdoor worship spaces are available for meaningful worships.

El Camino Pines is authorized and operated under a Special Use Permit by the Los Padres National Forest.



Lutheran Social Services-Long Beach Community Care Center Monthly Report

Dear Bethlehem Family and Friends,

As we continue in this year, our monthly request in May 2019 for food donations will be for **CEREALS and PASTA**. **All other food donations of your choice** will be appreciated. Let's fill Pastor's Pantry.

Our cold nights need warm sweat shirts, jackets and socks and can be gently used. They love the knitted hats and beanies. **Special request** has been accepted for **Can Openers**, simple hand held type (\$1.00 at 99cent store).

LSS is so happy to welcome us and receive the food items and warm clothing we bring. Thanks again for helping to keep our Lutheran Social Service cupboard (Pastor's Pantry in Narthex) full.

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Long Beach and the people and families served daily in their Ministry again appreciate your kindness, care and compassion.

Andrea and crew
Social Ministry Committee



W.E.L.C.A.'s 2019 Summer Community Outreach Project

Recipient: Precious Life-Los Alamitos-Day care center

We are collecting: **Sunscreen**(spray on),
Toddler Building Blocks and Jumbo crayons/pencils

Please bring your donations to the church by June 9th.

The donations will be delivered to Precious Life – Day Care Center on Tuesday Jun 11th Thank you, Christina Watson, W.E.L.C.A., Treasurer



SAVE THE DATE!

Friday August 3rd One day VBS 10-4pm

Church wide Bar-B-Q at 5pm.

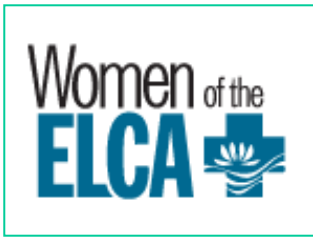
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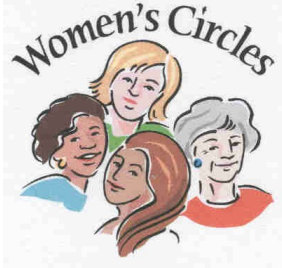
Men in Mission will not meet on Saturday, May 4, 2019.

The next Bethlehem Men-In-Mission meeting will be on Saturday, May 18th, 2019 at 9:00 A.M in the Fireside Room. We will continue our study of the **Book of Revelation** from the **Master Builders Bible for Men**.

The reading for this week will be Chapters 4:1 through 8:1 with discussion on verses 11:15 - 18 / **The Seventh Trumpet**.



May 2019



FAITH Circle: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Hostess is Andrea Campbell and Bible Study Leader is Margie Moeller.

For questions and details, call Faith Circle leader, Andrea Campbell.

PHOEBE Circle: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Christina Watson. Vanessa Stevenson is hostess and will lead the Bible Study.

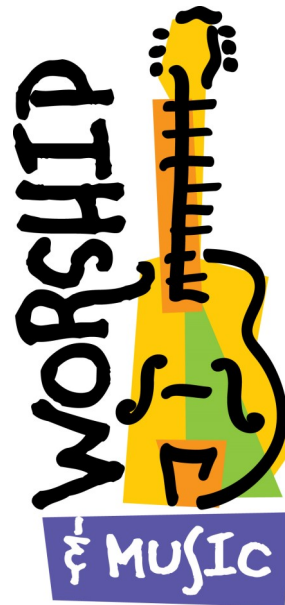
For questions and details, call Jeanne Sandvig.



Sunday Morning

Coffee & Cookies

Thank you to Phoebe Circle for providing coffee for the month of April. Faith Circle is responsible for the month of May.



**Food, Fellowship, and
sharing God's Good Gifts!**

Check out Pacifica Partners on line

www.pacificawomen.org

click on news & events

Join the Pacifica Synod

Women of the ELCA On Facebook

Día de Música



May 5, 2019

Ladies Spring Event

11:30am – 1:00pm

Bachman Hall

Cost: \$7



Lunch will be served, music will be provided by Sarah Sandvig Studio Students, fellowship with other women, and information on the sorrows of Human-Trafficking provided by the assistant to the Bishop, Pacifica Synod, Rev. Terry Tuvey Allen. Love gifts will go toward helping fight Human Trafficking, as well as a Bethlehem offering being collected. Please save the date and make sure to register for the program after church on the patio. An afternoon of fun, fellowship, and important information. Invite your friends, relatives and neighbors to this very special event.





Ray & Kay Shelton	5/1/1956	Dave & Linda Scott	5/7/1966
Dale & Sandy Retrum	5/14/1966	Geoff & Heidi Kracy	5/17/1980
Katrinna Cassidy & Joe Desautel	5/27/2000		

5/2 Emma Cooper	5/2 Susan Schneider	5/3 John Buezis, Jr.	5/3 Samantha Retrum
5/4 Leslie Moeller	5/5 Bette Fritz	5/5 Elaine Schulthies	5/6 Brian Gary
5/13 Nancy Godfrey	5/14 Betty Kizziar	5/18 Terry Morriss	5/19 Bruce Gustafson
5/19 Gary Nehrenberg	5/21 Hannah Coe	5/22 Laura Tencati	5/23 Herb Menzel
5/24 Sophia Cooper	5/26 Bob Campbell	5/26 Daryl Isaacs	5/30 Violet Orcutt



Gladyce Ackerman
 Julie Anderson
 Elaine Asbury
 Amy Bachman
 Kevin Betts
 Colleen Bidwell
 Art Brandon
 Jim Brandon
 Kate & Steve
 John Buezis
 Luelle Buezis
 Shirley Campbell
 Caren Cantafio
 Laurie Carpenter
 Leticia Chamberlain
 Linnea Clayton
 Irene Cooper
 Maxine Cornwell
 William Dampf
 Sara DeWeese
 Keresey Dillon
 Jim Dooley
 Laura Duke

Joan Ebersold
 Judy Frazier
 Frank Gary
 Katrina Gary
 Bruce Gustafson
 Janet Harris
 Joe Harris
 Diana Hayden
 Gaylord Hollister
 Violet Imoto Family
 Genevieve Jenkins
 Marie Johnson
 Betty Jones
 Dean Kinzel
 Julie Kizziar
 Joan Lee
 Karol Lemerond
 William Lewis
 Erin Lopez
 Patricia Lueckert
 John Maio
 Lawrence Massey
 Jessica McIntire
 Hal Miller
 Pete Miller
 Sandy Miller
 Ethan Mohr
 Bill N.

Linda Nygard
 Dan Opoien
 Coler Pearce
 Retta Rasmussen
 Dale Retrum
 Sndy Retrum
 Bill Ritz
 Norma Rygh
 Elaine Schulthies
 Steve Schultz
 Karen Smith
 Leslie Summers
 Ed Sutton
 James Taylor
 Ann Tegtmeier
 Steve Tegtmeier
 Mary "Betty" Vennes
 Tom Watkins
 Jerry Whitmore
 Nancy Williamson
 Mitsuko Yamamoto
 Margaret Ziegler



Thanks to These People for Serving in May

	Reader	Cantor	Ushers	Counters
5/5	Brad Stevenson	Dick Hansen	Dave & Linda Scott Ray & Kay Shelton	Dale Retrum David Retrum
5/12	Bruce Gustafson	Dick Hansen	Harold Snell	Marjorie Moeller Doris Morrissey
5/19	Bill Lindell	Dick Hansen		Jim Martin Marv Schneider
5/26	Vanessa Stevenson	Dick Hansen		John Buezis John Buezis, Jr



Altar Guild

5/5
5/12 Marianne Sakowski
5/19
5/26 Marge Hargrove



Altar Flowers

5/5 WELCA (2)
5/12 Retrum, Stevenson
5/19 Tegtmeier
5/26 Clausen, Martin