

# Bethlehem Star



**Marynell Wolfe** and the Wolfe Family would like to thank our Bethlehem Family for all of the many prayers, thoughts and support during Hal's care and at his memorial service.

"Thank you all."

**Rally Sunday** will be on Sunday, September 9. There will be a cross-generational activity for children and adults at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room...since it's also "God's Work, Our Hands Day", the activities will have a "hands-on" theme, including a sweet treat. Everyone is invited to participate and please feel free to invite others. Sunday School will continue the following Sunday, September 16 with the regular schedule: 9:00–9:45 am – Sunday School Classes for Children and Adults (Children will meet in Bachman Hall using "Holy Moly" Curriculum" and Adults will meet in the Fireside Room, bring your Bible as we'll be reading/studying through the Gospel of Luke."

Greetings from Pastor Jennifer,

As our thoughts turn to the upcoming season of Fall, I am reminded of my experiences of the distinctive change of seasons in my home state of Minnesota. Fall was one of my favorite seasons for a variety of reasons including, cooler temperatures, the changing of the leaves, going back to school, school-related activities...I considered Fall to be an in-between season, as summer often seemed too short and winter too long (both of them sometimes being rather extreme), Fall was a nice time to get back in the swing of things, settle into what seemed to be normal routines.

In the church, the season of Fall also signals a getting back into a routine-of-sorts. Sunday School begins again, music rehearsals start up, Bible study groups that take a break during the summer resume in the Fall, and then there are of course, some special annual events that occur in the Fall. Please take some time to read about some upcoming activities and events in this Fall season (some returning favorites and something new).

I am reminded of the familiar Scripture passage from Ecclesiastes 3:1, "For everything this is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." In this passage, the author accounts for so many things that take place in life and gives a place and context for them all. While we each certainly experience different "seasons" throughout our lifetime, one thing remains constant and steady...the presence of God. God is ever-present with us and although we may know always be aware or feel or see God actively in our lives, be assured that God is there, is here, with us...in the season of Fall and every other "season" we experience.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Jennifer Schultz

## Parish Life Announcements

The Parish Life Committee will help the Social Ministry Committee with "God's Work, Our Hands" service event on Sunday, September 9th.

We have received the catalogs for the 2018-2019 programs at Cerritos Center, the Carpenter Center and the South Coast Repertory. Please stop by the patio table after Sunday service and have a look!

**Middle School Confirmation** resumes on Tuesday, September 11 from 3:15-4:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Confirmation is a continuation of faith formation, as students learn about the Christian faith in general, along with some specific beliefs. Students gather on a weekly basis for an experiential lesson, times of fellowship, and service. If you know of someone who might be interested in participating, please talk to Pastor Jennifer.

**Mark your calendars** for the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 7 at 10:00 am in the church courtyard. This blessing is in connection to the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4). Please bring your pet on a leash, in a crate or other carrier, for those who have pets who may not tolerate being around strangers and other animals, you are invited to bring a picture of your pet. We hope you will join us for this brief time of giving thanks and recognizing the joy, love, and companionship animals bring to our lives, there will also be a time of recognizing those beloved animals who have passed.

**Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, October 28** in the afternoon (specific time will be announced soon). Bethlehem Lutheran will be hosting a fun event for families in our community. Trunk or Treat is like trick-or-treating but instead of going from house to house, you go from trunk to trunk (trunks of vehicles). Everyone is invited to participate and decorate your "trunk" or "vehicle" and share wrapped treats with participants. This should be a festive and fun way to engage with our local families. More specific details to come in next month's newsletter and there will also be a sign-up so we have an idea of how many "trunks" will be available to "treat at." If you have any questions, please talk to the Gary Family or Pastor Jennifer.



**MEN-IN-MISSION MEETING:** The next Bethlehem Men-In-Mission meeting will be on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 9:00 A.M in the Fireside Room. We will continue with our study of the Gospel of **Matthew** from the **Master Builders Bible for Men**. The reading for this week will be Chapters 13:53 through 16:12 with discussion on verses 14:22-33, **Walking on Water**.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual W.E.L.C.A. Bar B Q

20 women enjoyed a lovely evening at the home of Erik and Melissa Sandvig on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. Erik was our chef and we devoured Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Teriyaki Chicken, layered salad, corn salad and delicious desserts. Theresa Murphy, Director of Precious Life, was our guest and filled us in on all the wonderful developments going on at Precious Life. She informed us that Los Alamitos has the most non-profit organizations in Orange County. Thank you to everyone who contributed donations to Precious Life. We loaded up Theresa's SUV with 6 bags full of batteries, trash bags, hand soap, kitchen utensils and paper towels. W.E.L.C.A. thanks Melissa for hosting this summer event.



45<sup>th</sup> Annual Apple Festival Bazaar  
Saturday October 20, 2018 8am-1pm  
Dianna Reynolds & Christina Watson-Chairs

DEPARTMENT:

HEAD CHAIRPERSON(S)

Kitchen

Merle Hower & Vanessa Stevenson

Gourmet/Bakery

Debby Gustafson

Addie's Attic

Johanne Hansen & Jeanne Sandvig

New Treasures

Marianne Sakowski, Camille Riach & Ann Tegtmeier

Handmade Crafts

Marjorie Moeller, Susan Schneider & Liz Nehrenberg

Setup/Teardown

Men in Mission

Lynn's Book Nook

Brian & Katrina Gary

Cashiers

Andrea Campbell, Dianne Clark (Helping since 2005)

Advertising

Erika Gary

Treasurer

Christina Watson

Arlene Pollard - Price the week prior and help in Addie's Attic the day of

Jacqie Tarantino - Bakery

Margie Reynolds - Decorate lunch tables

D ianna Reynolds - Oversee take down

Please contact Dianna or Christina to sign up to work in the area of your choice

Please bring your good, clean "Treasures" beginning on Sunday October 14 after church service. Help will be needed throughout the week to price and sort the donations. We hope to receive everything by Thursday evening. If you bring a large item, be prepared to dispose of it if it doesn't sell. Thank you.



September 2018

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

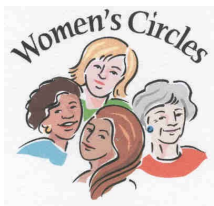
### WELCA's Calendar of Events

Gather Study:

Turn, turn, turn:

A time for faithful repentance

Session one: Turning to God,  
Time after time



FAITH Circle Tuesday, September 4 at 9:30 a.m. in Fireside Room. Hostess is Joyce Ritz and Pastor Jennifer is the Bible Study Leader. For questions and details, call Faith Circle leader, Andrea Campbell.

PHOEBE Circle Tuesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jeanne Sandvig, 6111 Barbados Ave, Cypress, CA. Jeanne will lead the Bible Study.

For questions and details, call Jeanne Sandvig.



### Sunday Morning Coffee & Cookies

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



Thank you to Melissa (and Erik) Sandvig for hosting our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women of Bethlehem BBQ on August 14. We had 20 women in attendance with delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken tenders, and a variety of salads and desserts. Theresa Murphy, Director of Precious Life, attended and updated us on activities at Precious Life and thanked us for our continued support.

**September 23, 2018 WELCA Board meeting 11:20 a.m. in Fireside Room**



Save Your  
Items for Our  
Rummage Sale

**October 20, 2018 ———**  
**45<sup>th</sup> Annual Apple Festival Bazaar 8:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.** Co-Chairs Dianna Reynolds and Christina Watson will be looking for volunteer help in sorting, pricing and preparing donated goods, kitchen help, food donations, set-up and take-down, and many other opportunities to serve.

**November 2-3, 2018 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Pacifica Women of the ELCA Gathering at Faith Lutheran Church, Menifee, CA.** If you are interested in attending, see Andrea Campbell or Jeanne Sandvig.

Check out Pacifica Partners on line

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

As we continue our request for food donations we are asking you for your continuing help during this upcoming fall month of September 2018 for **Cereals and soups with pop-top lids**. Any other food items you wish to donate are always appreciated. There is still a request for **socks and warm clothing** especially since we are now entering the fall season. Knitted hats and scarfs will be much appreciated real soon.

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.

Bob, Andrea and crew  
Social Ministry Committee





Are we ready for **“GOD’S WORK OUR HAND’S” Sunday**, September 9, 2018? I would say, “almost” by seeing our overflowing collection box in the Narthex. Your donation items are much appreciated. Thank You all.

In case you forgot, this is a servant/project Sunday event that we are celebrating along with other ELCA churches which total 3.7 million members in nearly 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and Caribbean region. Let me remind you that our Bethlehem Social Ministry Committee and our Thrivent Action Team members have chosen to help:

**Orange County Food Bank**

**Needs:** Can meats, dry foods (beans, rice, pasta, mac and cheese), cereals, soups, peanut butter, juices, and personal care items.

and

**Precious Life Shelter**

**Needs:** Step-ladder stools for kitchen, children’s bathroom step-stools, twin sheets for children and full size sheets for women, trash bags 13 gallon size, disinfectant wipes, toilet paper, baby clothing items-neutral color.

Can you please help by bringing donated items to church by Friday, Sept.7, 2018? Monetary gifts will graciously be accepted and our Action Team will do the shopping for you.

With our \$250.00 gift card from Thrivent Financial Services grant, our Action Team members will be purchasing additional food and items for Precious Life Shelter’s new facility. Theresa Murphy, Executive Dir. of Precious Life will join with us and bring their mission story.

**●Wear your yellow “God’s Work Our Hands” T-shirt or the Thrivent Action Team shirt if you have one.**

**●Pot Luck Salad Bar Luncheon will follow Church Services**

# **“God’s Work-Our Hands” Congregational Pot-Luck Salad Bar Luncheon**

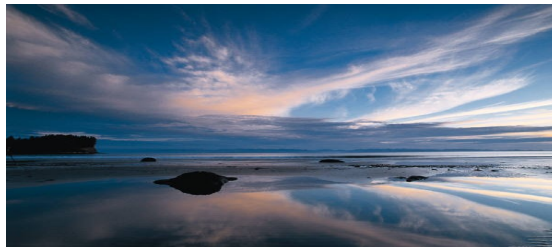
**Sunday, September 9, 2018 in  
Bachman Hall 11:15 am**



**Please bring a salad to share for**

**Our dedicated servant event for  
Orange County Food Bank  
&  
Precious Life Shelter**

# THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED AT THIS YEAR'S ONE DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL EVENT!!



## Bethlehem's Vacation Bible School One Day Event - Friday August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 1pm-4pm Church & Community Bar B Q 4:30

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

Cost: No charge - Bill & Joyce Ritz Sponsored this year's VBS

Outreach Project: LIRS (Lutheran Immigration Refugee Service)

Director-Christina Watson

Registration & Assistant Director-Grace Reynolds

Lessons and Musicians-Ken Watson & Brian Gary

Backup Musicians-Aiden, Caleb & Jeanne Sandvig:

Crafts-Liz Nehrenberg Vanessa Stevenson, Erika Gary, Jennie Anderson, Jacie Tarantino

Snacks-Camille Riach

Games-Katrina Gary and Blake Anderson-

Prayers and Messy Olympic Leader -Pastor Jennifer

Prep cooks -Lou Meyers and Susan Schneider

Chiefs-Paul Meyer, Marv Schneider and Ray Shelton

Clean up Crew- Dianna Reynolds and Paper Rollers

Thirty children participated in this year's VBS. The ages ranged from 2 years to 12 years. There was one big group that rotated together from activity to activity. Over 75 were in attendance at the Bar B Q. The church provided the beverages, hot Dogs, hamburgers and chicken tenders. Guests brought "pot luck" There was no formal sign up; emails were sent to prior participants, announcements were made in the bulletin and after each church service 3 weeks prior to the event. \$200 was donated and sent to LIRS. Everyone agrees that the "one-day" VBS was a success and I will recommend that we offer a similar program in 2019.

Blessings, Christina Watson, Director



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A message from Christina Watson

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Thank you Bethlehem Lutheran  
friends and members who donated  
to LIRS at this year's "Incredible  
Journeys" Vacation Bible School

It takes courage to rebuild a life in a new country. Courage to keep moving when uprooted from everything held dear. Courage to learn a new culture, new systems, and new jobs. Courage to light the way for other migrants and refugees on the same journey for safety and freedom in a new land.





9/10/1977	Bruce & Debby Gustafson	9/12/1964	Dick & Johanne Hansen
9/13/1986	Brian & Ginny Gary		
9/1	Johanne Hansen	9/6	Heidi Kracy
9/8	Steve Wolfe	9/12	Margaret Ziegler
9/24	Dale Retrum	9/27	Christina Watson
		9/30	Candie Toth



Gladyce Ackerman  
 Julie Anderson  
 Elaine Asbury  
 Amy Bachman  
 Kevin Betts  
 Colleen Bidwell  
 Luelle Buezis  
 Andrea Campbell  
 Bob Campbell  
 Shirley Campbell  
 Laurie Carpenter  
 Linnea Clayton  
 Etta Bjornson Connell  
 Irene Cooper  
 Maxine Cornwell  
 Sara DeWeese  
 Keresey Dillon  
 Jim Dooley  
 Laura Duke  
 Roy and Jane Dunlap  
 Joan Ebersold  
 Sally Ekdahl  
 Doug Evans  
 Judy Frazier  
 Ginny Gary  
 Katrina Gary  
 Dr. Steve Graham

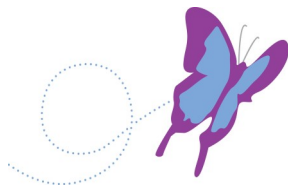
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 Janet Harris  
 Joe Harris  
 Diana Hayden  
 Gaylord Hollister  
 Violet Imoto Family  
 Genevieve Jenkins  
 Betty Jones  
 Dean Kinzel  
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 Loyd Lancaster  
 Joan Lee  
 Karol Lemerond  
 William Lewis  
 Erin Lopez  
 Patricia Lueckert  
 Lawrence Massey  
 Jessica McIntire  
 Pete Miller  
 Sandy Miller  
 Mark Mills  
 Ethan Mohr  
 Tiffany Nen  
 Linda Nygard  
 Coler Pearce  
 Hal & Carol Penke  
 Dale Retrum

Sandy Retrum  
 Bill Ritz  
 Elaine Schulthies  
 Leslie Summers  
 Ed Sutton  
 James Taylor  
 Ann Tegtmeier  
 Steve Tegtmeier  
 Aurora Thayse  
 Richard Toth  
 Kirk Von Salzen  
 Tom Watkins  
 Jerry Whitmore  
 Hal Wolfe  
 Mitsuko Yamamoto  
 Margaret Ziegler



## Thanks to These People for Serving in September

	Reader	Cantor	Ushers	Counters
9/2	John Buezis, Jr	Lana Dieter	John & Janice Hunt Paul Meyer Shaun Skeris	Caryl Harris  Joyce Payne
9/9	Brad Stevenson	Lana Dieter	Christina Watson	Dale Retrum  David Retrum
9/16	Bill Lindell	Lana Dieter	Margie Moeller Dave & Linda Scott Ray Shelton	Margie Moeller  Doris Morrissey
9/23	Jane Clausen	Lana Dieter		John Buezis  John Buezis, Jr
9/30		Lana Dieter		Jim Martin  Marv Schneider



### Altar Guild

9/2  
9/9 Christina Watson  
9/16  
9/23 Marge Hargrove  
6/30



### Altar Flowers

9/2 Hansen, Mills, Wolfe  
9/9 Egbert, Gustafson  
9/16 Hansen, Stevenson  
9/23 Dieter, Watson  
9/30 Bette Fritz, Schulthies, Toth