

Bethany Lutheran Church

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May Newsletter 2018

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Worship with Communion

Sundays, 8:00 & 10:15 AM

Sunday School

Children - 9:15 AM

Adults - 9:15 AM

Sung Morning Prayer

Tuesdays, 9:30 AM

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Bethany Lutheran Church

In May We Celebrate

Spring Tea, Saturday, May 12th, 12:00 PM

The theme this year is “My Favorite Things.” Tickets can be purchased on Sundays in the narthex, \$8 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12, 5 and under are free. Please see Janis Selzler if you would like to host a table.

Pentecost, Sunday, May 20th

Also known as “the birthday of the church,” Pentecost commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the followers of Jesus. All are encouraged to wear red on Pentecost, which symbolizes the fire of the Spirit. You are also invited to bring red flowers to decorate the church, and we’ll have our red pennant flags waving out in front of the church. Come, share the Spirit!

Memorial Day Service, Monday, May 28th 10:30 AM

The annual Memorial Day service will be held in the cemetery, followed by a light luncheon in Litzer Hall. This year’s Special Message will be delivered by Chaplain Cheryl Brady, (LTC, USA, Ret.), with the Salute to the Flag by Dr. Lonnie Lai (LTC, USA, Ret.) The master of ceremonies this year will be Walt Birdseye. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex if you can help with food, set-up, or clean-up.

From the Library

We have received several gifts for our library. Here are a few titles. Check them out! Gail Egbers, Librarian

- “The Ragamuffin Gospel: Good news for the bedraggled, beat-up, and burnt out” Bennan Manning 231.6 MAN
- “The Whistling Season” Ivan Doig FIC DOI
- “Catching the Next Wave: Leadership strategies for turn-around congregations” Steven J Goodwin 250 GOO
- “The Road to Recovery: Bridges between the Bible and the Twelve Steps” Dennis Morreim 248.86 MOR
- “The Everyday, Anytime Guide to Prayer” Walt Kallestad 242.2 KAL

Bethany Youth & More

Youth News

Youth Group – will meet this month on Wed. May 9th and 23rd at 5:30 PM in Litzer Hall. If you can provide dinner, please contact Sarah Simon.

Holden Youth Weekend – Three of our Bethany youth, Daniel Bacher, Adaline Pettit, and Emma Cash, along with Beth Miller as chaperone, will travel to Holden Village's Youth Weekend this month, May 18th-20th. The theme for the weekend is "I Called You by Name," and features The Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee, assistant to the NWWA Synod Bishop, with music by Alex and Emily Johnson, Seattle area musicians.



Enjoying the Auction

Dinner & Auction Update

A huge thank you to all who were part of the church auction. The statement "it takes a village" is so true! From those who donated auction items, those who helped set up/take down, made stew and bread, to those who bid generously, brought friends to our auction, helpers, and especially our auctioneer, it was so appreciated. Truly it was an all-church group effort. The fundraiser kickoff was very successful and over \$3200.00 was raised. So many blessings! Nancy Woodward, Church Council.

Food Bank Focus

The "urgent need" for May is toilet paper. Even though we are a "food" bank, our clients are often begging for this. Thank you.

VBS – Coming This Summer!

Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus

Monday, July 16th – Friday, July 20th
8:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Games, Treats, Adventures, Music, & More!
Ages 4-11

Register online at:

www.bethany-l-c.org



Volunteers at the VBS Fun Shop

Picture Poem ~ Jill Kerton

The lifeline being offered
On the long sunset trail
Is that God's love is found
And shall always prevail.

Through the beauty of
Our fondest memories
Of all the mountains' glory
Covered with snow and trees.

And of the friends we've met
In all shapes, colors and sizes
Our mind is always filled
With their sweet surprises.

Reminding us God created
This amazing world of ours
Filled not only with his imagination,
Along with the sun, moon and stars,

But also, all the seasons of bright color
That is being found everywhere, too
Bringing us joy and happiness that dispels
Grief or sadness the whole day through.

Holy Happenings

In the Garden

There will be a meeting on Sunday, May 6th at 9:00 AM in the library for anyone interested in joining the discussion on what direction the garden will take this year. Then following the second service (around 11:30) there will be a work party to clean out the garden bed. The plan is to spend 1 hour and see how much can get done. Bring gloves!



Several Sundays ago, Pastor Janeen shared the story from Luke 24:13-35, which provides the central image for the three-day experience. Luke tells the story of that first Easter afternoon when the risen Christ appeared to the two disciples who were walking together along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus.

Koinonia offers today's disciples a parallel opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence in their lives, to gain fresh understanding of God's transforming grace, and to form friendships that foster faith and support spiritual maturity. While Koinonia provides a pathway to the mountaintop of God's love, it also supports participants' return to the world in the power of the Spirit to share the love they have received with their own church community and others.

The next Koinonia Weekend experience will take place at Tall Timber, the beautiful mountain camp above Leavenworth, from Fri. evening, June 1st, through Sun. June 3rd - afternoon concluding around 3:00 PM. The total cost is \$120.00, which includes food, activities, and lodging at the camp.

Come and experience a new, deeper relationship with our friend, Jesus! For additional information, please speak to Greg or Inez Hollmann: 253-606-3684 or 253-203-5940.

Upcoming Events

Property Meeting

Tues. May 1st, 7:00 PM, Office

Men's Breakfast

Sat. May 5th, 9:00 AM, Litzer Hall

Garden Meeting & Clean-Up

Sun. May 6th, 9:00 AM, Library

Sun. May 6th, 11:30 AM, Garden

Bethany Connect Packing & Meeting

Sun. May 6th, 11:15 AM, Room #8

Youth Group

Wed. May 9th & 23rd, 5:30 PM, Litzer Hall

Bethany Quilters

Thurs. May 10th, 9:00 AM, Litzer Hall

Spring Tea

Sat. May 12th, 12:00 PM, Sanctuary

Senior Social

Thurs. May 17th, 12:00 PM, Litzer Hall

Holden Youth Weekend

May 18th- 20th, Holden Village

Council Retreat

Sat. May 19th, 9:00 AM, Pfarrhaus, Elbe

Yahweh Yarners

Sun. May 20th, 9:15 AM, Library

Memorial Day Service

Mon. May 28th, 10:30 AM, Cemetery

Senior Social

May 17th marks a special day for all Norwegians! Norway's Constitution Day is May 17th and commemorates the signing of Norway's constitution at Eidsvoll on May 17, 1814. It is referred to as syttende mai (May 17) or Nasjonaldagen (The National Day) in Norwegian. Please join the Lunch Ladies, especially the Norwegian ones, for a special Norwegian lunch on Thurs. May 17th at noon in Litzer Hall. Does your family have any Norwegian traditions set aside on this day? All are welcome; come share your stories!

Bits & Pieces

From the Pastor

Looking Toward Summer (and then to Fall)

Beginning on June 17th we will worship together at **9 AM on Sundays** using an adaptation of a Marty Haugen morning prayer setting entitled *In the Morning I Will Sing*. This is a melodic setting that we have been enjoying on Tuesday mornings since last fall. The order of the service will be somewhat different, but will still include a sermon and holy communion, and, I'm excited to announce, hymns of YOUR choosing! We will have three hymns (a mini hymn sing) each week – look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. When you request a hymn, please do so for a Sunday that you know you will be present. As has been our practice this past year, we will continue to print the hymns in the bulletin.

Also beginning on June 17th, and continuing through August 5th, following worship we will read and study the Bible using the book, *Interrupting Silence*, by Walter Brueggemann. This Bible study for adults explores God's command to speak out by examining how maintaining silence allows the powerful to keep control. There are 110 pages to read (over the 8 weeks) in addition to biblical references; participants will be encouraged to read and answer some reflection questions before each session. The books are about \$12 – you may purchase one yourself or let us know that you'd like one ordered when you sign up for the course. I anticipate the sessions running about 60 minutes. Coffee and goodies included!

We will return to our two-service schedule in September with a small change from the current schedule: worship times will be at 8 AM and 10:30 AM, allowing a bit more space between for Sunday school, forums and music rehearsals.

~ Pastor Janeen

A Special Gift

A monetary gift was given for "the Youth Fund and the Furnace A/C Fund in loving memory of Pastor Dan Litzer whose birthday anniversary is April 16th," by Jo-Ann & Arnie Lange. (Jo-Anne is Pastor Dan's sister.) Their gift is much appreciated!



Council Members 2018-19

Nori Cash
(President)

Nancy Woodward
(Vice-President)

Wendy Smitherman
(Secretary)

Paulette Van Cleve
(Treasurer)

Lisa Olson

Deb Noble-Perry

Frank Putnam

Pastor Janeen Smith

Living Stones Raffle

Living Stones Prison Congregation is a member of our Southwestern WA Synod, existing inside the walls of Washington Corrections Center in Shelton, WA. One way we can help support this congregation is by participating in their fundraising activities. Living Stones is excited to announce their 2018 raffle fundraiser. This year the prize is a **\$5000 Costco travel voucher** to be used by the winner to plan a dream trip to anywhere Costco arranges travel! (If the winner is not already a Costco member, basic membership will be provided.) Tickets are now on sale through Thurs. May 31st for \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Bishop Jaech will draw the winning ticket on Wed. June 20th. Please see Sandy Schaefer to get your tickets. From the Living Stones Ministry website: "*Your prayers move mountains, your visits to join our worship are priceless, and your financial support is crucial.*"