

Bethany Lutheran Church

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April Newsletter 2019

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April Worship

Sundays
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday School
9:15 AM

Lent Midweek
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
April 3rd and 10th

Maundy Thursday
April 18th, 7:00 PM

Good Friday
April 19th, 7:00 PM

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

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Holy Week & Easter Worship

Passion/Palm Sunday

Procession with Palms
The Passion Reading
Sunday, April 14th
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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### **Maundy Thursday**

The Last Supper and a New Commandment  
Stripping of the Altar  
Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM

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Good Friday

The Bethany Choir Presents
"Shadows, A Service of Tenebrae (Darkness)"
Friday, April 19th
7:00 PM

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### **Easter Sunday**

Festival Worship  
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

## Annual Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community Annual Luncheon

Janeen Smith, Kirk Woodward, and Nancy Woodward were Bethany Lutheran Church (BLC) delegates at the Annual Luncheon and Meeting of Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community (TLRC) on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. It was a great opportunity to hear of the growing ministry of TLRC and the opportunities for covenant congregations, of which Bethany is one, to participate at TLRC. If you are interested in knowing more, please speak to one of us. BLC friends, Steve Burwash and Peggy Zurfluh, are residents at TLRC.

## Senior Social

The April Senior Social will be Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at noon in Litzer Hall. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



*Bingo at the March Senior Social*

## Council Installation

Our 2019-2010 Council members will be installed on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at both services. New officers will be elected at the April council meeting on Tues. April 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Lutheran Marriage Encounter

**May 31 – June 2, 2019**  
**Renton, WA**

In April, we see many signs of spring and new life. In the Pacific Northwest we are likely to see plenty of rain which, like our baptism, is life-giving. This year, find new life and God's love in your marriage by attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend. You will be blessed by the "May flowers" that will bloom in your relationship and stay fresh throughout the years to come.

For more information or to apply for weekend attendance, visit the Lutheran Marriage Encounter website: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org)

or contact:

**Carl & Dallas Anne Presley,**  
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## Calendar of Monthly Events

### Property Meeting

Tues. April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 AM, Litzer Hall

### Soup Suppers

Wed. April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 PM, Litzer Hall

### Midweek Lent Worship

Wed. April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

### Outdoor Clean-Up

Sat. April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM

### Bethany Connect Packing

Sun. April 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM, Rm 8-9

### Council Meeting

Tues. April 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, Litzer Hall

### Youth Group

Wed. April 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM, Litzer Hall

### Bethany Quilters

Thurs. April 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, Litzer Hall

### Senior Social

Thurs. April 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM, Litzer Hall

### Maundy Thursday Worship

Thurs. April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

### Good Friday Worship

Fri. April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

### Easter Sunday Worship

Sun. April 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

### Easter Breakfast

Sun. April 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, Litzer Hall

### Easter Egg Hunt

Sun. April 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:45 AM

### Easter Monday

Mon. April 22<sup>nd</sup>, OFFICE CLOSED

### Mutual Ministries Meeting

Tues. April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 PM, Litzer Hall

### Yahweh Yarners

Sun. April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 AM, Library

## Easter Breakfast

Words from your Council Member, Frank Putnam:

*The Handsome Men of Bethany*

*Rumor has it that the Men will be cooking Easter breakfast at Bethany! I'm not sure of the source of this rumor but Frank Putnam will be flipping pancakes. Others will be enlisted who don't volunteer in advance for the choice duties.*

Along with the words from Frank, here are a few more Easter Breakfast details:

There will be a signup sheet for both the "handsome men" of Bethany and other volunteers.

### **Handsome Men of Bethany will provide:**

- Pancake batter (Frank)
- Breakfast Casseroles – 10-12 casseroles needed. (See Google for breakfast casserole recipes.)
- Pancake flippers (besides Frank)
- Meal servers

### **Other Bethany volunteers are asked to provide:**

- Orange juice
- Sweet Rolls
- Milk
- Butter
- Syrup

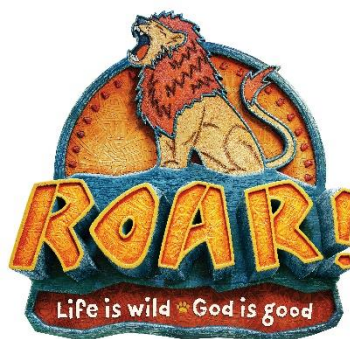
### **Breakfast will be served from 9:00 AM-10:30 AM**

Thanking everyone in advance for supporting the fine Men of Bethany and the Easter Breakfast.

## Outdoor Clean-Up Day

The Property Committee has planned an outdoor clean-up day on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the narthex. Some of the areas to be addressed are the roof, the parking lot, the ramp, and some small repair work. Any and all hands are welcome!

## Sunday School



### **HOW CAN YOU HELP AT VBS "ROAR"?**

Our goal is to reach 50 children with God's love at ROAR. Right now we have enough volunteers

to reach 40 kids. How can you help? All VBS volunteers had a blast last year and you will too. With the upbeat music, Wild Bible Adventures, Imagination Station, Stampede Sports, KidVid Cinema, and Hungry Herd Café. The program is all predesigned and runs very smoothly. What you can help with is endless and oh, so much fun. Now there is no pay, but the many benefits are worth your time. Tell Ardell or Linda E. that you want to be a part of "ROAR", Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 AM – 12:00 PM.



*Putting the Alleluia away for Lent*

## We Pray For ...

- Doug Holt (Shelley Marion's dad) recovering from surgery
- Cindy Coberly – (Rosdahl's daughter) autoimmune liver disease diagnosis
- Mark Olson – (Karen Andrascik's brother) ALS diagnosis
- Penny Scollard – (Joni Hallgren's cousin) on hospice
- Mark Marion – (Mike's brother) recovering from surgery

**THANK YOU!** Doris Thompson would like to thank everyone for the birthday wishes and for helping to celebrate her special day.

## Lutheran Community Services

The 2019 Lutheran Community Services fundraiser and luncheon was held on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the STAR Center in Tacoma. Those attending from Bethany Lutheran Church included Kathy Mettler, Louise Harris, Susan Fordice, and Kirk and Nancy Woodward. Lutheran Community Services provides help in many forms: Behavioral Health; Family and Community; Refugee and Immigration; Child Welfare; Aging and Independent Living; and Crime Victim services. This year's theme was Real People, Real Solutions. The programs highlighted included Circles of Hope and Santa for Seniors. Two Lutheran churches partnered to help a family of four who fled the terrors in Venezuela. Volunteers helped them transition to a new country and welcomed them into the community. The family attended the luncheon and personally thanked all for helping them and making them feel welcome. The Senior for Santa program started out by seeing a need for a couple seniors at Christmas time, providing gifts. This successful program now serves more than 1000 each Christmas. Volunteers are crucial to this program and additional help is always appreciated. Bethany Lutheran Church and church members financially support LCSNW. For more information about the programs that Lutheran Community Services supports, visit their website at [lcsnw.org](http://lcsnw.org).

## Council Members April 2019-March 2020

**Nori Cash**

**Inez Hollmann**

**Cathy Keyes**

**Lisa Olson**

**Frank Putnam**

**Pastor Janeen Smith**

**Wendy Smitherman**

**Nancy Woodward**

## From the Food Bank

The "urgent need" for April is canned vegetables. Thanks!

## Job Opportunity

Supervisory and non-supervisory positions are available in Pierce County for the 2020 Census, both in the summer of 2019, and during the census in 2020. In addition to supporting your community, census jobs offer great pay, flexible hours, and paid training. All those who are over 18, have a valid Social Security number and email address can apply online at [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs). See the flier on the bulletin board for more information or call 1-855-JOB-2020.

## Candy/Toys Needed

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 AM. Donations of small, individually wrapped candy or small toys would be appreciated! (We have plenty of plastic eggs.) Please place in the labeled box in the narthex.