

the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

April 2012

YOU ARE INVITED!
Join us as we welcome our new pastor and rejoice in God's work in the community.

Celebration & Chili Potluck



April 22, 2012
5pm (Worship) ~5:45pm (Potluck)

Bethel Lutheran Church of Shoreline
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Questions?
Contact us via phone or email, or check out:
facebook.com/BethelShoreline



Pastor Chris, Sarah and Tavin

Join us for our Holy Week and Easter Sunday services.

Palm Sunday

April 1
9:30 AM

Maundy Thursday

Service
April 5
7:00 PM

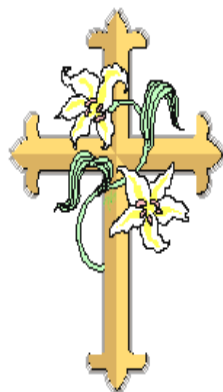
Good Friday Service

April 6
7:00 PM

Tenebrae Service

Easter Vigil Service

7:00 PM



Easter Morning

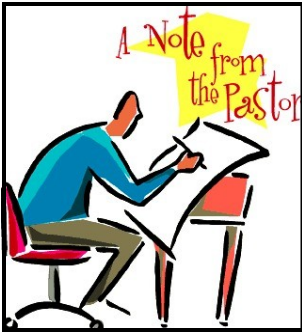
April 8

Sunrise Service
7:00 AM

Easter Breakfast
7:45 AM - 9:00 AM

Easter Festival Service
9:30 AM





“So, how many do you worship?” I hate that question. I absolutely, positively, HATE that question. You might not have heard it before, but as a pastor, I hear it fairly frequently, It's intended as a shorthand way to size up a congregation by assessing its worship attendance.

But it's misleading, and it's misleading on several levels.

For starters, it's phrased poorly: “How many do you worship?”--um, I worship one triune God, how about you? “How many do you have in worship on a Sunday” would be a more accurate way to phrase the intended question, or “How many people attend your worship services?”

But answering those questions doesn't really help much, either.

Recently, I was at a meeting with several other local pastors where the question of worship attendance came up (as it often tends to do when pastors gather). When the groups' focus turned to me, I was candid with them, “Frankly, I couldn't care less what our worship attendance is.” My words were met with several looks of confusion, so I continued, “When I was interviewing at Bethel and discerning whether or not I was being called there, I never once asked about or checked 'the numbers.' Is it nice to have lots of people on a Sunday morning? Duh, of course it is! But filling seats isn't what we're called to do as Christians; we're called to make disciples of Christ. And that's what I truly care about. Are people willing to work? Do they want to take responsibility for the church's ministry? Do they realize that my role is to equip, train, and embolden them for their call, not to live it out for them. Give me a congregation of 20 people with passion for the gospel over one with 2000 who are just going through the motions any day of the week.”

As you all know, there is excitement and energy around Bethel these days—hopes for the future ministry of the congregation. And what you've heard from Pastor Wendt (and what you'll hear from me) over and over again is this: the ministry of the church will only go as far as we are collectively willing to take it. I am excited to work with a community of people who have been so deliberate about the process of transformation, and who have shown such a willingness to live as disciples. Truly, the Lord is preparing to work some remarkable things in our midst, and we are blessed to be a part of it.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” - Matthew 28:19-20

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Chris

Which gospel leaves out the Last Supper? How different was communion in the early church? What distinguishes communion in the Lutheran church? We gather together at the table regularly, but how often do we stop to ponder and explore this holy meal? Beginning Sunday, April 15 at 11am Pastor Chris will be leading a 6-week long forum on communion--check it out, and bring your questions!



OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Pray for those living in nursing homes or adult family homes

Myrtle Fjarlie
Jack Hagen
Iva Kjosnes

AUDREY ANDERSON
BEV BAARSTAD
DON BROWN
HAROLD & DOROTHY CRAWFORD
MONA DRAKE
SUZANNE HAGEN
ELLEN HANSEN
JOHN JOHNS
HAROLD & JOAN MARTINELL
HANK PETERSON
MARJORIE ROMERO
JIM SCHOELD
KAREN SCHOELD
DOROTHY STORSETH



APRIL DAILY MEMBER PRAYER LIST

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| 1 - Elia Smith | 20 - Karen Devine |
| 2 - Hank Peterson | 21 - Carol Hovick |
| 3 - Dorothy Crawford | 22 - Mary Himple |
| 4 - Richard Hinea | 23 - Frank Nyland |
| 5 - Joshua DeLap | 24 - Kelly Urdahl |
| 6 - Donna Sowler | 25 - Floyd Squires |
| 7 - Lindsay Aegerter | 26 - Savannah Schmidt |
| 8 - Donnamae Gfeller | 27 - Caden Nanninga |
| 9 - Jeff Schmidt | 28 - Gwen Fisher |
| 10 - Beth Rudnick | 29 - Paul Grigsby |
| 11 - John Terrey | 30 - Alan Bayne |
| 12 - Karen Schoeld | |
| 13 - Phyllis Moll | May |
| 14 - Dick Schwerdtfeger | 1 - Mona Quammen |
| 15 - John Vollbrecht | 2 - Lorna Neumann |
| 16 - Carla Salmon | 3 - John Johns |
| 17 - Vera Anderson | 4 - Austin Baarstad |
| 18 - Audrey Anderson | 5 - Suzanne Hagen |
| 19 - Nicole Swenson | |



In April

Celebrate April Anniversaries

- 2 - Roger & Darlene Hilling
29 - Matt & Karen Devine



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| 4 - Ila Mae Mattingley | 21 - Vera Anderson |
| 5 - Carla Salmon | 22 - Audrey Anderson |
| 12 - Marlys Pickrell | Evie Nanninga |
| 15 - Richard Scansen | 25 - Joanne Brock |
| 16 - Ed Anshell | 26 - Nick Rudnick |
| 17 - Ellen Hansen | Aaron Salmon |
| 20 - Carol Hovick | 27 - Joseph Himple |

- Aaron Salmon
Carla Salmon
David Salmon
1 - Janet Jurgensen
9 - Anna Sjong
26 - Kathy Carrow
Rachel Miller
29 - Joshua Rudnick

CELEBRATE
APRIL



BOOK CLUB



JOIN

US!

April 4
at Karen
Anschell's
at 7:30 PM.

Everyone Welcome!

Do you think you don't have the time to read? Take time. I have read some good books I probably would never have read had I not joined the book club. You just don't know what you are missing! - Judy

In March we read *The Lucky One* by Nicholas Sparks. We will be discussing this one on April 4th.

APRIL READING - MAY DISCUSSION

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

It's just a small story really, about among other things: a girl, some words, an accordionist, some fanatical Germans, a Jewish fist-fighter, and quite a lot of thievery. . . .

Set during World War II in Germany, Markus Zusak's groundbreaking new novel is the story of Liesel Meminger, a foster girl living outside of Munich. Liesel scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement before he is marched to Dachau.

This is an unforgettable story about the ability of books to feed the soul.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

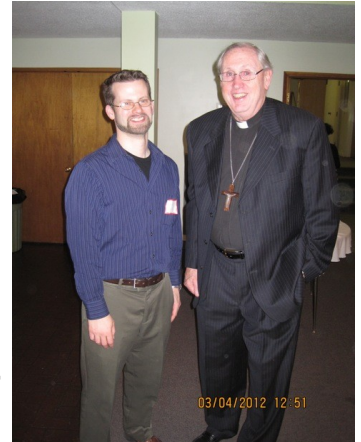
-Dr. Seuss

GOOD-BYE PR. WENDT WELCOME PR. ODE

Sunday, March 4th was a day at Bethel to remember. We said good-bye to Pastor Wendt and we were excited to welcome Pastor Ode, along with Sarah and Tavin to begin his ministry at Bethel.

It was hard to say good-bye to Pr. Wendt, but we are excited about our future with Pr Ode. Thank you so much

Pr. Wendt for all you gave to Bethel in your short time here.



SPRING LUNCHEON

May 5, 2012 11:30 AM

LADIES! Our annual spring luncheon is coming up the first Saturday in May (May 5th). Plans are under way **for a great day!** Be sure and come for a **wonderful salad luncheon** and then plan to sit back and watch our performers, **Jon Lackey and James Jelasic**, as they favor us with singing and concert piano. Jon and James are both accomplished performers in the concert world. We feel very lucky to have them. This will be a great program! Don't miss it!

WE WILL NOT BE HAVING OUR
USUAL 1ST SUNDAY BREAKFAST IN
APRIL AS EASTER FALLS ON THE 2ND
SUNDAY.

PLEASE JOIN US
ON EASTER SUNDAY BETWEEN
7:45 AND 9:00 AM FOR BREAKFAST!





Dear friends,

It's not a secret that the political campaign season is underway in America. Turn on your TV, open a newspaper, or, depending on where you are, walk down your street and you'll see politicians and their staff eagerly courting votes. Candidates for the highest elected offices are traveling by bus, plane and train into small towns and large cities, donning jeans and sweater vests, touring farms and factories, kissing babies and shaking hands — anything to convince lowans (... or Ohioans, Minnesotans or Floridians, Virginians or ...) that he or she is listening and understands our communities, our nation and our world. Throughout the months leading up to the general election, the ELCA Advocacy Ministries invite you to join us on our own tour of the U.S. Through our blog, [Voices for Change](#), we will travel to a different state each month, discussing issues of concern for their communities and exploring how they connect to our larger nation and world. As we hear how Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) advocates and congregations are serving their neighbors, we will ask ourselves what was asked of Christ, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29), when grappling with these challenging problems. On this trip across America, we won't be winning super-delegates or collecting endorsements — rather we'll be sharing stories from ELCA advocates and congregations as they lift up moral priorities facing our neighbors who are near and far away. We invite you to discover America with us over these next few months. **(To see this (computer people): google ELCA Advocacy Washington – ELCA Washington Office - Voices for Change. First stop is New Mexico.**

**Safe travels,
The ELCA Washington Office**

Save These Dates and Support North Helpline

Saturday, April 14 - Lake City Recycles at Lake City Christian Church

Safe recycling of appliances, electronics, cell phones, and more as well as metal objects, ie. Anything with a plug - anything metal, working or not. Drive thru event, from 9 AM - 1 PM, open to all our neighbors. Free, however donations to support North Helpline will be used to help keep our community housed and fed. Contact events@northhelpline.org for more information.



Thursday, April 19 - Dine Out at the Wedgwood Alehouse

Enjoy delicious food and beverages at the Wedgwood Alehouse, 8515 35th Ave NE, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit North Helpline. Contact [events @northhelpline.org](mailto:events@northhelpline.org) for more information.

Sunday, May 6 - Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser at The Lake City Elks Lodge

Come select a unique, handcrafted bowl, and enjoy a delicious soup ladled right into your very own new bowl! We will also provide salad, bread, and dessert! Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to keep our neighbors fed and housed. Advance tickets (\$25 per person) are available at northhelpline.org or brownpapertickets.com. Day of event tickets (\$35 per person) Featuring a silent auction with great gifts for Mother's Day. Have an item or experience to donate to our silent auction? Email us at: procurement@northhelpline.org.

Lake City Elks Lodge #1800 - 14540 Bothell Way NE, Seattle

One Minute Ministry

But whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave,
just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give His life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:26-28 NAS

In this season of Easter, let's remember that the greatest servant of all is Jesus, who came to earth as a ransom and rescue and saved us through His suffering and death. His birth and death was an act of service to us.

Since we are His hands and feet here on earth, our life is to be spent in loving and faithful service to others; in doing so we model Jesus to them. This brings healing to your own life and of course it makes a difference in the lives of the ones that you serve.

This is not just serving your family a piece of pie, although taking care of your family is also service, but it is all the small things you do during the day. When you give a smile or a word of encouragement to the clerk who is tired at the end of her shift, help someone open a door, or drop change into a donation jar, this is all service. It's thinking of others and their needs and being aware of those in the community who need your love. Any person who has accepted Jesus as their Savior is called to be a servant of God and to help others with their needs. No one is excluded from service, not even 'retired' people. If you are still breathing then God has work for you to do.

Service is not a hit and run activity. The person who goes from church to church or ministry to ministry is less effective than the person who puts down roots and chooses to be in relationships with others.

This month, enlarge your understanding of what service and serving the Lord in our Shoreline community could be.

Is there someone who needs a visit and a kind word? Perhaps one can offer to pick up some groceries for someone who can no longer drive, or carry, or walk up stairs?

Does the YMCA need someone to answer the phones once a week? Could you package donated pastry at the food bank? Does a day care center near you need someone to read stories in the afternoon?

Look beyond the doors of our church.

Enlarge your territory

For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we would walk in them

Ephesians 2:10 NAS

Update on Synod Ethiopian Chicken Hatchery Project

By Linda Halvorson

"Little by Little the Egg Walks," is an Ethiopian proverb that describes well the progress we saw at the chicken hatchery site in Haik, Ethiopia. Ken Halvorson and I visited there this past January along with Pastor Berhanu (Bethel Ethiopian Church in Seattle).

We toured the project which is located on the site of the former Haik Orphanage. We were impressed by the knowledge and experience of the hatchery manager who lives on site with his young family. At this time there are about 400 three month old chickens which will soon begin laying eggs for the three incubators. When these eggs hatch the chicks will be raised for two months and then taken to market. In a year's time there will be much activity and use of more buildings on the site.

Our synod is funding this hatchery owned by the Mekane Yesus church so that in time profits will enable the church in Ethiopia to provide lay leadership training and seminary scholarships. Such education is much needed in the Mekane Yesus church which is rich in faith with growing membership, but economically very poor. In the meantime the hatchery will be meeting a need for chickens (protein) for the community. Two hundred children or disadvantaged persons will also be helped.

While in Ethiopia we had conversations with the church management at the Dessie synod office. We also worked to create an Advisory Board for the purpose of assistance in making reports and providing visibility and credibility for the project. The Board will function as a bridge between the hatchery and the contributors in the USA. We were impressed that leaders from World Vision and Lutheran World Federation in Ethiopia were both very interested in this church to church chicken project. In fact they agreed to be on the Advisory Board which will be meeting quarterly in Addis Ababa. We also met Pastor Owen Baldwin from Whidbey Island, but living in Ethiopia with his wife Charlene and their Ethiopian son Serawit Hailu. Pastor Owen and Serawit also agreed to be on the Board.

We see God's hand and blessing on this undertaking in such a wonderful way. It is God who gives the growth and we have the privilege of planting seeds for the kingdom. We need to continue with fund raising and prayer that our partnership in the gospel will continue to flourish.





UPDATE FROM TOM AND MARY HOLMAN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thanks for your prayers for the launching of the Jesus Film in Anufo. It took place in the old market square in the middle of town, and more than 300 people gathered to watch it. It was a noisy crowd at first, but it became dead quiet as soon as they heard the actors begin to speak in Anufo!

At the end, Pastor James issued an invitation to become a follower of Jesus, but it was hard to tell what the response was, because many of those listening were Muslims, and they would not have felt free to come forward in public. However, the next day we learned that many Muslims had asked for their own copy of the DVD. **Pray** for their salvation.

The group of young people who have been evangelizing in the area has formed a team to show the Jesus Film in the Anufo-speaking villages. This is certainly an answer to your prayers. They will begin next week. **Pray** for much fruit!

On April 16th, the second Gwoza Hills Luke Partnership Workshop will start in Nigeria. We'll begin training the participants in translation principles and produce the first scripture portion in each language. **Please pray** for God's hand of protection to be on all the participants, for safe travel, good health, and joyful fellowship as we work together.

We had a wonderful retreat with our LBT colleagues. The theme was "The Promises of God". God is faithful!

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer for us.

Your fellow servants,

Mary and Tom Holman

Letter from Tom and Mary Holman

Working with Christians in Ghana and Nigeria to give people access to the Bible in their heart language

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*Gifts with a note indicating that they are "For the Ministry of Tom and Mary Holman" may be sent to either address:

Members of **Wycliffe Bible Translators, Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200** Website: www.wycliffe.org

Associate Members of **Lutheran Bible Translators, Box 2050, Aurora, IL 60507-2050** Website: www.LBT.org

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation of 3 pounds of handmade gloves, hats, and socks! Your support allows North Helpline to continue to be a place of help and hope to those who need it the most.

Though it is difficult for most of us to imagine anyone being without food or a home, it is especially disturbing that many children are facing this reality. More sobering still is that a child cannot participate fully in school when she/he is under this kind of stress, so the future is often just as bleak as the present. Every single child deserves a chance in life and the sad truth is that some children are terribly deprived of their fair shot. In our community there are children who cannot focus on the three Rs (reading, writing, and arithmetic) because they are consumed by the three Hs: hunger, homelessness, and hopelessness.

At North Helpline, we want to make sure that every single child in our community gets their chance in life. We do this by helping their parents provide them with the basic human necessities that they need. When our assistance keeps a family in their home and provides them with groceries, we know that they need to learn and grow. We could not accomplish this feat without your support; thank you for helping us give our youngest clients their fair shot in life.

Sincerely,

Amy Besunder,

Executive Director, North Helpline

Bread for the World Workshop

Bread for the World, a Christian citizens' organization that seeks to end the causes of hunger and poverty, will have a workshop on Saturday, April 28, at St. Mark's Episcopal church on Capitol Hill. Time is from 10:00 am to noon. If you are interested in attending, send an e-mail to Bread for the World's Western Regional Organizer Matt Newell-Ching at mching@bread.org, or talk to Craig Fjarlie no later than Sunday, April 15.



Every choice, whether good or bad, is like a pebble dropped into still water -- each ripple represents someone your choice affects. That's quite an impact, isn't it?

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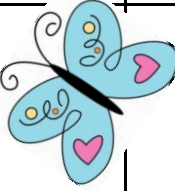


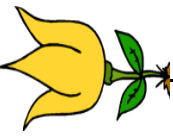



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Lector	XXXXXXXXXX	Karen Johnson	Bruce Smith	Eliia Smith	Craig Fjarlie		
Liturgist	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		
Children's Time	Pr Ode	Marlys Pickrell	Pr. Ode	Kathy Carrow	XXXXXXXXXX		
Bread Server	Sue Logen Kathy Carrow Karen Anshell	Carol Hovick Judy Goulet	Beth Rudnick Rick Rudnick Diana Holeman	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX		
Wine Server	Wally Goulet Anna Sjong	Intinction	Intinction	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		
Pick Up Glasses	The Pickrells to the glory of God			Karen Johnson in memory of Thelma & Harol Rolland			
Flowers		Chuck Vollbrecht Chris Pickrell Dick Scansen Dick Hinea		Wally Goulet Evelyn Willems Dave Switzer	Wally Goulet Ed Anshell Dave Switzer		
Ushers	Bruce Smith John Johns Rance Urdahl						
First Lesson	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Acts 10:34-43	Acts 4:32-35	Acts 3:12-19	Acts 4:5-12		
Second Lesson	Phil. 2:5-11	1 Cor. 15:1-11	1 John 1:1-2:2	1 John 3:1-7	1 John 3:16-24		
Gospel	Mark 14:1-15:47	Mark 16:1-8	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:36b-48	John 10:11-18		
						Sanctuary Caretaker Liz Terrey	



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The Spirit

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News for the congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

March 2012

Making Progress

by The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger,



Last year at the Synod Assembly it was reported that a child dies of Malaria every 45 seconds. At the last Synod Council meeting, Dianne Johnson, Associate in Ministry and member of Council, reported that this statistic has changed. It is now, one child dies every 60 seconds. That is still not good, but it represents that fact that as the world is giving attention to fighting this disease, the fight is making progress.

We have a long way to go. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Malaria Campaign is this church's way of responding with the rest of the world to this reality.

The ELCA is working with companion churches in Africa so that the administrative costs of this effort will be less than one might expect. That is one of the benefits of being part of a larger church. Our regular benevolences (often called mission support) pays for the administrative costs of much of what this church does when it comes to relief work and disaster response.

Many groups around the world are now responding to the issues related to Malaria. Basketball and soccer leagues are focusing on nets. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is taking a leadership role in the effort. The United Nations Foundation is leading one approach to fighting this disease. This is an opportune time to address the threat of malaria.

As reported, a small step has been taken on this journey. For the next three years the ELCA will be actively seeking support for our part of this campaign.

There are a variety of ways that members of this synod can support this work. Contributions can be made through your congregation, who can then forward the funds through the synod to the churchwide organization. All of the funds collected are sent to support the appeal. Direct contributions can be made through the ELCA website.

I am told that people today want to know that their monetary gifts are making a difference. I would argue that support of any of the church's appeals and mission support does that. I can specifically say that support of the ELCA Malaria Campaign will save lives. I invite you to join with me in supporting this campaign.

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Each day is a surprise

Nine months ago Luther's Table opened with a flurry of activities and events, and the excitement still continues. Not a day goes by without something new happening: from dinners with bishops from around the country, to a group of Haitian Lutherans passing through on their way from Holden Village to the airport, and even to Congressman Dave Reichert stopping in to support a new rapid transit bus line. Every day is a surprise and a gift.

The menu at Luther's Table features fresh and savory foods—toasty flatbreads, crispy salads, hearty homemade soups and delightful entrées. The beers and wines are sourced as locally and sustainably as possible. Tongue-in-cheek names bring guffaws and giggles: The Vicar (turkey), The Sinner (roast beef), Luther's Plate (sausages and potato salad) and the Hippie (salad with fruits and nuts).

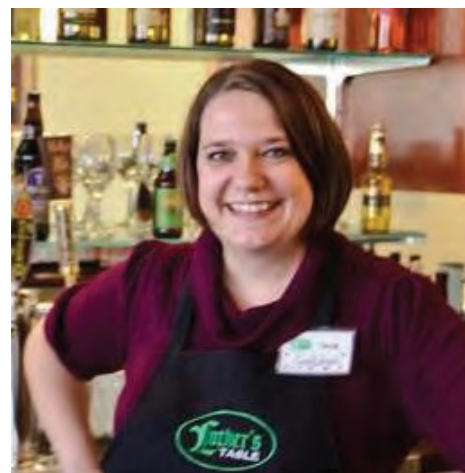
Live music is a great part of the scene at Luther's Table. On Friday

and Saturday nights, musicians of many genres—rock, jazz, folk, indie-rock—take the stage. Open mike is every Thursday, with the stage available to anyone who has the courage to sing. The last Wednesday of every month is "Story Time," with songs, stories, crafts and snacks for young children. Every other Tuesday is "Theology Pub," with timely topics discussed over a pint of your favorite ale. Weekly worship is on Monday evenings.

The calendar at Luther's Table is packed with fun, exciting and meaningful experiences. For more information or to plan your own party or event, visit the Luther's Table website at www.lutherstable.org or find us on Facebook. Luther's Table is located at 419 Second St., Suite 1, Renton, WA 98057.

Gretchen Mertes

Mertes is mission developer at Luther's Table in Renton, Wash.



The Rev. Gretchen Mertes at Luther's Table, Renton, Wash.



Volunteer Heather Kelly has gone above and beyond the call of duty. After the grand opening of Luther's Table, Kelly put in more than 30 hours a week for three months. She has helped organize structure, policy and safety training.

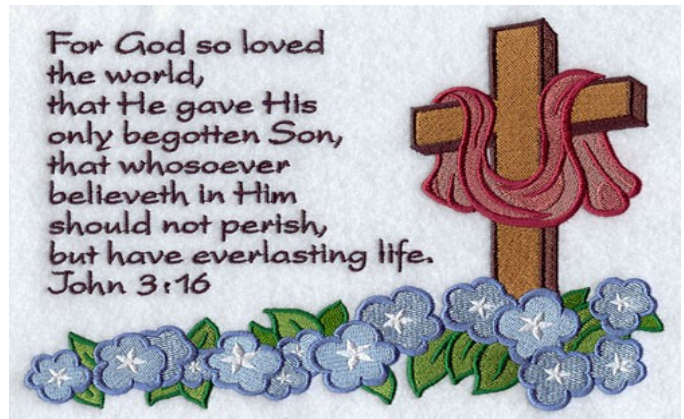
DID YOU KNOW?

- There are 250 Lutheran mission personnel working 24/7 in 50 countries today.
- Homeless men and women are able to find a safe and warm place to sleep, seven days a week, in several of our synod's congregations. A congregation's cost to provide shelter for 20 men, for one week, is equivalent to a family of four staying in a downtown hotel for one night.
- There are 1,530 Lutheran early childhood education centers that serve kids throughout the U.S.
- Kent [Wash.] Lutheran Church is building water filters that each provide safe drinking water for 20 people in South Sudan for 30 years at a cost of \$7 each.
- Lutheran World Relief sent \$13.5 million worth of quilts and school kits to 742,560 people in 22 countries last year (www.lwr.org)
- Every 45 seconds a child dies from malaria, a preventable and treatable disease. Now the ELCA is joining with Lutheran churches in Africa to work toward a malaria-free future. This effort is part of the ELCA Malaria Campaign, with a goal raising \$15 million over a four-year period (www.elca.org/malaria).

Bethel Beam

Special dates in April

- Palm Sunday 1
- Holy Week 1-7
 - Maundy/Holy Thursday 5
 - Good Friday 6
 - Holy Saturday 7
- Easter Sunday 8
- Pastor Chris Installation/shower 22
- Administrative Professionals Day 25



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Office Hours
 Tuesday-Friday
 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Lunch Hour
 12:30-1:30 PM

Regular Worship
Schedule
 9:30 AM

Education
 Adult - 8:15 AM
 Adult - 11:00 AM

Communion
 1st & 3rd Sundays

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One pair of hands heal the sick
 One pair of hands rouse the dead
 One pair of hands calm the raging storm
 and thousands of people are fed.
 One pair of hands said "I love you"
 and those hands were nailed to a tree.

Those hands are so strong So when life goes wrong
 Put your faith into one pair of hands.

One pair of hands form the mountains
 One pair of hands form the sea
 One pair of hands made the sun and the moon,
 every flower, every tree.

One pair of hands form the valleys, the ocean ,
 the rivers and the sand.

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- Carrol Roberson

