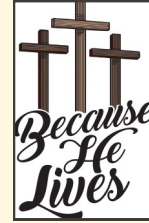


# Bethlehem Star

## April 2019



From the Pastor's Desk...

*He is*  
**RISEN**

Some of my favorite memories of celebrating Easter were when I was young. The church I grew up in had a tradition of a Sunrise service at 6:30 am on Easter morning and following that service, there was an Easter breakfast. As a young child I really looked forward to this worship service (not because of the early start time) but because the service was led by the middle and high school students. As a young student, I enjoyed seeing the older students leading and participating in the service. Reading, praying, singing, and giving the message (which was usually a skit) were all parts of the service that were youth led and I thought it was so cool that they were all up front and I couldn't wait to be old enough to participate. Each year, I anticipated the Easter sunrise service, looking forward to the year I could first participate.

Easter is all about celebrating the new, the unexpected, hope, and life, new life. As Christians, we celebrate the Easter good news that Jesus has risen, that he has been raised from the dead. Resurrection life, joyous news that isn't just for the day or season designated as Easter...for we need this good news in our lives every single day. For we experience our own moments of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday in our lives still today, Easter joy brings hope and new life to those moments of betrayal and death. What are you anticipating this Easter? Is it something that will take place on that day? Is it someone you're looking forward to seeing and spending time with? Is it the return of the Alleluia/Hallelujah? In the simple yet powerful proclamation, "Alleluia, Christ has risen. He has risen indeed, Alleluia!", we declare that our anticipation has been met and exceeded with the good news of joyous new life...resurrection life, Easter life.

Blessings,

Pastor Jennifer

### **Wednesday Evenings during Lent:**

April 3 and April 10: Soup, Salad, and Bread Meals at 6:00 pm in Bachman Hall

Worship at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

### **Holy Week Worship:**

Palm Sunday w/Holy Communion – Sunday, April 14 at 10:00 am (No Sunday School for Adults and Children). Weather permitting – Worship will begin in the courtyard with processional into the sanctuary

Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion – Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 pm in Bachman Hall

Good Friday – Friday, April 19 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Prayer Vigil – Saturday, April 20 from 1:00-5:00 pm in the Sanctuary (sign-up for preferred time slot)

Easter Sunday w/Holy Communion – Sunday, April 21 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary (No Sunday School for Adults and Children). Children's Easter Egg Hunt following worship

### Church Council:

Recently Bob Campbell resigned as President of the church council, therefore Brad Stevenson is now serving as President and Dale Retrum is now serving as the Vice President. An additional council member will soon be appointed.

The Church Council recently approved recommendations brought forward from committees for expenditures from two of the church funds. The Worship & Music Committee brought a proposal to update and add audio & visual equipment in the sanctuary, to be paid for from monies from the Memorial Fund. The Property Committee brought a proposal to replace the HVAC units for Bachman Hall and Fireside Room, to be paid for from monies from the designated Capital Improvement Fund (Verizon monies). Both of these proposals were approved by the Church Council and are moving forward. Paper Rollers are also contributing money for some of the additional audio equipment for the sanctuary. The Committees and Church Council extend many thanks for the utilization of these funds to pay for these projects and capital improvements, this wouldn't be possible without the contributions made to the Memorial Fund and the volunteers who participate in Paper Rollers.

### Volunteer Opportunity:

Some of the Audio Visual equipment in the sanctuary will soon be updated and enhanced and with this new equipment, there will be a training session to go over the operation of the new equipment. We thought this might be a good time to see if there are others in the congregation who might like to volunteer to operate the AV equipment during worship. Many thanks to our small but mighty crew of current AV volunteers...your faithful service is very much appreciated. If you are interested in learning more or would like to volunteer, please talk to any of the following people: Ron Clausen, Ken Johnson, or Pastor Jennifer. The training session will be scheduled once the equipment is installed and operational...look for future announcements for the date and time.

### Easter Celebration Preparation:

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following worship on Easter Sunday for the children...to help get ready for this annual event, we're looking for donations of plastic eggs to fill, small individually wrapped candy or toys to put inside the plastic eggs. The Gary Family will again be coordinating this event and they ask that the donations be brought to the church by Palm Sunday, April 14.

Easter Flower Cross will be displayed in the courtyard on Easter Sunday...if you would like to provide fresh flowers from your yard or purchased from a store, you may place them in the wire on the cross before worship. This is a beautiful symbol of the new life we celebrate on Easter.

### Readers Needed for Good Friday Worship:

Pastor Jennifer is looking for up to 12 readers for the Good Friday Worship service on April 19th at 7:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the office, thanks in advance.

# All Church Birthday Party

## Sunday, March 24th





## Parish Life - Spring & Summer Activities

- April 16-28 -2019 Shen Yun @ The Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa. Ticket information online [ShenYun.com/LA](http://ShenYun.com/LA), Hotline 800-880-0188
- March 29-April 14, 2019 Pageant of our Lord-Parish Life will not be ordering tickets. Ticket information online: [tickets@PageantofourLord.com](mailto:tickets@PageantofourLord.com) Telephone number 310-521-2520.

### HOLLYWOOD BOWL:

- June 15th Opening Night at the Bowl; with John Legend.
- June 29th-Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix in concert.
- June 30th-ABBA: The Concert
- July 2-3-4th of July Fireworks Spectacular with Nile Rodgers & Chic.
- July 5th- Leon Bridges Rhye
- July 13th-Cyndi Lauper with orchestra
- July 20th -Hugh Jackman The Man, The Music, The Show
- July 26-27 Into The Woods.
- August 3rd-The Gipsy Kings featuring Nicolas Reyes & Tonino Balliardo Las Cafeteras
- August 10th-Tchaikovsky Spectacular with Fireworks
- August 17th-Jurassic Park in Concert
- August 24th-Pink Martini with Orchestra
- August 31st-Maestro of the Movies- John Williams
- September 7th-Barry Manilow with Orchestra
- September 21st-Sing-A-Long- Sound of Music

**See you on the patio!**



***SPRING IS HERE AND SO WILL  
BE CARD BINGO ON SUNDAY,  
APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> 2-4 PM***

Come join us in the Fireside room for a fun time of cards and refreshments.  
All ages are welcome and bring friends!!

To play, you bring a wrapped White Elephant or something purchased for \$3.  
If you have any questions, please contact Margie.



**EL CAMINO PINES**

**- Faith -**

**ON THE FLY**

**TAKING YOUR FAITH WITH YOU  
WHEREVER YOU GO!**

**MAY 25-27**

**> MEMORIAL DAY FAMILY CAMP**

Get away for the long weekend with a family trip to El Camino Pines Memorial Day Family Camp!

[www.LRCChome.com/memorialday](http://www.LRCChome.com/memorialday)

**Come with your whole family,  
or come alone and meet some  
new friends!**

**Children will have their own  
activities led by the LRCC staff  
and adults meet separately  
with a keynote speaker. Enjoy  
a weekend of family, fun and  
fellowship!**

**Registration Info**

**Adults (12 and up): \$105.00**

**Youth (4 -11): \$95.00**

**Children under 3: Free**

**Family Max: \$350.00**

**Registration is done online and  
is now open.**



## Lutheran Social Services-Long Beach Community Care Center Monthly Report

Dear Bethlehem Family and Friends,

As we continue in this year, our monthly request in April 2019 for food donations will be for **Easter meal type foods. Potatoes, small can Hams or SPAM, can green beans, carrots or corn. Cereal and all other food donations of your choice** will be appreciated. Let's fill Pastor's Pantry.

Our cold nights need warm sweat shirts, jackets and socks and can be gently used. They love the knitted hats and beanies.

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





Thanks to all 66 Bethlehem family members, relatives and friends who attended our **Polly's Pie** Fundraiser on January 7, 2019. What a nice surprise to see the \$253.79 check from Hof's Hut. **Fundraising has never been so delicious!**

Thanks again to all 70 Bethlehem family members, relatives friends and guests who attended our Fundraiser at **California Pizza Kitchen** on March 18, 2019. The manager was excited to see us again

and thanked everyone. A check for \$208.06 is forthcoming.

**Fundraising once again at CPK's..... Pizza with a purpose** was a great fellowship.

Thanks again,

Bethlehem Social Ministry Committee

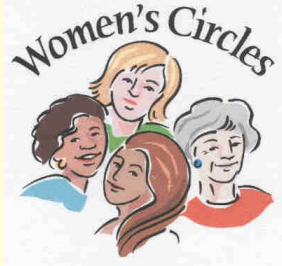


The next Bethlehem Men-In-Mission meeting will be on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 9:00 A.M in the Fireside Room. We will continue our study of the **Book of Revelation** from the **Master Builders Bible for Men**.

The reading for this week will be Chapters 4:1 through 8:1 with discussion on verses 6:1-17 / **The Seven Seals**.

We will also meet on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 9:00 A.M in the Fireside Room. We will continue our study of the **Book of Revelation** from the **Master Builders Bible for Men**.

The reading for this week will be Chapters 8:2 through 11:18 with discussion on verses 8:2-9:21 / **Scene 3, The World**.



FAITH Circle .Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Hostess is Camille Riach and Bible Study Leader is Pastor Jennifer. For questions and details, call Faith Circle leader, Andrea Campbell.

PHOEBE Circle Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club of Cypress. Erika Gary is our hostess and will lead the Bible Study.

For questions and details, call Jeanne Sandvig.



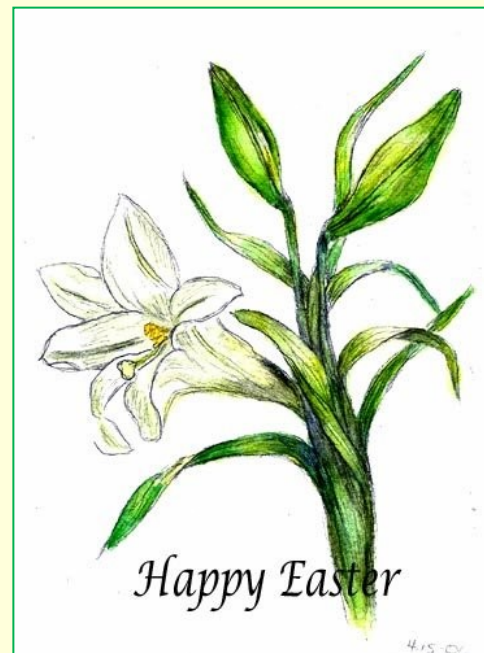
**Sunday Morning**  
**Coffee & Cookies**

Thank you to Men in Mission for providing coffee for the month of March. Phoebe Circle is responsible for the month of April.



The Women of Bethlehem are responsible for the Lenten Soup & Salad Supper on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who volunteered to cook, serve and clean up.

Sunday, May 5, 2019 May Ladies' Day Cinco De Maio Luncheon and Dia De Musica! 11:30am-2:00pm in Bachman Hall.



Check out Pacifica Partners online

[www.pacificawomen.org](http://www.pacificawomen.org)

click on news & events

Join the Pacifica Synod  
Women of the ELCA on Facebook



# Día de Música



*May 5, 2019*

*Ladies Spring Event*

*11:30am – 1:00pm*

*Bachman Hall*

*Cost: \$7*



*Lunch will be served, music will be provided by Sarah Sandvig Studio Students, fellowship with other women, and information on the sorrows of Human-Trafficking provided by the assistant to the Bishop, Pacifica Synod, Rev. Terry Tuvey Allen. Love gifts will go toward helping fight Human Trafficking, as well as a Bethlehem offering being collected. Please save the date and make sure to register for the program after church on the patio. An afternoon of fun, fellowship, and important information. Invite your friends, relatives and neighbors to this very special event.*





## INTERNATIONAL SEAFARERS CENTER PORTS LONG BEACH – LOS ANGELES HARBOR

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February 11, 2019

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Dear Pastor Jennifer and all the special ladies:

The International Seafarers Center Staff and Board Members would like to express our gratitude for so many blessings, but we are particularly thankful for your consistent support, year in and year out. Your support and donations during the holidays have helped the seafarer's while they are away from their families and friends, feel that they are special and that we care. Your support and donations have allowed us to continue to offer a ship's crew a safe and caring place when they are in port. This would have never been possible without people like you who support our cause.

We wish you all the best for a healthy, happy and successful New Year and thank you again wholeheartedly for your support.

Most Sincerely,

R.B. McKenna  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
International Seafarers Center

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## APRIL



Richard & Candie Toth	4/1/1989	Taylor Coe & Hannah Wolfe	4/9/2016
Ken & Debby Johnson	4/11/1987	David & Krissy Retrum	4/14/2007
Marv & Susan Schneider	4/18/1975	Jim & Susan Martin	4/23/1983
Lon & Cathy Warnock	4/24/1976	George & Marsha Egbert	4/24/2010
Travis & Courtney Retrum	4/29/2017	David & Jeanne Sandvig	4/30/1971

4/2 Ken Johnson	4/3 Kenneth Correia	4/3 Caryl Harris	4/6 Caroline Sisk
4/6 Cathy Warnock	4/8 Marv Schneider	4/10 Marynell Wolfe	4/11 Merle Hower
4/12 John Buezis	4/17 Geoff Kracy	4/19 Erika Gary	4/26 Cheri Dobberteen
4/26 Laura Duke	4/30 Melissa Sandvig		



Gladyce Ackerman  
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 Elaine Asbury  
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 Colleen Bidwell  
 Art Brandon  
 Jim Brandon  
 Kate & Steve  
 John Buezis  
 Luelle Buezis  
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 Laurie Carpenter  
 Linnea Clayton  
 Irene Cooper  
 Maxine Cornwell  
 William Dampf  
 Sara DeWeese  
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 Joan Ebersold  
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 Katrina Gary  
 Bruce Gustafson  
 Janet Harris  
 Joe Harris  
 Diana Hayden  
 Gaylord Hollister  
 Violet Imoto Family  
 Genevieve Jenkins  
 Marie Johnson  
 Betty Jones  
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 Sndy Retrum  
 Bill Ritz  
 Elaine Schulthies  
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 Jerry Whitmore  
 Nancy Williamson  
 Mitsuko Yamamoto  
 Margaret Ziegler



## Thanks to These People for Serving in April

	Reader	Cantor	Ushers	Counters
<b>4/7</b>	Lana Dieter	Vanessa Stevenson	Alice Roop Brad Stevenson Pam Tipich Christina Watson	John Buezis  John Buezis, Jr
<b>4/14</b>	Brad Stevenson	Vanessa Stevenson	Bruce & Debby Gustafson  John & Janice Hunt	Lulu Meyer  Paul Meyer
<b>4/21</b>	Dianna Reynolds	Vanessa Stevenson	Paul Meyer  Dianna Reynolds	Dick Hansen  Alice Roop
<b>4/28</b>	Jeanne Sandvig	Vanessa Stevenson		Caryl Harris  Joyce Payne



### Altar Guild

**4/7**

**4/14** Debby Gustafson

**4/21** Vanessa Stevenson

**4/28** Christina Watson



### Altar Flowers

**4/7**

**4/14** Clausen, Johnson

**4/21** Dieter, Gary

**4/28** Martin, Sandvig/Watson