

# Bethlehem Star February 2020



## From the Pastor's Desk...

One of my personal new year's resolutions was to better utilize my long-standing subscription to *Eating Well* (formerly known as *Cooking Light*), which I receive on a monthly basis. This publication has great articles and many delicious recipes, which I have not been very good at utilizing for the past few years. Each month, as I flip through the magazine, I read some of the articles and fold the top corners of the pages of the recipes that sound interesting to me but that is about as far as I've gone lately. In 2020, I want to turn some of those pages with folded corners into a casual dinner party and YOU are invited. @ Table is what I'm calling these gatherings and I would love to host groups of up to 7 people in my home each month to not only better utilize the magazine but also as an opportunity to gather folks around or @ Table for a time of nourishing fellowship.

@ Table sign-ups will be available in the office, the dates and times will vary each month, to provide a variety of opportunities for people to participate. The hoped for goal is also to encourage **YOU**, the folks of Bethlehem, to invite a friend or neighbor or family member to attend with you...to expand the relationships at this table.

@ Table will be casual, you do not need to bring anything...a simple meal will be served, along with beverages such as water, sparkling water, coffee, tea...you can feel free to bring adult beverages. There will not be a theological or religious topic to discuss, just casual conversation @ Table with a meal and some gathered folks.

Jesus shared many meals with disciples and followers around a table, ministry happens around a table, meals are a natural time to gather and share conversation with one another. I hope this will become an anticipated opportunity to share a meal and fellowship with one another and for me, it's an opportunity to make the meals move from the magazine page to the table and to live into one of my resolutions for 2020.

This month's @ Table will be Friday, February 28 at 6:00 pm...sign-up sheet will be in the office, please let me know if you have any questions. Hope to see each of you sometime @ (my) Table.

Peace,

Pastor Jennifer

**The Season of Lent** begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Our schedule for Wednesday evenings (Feb. 26 – April 1) will be Lenten Meals in Bachman Hall at 6:00 pm. Worship will follow in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm. On Ash Wednesday, our worship will include Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. The following 5 Wednesday worship services will be Holden Evening Prayer.

**Lenten Meals:** A survey was recently included in two Sunday bulletins asking for simple feedback about participation in this year's Wednesday evening meals. A majority of surveys received indicated that people planned to attend and were willing to help with a meal as needed. At least one of the ministry groups that has led one of these meals in recent years is not able to this year, so there will be one week, when individuals will be invited to sign-up to help. This year's meals may not all be the same from week to week, by that I mean in these recent years, these meals have usually included soup, salad, bread, beverages, and dessert. Some groups may simply choose to serve soup, bread, and beverages and some may also choose to include salad and/or dessert...it's really up to the groups leading the meals. Whatever is served, the meals will be warm and satisfying and provides an opportunity to have fellowship with one another in this pared-down season of Lent.

### **Looking Ahead:**

Wednesday Evenings in Lent (February 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1):

Meal at 6:00 pm in Bachman Hall

Worship at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

All Church Birthday Party: Sunday, March 22 in Bachman Hall from 2:00-4:00 pm

Palm Sunday Worship: Sunday, April 5 @ 10:00 am beginning in the Courtyard

Maundy Thursday Worship: Thursday, April 9 @ 7:00 pm in Bachman Hall

Good Friday Worship: Friday, April 10 @ 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Prayer Vigil: Saturday, April 11 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Worship: Sunday, April 12 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

### **Parish Life**

**Ash Wednesday**, February 26th Soup 'n Salad in Bachman Hall will be served by the Parish Life Committee. If you plan to attend please sign-up at the Parish Life table on the patio prior to the 26th. Thank you.

#### **Upcoming Outside Activities:**

- Pageant of the Masters: July 8th—September 23rd, 2020. Call 800-487-3378 or online at [www.pageantofthemasters.com](http://www.pageantofthemasters.com) 20% coupon available until February 14th.
- The Young Americans present *Showstoppers*, February 28th, 29th and March 1st. Call 562-994-9801 or 714-994-6310 or online at [www.youngamericans.org/showstoppers](http://www.youngamericans.org/showstoppers)
- Musical Theater West: *Ragtime—The Musical*, The Carpenter Center, Long Beach on February 7th—23rd. [www.musical.org](http://www.musical.org) or call 562-856-1999. Box office is located at 4350 E. 7th Street in Long Beach.



## CARD BINGO 2020

Our first 2020 Card Bingo will be Sunday, February 16 at 2 pm in the Fireside Room! Bring your wrapped white elephant or a new \$3 item. Refreshments will be provided and we will even wrap your gift. Bring your friends and enjoy the fun. Questions, please call Margie

\*\*\* Why don't you just mark your calendar now for the 2020 schedule: February 16, May 17, July 12, and November 15. \*\*\*



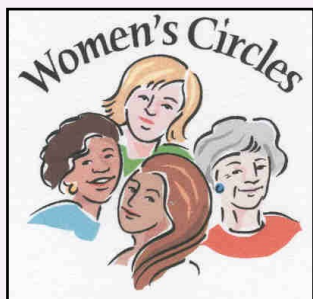
The next Bethlehem Men-In-Mission meeting on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, at 9:00 A.M in the Fireside Room. We will begin a new subject with a study of the Book of Romans from the Master Builders Bible for Men. The reading for this initial week will be Chapters 1:1 through 17 with discussion on verses 1:1 through 17/The Gospel of Christ. We will also meet on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 9:00 A.M in the Fireside Room. We will continue with a study of the Book of Romans from the Master Builders Bible for Men. The reading for this week will be Chapters 1:18 through 2:32 with discussion on verses 1:18 through 32/The Bad News. All men of Bethlehem are invited.



**Bethlehem WELCA community outreach  
was represented on Sat Jan 18th  
cleaning up Seal Beach**



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FAITH Circle: Tuesday, February 4, 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Margie Moeller is the Hostess and Ginny Gary will lead the study. For questions and details, call Faith Circle leader, Andrea Campbell

PHOEBE Circle Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Debby Gustafson, 6358 Sombrero Ave, Cypress. Pastor Jennifer will lead the study. For questions and details, call Jeanne Sandvig



**Sunday Morning**

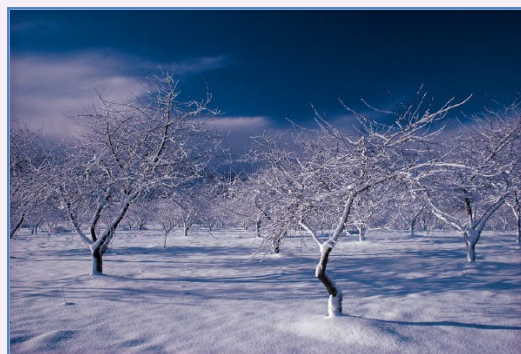
**Coffee & Cookies**

Thank you to Phoebe Circle for January coffee. Faith Circle is responsible for the month of February.



**Upcoming: Pacifica Synod WELCA March 7 Spring Gathering at Hope Lutheran Church, 45900 Portola Ave., in Palm Desert from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration is \$20, due by February 18, 2020. See attached form. Contact Jeanne Sandvig if you would like to attend and share a ride.**

**July 16-19, 2020 WELCA Eleventh Triennial Gathering in Phoenix, AZ.**



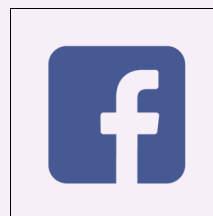
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[www.pacificawomen.org](http://www.pacificawomen.org)

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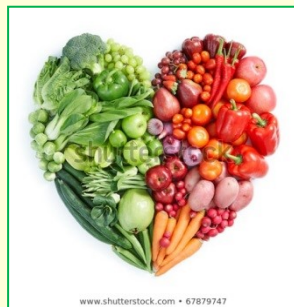


## Lutheran Social Services-Long Beach Community Care Center Monthly Report

Dear Bethlehem Family and Friends,

As we continue our monthly request for in-kind food donations in 2020. We are asking you for your continuing help during February for **BEANS any kind or chili and FRUIT CUPS**.

Continuous donated items of soups, canned items of any kind, including individual sizes (apple sauces) are always appreciated. Needed are **warm clothes, gloves, scarfs and socks (new or gently used)**.



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





# FEBRUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

2/7 Sarah Sandvig    2/9 Julie Anderson    2/19 Aiden Sandvig  
 2/21 Jeri Alacano    2/23 David Sakowski    2/27 Kevin Gustafson II  
 2/28 Luelle Buezis  
 John & Janice Hunt    2/14/1960



Julie Anderson  
 Elaine Asbury  
 Amy Bachman  
 Kevin Betts  
 Kate & Steve  
 John Buezis  
 Luelle Buezis  
 Shirley Campbell  
 Caren Cantafio  
 Laurie Carpenter  
 Mary Clausen & family  
 Linnea Clayton  
 Irene Cooper  
 Maxine Cornwell  
 Paul Crizer  
 Ed Crogan  
 Sara DeWeese  
 Joan Ebersold  
 Ruth G.  
 Frank Gary  
 Katrina Gary  
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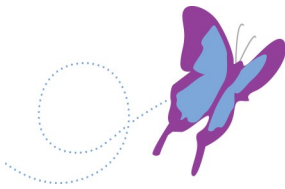
Joe Harris  
 Diana Hayden  
 Gaylord Hollister  
 Violet Imoto Family  
 Jason Jackson  
 Genevieve Jenkins  
 Betty Jones  
 Dean Kinzel  
 Julie Kizziar  
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 Joan Lee  
 Karol Lemerond  
 William Lewis  
 Bill Lindell  
 Erin Lopez  
 Patricia Lueckert  
 John Maio  
 Lawrence Massey  
 Jessica McIntire  
 Hal Miller  
 Pete Miller  
 Sandy Miller  
 Ethan Mohr  
 Bill N.  
 Linda Nygard  
 Dan Opoien  
 Coler Pearce  
 Retta Rasmussen  
 Dale Retrum  
 Sandy Retrum

Cindy Staggs  
 Leslie Summers  
 Ed Sutton  
 Pauline Taylor  
 Ann Tegtmeier  
 Steve Tegtmeier  
 Mary "Betty" Vennes  
 Tom Watkins  
 Jerry Whitmore  
 Nancy & H.R. Williamson  
 Marynell Wolfe  
 Mitsuko Yamamoto  
 Margaret Ziegler



## Thanks to These People for Serving in February

	Reader	Cantor	Ushers	Counters
<b>2/2</b>	Alice Roop	Vanessa Stevenson	Dave & Linda Scott Marv & Susan Schneider	Dale Retrum David Retrum
<b>2/9</b>	Dianna Reynolds	Vanessa Stevenson	David Retrum Brooklyn, Samantha Retrum Brad & Vanessa Stevenson	Marjorie Moeller Doris Morrissey
<b>2/16</b>	Brad Stevenson	Vanessa Stevenson		Jim Martin Marv Schneider
<b>2/23</b>	Jeanne Sandvig	Vanessa Stevenson		John Buezis John Buezis, Jr



### Altar Guild

**2/2**

**2/9** Marianne Sakowski

**2/16**

**2/23** Marge Hargrove



### Altar Flowers

**2/2**

**2/9** Gary

**2/16** Payne

**2/23**