

the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

February 2013



Lent

Spiritual Practices in Our Lives

Once again we'll be partnering with Edmonds Lutheran Church and St. Alban's Episcopal Church for our Lenten worship services, but this year's version will have a twist: services will rotate across all three sites. The overall theme for the season is "Spiritual Practices in Our Lives," and each Wednesday's service will focus on a specific theme both in its message and in its worship style. Additionally--and regardless of which site is hosting the service--you are always invited to participate in the weekly community meal at Edmonds Lutheran Church at 5pm before worship.

Lenten Evening Prayer 2013

Edmonds Lutheran – St. Alban's Episcopal – Bethel Lutheran

Spiritual Practices

Listening-Prayer-Study-Singing-Intercession-Hospitality-Fellowship-Titheing-Pilgrimage

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

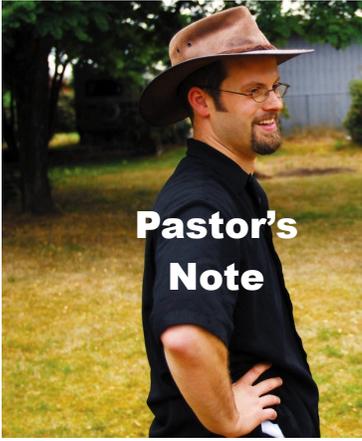
2/20 Edmonds Lutheran Church 23525 84th Ave W
Holden Evening Prayer

2/27 Bethel Lutheran

3/6 St. Alban's Episcopal 21405 82nd Pl W, - Edmonds
Taize

3/13 Edmonds Lutheran Church 23525 84th Ave W
Holden Evening Prayer

3/20 Bethel Lutheran



January 22, 2013

The following article is modified from a report I submitted to the Outreach Committee this month. Even if you read that version, you should read this one too as its focus has changed.

Some of you might have noticed that during worship on both December 23 and 24 I made special note of a new idea: the transformation of part of our lower floor storage into a “hygiene center” for people in need to shower and do laundry. There was a deliberate reason for referencing it at Christmas: I knew we would have additional worshipers present for both of those services, and I knew that it would be the only time during the year we would see some of them. My bet is that a large percentage of those worshipers fit into the “spiritual, but not religious” category. Research indicates that folks in that category are often frustrated by organized religion: they see it as overly focused on appearances and superficial squabbling, and

less concerned with practical ministry--“helping people.” It was with that reality in mind that I wanted to give them a tangible example of the sorts of ministry possibilities that exist here, something to grab their ear long enough for God’s Word to be heard.

While I do not regret talking about the idea at that time, in hindsight I could have done a better job exploring it with the larger congregation first. It is with that realization in mind that I wanted to take a moment to explain the discernment process behind this idea, and why I think it could become a beneficial part of our overall ministry without detracting from anything we currently do. Note, however, that I say “could”: nothing is in stone at this time.

For purposes of this article, when I speak about a “hygiene center” I am describing a space which would provide showers, laundry facilities, and bathroom access to people in need. Additional assistance might take place (i.e. warm place to go during the winter, distribution of soap/etc), but these basic three are the core.

I have been candid from the beginning that I would not take an agenda of my own and impose it on the church: rather, I would try and watch for the movement of the Spirit, the interests and passions of the congregation, and the needs and concerns of the community, then act upon what seemed most organic to the situation. Early on it became apparent that our building is a key asset for us: the large number of in-house and outside-group ministries going on here make us a vital community resource. “How can we expand on what we are already doing so well?,” became a driving question, as well as “How can we improve the facilities so that we can make our ministry even more effective?” Some of this was talked about in council, some in Bible Study, some during house visits and informal conversation. Repeatedly, the starting point appeared to be in examining how we use our space.

Conversations with many of you over the months painted a picture in which a few key rooms at Bethel are regularly used, yet several others are barely touched. One of the least effectively used spaces was identified as “the Concrete Jungle:” the storage area on the bottom floor. Aside from the Quilters (whose space would be maintained in any renovation), much of the remaining area had become unregulated clutter. “Well, what could we do with that space?” was the obvious question to ask.

It was from there that I returned to the ideas and dreams you had shared with me during our interview process last year. You may recall that I had sent the congregation a list of questions to reflect on and answer, and many of you took the opportunity to speak from the heart—for that, I thank you! As I was rereading them, a few stood out: requests to “clean and modernize the church,” concern for “the homeless kids in our neighborhood—how can we help them?,” the straightforward “add showers/baths to the lower floor”—these and others began to come together (along with insights from other pastors and social service leaders) into a single idea: what if we renovated this space into a hygiene center?

That idea/question is one which I have been exploring with others for the past month or so. Thus far, there have been conversations with representatives from the City of Shoreline Community Services Division, the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, Shoreline Community Care, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Thrivent, Compass Alliance, Union Gospel Mission, the other churches who use space here, the local neighborhood associations, and several other local groups. The intent is to be thorough in exploring this idea from as many angles as possible, with the deliberate intention of being network-focused: in other words, if we were to do this, it wouldn't just

(cont. on p.4)

**In Our Thoughts
and Prayers**

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

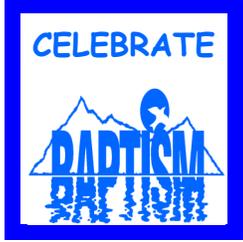
Iva Kjosnes
% Foss Home & Village
13023 Greenwood Ave N.
Seattle, WA 98133-7308

Myrtle Fjarlie
15928 NE 8th St
Bellevue, WA 98008

- Prayers for:
Audrey Anderson
Vera Anderson
Bev Baarstad
Don Brown
Harold Crawford
Mona Drake
Ellen Hansen
John Johns
Olive Kohanik
Harold & Joan Martinell
Hank Peterson
Lynlee Ritchie
Jim Schoeld
Karen Schoeld
Mary Smith
Dorothy Storseth
Alice & Arnold
Urdahl
Dela VanHoy
- 

**PRAY DAILY FOR OUR
MEMBERS
FEBRUARY LIST**

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 - Josh Rudnick | 15 - Tekla Woldegiorgis |
| 2 - Wally Goulet | 16 - Karen Schoeld |
| 3 - Frank Moll | 17 - Rocky Neumann |
| 4 - Lynlee Ritchie | 18 - John Terrey |
| 5 - Delna Vermillion | 19 - Maria Carlson |
| 6 - Colin Rudnick | 20 - Beth Rudnick |
| 7 - Chris Ode | 21 - Karen Johnson |
| 8 - Nicole Anschell | 22 - Mary Smith |
| 9 - Bev Baarstad | 23 - Donnamae Gfeller |
| 10 - Warren Arnhart | 24 - Edna Greising |
| 11 - Diana Holeman | 25 - Stephanie Vollbrecht |
| 12 - Josh DeLap | 26 - Anna Sjong |
| 13 - Dorothy Brown | |
| 14 - Dick Hinea | |



- 1 - Iva Kjosnes
Liz Terrey
8 - Tekla Woldegiorgis
25 - Travis Salmon
Dorothy Storseth

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHIES TO:
Norma Grigsby Family in the death of Jesse
Mary Himple Family in the death of Mary's father
Warren Arnhart in the death of his wife, Evelyn

OUR BETHEL QUILTERS NEED YOUR HELP!



Are you available on the 1st, 4th or 5th Wednesday of the month?
Can you tie a knot? DO you have friends who like to quilt?

You don't have to know how to sew to quilt. Our quilts are all tied and we need "tiers" along with those that sew.

Lutheran World Relief has challenged Lutherans across the U.S. to donate 500,000 quilts to send around the world to people in need. That's an increase of approximately 25% or 100,000 quilts over previous years. SO...we need to increase our quilters group 25%. We have lost a lot of quilters in the past year and are down to a small group. MEN: You are welcome. Surely you can tie a knot.

If you like to make quilt tops and donate them for us to finish, that also is helpful. Any way you can help will be appreciated. (Our quilts go to LWR and to Compass Housing)

We meet on the 1st, 4th and 5th Wednesdays of the month at 9 AM. At 10:30 AM we break for coffee and then finish up at noon.

Any questions? Call the church office or talk to Donnamae Gfeller.

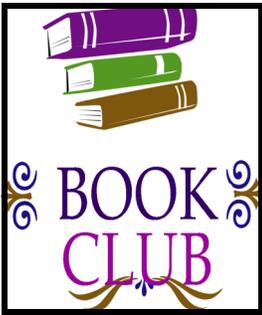


IT'S SOCK IT TO 'EM TIME AGAIN



The Bethel Outreach Committee will be collecting men's and women's socks during the month of February to be distributed by Compass Housing Alliance. Compass

Center clients equate new socks to "gold bricks" and are very thankful for them. Please consider donating sox to the box that will be in the narthex throughout February. Thank you for your generosity.



Our February gathering will be February 7. Read the book listed below and join us at Diana's

Tomorrow River by Lesley Kagen
Read in January – Discuss in February

One Book in the Grave
(Bibliophile Series #5)

By Kate Carlisle
Read in February – Discuss in March

There may be grave consequences for book-binder Brooklyn Wainwright as she attempts to solve two murders tied to one book...

Pastor's Notes (cont. from p. 2)

be "a Bethel thing," but "a community thing." There are others out there with far greater experience in this sort of ministry, and it behooves us to benefit from their expertise rather than reinventing the wheel.

From those conversations which have already taken place, it is apparent that (a) a need does truly exist in our area for something like this (b) our location is good: people in need would come here to benefit from such a facility and our building is well-spaced to make it happen safely and securely (c) there is strong support from other organizations when it comes to funding and staffing such a facility. Taken together, these lead me to think that such a project could become an important piece of our ministry here.

Hopefully, this helps to better explain the rationale behind this whole "hygiene center" conversation. There is still a lot of work to do (I would conservatively estimate a 2014 start time at the earliest), but it has potential. I cannot say it often enough: please, if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, etc. related to this project let me know about them. If you want to help explore it, that's great—come and talk. If you are concerned it would ruin the church, that's sad—but come and talk to me anyway. While I am obviously leaning towards the benefits of this ministry, I recognize that it would carry downsides as well, and I would rather be open in talking about them then ignore them in the name of unity: concerns, hopes, fears, questions, ideas—all of them are welcome. There is a real possibility for our congregation to make a positive impact in the community through this project and to build some amazing connections with other groups as a result, but it can only happen if we approach it openly.

"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

- Matthew 25:37-40

Blessings,
Pastor Chris



MINISTRY MOMENT

For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.
1 Timothy 6:7-8

The world gives money more significance than God ever intended it to have. In our world it's a means of achieving status, happiness, power and security. God advises us how to use it according to His purposes.

He wants us to earn and use it to meet our family and personal needs. Christians should live within their means. 2 Thessalonians 3:10

Everything comes from the Lord and He commanded us to give the first part of our income to Him. This shows obedience and gratitude.
Proverbs 3:9

This allows the gospel to be proclaimed through our church, the worldwide church and other organizations that we choose to support.

We are to use our money to help others. When someone else is in crisis The Lord commands us to share what we have. Proverbs 19:17
He never overlooks our generosity.

It is not important how much money we have but if we are using it as God tells us to, then we will have joy in serving Him.

*Adapted from Charles Stanley In
Touch Ministries*

**Christ has no body now but yours
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he
looks with compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to
do good.
Yours are the hands with which he bless-
es all the world.
Christ has no body now on earth but
yours.**



Saturday, March 9, 2013

at the Museum of Flight

Register online for an evening of fine dining and fabulous auction items in support of Compass Housing Alliance:

www.compasshousingalliance.org

Help us procure auction items! Procurement forms are available on our website. Click on the auction logo on the homepage and look for the procurement links.

Questions? 206-357-3105

TAPROOT THEATRE
COMPANY



Then Bertie Wooster pays a visit. While ducking romance, fleeing a cleaver wielding chef and burgling his uncle, Bertie's trail of mischief and mayhem is set right by unflappable valet, Jeeves. Based on characters created by author P.G. Wodehouse, this confectionary treat is a delightful respite from the daily grind.

Taproot Theatre Company
204 N. 85th Street - Seattle, WA 98103
Box Office: 206.781.9707

Info from ELCA Monthly Mission Memo

- In the previous year, your support of Lutheran World Relief reached: **4,975,948** People with **196** Projects in **40** Countries

Thanks for your support!

- MISSION MOMENT**
ELCA Disaster Response still there for Hurricane Sandy victims

From the Caribbean to the northern Atlantic coast of the United States, many people are still experiencing hardship and difficulties due to Hurricane Sandy. Strong winds and torrential rains followed by snow have led to flooding and mass destruction.

Thanks to the generosity of people like you, we have already responded in the Caribbean and in areas of the United States with food, water and shelter.

But your help is still needed. We, as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), are responding in areas affected by Hurricane Sandy. In the Caribbean, through our global church partnerships, we are providing basic needs and cholera prevention. Throughout the United States we are working hand-in-hand with synods and ministry organizations, who are experts at outreach in their communities.

Your donation now will help address the needs of families and individuals; build and reconstruct homes, communities and congregations; coordinate volunteer efforts from people across the country and support case managers working directly with those who have lost everything.

Gifts to ELCA Disaster Response, designated for "Hurricane Sandy" will be used entirely (100 percent) in response to this disaster. Join our disaster work and help provide the type of immediate and long-lasting support that is already underway in the affected regions.

Other Ways to Give:

Give by Mail ELCA Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-9300 Write "Hurricane Sandy" on your check's memo line.

Give by Phone Credit card by phone: 800-638-352

Food Demand is projected to rise 50% by 2030. - "Fast Facts"

MISSIONARY NEWS



UPDATE FROM TOM AND MARY HOLMAN

.Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Valentine's Day! This holiday is not widely celebrated in Nigeria, but through the ministry of Bible translation the message of God's love is going out through more than 200 of the 500 languages spoken here. "God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." **Pray** that soon all the language groups of Nigeria would be able to hear this news in their own language.

Tom and I are **thanking God** that new members have joined both the Sukur and Fali translation teams. Two young men who are already familiar with the writing of Sukur joined Bishop Waziri, and they are making a good contribution.

An older man from a different dialect has joined the Fali team, so we now have three of the four main dialects represented. He was formerly a high school English teacher, so he's good at helping us sort out the grammar. **Please pray** that his participation would not raise problems about which dialect should be used for the translation.

Rejoicing in God's love,

Mary

Tom and Mary 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

E-mail addresses: Mary_Holman@sil.org Tom_Holman@sil.org

Mailing Address: GILLBT Box TL 378, Tamale, N/R, GHANA, W. Africa

Phones in Ghana: Mary: (233)(0)24-938-8108 Tom: (233)(0)20-078-3721

*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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR HOMELESS TO HOUSED 2.0

Is your faith community interested in serving homeless families and individuals in North King County?

Did you attend our 2011 Homeless to Housed Forum but leave with remaining questions?

Are you looking for expert advice on how to start a program for homeless individuals from the ground up?

Then Homeless to Housed 2.0 is for you!

Please join faith communities and homeless services providers from across the County to learn more about how your faith community can provide homeless services in North King County. Bring your questions, and we'll bring the refreshments!

WHEN: Tuesday, February 19th

TIME: 6:30-8:30PM

PLACE: Shoreline City Hall,
Council Chambers
17500 Midvale Ave. N,
Shoreline, WA 98133

Call Kathy at 682-9541 to register.

BLCW NEWS

Each year at the end of the year BLCW gives away their money to charities supported by Bethel. We have received thank you's from the following;

Foss Home
North Helpline
Compass Housing Alliance
Lutheran Community Services
Trinity College
Church of Mary Magdalene
Emergency Feeding Program
Lutheran Volunteer Corps

Dear Women of Bethel,
Thank you for your offering of \$145. We appreciate your support of the NWWA Synod of the Women of the ELCA. We will send half of this amount to the churchwide women.

Lois Cassidy,
Treasurer

Check out the newly designed Women of the ELCA churchwide website:
<http://www.womenoftheelca.org>

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck.

One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. 'I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.'

The old woman smiled, 'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?' 'That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.' For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.'

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

SO, to all of my cracked pot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday														
<h1>February 2013</h1> 					1	2														
3 8:15 AM Wired Word 9:30 AM Bethel Worship Service 10:45 AM Breakfast 7:00 PM Affirmation of Baptism	4	5 7:00 PM Education Team	6 9:00 AM Bethel Quilters 1:00 PM Midday Meditation 6:00 PM PM Play-date 7:15 PM Text Messages	7 5:00 PM Outreach Team 7:30 PM Bethel Book Club	8	9 9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship														
10 8:15 AM Wired Word 9:30 AM Bethel Worship Service 11:00 AM Adult Forum 7:00 PM Affirmation of Baptism 	11	12 6:30 PM Worship Team	13 1:00 PM Midday Meditation <u>7:00 PM</u> Ash Wednesday Service 	14 7:00 PM Bethel Church Council	15	16 9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship														
17 8:15 AM Wired Word 9:30 AM Bethel Worship Service 11:00 AM Adult Forum 7:00 PM Affirmation of Baptism	18 PRESIDENT'S DAY 	19	20 10:00 AM Sarah Circle 1:00 PM Midday Meditation <u>7:00 PM</u> Lenten Service at Edmonds Lutheran	21 7:00 PM Ruth Circle at Judy's	22	23 9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship														
24 8:15 AM Wired Word 9:30 AM Bethel Worship Service 11:00 AM Adult Forum 7:00 PM Affirmation of Baptism	25	26 6:30 PM Worship Team 8:00 PM Something on Tuesday	27 9:00 AM Bethel Quilters 1:00 PM Midday Meditation <u>7:00 PM</u> at Bethel	28 7:00 PM Around the Sound Band	<div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Happy Birthday</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Liz Terrey</td><td style="text-align: right;">6</td></tr> <tr><td>Beth Rudnick</td><td style="text-align: right;">11</td></tr> <tr><td>Dick Schwerdtfeger</td><td style="text-align: right;">15</td></tr> <tr><td>Phyllis Moll</td><td style="text-align: right;">21</td></tr> <tr><td>Sarah Ode</td><td style="text-align: right;">22</td></tr> <tr><td>John Vollbrecht</td><td style="text-align: right;">23</td></tr> <tr><td>Travis Salmon</td><td style="text-align: right;">24</td></tr> </table> </div>		Liz Terrey	6	Beth Rudnick	11	Dick Schwerdtfeger	15	Phyllis Moll	21	Sarah Ode	22	John Vollbrecht	23	Travis Salmon	24
Liz Terrey	6																			
Beth Rudnick	11																			
Dick Schwerdtfeger	15																			
Phyllis Moll	21																			
Sarah Ode	22																			
John Vollbrecht	23																			
Travis Salmon	24																			

	3	10	17	24
Altar Guild	Donnamae & Diana	Judy & Carol	Sue & Joanne	Lillian & Marlys
Lectors	Karen Johnson	Liz Terrey	Elia Smith	Joe Himple
Kids Time	Pastor Chris	Diana Holeman	Pastor Chris	Kathy Carrow
Communion				
Bread	Sue Logen	Carol Hovick	Craig Fjarlie	Mary Himple
Wine	Diana Holeman	Judy Goulet	Bruce Smith	Liz Terrey
Glasses	Wally Goulet Anna Sjong	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Flowers		Bruce & Elia Smith in honor of Mothers birthdays (Esther & Alfa)		Karen Johnson in memory of John Johnson
Ushers	Bruce Smith John Johns Rance Urdahl	Chuck Vollbrecht Chris Pickrell Dick Scansen Dick Hinea	Sue Logen (Sign up to usher)	Wally Goulet Dave Switzer (Sign up to usher)
Lessons	Jer. 1:4-10 1 Cor. 13:1-13	Exod. 34:29-35 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2	Deut. 26:1-11 Rom. 10:8b-13	Gen. 14:1-12,17-18 Phil. 3:17-4:1
Gospel	Luke 4:21-30	Luke 9:28-36(37-43)	Luke 4:1-13	Luke 13:31-35

SANCTUARY CARETAKER - Chris Pickrell

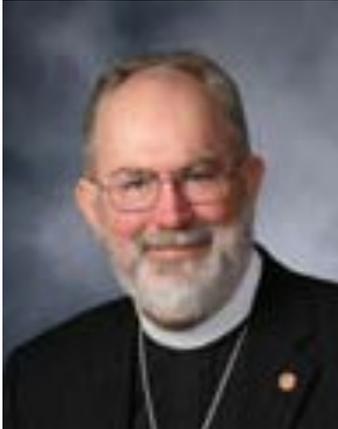


Wally & Judy Goulet
Norma Grigsby
Paul & Jolanta
Grigsby
Walt & Mary Himple
Dick Hinea
Ruby Hoff
Diana Holeman

Carol Hovick
John & Donna Johns
Karen Johnson
Ruth Locke
Sue Logen
Frank & Phyllis Moll
Evie Nanninga
Rocky & Lorna Neumann

Pr. Chris & Sarah Ode
Irene Olsen
Dona Pederson

ON CALL LIST



The Season of Epiphany By The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, Bishop

.Let me express my thanks for all of the prayers and greetings these past few weeks as my Mother died. She was an outstanding student and teacher of the Bible. I am confident of God's gra-

cious love for her and for all of us. That is the legacy that I received from her. Your witness of faith and of compassion is also a treasure for me and for my family. Thank you.

Now we move into the season of Epiphany. This season is about the revealing of the grace of God to all of creation. Beginning with the visitors from the East through the Mount of Transfiguration we will hear how Jesus was revealed to the faithful and the stranger.

That is still our task.

The church is about this revealing of God to a world that increasingly wonders if God is real or truly cares. The 24-hour news cycle was forced to ask this question in the horrible wake of the shootings in Newtown, Conn.

The question of where is God or where was God was asked openly and with feeling. It is our task to say that God wept with us on December 14. God is not absent from our times of pain. God is not our servant rescuing us from situations that will cause pain. God stands with us and the innocent victims and, perhaps most scandalously, with the ones who inflict the pain.

Epiphany is about our saying that God in Christ is in the world as it really is. Ours is not a God that only shows up when there is joy and comfort.

The Bible is full of texts reminding us that God favors the poor, the outcast and the stranger. These are the ones who know what suffering and loss is all about. God stands with them and beside them, and expects the church to be beside them too.

Too often we have debates between the social gospel and the evangelical gospel. God does not have such debates. God is in the cup of cold water given to the thirsty child and God is in the call to receive the grace of God through the work of the Holy Spirit in faith. God is revealed in both. In both, the church is another sign of God's epiphany.

As we begin this New Year, may we be the people who do reveal the love of Christ in our homes, workplaces and to those whom the world has left behind.

I have heard the comment that it is not the church that has a mission. It is God's mission that has a church. We are that church and it is time for us to get to work.

Nominations for the Bishop Election opened on Friday, November 16, and will close on Saturday, February 16, 2013. Information and guidelines are available on the synod website at www.lutheransnw.org/bishopselection.

Here 'N There

- The **Candidacy Committee** is holding an **informational workshop (click here for flyer)** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, Seattle. This is an opportunity to learn more about the process. Email candidacy@lutheransnw.org.
- The **Gethsemane Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Grant** process is now open. To learn more about the process please visit www.urbanfaith.org. Applications are due by February 28, 2013.
- Ballard Ecumenical Ministry (**Ballard First Lutheran Church in Seattle**) has been serving local mentally ill homeless since 1998. BEM provides guests with a warm, inviting atmosphere, a good meal, evening companionship, and a safe overnight place to sleep. The mission is to be companions. The objective is to provide a warm and safe shelter in an atmosphere of respect.
- One day a week, for almost 20 years now, members of **Queen Anne Lutheran Church in Seattle** prepare lunches for almost 250 people for Community Lunch on Capitol Hill (Central Lutheran Church in Seattle). Members also serve the donated food and help clean up. Of course, there are many others who also volunteer.
- *Safe Parking* at **Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Seattle** is no longer a "pilot", it is a "program" and is included in the Seattle City budget. *Safe Parking* is a place for those who have no shelter except for their vehicle.
- **Oak Harbor Lutheran Church** participates in the "roadside pickup" program. In 2012 ten members participated at various times, collecting 44 bags of trash along a two-mile stretch of Hwy 20 north of Oak Harbor.
- In November members of **Bethel Lutheran Church in Shoreline** welcomed their newest on-site ministerial partner: Aaron's Place. Aaron's place was started in 2004 to meet the serious needs of day services for young adults who have recently graduated from high school. The arrival of Aaron's Place means that 24 groups regularly use the space at Bethel! Groups include day programs, 12-step groups, an on-site counselor and other worship communities.

End Malaria Event On Saturday, February 2

What is a mosquito for you? A nuisance?

There are millions of people in the world for whom a bite of a mosquito can cause malaria and infect them with a life-threatening disease. On Saturday, February 2, the End Malaria Team of our synod invites you to an event to learn about our efforts to end malaria. It is our goal to raise \$150,000 by the next Synod Assembly in May. (Presently, we stand at \$70,000.)

This event is not necessarily a fundraiser by itself. Rather it is meant as an opportunity to hear and learn about malaria, and about programs and initiatives that have taken place in our synod to raise both awareness and funds. Our financial support will help people in many sub-Saharan countries to receive insecticide-treated

mosquito nets, medical assistance, and education about malaria prevention. To help end malaria is a communal effort of our synod. Together we can reach the goal to help people who are also made in the image of God. The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6215 - 196th Street SW, Lynnwood, 98036. There is a \$10 fee. Lunch will be provided. To learn more or to register visit www.lutheransnw.org/endmalaria.

"Real true faith is [human] weakness leaning on God's strength." —D.L. Moody

"There is no remedy for love but to love more."
—Henry David Thoreau

"He has a right to criticize who has a heart to help."
—Abraham Lincoln

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." —Charles M. Schulz

Bethel Lutheran Church
17418 8th Ave NE
Shoreline, WA 98155
Phone: 206.362.4334

EMAIL: bethel@bethellutheranchurch.org

Special dates in February

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday 3
- Transfiguration of Our Lord 10
- Ash Wednesday 13
- Valentine's Day 14
- First Sunday in Lent 17
- Presidents Day 18
- Second Sunday in Lent 24

Pastor
Chris Ode

Secretary
Judy Goulet

Organist
Karin Kajita

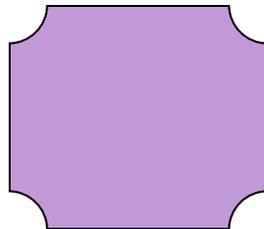
Office Hours
Tuesday-Friday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Worship Schedule
9:30 AM
Sunday School
9:45 AM Sunday

Bible Study
Wednesday 1:00 PM
Midday Meditation
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Text Messages

Adult Education
Sunday
8:15 AM & 11 AM

Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays



Refocus for Lent

- Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
- Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.
- Give up worry — trust God to provide.
- Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred — return good for evil.
- Give up anger — be more patient.
- Give up pettiness — become mature.
- Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
- Give up sin — turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up — persevere.

WEB: bethellutheranchurch.org FACEBOOK: facebook.com/bethelshoreline

*Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior;
and my hope is in you all day long.
Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good.
Psalm 25:4-7*

