



Bethlehem Star March 2020

From the Pastor's Desk...

Every year at this time, I feel compelled to write about what I've chosen as my Lenten discipline. In the past, I've chosen to not eat sweets or purchase coffee/tea beverages, I've added in daily devotional time or reading specific books or increasing my giving to the church...all in all, my chosen Lenten discipline is not very sacrificial on my part and I view it is an opportunity to focus in on or refrain from certain things, things that I either want to expand on or want to adjust as part of my regular routine. Whatever I choose, it is meant to be a discipline for me, something to observe or abstain from in this season. I've only begun observing this Lenten discipline in the last several years, as an adult...I didn't grow up giving something up for Lent yet I find it a good practice in my adult years. This year, I'm participating in the "40 Days 40 Items" discipline, Google it if you're not sure what I'm talking about. Specifically, I will be living into this discipline for my office, if you've ever seen my office, you'll understand. Hoping for more focus, organization, and less clutter, all while holding on to valuable tools for ministry.

There are a variety of disciplines you can observe in this season, are you fasting from something or making time/space for something new? This article is not meant to be a survey, there is no reporting back but I write to provide the opportunity to give intentional thought to what the season of Lent holds for you. You are invited to gather your thoughts and possible intentions and hold them in prayer. May the Lenten ashes, now wiped from your brow, continue to imprint your heart and mind in this season to be the light of Christ to all you encounter.

Lenten Blessings,
Pastor Jennifer Schultz



It's that time of year again...Don't forget to spring ahead on Sunday, March 8, set your clocks one hour ahead so you're not late to worship.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Schedule: We pause mid-week during this season of Lent to share in a meal and gather for worship on Wednesdays through April 1. Lenten meals begin at 6:00 pm in Bachman Hall and Worship begins at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Our worship theme is "At the Name of Jesus", based on Philippians 2:5-11 and Holden Evening Prayer will be our liturgy. Come, invite a friend or neighbor, be nourished, and rest in God's Word.

All Church Birthday Party will be on Sunday, March 22 from 2:00-4:00 pm in Bachman Hall. EVERYONE with a Birthday is Invited...that means YOU! Come and enjoy a festive afternoon recognizing the gift of one another's birthdays. This is an All Ages event and you can invite friends to join you. Sign-Up sheets are in the office for the following: Attendees, Volunteers to Decorate a table representing one of the four seasons, Volunteers to bring a cake and frosting. There will be some easy games and activities and some prizes too. Please sign up by March 15.

@ Table will be Sunday, March 29 at 5:00 pm at Pastor Jennifer's house. Up to 7 people can sign up for this monthly offering of a simple meal gathered @ Table for easy conversation and fellowship. There is no agenda for this time together, just providing an opportunity to share in a meal with one another. A sign-up sheet is in the office, please sign up by March 22.



Sunday, April 5: 10:00 am - Palm Sunday
Sunday School will not meet

Thursday, April 9: 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday
We'll meet in Bachman Hall

Friday, April 10: 7:00 pm - Good Friday
We'll meet in the Sanctuary

Saturday, April 11: 1:00-5:00 pm - Prayer Vigil
Sign-up for an assigned time to pray in the sanctuary

Sunday, April 12: 10:00 am - Easter Sunday
Sunday School will not meet
Children's Easter Egg Hunt after worship



The next Bethlehem Men-In-Mission meeting will be on Saturday, March 7th, 2020, at 9:00 A.M in the Fireside Room. We will continue with our study of the **Book of Romans from the Master Builders Bible for Men**. The reading for this week will be Chapter 3:1-31 with discussion on verses 3:21 through 31 / **The Good News**. We will also meet on Saturday, March 21st, 2020, at 9:00 A.M in the Fireside Room. We will continue with our study of the **Book of Romans from the Master Builders Bible for Men**. The reading for this week will be Chapter 4:1 - 25 with discussion on verses 4:1 through 25 / **An Example of Faith**. All men of Bethlehem are invited.

Know your Council Members and their Committee assignments for 2020

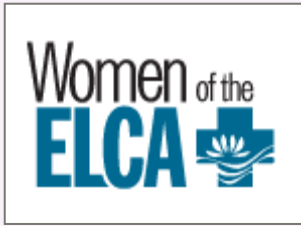
President: Brad Stevenson-Property, Church Growth and Evangelism
Vice President: Jane Clausen-Social Ministry
Secretary: Christina Watson-W.E.L.C.A.
Treasurer: Bill Lindell (Debbie Johnson, temporary treasurer)
Other members: Dick Hansen-Music & Worship
Lana Dieter-Youth & Education
Shary Reed-Parish Life

Please feel free to contact anyone on your Council for questions and/or if you would like to help in any area listed above.

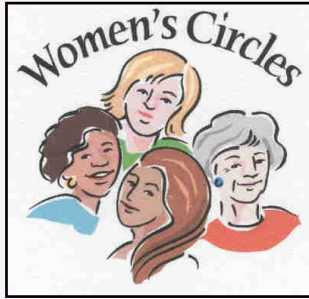


**Valentine's Dinner
At
Olive Garden
Great Food!
Great Fun!**





March 2020



FAITH Circle Tuesday, March 3, 9:30 a.m. in the Fire-side Room. Janice Hunt is the Hostess and Ginny Gary will lead the study. For questions and details, call Faith Circle leader, Andrea Campbell

PHOEBE Circle Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Susan Martin, 11301 Weatherby Rd, Los Alamitos. Pastor Jennifer will lead the study. For questions and details, call Jeanne Sandvig



Sunday Morning
Coffee & Cookies

Thank you to Faith Circle for February coffee. Men in Mission are responsible for the month of March.



March 8—Set your clocks ahead!

Upcoming:

Pacifica Synod WELCA March 7 Spring Gathering at Hope Lutheran Church, 45900 Portola Ave., in Palm Desert from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration is \$20. Contact Jeanne Sandvig if you want to attend and share a ride.

March 18: Women of ELCA Bethlehem serve soup for Lenten Soup Supper. See Dianna Reynolds for sign ups.

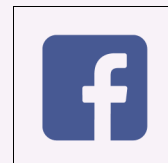


May 3: May Ladies' Day Luncheon in Bachman Hall with musical entertainment, collection of offerings, fellowship.

July 16-19, 2020 WELCA Eleventh Triennial Gathering in Phoenix, AZ.

Check out Pacifica Partners on line www.pacificawomen.org click on news & events

Join the Pacifica Synod Women of the ELCA On Facebook





Lutheran Social Services-Long Beach Community Care Center Monthly Report

Dear Bethlehem Family and Friends,

As we continue our monthly request for in-kind food donations in 2020. We are asking you for your continuing help during March for **Spaghetti and Sauces** along with any kind of **FRUIT CUPS** with plastic cover pull off or flip top cans.

Continuous donated items of cereals, soups, canned items of any kind, including individual sizes (apple sauces) are always appreciated. Needed are **warm clothes, gloves, scarfs and socks (new or gently used)**.

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





MARCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3/12 Dick Spies	3/2 Katinna Cassidy	3/2 Michaela Desautel	3/4 Lon Warnock
3/20 Doris Morrissey	3/6 Veronique Sohl	3/7 Lenore Rolf	3/9 Joyce Ritz
3/29 Bill Haglund	3/10 Sandy Retrum	3/10 Caleb Sandvig	3/11 Ron Clausen
	3/17 Shary Reed	3/17 Ann Tegtmeier	3/18 Kevin Gustafson
	3/22 Jason Sakowski	3/28 Julie Kizziar	3/28 Susan Martin
3/9/1957	Vern & Margie Reynolds	3/12/2005	Erik & Melissa Sandvig
3/15/1997	John, Jr. & Susan Buezis	3/26/2005	Jeff & Leslie Moeller



In Our Hearts & Prayers

Julie Anderson
 Elaine Asbury
 Amy Bachman
 Kevin Betts
 Janet Booth
 Kate & Steve
 John Buezis
 Luelle Buezis
 Shirley Campbell
 Caren Cantafio
 Laurie Carpenter
 Mary Clausen & family
 Linnea Clayton
 Irene Cooper
 Maxine Cornwell
 Paul Crizer
 Ed Crogan
 Sara DeWeese
 Joan Ebersold
 Ruth G.
 Frank Gary
 Katrina Gary
 Bruce Gustafson
 Janet Harris

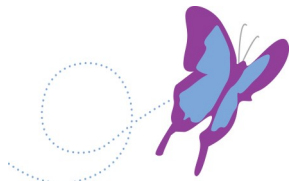
Joe Harris
 Diana Hayden
 Gaylord Hollister
 Violet Imoto Family
 Jason Jackson
 Genevieve Jenkins
 Betty Jones
 Dean Kinzel
 Julie Kizziar
 Loyd Lancaster
 Joan Lee
 Karol Lemerond
 William Lewis
 Bill Lindell
 Erin Lopez
 Patricia Lueckert
 John Maio
 Lawrence Massey
 Jessica McIntire
 Hal Miller
 Pete Miller
 Sandy Miller
 Ethan Mohr
 Bill N.
 Linda Nygard
 Dan Opoien
 Coler Pearce
 Retta Rasmussen
 Dale Retrum
 Sandy Retrum
 Elaine Schulthies
 Kay Shelton

Cindy Staggs
 Hattie Stretz
 Leslie Summers
 Ed Sutton
 Pauline Taylor
 Ann Tegtmeier
 Steve Tegtmeier
 Mary "Betty" Vennes
 Tom Watkins
 Jerry Whitmore
 Nancy & H.R. Williamson
 Marynell Wolfe
 Mitsuko Yamamoto
 Margaret Ziegler



Thanks to These People for Serving in March

	Reader	Cantor	Ushers	Counters
3/1	John Buezis, Jr.	Lana Dieter	Dianna Reynolds Brad & Vanessa Stevenson Christina Watson	
3/8	Dale Retrum	Lana Dieter	Dave & Linda Scott Marv & Susan Schneider	
3/15	Brad Stevenson	Lana Dieter	John & Janice Hunt Marv & Susan Schneider	
3/22	Johanne Hansen	Lana Dieter	John Buezis, Jr. Paul Meyer Christina Watson	
3/29	Vanessa Stevenson	Lana Dieter	Dave & Linda Scott Brad & Vanessa Stevenson	



Altar Guild

3/1 Christina Watson
 3/8 Christina Watson
 3/15 Christina Watson
 3/22 Alice Roop
 3/29 Lana Dieter



Altar Flowers

3/1
 3/8
 3/15 Watson/Sandvig
 3/22 Hansen
 3/29 Martin, Toth