



Bethlehem Star January 2019

New Year's Blessings from Pastor Jennifer:

Happy New Year! I like new beginnings, I try to view them as opportunities to reflect on the past and gaze into the future. And so with a new calendar year before us...there is certainly much to reflect on from this past year and plenty of hopes for the year to come. In this new year, fresh off the celebration of Christmas, in the church we will hear about Epiphany and the light that Christ brings into the darkened world. Light that cannot be overcome by the darkness, light that brings renewed and fresh hope to the world. May the light that Christ brings into the world shine brightly within, around, and before you...may it be a guiding and loving hope as we step into this new year. May we see this new season of Epiphany as a new beginning, an opportunity to reflect and gaze...with the light of Jesus leading us on renewed and new paths. Best wishes for a holy, healthy, and hopeful new year!

Blessings,

Pastor Jennifer Schultz

- The church office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.
- Sunday School Classes for Children and Adults resume on Sunday, January 6th at 9:00 am. Children meet in Bachman Hall and Adults meet in the Fireside Room.
- Confirmation Class resumes on Tuesday, January 8th at 3:15 pm.
- Taking Down the Greens - please come remove and store the Christmas decorations from around the church. We will meet on Sunday, January 6th at 2 pm and work until all is done. Refreshments will be provided, more hands mean the work goes faster, please come and help.

- Long Range Planning Conversations: These are informal gatherings meant to invite conversation about our life and ministry together at Bethlehem Lutheran... we'll have these conversations reflecting on the past, talking about the present, and dreaming for the future. Each of these sessions will last between 1 - 1 ½ hours, we'd like to have as many people participate as possible so as to hear from a variety of people with a variety of experiences. Participants are asked to sign up for a single session. We have 3 scheduled conversations this month, please sign-up in the office. Hosts are: Dianna Reynolds on Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm ; Lois Deforest on Thursday, January 17 at 2:00 pm and Paul & Lulu Meyer on Tuesday, January 22 at 2:00 pm.
- Pastor Jennifer will be speaking at El Camino Pines Family Winterfest January 19-21, she'll be leading the Adult sessions on "Messy Faith". El Camino Pines is one of two camps that make up LRCC (Lutheran Retreats Camps and Conferences). A staff member from LRCC will sharing the message on Sunday, January 20th in Pastor Jennifer's absence, we look forward to welcoming and hearing from one of our Bible Camp staff!
- Many thanks to the congregation for their Christmas gifts for the staff, we greatly appreciate your generosity and are grateful to serve alongside you at Bethlehem Lutheran.
- Pastor Jennifer is now using her personal cell phone number as her only cell phone number, her work cell phone number is no longer in service. Please call the church office (562) 430-3444 or contact her via e-mail if you would like her cell phone number, the number listed in the photo directory is correct.
- CC&R Waste Management has changed the rules regarding which recyclables they will accept for payment. Henceforth, they will only pay for newsprint-that is newspapers and ads printed on newsprint paper. Glossy, slick or stiff print ads will not be acceptable. In addition, they will not pay for nor accept magazines, catalogs, cardboard and other household paper waste. In fact, we must haul these non-recyclables to another waste disposal facility in Long Beach that will accept this waste, but without compensation to us. So what **Paper Rollers** would like from your paper donations are only newspapers, with advertising supplements, and the Paper Rollers will separate the recyclable newsprint from the waste. Thank you.
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If you have not yet picked up your offering envelopes for 2019 please check with the church office or contact Dale Retrum at church.

Your 2019 Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council:

Bob Campbell

Brad Stevenson

Susan Martin

Bill Lindell

Lana Dieter

Dick Hansen

Shary Reed

Dale Retrum

Pastor Jennifer Schultz



The next Bethlehem Men-In-Mission meeting will be on Saturday, January 5th, 2019, at 9:00 A.M in the Fireside Room. We will continue with our study of the Gospel of Matthew from the Master Builders Bible for Men. The reading for this week will be Chapter 26:1 - 75 with discussion on verses 26:47 - 56, Jesus Arrested. We will also meet on Saturday, January 19th, 2019, at 9:00 A.M in the Fireside Room. We will conclude our study of the Gospel of Matthew from the Master Builders Bible for Men. The reading for this week will be Chapters 27:1 - 28:20 with discussion on verses 28:1 - 20, Jesus' Resurrection.

New Men in Mission Bible Study: The next bible study subject for Men-In-Mission is going to begin in February 2019 and is going to be on the **Book of Revelation from the Master Builders Bible for Men**. The first meeting in February will be an overview presentation of this book by Pastor Jennifer. It is anticipated that the overall study of this book will continue through to the end of 2019. Anybody interested in a study of this complicated book is welcome to join us.



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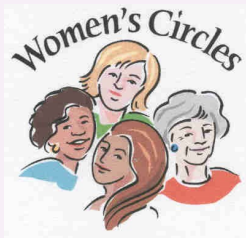
Women's 2018 Theme

“Reform, Renew, Rejoice”



Gather Study: Meetings with Jesus
Session One: Come and See—Seeking and Finding Faith

WELCA's Calendar of Events



January 20, 2019 WELCA Board Meeting following church approximately 11:20 a.m.

Thanks to all the Women of Bethlehem who attended our Christmas Gathering Tuesday, December 4, at Marsha Egbert's Clubhouse in Westminster Village. There were 26 women in attendance. We enjoyed delicious sweet and savory treats and wonderful holiday fellowship! Thank you to Marsha for being our hostess! Thanks also to our outgoing Board member, Marsha Egbert, for her service, and to our outgoing President Jeanne Sandvig, and welcome to our new 2019 Board.

FAITH Circle . Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. **NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE!** Hostess is Andrea Campbell and she will lead the Bible Study. For questions and details, call Faith Circle leader, Andrea Campbell

PHOEBE Circle Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Christina Watson, 11262 Weatherby Rd, Los Alamitos Caryl Hattis will lead the Bible Study. For questions and details, call Jeanne Sandvig



Sunday Morning
Coffee & Cookies

Thank you to Men in Mission for providing coffee for the month of December. Phoebe Circle is responsible for the month of January.

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www.pacificawomen.org

click on news & events

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Erika Gary, President

Elaine Schulthies, Vice President

Merle Hower, Secretary

Christina Watson, Treasurer

Andrea Campbell, Faith Circle Leader

Jeanne Sandvig, Phoebe Circle Leader



A big thank you to everyone who donated items for the International Seafarer Christmas bags. Dianna, Johanne, Pastor, Marjorie, Judy, Susan and myself took a potluck dinner and a trunk full of gift items to the Seafarer center in the Port of Long Beach on Tues. Dec, 11th We packed approximately 85 bags for the Seafarers and shared dinner with the hard working ladies that run the center, Pat, Mary and SueAnn. Dianna made two beautiful quilts for the granddaughters of Julie, one of the volunteers. While we were there, a captain from a Russian ship arrived and we gave him 22 Christmas bags for his workers. The attached picture shows the workers and some of the other Seafarers and the Bethlehem ladies.

This ongoing outreach project is a Christmas Blessing.

Yours in Christ, Christina Watson W.E.L.C.A. Mission Action



W.E.L.C.A. Board installation on Sunday, December 9, 2018



Lutheran Social Services-Long Beach Community Care Center Monthly Report

Dear Bethlehem Family and Friends,

As we begin a new year for our monthly request for in-kind food donations we are asking you for your continuing help during January 2019 for **cereals** and **can pork and beans**. Any other food items you wish to donate are always appreciated. There still is a request for warm clothing.

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.

Bob, Andrea and crew
Social Ministry Committee





BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOCATION:



3464 KATELLA AVE
LOS ALAMITOS, CA 90720

DATE:

MONDAY

JANUARY 7, 2019

FROM:

3 PM - 8:30 PM

POLLY'S WILL DONATE 20% OF THE PROCEEDS TO
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH WHEN YOU BRING THIS FLYER AND
PRESENT IT TO YOUR FRIENDLY POLLY'S SERVER

NO COUPONS OR DISCOUNTS WILL APPLY. ORDERING MUST BE OFF OF THE REGULAR PRICED MENU. GIFT CARDS NOT INCLUDED.
POLLY'S IS PROUD TO SUPPORT YOUR EVENT. FLYERS MAY NOT BE PASSED OUT IN POLLY'S RESTAURANT OR IN POLLY'S PARKING LOT ON THE DAY OF THE
EVENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.



**ATTENTION POLLY'S TEAM MEMBER:
PLEASE SCAN BARCODE WITH THE GUESTS CHECK**



1/16 Travis Retrum	1/17 Susan Driskill	1/3 Louise Opoien
1/21 Kevin Godfrey	1/25 Jay Campbell	1/5 David Sandvig
1/30 Marjorie Moeller	1/31 Debby Gustafson	1/9 Geraldine Dawson
		1/17 Christine Rosso
		1/25 Annie Dobberteen



Gladyce Ackerman
 Gretchen Alkema
 Julie Anderson
 Elaine Asbury
 Amy Bachman
 Kevin Betts
 Colleen Bidwell
 Art Brandon
 Jim Brandon
 Kate & Steve
 John Buezis
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 Andrea Campbell
 Bob Campbell
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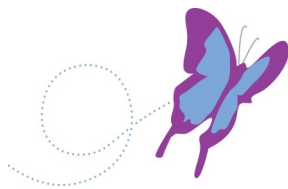
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 Diana Hayden
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 Betty Jones
 Jennifer & Kailey Kane
 Dean Kinzel
 Julie Kizziar
 Joan Lee
 Karol Lemerond
 William Lewis
 Erin Lopez
 Patricia Lueckert
 Lawrence Massey
 Jessica McIntire
 Hal Miller
 Pete Miller
 Sandy Miller
 Ethan Mohr
 Tiffany Nen
 Linda Nygard
 Coler Pearce
 Hal & Carol Penke
 Dale Retrum
 Sandy Retrum

Bill Ritz
 Elaine Schulthies
 Kristina Scott
 Leslie Summers
 Ed Sutton
 James Taylor
 Ann Tegtmeier
 Steve Tegtmeier
 Mary "Betty" Vennes
 Kirk Von Salzen
 Tom Watkins
 Jerry Whitmore
 Nancy Williamson
 Mitsuko Yamamoto
 Margaret Ziegler



Thanks to These People for Serving in January

	Reader	Cantor	Ushers	Counters
1/6	Heidi Kracy	John Buezis	John Buezis, Jr. John & Janice Hunt Christina Watson	Caryl Harris Joyce Payne
1/13	Dianna Reynolds	John Buezis		Dale Retrum David Retrum
1/20	Bruce Gustafson	John Buezis	Jim & Susan Martin	Marjorie Moeller Doris Morrissey
1/27	Bill Lindell	John Buezis	Marv & Susan Schneider Dave & Linda Scott	Jim Martin Marv Schneider



Altar Guild

1/6
1/13 Vanessa Stevenson
1/20 Lana Dieter
1/27 George & Marsha Egbert



Altar Flowers

1/6 Sandvig/Watson, Watson
1/13 Wolfe
1/20
1/27 Gustafson