



Bethlehem Star Summer, 2019

Thankoffering Service July 21, 2019

On July 21, Bethlehem Women will lead our worship service while Pastor Jennifer spends time with her family in South Dakota. This year we are leading a Thankoffering Service to celebrate Women of the ELCA and our commitment to this churchwide women's organization. This Thankoffering tradition goes back to the 1800s, perhaps earlier. Then, when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would act together as "cent" or "mite" societies. Each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year in thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come together as we do today, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.

When Women of the ELCA was formed in 1987, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, we will collect this special offering in addition to our regular weekly offering.

A basket will be in the Narthex at the end of the service to collect these Thankofferings.

Greetings from Pastor Jennifer,

Summer Reading Programs...remember those? I remember as a young student, there were incentives to read a certain number of books during the summer months when school wasn't in session. I know there is still an emphasis on reading programs and not just relegated to the summer. I enjoy reading but admittedly, I don't dive into books like I used to, at least not on a regular basis. I find that I do the bulk of my personal (non-work related) reading in the summer, specifically during the days I'm at the family cabin in the Black Hills of South Dakota. There is no television or computer and if you're in just the right spot on the deck, you maybe might get 1 bar of cell phone service...many of the daily distractive devices, that I don't always view as distractive, but are useful parts of everyday life don't command the same presence when I'm at the cabin...and so I read. I read books that I've collected throughout the year that I may have started but didn't complete, I read books that have been sitting on a shelf for some time (literally collecting dust), and I read books that are shared among the gathered family members. It's actually quite the thing...throughout the days at the cabin, each of us (including my young nephews) can be found reading our own books, in the living room, on the deck, in our rooms...it's quiet and peaceful and it brings me back to summer reading programs of my youth.

One of my favorite Scripture verses is from Psalm 46, the familiar verse 10: "Be still, and know that I am God!" I can't help but be reminded of the active and steady presence of God when I am still, really still, sitting in a chair on the deck of the cabin overlooking the green valley reading a book still. Where do you experience the presence of God in stillness? May you experience many still moments this summer and beyond...may you always know that God is with you in both the still and whirlwind moments of life.

Peace,

Pastor Jennifer Schultz



1ST SUMMER CARD BINGO

July 7th with a different start time
of **2:30 pm** in the Fireside Room

Mark your July calendar! Parish Life is having the first summer Card Bingo on Sunday, July 7th, at 2:30 pm in the Fireside Room.

All ages are welcome and bring friends with you!!

The criteria to play is a WRAPPED White Elephant or a new item WRAPPED for \$3 or so. We will even wrap your items if you don't want to! If you haven't played it before, come give it a try. For those who have played with us, we hope you are with us on that day. Snacks and beverages will be served. If you have questions, please contact Margie.



ANGELS VS RED SOX



Sunday, September 1st, 1:07 pm

See Marianne to get your tickets!



The Bethlehem Bridge Group has been at Bethlehem for almost 40 years. Players meet on the second Friday evening of each month in Bachman Hall from September through June. The format for each evening is Party Bridge with two-person teams playing six rounds (four hands each round). Anyone who plays Bridge and might be interested please contact Dale Retrum at (714) 527-4337 or (714) 397-9661. Substitutes are also very much needed.

Judy's Kitchen



Thank you for being a part of the Bethlehem Service:

On Saturday, June 15th at Judy's Kitchen we served a total of 48 lunches. We served The famous Bethlehem Chili, Cole Slaw and corn chips. We began at about 10:45 a.m. and we were done by 12:30 p.m. Special thanks to Merle Hower, James Toth and Jennifer Schultz for being the cooks of the Chili. Thank you also to the Bethlehem group of volunteers who showed up to help. They included: Alice Roop and her grandchildren, Debby Gustafson, Dale Retrum, Kevin Godfrey, Sue Hearn and Dawn Rentch.

Thank you again to WELCA for donating the funds from the Bazaar expenditures to fund the lunch expense.

It is a joy to work alongside you all. See you all in September. Reserve the 3rd Saturday!

Dianna Reynolds
Judy's Kitchen Coordinator



****Kevin not pictured, but he was instrumental in helping to clean up! Thanks Kevin.**

Dear Friends of Moms and Babies of Precious Life Shelter,



What a blessing to be included in your Bible Study time and then to receive such lovely items for the infant care center. I was delighted to be able to show you the shelter and please know you and anyone else is always welcome to come for tours. Just give me a call. It is better for donors to see where they are blessing others than for me to just tell you that you are blessing those we serve. Thank you for having our heart.

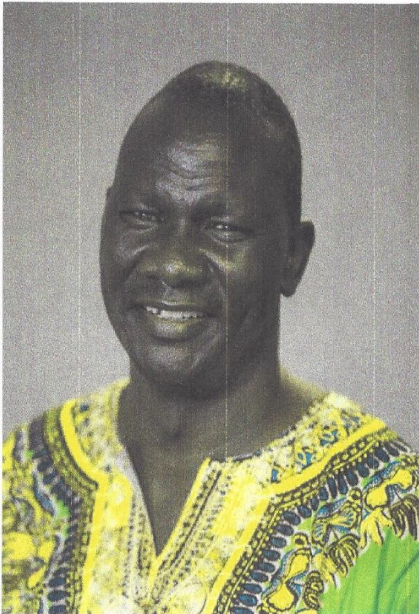
Thank you and love,
Theresa Murphy
Executive Director, Precious Life Shelter

News alert...

Meet our new Missionary we are supporting thru ELCA Global Church Sponsorship. We have signed a Covenant which is one of the most powerful ways to help lift up Christ's global church. This Covenant is a promise of PRAYER, Communication and financial support. This is not new to Bethlehem. Our former Missionaries, Rev. Christa von Zychlin and Rev. Wayne Nieminen have served in Asia and now have returned to the United States. We welcome: The Rev. Wal Luot Reat in South Sudan.

His ELCA Missionary Profile is attached. More information will be forthcoming.

Please keep Rev. Wal and family in your prayers.
Your Social Ministry Committee



ELCA Missionary Profile The Rev. Wal Luot Reat South Sudan

Wal serves with South Sudanese in refugee camps in Ethiopia, South Sudan and bordering countries.
For more information about this new mission that is part of the ELCA Campaign, please contact globalchurch@elca.org.

Contact Wal by Email

Walreat2013@gmail.com

Calendar

Wal's birthday:	May 5
Wal's ordination date:	March 24
Nyakuich Bagual Kuon's (wife) birthday:	April 29
Buk Wal Luot's (daughter) birthday:	April 5
NyaPan Wal Luot's (daughter) birthday:	March 23
MonyKaal Wal Luot's (son) birthday:	March 28
Mission Wal Luot's (daughter) birthday:	March 13

Connect

Home-base State: Minnesota

Education

2-year Degree	Riverland Community College
3-year Certificate	Pacific Lutheran Seminary Berkeley, CA

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE! HERE'S HOW TO GIVE:

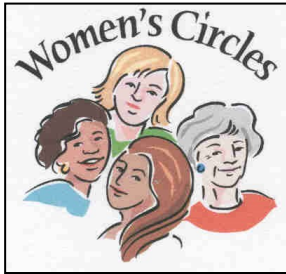
By check: Make payable to "ELCA Global Church Sponsorship" with "Wal Reat GCS2026" in the memo line. Give through your synod office or mail your check to:
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

By credit or debit card: See <https://community.elca.org/SouthSudan> or call 800-638-3522 and specify "Wal Reat GCS2026".

By automatic monthly bank withdrawal, or to establish a covenant of prayer, communication and support: Contact 800-638-3522, ext. 2657, or globalchurch@elca.org.



July & August 2019



FAITH Circle: No meeting until September. All Bethlehem Women BBQ August 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Melissa Sandvig,, Los Alamitos. For questions and details, call Faith Circle leader, Andrea Campbell.

PHOEBE Circle: No meeting until September. All Bethlehem Women BBQ August 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Melissa Sandvig, Los Alamitos.

For questions and details, call Jeanne Sandvig.



Sunday Morning

Coffee & Cookies

Thank you to Men in Mission for providing coffee for the month of June. Phoebe Circle responsible for the month of July and Faith Circle for the month of August.



July 21 Women's Service 10:00 a.m. Please see Vanessa to sign up!

July 28 WELCA Board Meeting 11:15 a.m.

August 6, Tuesday, All Women of Bethlehem Barbeque at the home of Melissa & Erik Sandvig, Los Alamitos at 6:00 p.m.

HAPPY 4TH!!



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,

Continuous thanks to all Bethlehem family and friends for your help in providing food and other items for LSS.

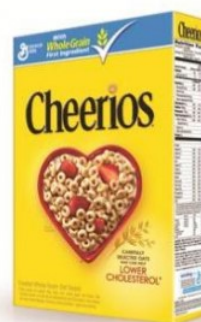
As we continue in this year, our monthly request for **July and August 2019** for food donations will be for **Can fruit, Cups of fruit, Cups of apple sauces and beans. All other food donations of your choice** will be appreciated. There is always a daily need for **Cereals**. Let's fill Pastor's Pantry.

Summer is here, but there is still a need for warm sweat shirts, jackets and socks and they can be gently used.

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





God's work.
Our hands.

Save the date: Sunday, September 8, 2019

“God’s Work - Our Hands” Sunday

Opportunity to share and participate in another service activity. Remember 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018? Well, 2019 is here and once again we shall gather. More information forthcoming as we plan. Let’s do this work together to make this a day of service!

**Your Social Ministry Committee
and Parish Life Committee**





46th Annual Apple Festival Bazaar

Saturday, October 19th 2019 8am to 1pm

Dianna Reynolds and I are thrilled to report that we have MOST of our chair people in place in the key areas that make up our awesome church bazaar. Hard to believe that this is the 46th time that Bethlehem has offered this church wide event. There are some members that worked the *first* bazaar and will, once again, work this year.

This bazaar happens because of the efforts of so many of our church family. If you haven't decided yet, be thinking in which of the following areas you would like to volunteer:

Area:

Chair person(s)

Addie's Attic

Johanne Hansen & Jeanne Sandvig

Bakery/Gourmet

Debby Gustafson

Cashier

Andrea Campbell and Diane Clark

Crafts/Homemade Items

_____ ? _____

Char's Kitchen

Vanessa Stevenson & Merle Hower

Lynn's Book Nook

Brian Gary and family

New Junktique

_____ ? _____

Set Up/Clean Up

Men in Mission & ?

Treasurer

Christina Watson

New this year. Dianna will be holding craft and bakery workshops. More information coming!

Please bring your good, clean treasures beginning Sunday October 13th to Bachman Hall. There will be signs posted as to where you can put your various items. Pricing and sorting of the treasures will begin on Monday October 14th and lots of help is needed in this area. Donations will be accepted all that week. We ask that all be in before Friday p.m.

Please bring all baked/gourmet items and crafts items before Friday p.m.

Any questions, please call Christina Watson.





7/4/2015	Michael & Christine Rosso	7/21/1967	Ron & Jane Clausen
7/27/2003	Harold & Judy Snell	8/11/1996	Doug & Fiona Wolfe
7/2	Dave Scott	7/3	Vern Reynolds
7/8	Marianne Sakowski	7/10	Tim Campbell
7/12	Dianna Reynolds	7/13	Shirley Campbell
7/15	Debbie Johnson	7/19	Austin Temple
7/24	Logan Sandvig	7/27	Ray Shelton
8/13	Blake Anderson	8/14	Fritz Campbell
8/26	Brad Stevenson	8/27	Cameron Reed
8/30	Steve Tegtmeier	8/27	Brooklyn Retrum
		7/5	Randi Reynolds
		7/12	Sara DeWeese
		7/13	Steven Joplin
		7/21	Liz Nehrenberg
		7/30	Susan Mlynaryk
		8/17	Benjamin Haglund



Gladyce Ackerman
 Julie Anderson
 Elaine Asbury
 Amy Bachman
 Kevin Betts
 Art Brandon
 Jim Brandon
 Kate & Steve
 John Buezis
 Luelle Buezis
 Shirley Campbell
 Caren Cantafio
 Laurie Carpenter
 Linnea Clayton
 Irene Cooper
 Maxine Cornwell
 Paul Crizer
 William Dampf
 Sara DeWeese

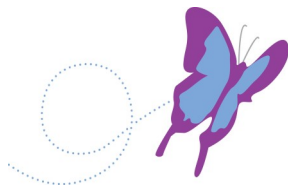
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 Joan Ebersold
 Judy Frazier
 Frank Gary
 Katrina Gary
 Ed Grogan
 Bruce Gustafson
 Janet Harris
 Joe Harris
 Diana Hayden
 Gaylord Hollister
 Violet Imoto Family
 Genevieve Jenkins
 Betty Jones
 Dean Kinzel
 Julie Kizziar
 Joan Lee
 Karol Lemerond
 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
 Sandy Retrum
 Bill Ritz
 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 July



	Reader	Cantor	Ushers	Counters
7/7	Jane Clausen	Charles Toth	Dave & Linda Scott Marv & Susan Schneider	Dale Retrum David Retrum
7/14	Dianna Reynolds	Charles Toth		John Buezis John Buezis, Jr
7/21	Bill Lindell	Charles Toth	John & Janice Hunt Pam Tipich	Jim Martin Marv Schneider
7/28	Bruce Gustafson	Charles Toth		Andrea Campbell Bob Campbell Lois DeForest



Altar Guild

7/7
7/14 Christina Watson
7/21
7/28 Vanessa Stevenson

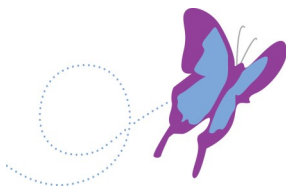


Altar Flowers

7/7 Dianna Reynolds
7/14
7/21 Gary
7/28 Dieter

Thanks to These People for Serving in August

	Reader	Cantor	Ushers	Counters
8/4	Erika Gary	Lana Dieter		
8/11	Alice Roop	Lana Dieter		
8/18	Jeanne Sandvig	Lana Dieter		
8/25		Lana Dieter		



Altar Guild

8/4

8/11

8/18

8/25 Marianne Sakowski



Altar Flowers

8/4

8/11

8/18 Morrissey

8/25 Stevenson