

# Bethany Lutheran Church

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## November 2024 Newsletter

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### Inspirational Quote from the Bible

(with practical tips for living it out today)

13. LUKE 3:10-11

“What should we do then?” the crowd asked. John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

As believers, we need to remember that everything God blesses us with is also meant to bless others. It's important not to hoard and store up things for ourselves when we know that others are in need. This verse itself gives all the practical tips we need: if you have two shirts, share one; and if you have food, share with one who does not.

## PASTOR JEFF'S MESSAGE

From Pastor Jeff:

*<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,*

*'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'*

*Revelation 7:9-10*

It is good to be serving with you, saints of Bethany. With less than a month together, I can honestly say this is a very, very good church, and I feel blessed to be a part of it, if only for a time. It is particularly meaningful to be joining with you at this time of year, in the fall, with daylight's slow but steady wane, leaves turning color and falling, the days and nights taking on a chill, and the church year coming to an end. Reformation Sunday, All Saints Sunday, and the final Sundays of the late Pentecost Season, culminating in Christ the King Sunday—all of these remind us of Christ with us in the past and in the present, God's promises for the future, and the amazing gifts God gives us through all our days. I am especially grateful for the people—the multitude of saints—God has sent into my life.

My earliest memory of my personal saints were family members, family friends, neighbors, public school and Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teachers, and the host of people who showed kindness and shared God's love with me. As I grew, I was further encouraged by teachers, coaches, and mentors. In high school, our new pastor who knew his limitations (he couldn't sing) turned his lack of musical gifts into a chance for me and other high schoolers to take leadership roles singing the Sunday liturgy. (Three of us became pastors.) In my decades as a pastor, there have always been faith-filled, kind, generous, diverse, and wise church members who have borne witness of Christ's love alive in them. As I grow riper with years, I fondly remember these saints with gratitude and love, even as I mourn their passing fully into God's eternal care. (I know and love an awful lot of dead people.)

Who are the saints in your life? Remember and give thanks for them, for they are among God's best and greatest gifts. And remember, too, you saint, you are God's gift to others. You were created to be gospel—God's good news—God's love come in flesh and blood.

Remember and give thanks. Remember and be gospel.

## HOLY HAPPENINGS

# LADIES NIGHT OUT BUNCO



**Please Come Join the Next One On:**

**Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 5:15 PM for Snacks**

**@ 5:30 PM to Rolling the Dice**

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## **Advent Fair**

**December 8<sup>th</sup> following service in Litzer Hall**

**If you are interested in helping with this and have an easy craft idea, please share it with Treina.**

# Eatonville's Prom Queen



Bethany's own Bailey Andersen was chosen as Eatonville High School's Homecoming Queen at the September 27th game against Foss High School.

*Congratulations Bailey!*

# Upgrades to the Sign

Thank you to Kirk, Josh & Nancy Woodward for creating these signs!  
This looks amazing and easy for people to read from the road. We appreciate your time, energy and dedication to Bethany!



# Senior Social 'Fall into Fall'





**Looks like it was a lot of fun! Come out to the next one!**

**November Senior Social  
'Friendsgiving Feast'  
Thursday, Nov. 21st  
Noon - Litzer Hall  
All are welcome!**

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Imagine being a child and never getting a Christmas present or even any present. Imagine one year that you get a shoebox filled with surprises from a faraway land. Be a Christmas Angel and fill a shoebox with school supplies, hygiene items, and toys for an underprivileged child.

These are the neediest of all the needy kids-victims of war, disease, disasters, poverty, famine and more. And some of them living in the worst of circumstances such as orphanages, refugee camps and bomb shelters.

You can use any shoebox and wrap it if you wish (cover wrapped separately). You can use the plastic shoeboxes. Or you can use the free decorated ones provided in the narthex. Find out more details about the program on the information table in the narthex. Take what you need! Due by November 17th! For more info you can call Cathy Keyes 253-847-5469.



**LADIES.... Are you looking for a night out?**

**Let's shake, rattle and roll some dice!**

**There will be prizes and a light snack!**

**Bethany Bunco Night**

**Thursday **November 7<sup>th</sup>** starting at 5:15 PM.**

**Bring \$10 with you.**

**All proceeds are designated for the electronic sign.**

*The sign-up sheet will be on the Narthex table.*

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# Mountain Country Bazaar

Friday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> @ 3PM - 8PM

Saturday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 9AM - 4PM

**New location:** Ohop Mutual Light Company

34014 Mountain Hwy E., Eatonville, WA 98328

Call for questions: 253-651-1748 or 858-220-2201

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## BETHANY LEFSE MAKING

MEET US ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> @ 9:30 AM

- Looking for 5 people to **boil, rice and make dough** w/ 10 pounds of potatoes each the day before!
  - Need people on Saturday to be:
    - Rollers
    - Bakers
    - Flippers
    - Wrappers



\*Please contact Sharon K. or Ardell S. for more information. Thank you!

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## Bethany Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 9AM – 5PM

**If you or somebody you know might be interested in being a vendor, please let the office know. To potential vendors:**

**There are sign-up forms to fill out on the Narthex table.**

**We are asking \$10 a table and 10% of proceeds from sales.**

**Set up time will be Nov. 22 from 11 AM to 2 PM &/or Nov 23 at 8 AM. Thank you!**

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## \*OTHER BAZAARS NEAR ME\*

What: Trinity Lutheran Church

Where: 12115 Park Avenue South Tacoma, WA 98444

When: November 9 Time: 10-4

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What: Lacamas Community Center

Where: 32113 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Roy, WA 98580

When: December 7-8 Time: 9-4

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The poster features a stylized Christmas tree with a glowing orange and red spiral as its branches, set against a dark blue night sky with stars and snow-capped mountains. A large yellow bell is positioned to the right of the tree. The text is arranged as follows:

**Rainier Ringers**  
*Twisted*  
**Christmas Carols**  
[www.RainierRingers.org](http://www.RainierRingers.org)

Free Admission  
(Donations Welcomed)

December 6 - 7:00pm First Lutheran Church Tacoma, WA	December 7 - 3:00pm Spirit of Life Lutheran Church Port Orchard, WA
December 13 - 7:00pm Bethany Lutheran Church Graham, WA	December 15 - 3:00pm First United Methodist Church Olympia, WA

*Rainier Ringers* will be performing in December. Our very own Anastacia Caswell will be performing on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December here at Bethany. This is very exciting, and admission is free, but donations are appreciated! For more information, please visit their website at [www.RainierRingers.org](http://www.RainierRingers.org)

December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM  
Come enjoy a night out to listen and support the Rainier Ringers.

# It is time for a Kitchen Shower

*The Senior Social Lunch Ladies have been preparing lunch each 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, September through June for the last 10 years.*

*Our kitchen tools need a Refresh!*

*There is a donation can available on the table in the Narthex.*

*Your donations will help Refresh our kitchen tools!*

*Thank You!*

*The Senior Social Ministry  
Lunch Ladies*



Thank you, Gary P, for coming to the rescue. The front door has been a challenge lately with shutting all the way and turns out that the bar was bent. It has been fixed and there hasn't been any issues since.

Also, we would like to thank Kerry H and Tom S for changing the lights in the Sunday School classroom.

And thanks to Gary Olson who comes out rain or shine to change the words on the outside sign and the air filters.

The Altar Guild Ladies spent their time organizing the banner closet this month. And a huge thank you for changing the banners and paraments for us at Bethany.

**Council Members & Officers**  
**April 2024 – March 2025**

Kelli Bacher, Secretary  
Gary Christensen  
Stan Lind  
Walt Sandor  
Carol Severson, Treasurer  
Janeen Smith, Pastor  
Paulette Van Cleve, Vice-President  
Rick Ward, President

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Pianist/Choir Dir: Claudia Simpson-Jones

Custodian: Kirk Goddard

YouTube Channel:

[BethanyLutheranChurchSpanawayW](https://www.youtube.com/channel/BethanyLutheranChurchSpanawayW)



**November Birthdays**

Fitz Carino	12
Jean Ritz	17
Brooklyn Shelton	19
Barbara Rosdahl	20
Daniel Fountain	23
Beulah Parsons	24
Toby Hanson	25
Walter Sandor	29





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