

# Bethany Lutheran Church

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*"We are a family of believers ..."*



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

## November Newsletter 2019

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### November Worship

Sundays

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

### Sunday School

Sundays, 9:15 AM

### Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Bethany Lutheran Church-Group

## 2019 Holiday Outreach Opportunities

While outreach (giving *beyond* our church community) is part of our mission during the entire year, we offer special opportunities in November and December. In 2019 there are two *world-wide* and four *closer-to-home* projects in which you are invited to participate through our church.

- ♥ ELCA: Good Gifts - Pick an ornament off the tree in the fellowship hall – deadline December 24 – see *article page 2*
- ♥ Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child – Pack a shoebox – Cash or check for shipping – deadline November 17 – see *article page 4*
- ♥ Eatonville Family Agency: Parents Shopping Day - Purchase new toys and clothes for children & teens ages 4 to 18 – deadline December 15<sup>th</sup> – collection box in the narthex
- ♥ Spanaway Food Bank: Purchase ham(s) for clients – bring to Bethany between December 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> – will be delivered to Spanaway FB on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> for distribution
- ♥ Pastor's Discretionary Fund: Monetary donations (especially needed during holidays) – or gift cards such as Fred Meyer, Target or Amazon – to be used as need is made known to the pastor
- ♥ Senior Social Ministry Holiday Outreach Project for local need – details to be announced soon!

## Auction a Success!

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the All Church Dinner and Auction. Many hands made light work, and all were blessed beyond measure. A total of \$8400 (minus expenses) was raised for the Heat Pump Fund. In addition, \$1575 was raised for the Spanaway Food Bank. The Property Committee is so grateful for all the help to make the entire evening such a huge success. This is the largest amount of money that a fundraising auction has made here. There are so many verbs that could depict how awesome the congregation is and how well we all worked together on the dinner and auction. Many, many thanks! ~ Property Committee



*Food & Fun at the Auction!*

## Senior Social

The lunch ladies invite all to come for a "feast" and explore what it means to be thankful on Thursday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 noon in Litzer Hall.

## ELCA Good Gifts:

### More Ways to Make a Difference!

The new ELCA Good Gifts catalog is here, and so is a ***new and improved online store***, found at: <https://goodgifts.elca.org/>. Shop now to find a dozen brand-new gifts (manure, anyone?) as well as returning favorites: goats, water wells, and school fees for a girl. Each gift goes on to make a difference in the world. **Start planning your Christmas gifts now** because when you give in honor of a friend or loved one, you can mail, email or download a card to let them know. If you prefer not to shop online, check out the Good Gifts catalogs in the fellowship hall, choose an ornament from the tree, and make your donation through Bethany Lutheran Church. Gift cards are available for you to announce your gift(s) to the person you are honoring.

## Autumn Reflection ~ by Jill Kerton

Seeing the calico-colored quilt  
Of leaves that are turning brown,  
Yet there still can be some color  
As more leaves fall to the ground.

Bright yellow, red, or orange,  
Can you see them swilling round?  
To rest here under my apple tree  
And under other trees all over town.

Then icy chill is found in the air  
And when dense fog cuts the vision,  
Whether to go outside or not, still  
You need to make a hard decision.

Like our two four-legged doorbells  
That keep hesitating at the door.  
This of course lets all that cold in  
As our furnace bills begin to soar.

Yes, autumn sure is the prelude to winter  
As the gusty winds pick up their pace,  
I hope everyone's home is winterized  
Making it a warm, and safe living space.



## Youth Service Project

Lisa Blank is coordinating a service event at the Eatonville Community Center serving their monthly free dinner on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Youth and their parents are encouraged to participate, as well as anyone else who would like to help. This would also fulfill community service hours. There is no cooking involved. Set up is at 5:00 PM, and the meal is from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Please talk to Lisa if you are interested.



*The End of the Garden Season*

## Save the Date!

The choir invites anyone who would like to join us on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> to go caroling at the homes of some of our Bethany members. (We have a list!) We'll have a light lunch here at church after second service, figure out carpooling, synchronize our watches and Google map routes, and make our cheery way through Spanaway, Graham, and Eatonville. Please let Daleen know if you're interested.

## Calendar of Monthly Events

### Finance Meeting

Mon. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM, Office

### Property Meeting

Tues. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM, Library

### Ruediger Memorial Service

Sat. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM

### Bethany Connect

Sun. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM, Rm. 8/9

### Confirmation

Sun. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:45 AM, Rm. 8/9

### Veterans Day

Mon. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, OFFICE CLOSED

### Council Meeting

Tues. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, Litzer Hall

### Bethany Quilters

Thurs. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, Litzer Hall

### Eatonville Dinner Youth to Serve

Fri. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM, Community Center

### Yahweh Yarners

Sun. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 AM, Library

### Senior Social

Thurs. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:00 PM, Litzer Hall

### Holiday Bazaar

Sun. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – 4 PM, Hall & Narthex

### Thanksgiving

Thurs. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, OFFICE CLOSED

## We Pray For ...

- Beulah Parsons – home-bound
- Leanne Wells – vascular parkinsonism
- Obie Estby – ongoing health concerns
- Jamie Lima – liver disease
- Marc Olson – ongoing treatment of ALS
- Ruediger Family – as they mourn
- John Fife – recovering from surgery
- Jerry Krause – preparing for surgery
- Frankie Smith - hospitalized

## Financial Update

	September	
	Anticipated	Actual
Beginning Balance		\$7,814.09
Receipts	\$17,350.00	\$17,162.02
Disbursements	(\$17,243.00)	(\$18,020.03)
Ending Balance		\$6,956.08
	October	
	Anticipated	Actual
Beginning Balance		\$6,956.37
Receipts	\$20,084.00	\$22,588.07
Disbursements	(\$19,157.00)	(\$18,637.42)
Ending Balance		\$10,907.02

## Operation Christmas Child

Did you know that instead of putting a check in your Operation Christmas Child shoebox, you can make the postage donation online and follow your box to its country at:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/>.

You'll be able to print out a tracking label and attach it to your shoebox, and then use the Look-Up Tool to find out the country your box will be delivered to. Also, if you are not a shopper, another option is to "build" a shoebox online. The cost is \$25, and there are some fun options to choose from at:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>.

REMINDER: Handmade shoeboxes due November 17th! ALSO: Those of you who donate supplies-we use them to build more shoeboxes.

## Food Bank Focus

The "urgent need" for November and December is holiday foods. Examples would be: potatoes; yams; cranberry sauce; stuffing mixes; carrots; corn; apples; nuts; rolls; green beans; brownie mix; cornbread mix; dates; evaporated milk; pumpkin; onions; flour; canned berries; and pie crust. Thank-you!

## Council Members

April 2019-March 2020

**Nori Cash**

President

**Nancy Woodward**

Vice-President

**Wendy Smitherman**

Secretary

**Inez Hollmann**

Treasurer

**Cathy Keyes**

**Lisa Olson**

**Frank Putnam**

**Pastor Janeen Smith**



## A Shoebox Story

NANOR: Nanor received a shoebox in the Middle East at the age of 8. "I will never forget the day that I received my shoebox. I still remember every gift in it. I've kept the box to this day. It was beautifully wrapped in green wrapping paper. The most exciting gifts were a Barbie doll and a stationary kit. I felt really special. I also became pen pals with the girl who sent me the box. The shoebox gave me an extreme amount of happiness." Every shoebox has a story!