

the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

September 2011

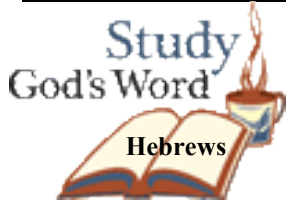
Celebrate Shoreline
Aloha Shoreline from
Bethel Lutheran

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO TOOK THEIR SATURDAY TO SHARE BETHEL WITH THE COMMUNITY AT OUR BOOTH DURING "CELEBRATE SHORELINE".

Kathy Carrow, Stephanie Vollbrecht, Karen Johnson, Kelly Urdahl & Judy Goulet painted faces all day. It was a very busy day with many people visiting our booth.



STUDY OF HEBREWS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18TH at 11:00 AM



Join us for a study of Hebrews using a book by N.T. Wright. The book of Hebrews was written by Paul to a struggling church. It was written to show that you can't go back to an earlier stage of God's purposes but must press on eagerly to the one that is yet to come. In these studies we find encouragement and assurance that pressing on, even in the face of such close and constant pressure to fall back, is its own reward. As we look forward to Bethel's future with excitement and trust in God, let's all take this opportunity to study God's word together. Please sign up so we will know how many books to order. The cost of the book is \$9. We encourage everyone to be a part of this exciting study. Group sizes will be no larger than 10 so everyone will have an opportunity to participate. If you have any questions, please call Karen Anschell or Kelly Urdahl.

In a nutshell

A Sunday school teacher gave her second-graders a month to memorize Psalm 23. One little boy was excited about the task but just couldn't remember the whole chapter. When the day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation, the nervous boy stepped up to the microphone and said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know!"

Someone who cares

It's easy to become discouraged when we pause to consider the needs all around us. So many worthy causes and pressing concerns require action. What can one person with limited resources accomplish?

Theodor Geisel (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss) said: "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

We're most effective and fulfilled when we put our God-given talents and resources into areas he has uniquely shaped our hearts to be passionate for. Passion is the key. If you want to make a difference, find something you care a "whole awful lot" about and then dive in.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL

TO: Bethel Lutheran Church of Shoreline Members

The church council has voted to recommend to the membership that we choose a re-development pastor. In order to begin this process we must first learn what a re-development pastor is, what one does, and what commitments the congregation, the church council and the local Synod need to make. The following is a timeline of events to help us move in the direction of calling a re-development pastor.

September 4 – Information to the congregation

September 11 – "Aloha Bethel" 2011 Year Kick-Off Celebration
Just after 9:30 Service in the Fellowship Hall. The program for this event will include information on re-development, review and input on the re-development covenant, and discussion of a call committee and, of course, FOOD!

September 18 – **8:30 AM** Meet with the Northwest Synod Evangelical Director.

This will be an informative inter-active session. You will have time to ask questions about re-development and the call process.

September 25 – **Congregational Meeting** to:

1. Vote on action recommend by the council to call a re-development pastor.
2. Vote in members of a call committee
10:45 AM – in the Sanctuary

Thank you and we look forward to working with each of you.

Yours in Christ,
Kathy Carrow, Bethel Lutheran Church Council President

Date of Notice: 08/30/11

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Continue to pray for those living in nursing and assisted living homes

Olivia Cole

% Candy Hoeschen
3883 Roche Harbor Rd
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Iva Kjosnes

% Foss Home & Village
13023 Greenwood Ave N.
Seattle, WA 98133-7308

Myrtle Fjarlie

15928 NE 8th St
Bellevue, WA 98008

Audrey & Bob Anderson
Vera Anderson
Bev Baarstad
Don Brown
Harold & Dorothy Crawford
Jack & Wilma Hagen
Ellen Hansen
Dick Hinea
Iva Kjosnes
Harold & Joan Martinell
Chris Mebust
Hank Peterson
Marjorie Romero Family
Jim Schoeld
Karen Schoeld
Dorothy Storseth



PRAY DAILY FOR OUR MEMBERS SEPTEMBER LIST

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 - Jack Hagen | 20 - Nicole Anshell |
| 2 - Rocky Neumann | 21 - Diana Holeman |
| 3 - Donna Sowler | 22 - Henry Peterson |
| 4 - Wilma Hagen | 23 - Richard Hinea |
| 5 - Mary Smith | 24 - Tekla Woldegiorgis |
| 6 - Ellen Bergesen | 25 - Dorothy Crawford |
| 7 - Ila Mae Mattingley | 26 - Iva Kjosnes |
| 8 - Marlys Pickrell | 27 - Joshua DeLaP |
| 9 - Dick Scansen | 28 - Frank Moll |
| 10 - Ed Anshell | 29 - Wally Goulet |
| 11 - Carol Hovick | 30 - Virgil Baarstad |
| 12 - Camille Ross | |
| 13 - Rick Rudnick | |
| 14 - Lynlee Ritchie | |
| 15 - Joan Martinell | |
| 16 - Barbara Hellstrom | |
| 17 - Bev Baarstad | |
| 18 - Marjorie Romero | |
| 19 - Olive Kohanik | |

October

- 1 - Annetha Schmitt
- 2 - Rance Urdahl
- 3 - Olivia Cole
- 4 - Delna Vermillion
- 5 - Joel Vogel

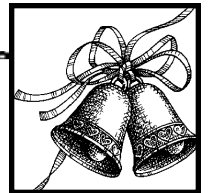


IN SEPTEMBER

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 - Suzanne Hagen | 13 - Graeme Aegerter |
| Mona Quammen | Lizzie Peters |
| 5 - Don Brown | 15 - Gwen Fisher |
| Donna Johns | 17 - Judy Bashaw |
| Lorna Neumann | Harold Martinell |
| 6 - Daniel Schwerdtfeger | 19 - Gil Aegerter |
| 7 - John Johns | 21 - Inge Jeske |
| 9 - Chuck Vollbrecht | 22 - Austin Baarstad |
| 10 - Ruth Locke | 23 - Arne Ramstead |
| 12 - Rosetta Kastama | 29 - Kim Schmidt |
| | 30 - Michael Vollbrecht |

Celebrate September Anniversaries

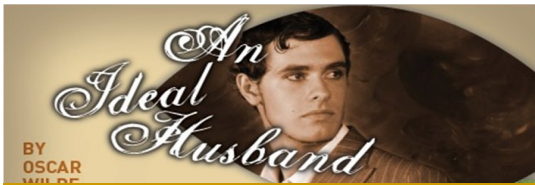
- 15 - Warren & Evelyn Arnhart
29 - Don & Dorothy Brown



- 2 - Ellen Hansen
- 9 - Kymmie Bauer
- 10 - Stephanie Vollbrecht
- 11 - Kim Schmidt
Savannah Schmidt
- 12 - Jayne Rudnick
- 17 - Ryan Barber
Ruth Vollbrecht
- 30 - Mona Quammen

CELEBRATE SEPTEMBER





A beautifully romantic comedy your group will love!

**Senior Matinee of
An Ideal Husband
October 5 at 2 pm**

Dandies and diamonds swirl in and out of this comedic classic. Sir Robert appears to be the ideal husband, until a choice from early in his career comes back to haunt him. Can he be restored to his adoring wife or will the truth be everyone's undoing? This smart satire sparkles with wit and romance.

**Tickets are just \$15-20,
depending on the size of your group!
Save when you bring a group of 8 or
more!**

Group Sales: 206.781.9708

"Oh, I love London Society! I think it has immensely improved. It is entirely composed now of beautiful idiots and brilliant lunatics. Just what Society should be."

our [Senior Matinees](#).

Taproot Theatre also offers


[Student Matinees](#).

**A simple and convenient
way to give**

This fall, consider signing up for electronic giving. Bethel relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Please contact the church office for details if you are interested.

"God gives us the ingredients for our daily bread, but he expects us to do the baking."
—William Arthur Ward

SEPTEMBER
1st next
gathering at
7:30 PM at
The Goulets.
All Welcome!



BETHEL
BOOK CLUB

[Discuss "The Help" this month](#)

[September reading - Discuss in October](#)

In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin – Eric Larson

Synopsis

"Larson is a marvelous writer...superb at creating characters with a few short strokes."—*New York Times Book Review*

Erik Larson has been widely acclaimed as a master of narrative non-fiction, and in his new book, the bestselling author of *Devil in the White City* turns his hand to a remarkable story set during Hitler's rise to power. The time is 1933, the place, Berlin, when William E. Dodd becomes America's first ambassador to Hitler's Germany in a year that proved to be a turning point in history.

A mild-mannered professor from Chicago, Dodd brings along his wife, son, and flamboyant daughter, Martha. At first Martha is entranced by the parties and pomp, and the handsome young men of the Third Reich with their infectious enthusiasm for restoring Germany to a position of world prominence. Enamored of the "New Germany," she has one affair after another, including with the surprisingly honorable first chief of the Gestapo, Rudolf Diels. But as evidence of Jewish persecution mounts, confirmed by chilling first-person testimony, her father telegraphs his concerns to a largely indifferent State Department back home. Dodd watches with alarm as Jews are attacked, the press is censored, and drafts of frightening new laws begin to circulate. As that first year unfolds and the shadows deepen, the Dodds experience days full of excitement, intrigue, romance—and ultimately, horror, when a climactic spasm of violence and murder reveals Hitler's true character and ruthless ambition. Suffused with the tense atmosphere of the period, and with unforgettable portraits of the bizarre Göring and the expectedly charming—yet wholly sinister—Goebbels, *In the Garden of Beasts* lends a stunning, eyewitness perspective on events as they unfold in real time, revealing an era of surprising nuance and complexity. The result is a dazzling, addictively readable work that speaks volumes about why the world did not recognize the grave threat posed by Hitler until Berlin, and Europe, were awash in blood and terror.

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

REMEMBER 9/11



Please join the staff of Acacia Memorial Park and Funeral Home for a special screening of the yet-to-be-released film, *REBIRTH*. This feature length documentary has been created by a team of seasoned, successful Hollywood filmmakers who have been working together since 9/11. Their vision is a compelling film experience and a unique historical record and resource: a living testament to honor 9/11, and its victims and heroes. The result of a filmmaking journey into living history, the story of *REBIRTH* follows the transformation of five people, over the course of 10 years, whose lives were forever altered on September 11, 2001 – and simultaneously tracks, via un-precedented multi-camera time lapse photography, the evolution of the space where the Twin Towers once rose over lower Manhattan. The director seamlessly weaves these personal stories of hope and healing and reveals a universal truth; one which shows human beings will overcome and aspire to renewal, even when the very fabric of their lives has changed. **Admission is free and you may choose to make a donation to support the work of Project Rebirth.** More information on the organization may be found by visiting www.projectrebirth.org. Screenings will be held in the Chapel at Acacia Funeral Home: 14951 Bothell Way NE

Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 7:00 PM - Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 2:00 PM
Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 11:00 AM - Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 2:00 PM

YOU ARE INVITED!

SHORECREST HIGHSCHOOL 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY & COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE Saturday, September 10, 11:00- 3:00

Enjoy Shorecrest Performance
Groups at 11:30

- Bagpipes
- Highland Dancers
- Hip Hop Team
- Flag Team
- Cheer Squad

Join us for a BBQ at 12:00 to support
the SC Boosters and Free Birthday
Cake at 1:00.

VOLUNTEER TO END HOMELESSNESS

Free direct service volunteer networking fair and advocacy training for human services providers, volunteers, and churches in King County!

**Shoreline Covenant Church
September 24
9 AM to 12:00 PM**

During this devastating economic recession, countless hard working middle class people and their families need help meeting basic needs. But human services funding has been slashed, leaving too many of our neighbors without critical support.

What role does the church play in creating solutions? How can we volunteer in ways that accurately address the broader reality of "need"?

JOIN US September 24th!

Questions? Leah Klug at leahk@ccsww.org

Eternal God! Grant us gratitude enough to look backward and be thankful; courage enough to look forward and be hopeful; faith enough to look upward and be humble; kindness enough to look outward and be helpful. Amen.

SACRED SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

I apologize for interrupting your summer with a Christmas message, but by the time the first signs of the glorious season appear, it will be too late for you to get discounted group and individual tickets to Seattle Pacific University's *The Sacred Sounds of Christmas*. Now in its 12th year, this acclaimed concert by SPU performing groups is always a sell-out.

Date: Nov. 28 & 29, 2011
 Place: Benaroya Hall, Seattle
 Time: 7:30 PM

Between now and September 30, you can purchase 10 or more tickets for only \$12 each, with no transaction fee. Individual tickets are \$15, with an additional \$8 per-transaction fee. Beginning October 1, group discounts will no longer be available, and individual tickets will be \$17 and \$20 with an additional \$8 per-transaction fee.

To purchase 10 or more tickets, call 206/215-4818
 To purchase fewer than 10 tickets, call 206.215-4747.

Friends of the Shoreline Library

Book Sale

Friday, September 23
5-7pm

Members Only Preview Sale
 Membership forms available at the Book Sale entrance.

Saturday, September 24
10am-4pm

Sunday, September 25
Noon-2pm

Everyone Welcome!
 Bag Sale on Sunday-\$3

Shoreline Library
 345 NE 175th Street
 206.362.7550



Human beings are the crowning achievement of God's creation. Think of it, God placed Adam and Eve in the midst of the glory of the universe--the sun, moon and stars, and the intricacies, power and beauty of creation--so they could care for the world on His behalf. He continues to place His people where He needs them, to care for others and cultivate a setting where God's purposes are accomplished. Where has God placed you?

Save the Date!

Church of Mary Magdalene
 20th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday
 September 24th, 2011



You are an important part of our history. Join us to celebrate our future!

Saturday, Sept 24
 10 AM - 2 PM

Hymn-singing, worship, lunch, and reception.
 Sermon by Rev. Jean Kim

If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day Weekend.
 - Doug Larson

STEWARDSHIP NOTES

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Intercessory prayer is life's real work. Prayer is powerful and it strengthens, heals, comforts us and deepens our faith. Prayer is portable, you can pray anywhere; you don't have to be in church or even in a quiet place. Prayer develops and deepens your personal relationship with God, it changes your perspective on life and it develops faith. It brings peace in times of trouble, and increases your awareness of God. Prayer is the way to spiritual growth; it can give you direction in how to use your gifts and talents.

Prayer gives you power and strengthens your service to God. The Lord answers our prayers and speaks to us and comforts us when we pray. Your prayers for others, strengthens and comforts them.

Pray without ceasing, fill your mind with prayer and Jesus will guide you. He will give you the peace that passes all understanding.

You can pray for our members and former members every day using the list in the Beam and the Bethel Week. Pray for the list of people who need healing and add the names or your friends and family who are in need of prayer. Pray for the person sitting next to you in church as you pass the collection plate.

The Lord hears our prayers and changes the person who is praying and the person who you are praying for.

Ask others if you can pray for them. Start by asking your friends if they have a prayer need and then be open to praying for strangers; the woman who checks out your groceries, the bank teller...the possibilities are endless.

At this time, we are being encouraged to pray for our church. Each week, in our Bethel Week Bulletin and on line, we are given scripture and a different prayer to pray.

Praying together for our church will bring us together as one body of Christ, united in purpose as we move forward in our search for a new Pastor and our development of a vision for our future.

Pray and the Lord will answer.

"There's a holy, high vocation needing workers everywhere. This the highest form of service, it's the ministry of prayer.

-Woodworth-



UPDATE FROM TOM AND MARY HOLMAN



August 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your faithful prayers while we were in Nigeria! Our time there confirmed that we are recovering from our fatigue and stress. We handled most difficulties well, and we were often aware of your prayer support.

We made good progress in the translation work. Tom and "Isaac" were able to complete all that they needed to do for publishing Luke and for having the Jesus Film ready for approval. Isaac is now waiting for the "Lewami" Translation Committee to review and sign off on the script so that it can be recorded in November. **Pray** that the Translation Committee would fulfill its responsibilities in regard to this. Isaac is starting a degree program in Linguistics and Bible Translation at a college in Northern Nigeria this week (August 15). **Pray** that he would do well in the program.

Working in the Waja area by myself presented a few challenges. I wasn't feeling well the first two days, it was really hot and humid, and the project's unreliable generator "fried" one of the power strips, but we knew you were praying because everything sorted itself out. We were able to reach a point where the team could complete all the final checks of Luke on their own -- mostly the "jots and tittles" of spelling. They hope to finish and send it for printing in September, so keep praying, please!

Thank you for your faithful prayer support. God works through your prayers to accomplish this ministry of Bible translation.

Blessings,
Mary
Mary and Tom Holman

*A 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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Home Phone: 763-915-2615, Cell Phone: 612-715-0729

E-mail addresses: Tom_Holman@sil.org

Mary_Holman@sil.org

*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

REMEMBERING 9/11 & 10 YEARS OF WAR

For the Healing of the Nations



Service of Music & Prayer remembering 9/11 & 10 years of war

Sunday, September 11, 2011
3:00 pm

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
14514 20th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155

hosted by

Bethel Lutheran Church of Shoreline
Grace Chinese Lutheran
Haller Lake United Methodist
Korean Baptist Church of Shoreline
Medhane Alem Ethiopian Church
Prince of Peace Lutheran
Shoreline United Methodist

Invite Your Family & Friends

As we reflect on 9/11 and 10 years of war, we bring together the many cultures in our neighborhood to share our mutual faith in God and messages of peace, harmony and hope.

Offering for Horn of Africa Famine Relief

Our worship offering during this special service will benefit the Horn of Africa Famine Relief

Remember Our Food Bank

Especially needed are non-perishable food items, baby foods, & hygiene supplies.

Join Us for Refreshments following Worship

Plan to stay for a medley potluck of foods from all over the world.

Bring a favorite finger food or appetizer from your culture to share.



Workshop, Concert & Worship

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A Weekend With


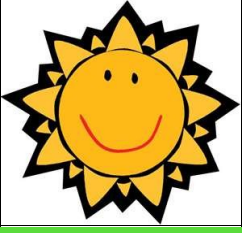




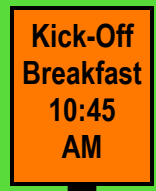
Marty Haugen

September 18-19

including

A study of Marty's Book *To Serve as Jesus Did*

Marty will be using his book *"To Serve as Jesus Did"* to lead us in discovering where the future of relevant and purposeful worship and music is heading and how we can use the gifts God has already provided us on our journey. If you are interested in this, there is a registration form in the church office. (See the kiosk in the narthex for more information)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 				<p>1 10:45 AM Membership Ministry</p> <p>6:30 PM Comm. Band</p>	<p>2 10:00 AM AA (FH)</p> <p>7:00 PM Narcotics Anon (FH)</p> <p>7:00 PM Seattle Acting School</p>	<p>3 9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship</p> <p>8:00 PM AA</p>
<p>4 8:15 AM Adult Education</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service</p> <p>10:00 AM Ethiopian Church</p> <p>1:00 PM Korean Church</p> <p>3:00 PM Spanish Christian Church</p>	<p>5 OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>6 10:00 AM AA/Alanon</p> <p>6:00 PM Vets/Others AA (208)</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship Ministry</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM Quilters</p> <p>6:00 PM AA/CA (109)</p> <p>7:00 PM OA</p>	<p>8 6:30 PM Comm. Band</p> <p>7:00 PM CH. COUNCIL</p>	<p>9 10:00 AM AA (FH)</p> <p>7:00 PM Narcotics Anon (109)</p> <p>7:00 PM Seattle Acting School</p>	<p>10 9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship</p> <p>10:00 AM Global Mission Mtng (209)</p> <p>8:00 PM AA</p>
<p>11 8:15 AM Adult Education</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service</p> <p>10:00 AM Ethiopian Church</p> <p>10:45 AM Breakfast & Kick-Off Year</p> <p>1:00 PM Korean Church</p> <p>3:00 PM International Service at Prince of Peace</p> <p>3:00 PM Spanish Christian Church</p>	<p>12 OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>5:15 BLCW Mtng At Ruth's</p> <p>6:30 PM Totem G.Scout Council (FH)</p>	<p>13 10:00 AM AA/Alanon</p> <p>6:00 PM Vets/Others AA (208)</p> <p>6:30 PM AA District Meeting (209)</p>	<p>14 6:00 PM AA/CA (109)</p> <p>7:00 PM OA</p>	<p>15 8:00 AM Carpet Clean 109</p> <p>6:30 PM Comm. Band</p> <p>7:00 PM Ruth Circle</p> 	<p>16 10:00 AM AA (FH)</p> <p>7:00 PM Narcotics Anon (109)</p> <p>7:00 PM Seattle Acting School</p>	<p>17 9:00 AM Esther Circle</p> <p>9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship</p> <p>8:00 PM AA</p>
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THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

	4	11	18	25
ALTAR GUILD	Judy & Marlys	Ragnhild & Kelly	Mary & Evie	Sue & Joanne
LECTORS	Karen Johnson	Karen Anschell	Diana Holeman	Liz Terrey
LITURGISTS	TBA	XXXXXXXXXX	TBA	XXXXXXXXXX
CHILDREN'S TIME	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Diana Holeman	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Kathy Carrow
BREAD SERVER	Sue Logen	XXXXXXXXXX	Carol Hovick	XXXXXXXXXX
WINE SERVER	Diana Holeman	XXXXXXXXXX	Judy Goulet	XXXXXXXXXX
GLASSES	Donna Sjoquist Wally Goulet	XXXXXXXXXX	Intinction	XXXXXXXXXX
FLOWERS	Mona Quammen In memory of Wally	Diana Holeman	Karen Johnson In memory of Taylor Johnson	Lynlee Ritchie Parents wedding anniversary
USHERS	Bruce Smith John Johns Rance Urdahl	Chuck Vollbrecht Chris Pickrell Dick Scansen Dick Hinea	Bev Baarstad Sue Logen	Wally Goulet Evelyn Willems Dave Switzer
FIRST LESSON	Ezek. 33:7-11	Gen. 50:15-21	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Ezek. 18:1-4,25-32
SECOND LESSON	Rom. 13:8-14	Rom. 14:1-12,	Phil. 1:21-30	Phil. 2:1-13
GOSPEL	Matt. 18:15-20	Matt. 18:21-35	Matt. 20:1-16	Matt. 21:23-32

Sanctuary Caretaker: John Johns

ON CALL LIST

Ragnhild Eidem	Suzanne Hagen	John & Donna Johns	
Craig Fjarlie	Mary Himple	Karen Johnson	
Lila Geiszler	Richard Hinea	Olive Kohanik	
Donnamae Gfeller	Ruby Hoff	Ruth Locke	
Wallace & Judy Goulet	Diana Holeman	Sue Logen	
Jesse & Norma Grigsby	Carol Hovick	Harold & Joan Martinell	



The Spirit



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

God's Creation And Stewardship

by

The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, Bishop

We are to be stewards of God's creation. The book of Genesis reports that some of the first commands that God gives our ancestor Adam are to care for the creation and its creatures. Much of the Biblical story is about how humankind has failed in this basic assignment we have been given.

Today we are confronting this task yet again. Issues related to climate change are debated and intruding into our global awareness. I have said before that I am convinced that the scientists have identified a serious problem for us to address. This is an issue of stewardship.

Our annual stewardship event this year will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24 at St. John United Lutheran Church, Seattle. The theme of the day is *Greening Your Congregations*. The speaker will be Professor H. Paul Johnson from the University of Washington. He is a Professor of Marine Geology and Geophysics. There will also be a series of practical workshops related to our congregational stewardship of creation.

Frankly much of the discussion of our stewardship of the creation is simply talk. We need to move beyond the head scratching phase of our response to acting in ways that respond to God's command. This event is a beginning place for our congregations and

members. Mark your calendars for September 24, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Our responses will vary as we consider this issue. The ELCA adopted a social statement, *Caring for Creation, Vision, Justice and Hope* that can be used in adult forums as a starting place for this discussion. The *Greening Your Congregation* event can help us find practical responses to this overwhelming problem. Our conversations can encourage action and creativity in responding to God's command.

Stewardship is often limited to our discussions of time, talent and treasure. It is also limited by my sin that would like to ignore the problems that I am creating for the world and my children. Seeing that our response to climate change is a stewardship issue is a first step toward taking the responsibility that we must assume in this issue.

How shall the congregations of which we are members respond to the issue of climate change? What is our role in creating this crisis? Come on September 24 and be a part of our response to God's command.

Editor's Note: The keynote speaker and Bishop Chris Boerger are the presenters in the morning of *Greening Your Congregation*. In the afternoon you will be able to choose among eight workshops (offered twice so you can attend two), which will focus on what you and your congregation can do to care for creation.

For details about the speaker, workshops and registration for this event, please visit the calendar on the synod's website at www.lutheransnw.org.

Pray On 9/11

The Rev. Maynard Atik (ret.) will be returning to the Ground Zero site to volunteer as chaplain at the World Trade Center Memorial on Sunday, Sept. 11. He asks for all to offer the following prayers:

*Remember, O God, those who suffer the loss of loved ones;
Remember all who have died in the conflict with terrorism;
Remember those who are still filled with fear or anger;
Remember this nation and those we call enemies;
Stir your church to declare your peace where there is hatred;
Hold all in your love and justice. Amen.*

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Some interesting facts for Labor Day from
Labor Day 2011-Credit Donkey

Special dates in September

- Labor Day 5
- Patriot Day 11
- National Grandparents Day 11
- Hispanic Heritage Month 9/15-10/15
- First Day of Autumn 23

153.2 Million
Number of workers in
America's workforce
July 2011

10,000
Number of workers in
1st Labor Day Parade
in New York Sept.5,
1882

27% of workers
work more than 40
hrs a week, with
7% working 60 or
more hrs a week.

83% of full-time workers
are currently covered by
health insurance.

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Worship Schedule
9:30 AM

Education
9:45 AM Sunday
11:00 AM Sunday

Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays

Median income for U.S.
currently sitting at
\$43,300. and the average
hourly earnings currently
at \$23.13.

7.6 million Americans currently hold
down more than one job and 284,000
work full time at two jobs. To ensure their
families have the funds they need to
cover their expenses.

Let us realize that the privilege to work is a gift,
that power to work is a blessing, that love of work
is success. - *David O. McKay*



Faith Action Network

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Launch Celebration

Saturday, September 17, 2011
5:00-7:00 PM

University Congregational Church
4515 16th Ave. NE
Seattle, WA 98105



Please save the date and be our guest to celebrate the launch of
**Faith Action Network: A Partnership for
the Common Good.**

This new statewide ecumenical and interfaith organization unites two stalwart organizations that have engaged the faith community in Washington for decades. FAN is envisioned as "a faith-inspired statewide partnership striving for a just, compassionate, and sustainable world through community building, education, and courageous public action." We hope you will be part of creating a new legacy of faith-based education, action, and advocacy for Washington State.

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