

Bethlehem Star

The Newsletter of Bethlehem Lutheran Church May 2018



From the Pastor:

Greetings to you as we welcome Spring!

In less than 2 months, the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering will begin in Houston, TX. Many of you may know by now that I am serving on the planning team for this Youth Gathering, I'm serving as the Team Leader for Volunteers and have been in this position since early 2016. For the next couple of newsletter articles, I want to take some time to tell you about the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering and why I am involved in this ministry. I hope these articles will be informative and I want to say thank you for your understanding, interest, and time allowed to be involved in this ministry.

The ELCA Youth Gathering is held every 3 years in various cities in the U.S. There are 2 pre-events before the Gathering held as well, MYLE (Multi-Cultural Youth Leadership Event), a faith formation and leadership development event primarily for youth of color, and the tAble, a gathering that gathers, blesses and empowers youth with disabilities. Both of these pre-events will be Sunday, June 24 – Wednesday, June 27. The ELCA Youth Gathering will be from Wednesday, June 27 – Sunday, July 1. We are planning for over 30,000 high school students and adult leaders to participate in this year's Gathering and as you can imagine, there are hundreds of people who have been working for quite some time to pull this event together. First and foremost, the ELCA Youth Gathering is a faith formation event, there are a wide variety of opportunities for participants to engage, witness, and share the Gospel with one another and with others they meet.

This year's theme is "This Changes Everything" based on Ephesians 2:8 "By grace you have been saved by grace through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." The website, www.elca.org/gathering has a lot of information, resources, and videos that help tell the Gathering story, I encourage you to check out the website so you can have an overall picture of the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering and please feel free to talk with me about it too, I'm always happy to share what's going on and give updates.

Blessings, Pastor Jennifer Schultz

Middle School Confirmation will meet on Tuesdays, May 8th, 15th, and 22nd...we'll wrap up our time together on May 22nd, take a break during the summer, and begin again in September.

Sunday School will meet on Sundays, May 8th, 15th, and 22nd...we'll take a break during the summer and begin again in September.

Coming June 3rd



Parents' Day Celebration!

Brought to you by Parish Life

W.E.L.C.A.'s 2018 Summer Community Outreach Project

Recipient: Precious Life-Los Alamitos

We are collecting: Glue Sticks, Wipes (any kind) and Paper Towels.

Please give your donations to Christina Watson or bring to the church office by June 10th. The donations will be delivered to Precious Life on Tuesday June 12 at which time we will be touring their new facility. More information to follow.

Thank you, Christina

Bethlehem will be hosting "Judy's Kitchen" at the Congregational Church, located at 4111 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, from 10am to 12:30; date: Saturday May 19th.

We will be serving chili, corn bread and salad. We need 2 more recipes of chili, 2 more people to make corn bread and 2 people willing to make a green salad (thank you, in advance, Susan Schneider for chili and Dianna Reynolds for corn bread) .

We will provide the recipe for the chili. You will be reimbursed for your expenses.

This is a great opportunity to serve our community; all ages can help.

Please contact Christina Watson if you are interested.

FAITH CIRCLE MEETING

When: Tues. May 1, 2018

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Where: Fireside Room

Hostess: Marge Hargrove

Bible Study Leader(s): Pastor Jennifer Schultz

Please read Bible Study Session before from our May **GATHER** magazine page 20-24 and be ready to learn about "Hospitality for All"

****Any questions, please call Andrea Campbell, Faith Circle Leader**

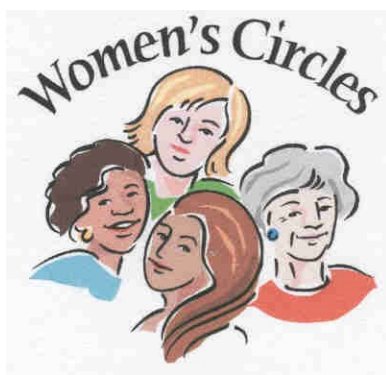




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Gather Study: Hospitality for all



FAITH Circle Meeting Tuesday, May 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Hostess is Marge Hargrove. Bible Study led by Pastor Jennifer. For questions and details, call Faith Circle leader, Andrea Campbell

PHOEBE Circle Meeting Tuesday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Margie Reynolds. Margie will lead the Bible Study. For questions and details, call Jeanne Sandvig.

All Women of Bethlehem are welcome to attend.



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

Women's 2018 Theme "Reform, Renew, Rejoice"

WELCA's Calendar of Events



\$10 Admission Bible's Bad Girls



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www.pacificawomen.org

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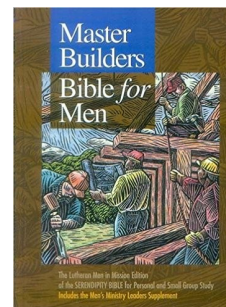
Join the Pacifica Synod

Women of the ELCA On Facebook



Men in Mission welcome all men who desire fellowship and want to grow in their faith. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month in the Fireside Room at 9:00 am. We almost always have donuts and coffee. Come join us.

We currently are using the Master Builders Bible for Men, copies of which are available at no charge. Please see Brad Stevenson if you are interested in getting a copy for study.



The next Bethlehem Men-In-Mission meeting will be on Saturday, May 5th, 2018, at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room. We will continue with our study of the Gospel of Matthew from the Master Builders Bible for Men. Please refer to page 1325 in this text; we will be covering Lesson 4 in the 13 week plan.

We will also meet on Saturday, May 19th, at the same place and time. Again, referring to page 1325, we will be covering Lesson 5 in the 13 week plan.

Men In Mission Outreach

This month the Bethlehem Men in Mission group will again be assembling toiletry kits for homeless men, to be delivered through Long Beach Lutheran Social Services.

The items needed are the same as those gathered in February, but waste not, want not. We will be asking for specific quantities to fill out 20 kits for distribution. Should anyone prefer to donate money in lieu of travelling to a 99 cent store, you can donate \$20.

On Sunday, May 6th, after worship there will be a sign-up sheet on the patio so members can sign up for 1 or more items to be donated. The following Sunday, May 13th, we will have a marked basket in the narthex for your toiletry donations.





Lutheran Social Services-Long Beach Community Care Center Monthly Report

Dear Bethlehem Family and Friends,

As we continue our request for food donations we are asking you for your continuing help during May 2018 for **Cereal (any size or flavor), oatmeal any size or kind and can fruits**. Any other food items you wish to donate are always appreciated. There is still a request for **socks and warm clothing**.

Thanks again for helping to keep our Lutheran Social Service cupboard (Pastor's Pantry in the 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



"Save the Date"

Bethlehem's Vacation Bible School

Monday July 30th through Friday August 3rd



Time: 9 a.m. to Noon - Church & Community Bar B Q Friday evening

Theme: "Incredible Journeys" Jesus, Paul, Joseph, Moses, Ruth etc.

More information to follow, Blessings, Christina Watson, Director

Paper Rollers

This ministry has been active at Bethlehem Lutheran Church for several years, providing activity and fellowship for volunteers. With the funds this ministry generates, paper rollers have generously contributed to several projects of this congregation. This ministry would not exist without the wonderful volunteers but it also needs newspapers. If you receive a newspaper or know others that do (neighbors, family, friends), please save them or ask them to save them and bring them to the church. If you are not able to bring them to the church, let us know and we can arrange for pick-up of the papers. There are periods of time when Paper Rollers do not meet because they don't have newspapers to "roll". Thank you to those who are involved in this ministry and those who save and bring their newspapers, they always welcome new "rollers" and more contributions of papers.



5/1/1956	Ray & Kay Shelton	5/6/2016	Julie & Joey Brzuska
5/7/1966	Dave & Linda Scott	5/14/1966	Dale & Sandy Retrum
5/17/1980	Geoff & Heidi Krazy		

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 Wolfe	5/22	Laura Tencati
5/23	Herb Menzel	5/26	Bob Campbell	5/26	Daryl Isaacs
5/30	Violet Orcutt				



Gladyce Ackerman
 Julie Anderson
 Elaine Asbury
 Amy Bachman
 Colleen Bidwell
 Arthur Brandon
 Luelle Buezis
 Andrea Campbell
 Bob Campbell
 Shirley Campbell
 Candice & Brian
 Laurie Carpenter
 Linnea Clayton
 Etta Bjornson Connell
 Irene Cooper
 Maxine Cornwell
 Sara DeWeese
 Keresey Dillon
 Jim Dooley
 Don Dooling

Charlotte Driskill
 Laura Duke
 Roy & Jane Dunlap
 Joan Ebersold
 Sally Ekdahl
 Doug Evans
 Judy Frazier
 Frank Gary
 Ginny Gary
 Katrina Gary
 Dr. Steve Graham
 Bruce Gustafson
 Bill Haglund
 The Halverson Family
 Janet Harris
 Joe Harris
 Diana Hayden
 Gaylord Hollister
 Genevieve Jenkins
 Betty Jones
 Dean Kinzel
 Julie Kizziar
 Loyd Lancaster
 Joan Lee
 William Lewis
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 Linda Nygard
 Coler Pearce
 Dale Retrum
 Sandy Retrum
 Bill Ritz
 Elaine Schultheis
 Leslie Summers
 Ed Sutton
 Ann Tegtmeier
 Steve Tegtmeier
 Aurora Thayse
 Kirk Von Salzen
 Elisabeth Waddell
 Tom Watkins
 Jerry Whitmore
 Hal Wolfe
 Mitsuko Yamamoto
 Alex Yarbrough
 Margaret Ziegler

Thanks to These People for Serving in May

	Reader	Cantor	Ushers	Counters
5/6	Brad Stevenson	Ron Clausen	Marv & Susan Schneider David & Linda Scott	Paul Meyer Lulu Meyer
5/13	Vanessa Stevenson	Ron Clausen	Paul Meyer Christina Watson	George Egbert Marsha Egbert
5/20	Liz Nehrenberg	Ron Clausen		Dick Hansen Alice Roop
5/27	Debby Gustafson	Ron Clausen	John & Janice Hunt Terry Morriss Pam Tipich	Caryl Harris Joyce Payne



5/6

5/13 George & Marsha Egbert

5/20

5/27 Marianne Sakowski

5/6 Hower, Moeller

5/13 Stevenson, Watson

5/20 Gustafson, Tegtmeier

5/27 Clausen