

the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

July/August 2012

BETHEL WORSHIP/PICNIC IN THE PARK

WHERE

Hamlin Park
16006 15th Ave NE

WHEN

Sundays,
July 29 & August 26

TIME

10:00 AM- 2:00 PM



Don't miss this year's Church Picnic/Worship Services on July 29 & August 26 at A NEW LOCATION - Hamlin Park. The Worship Service will start at 10:00 AM, followed by lunch. Bring a lawn chair for the service, food to share with others and any games we can play.

FAQs regarding the event:

Why are we going to a new location?

The main reason we are going to Hamlin Park is because the picnic shelter has one 15-amp outlet and we will be able to use it for music and sound during our worship service. In June 2010, Hamlin Park renovations were completed - those improvements included two new ball fields, a T-ball field and multi-use open space area with a grass field, irrigation, lighting; an ADA-approved pedestrian promenade; ¼ mile walking trail; new play areas; a new picnic shelter; new benches and picnic tables and removal of asphalt under mature trees.

Do I have to bring a chair?

If you don't have a lawn chair to bring, **don't worry. Come anyway.** We are asking anyone who has an extra lawn chair or two to please throw them in the trunk of their car. If we have to get chairs from church we will go get them.

Are there enough parking spaces?

There are spaces close to the shelter, as well as a parking lot to the left of the shelter. And there are no steps at this park shelter.

Do I have to bring food for the picnic?

We would like everyone to come to this event, so if you are older and feel overwhelmed about bringing food, **don't worry. Come anyway.**

We are asking everyone who is able and willing to provide food to bring 1 or 2 dishes to share that would serve 12 people. That includes salads, meat and cheese, veggies, fruit, dessert, etc.



June 26, 2012 PASTOR'S PAGE

Once a week I get together with several other Lutheran colleagues to touch base: we discuss the texts for Sunday, catch up on each other's ministries, and—when needed—give each other a safe place to vent. Last week our group had a new member at the table: Pastor Julie Huston from Luther Memorial in North Seattle. While Pastor Julie has served out here for several years, she had only recently decided to attend this specific group of pastors.

As is typical in these sorts of situations, there was an opportunity for her to share a little bit about herself. "I went to seminary in Ohio," she began, "and served out there before coming to Seattle." Naturally, having done my internship in Ohio, I was curious where she'd been—though I realized that it was a long-shot for us to have any colleagues or experiences in common. "Upper Sandusky," came the reply, and then she tried to explain to me where in Ohio this town of 6,500 people is located. I was dumbfounded, "You were in Upper? I did my internship in Bucyrus!"

Now, I realize that these names mean nothing to the average Washingtonian, but this would be akin to someone from Lake Forest Park moving to Ohio only to discover that their new coworker was originally from Shoreline. Small world indeed.

As we talked a bit more, though, we realized that the connection was even odder: she'd left Ohio a few weeks before Sarah and I arrived and our apartment had actually been outfitted with several pieces of her old furniture—which she'd sold to our internship site before moving! It was an astounding connection to make.

Connections. Networks. Relationships. These are at the heart of the work we do as God's children, these are at the heart of discipleship. Building and tending to relationships is what makes a strong community, and a strong community is what makes a strong ministry.

Each of us has access to a network of people with gifts, passions, and skills that can benefit the kingdom of God if only we tap into them. Maybe it's a gift for music. Maybe it's a passion for people in nursing homes. Maybe it's the expertise on how to design and maintain a website. All of these can be focused in a way that makes God's presence more tangible to people outside the church.

But it is not only our individual relationships which benefit the call to discipleship; it is also the communal connections we have as part of a larger church body.

For the past several Sundays, I've been bringing up the same germ of an idea during worship: a congregant-driven form of care-giving, a method for training and equipping people in order that they might become comfortable calling on their brothers and sisters in need. It is a ministry which has long roots here at Bethel, but it is a ministry which—over time—has been allowed to fall to a small subset of the church family. Expanding that pool of caregivers and increasing the number of people who can grow in faith this way has been on my mind since well before I accepted the call here as pastor.

Well, as it turns out, that seed has—through the power of relationships—already begun to grow into something with even more potential: a cluster-wide training opportunity, something open to people from Seattle to Lynnwood, and from Edmonds to Bothell. That same weekly group of Lutheran pastors I mentioned earlier has begun to explore ways in which we could provide this sort of training to all of our congregations, not just to one specific church. While participants would still focus on care within their church community, the actual training process would be shared across the group. As a result, the cost of developing the training would decrease (in terms of time as well as any financial considerations), the pressures on trainers would decrease (as each of us would only need to be responsible for a portion of the program—not the entire thing), and the cohort of caregivers would expand (allowing for a wider variety of gifts and insights to be present during training). All because of the power of God working through relationships.

Currently, this is all still in the early planning stages: nothing has been officially decided. But, it looks increasingly likely that we can see this program off-the-ground and flying by the fall—well before we could have developed anything were we to have attempted it as a Bethel-only project. I am excited and thankful to see how it proceeds, and I continue to encourage each of you to be thinking of individuals who you think are already gifted in this sort of ministry and who could benefit from further training and equipping.

Our call to discipleship moves us as individuals. But it impacts us as a community.

"Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day [of Christ's return] approaching."

- Hebrews 10:24-25

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Chris

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Pray for those living in nursing/retirement homes & send an encouraging hello once in a while!



Myrtle Fjarlie
Iva Kjosnes

Iva Kjosnes

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

Myrtle Fjarlie

15928 NE 8th St
Bellevue, WA 98008

Audrey Anderson
Vera Anderson
Bev Baarstad
Don Brown
Harold Crawford
Myrtle Fjarlie
Jack Hagen
Ellen Hansen
John Johns
Iva Kjosnes
Olive Kohanik
Harold & Joan Martinell
Hank Peterson
Mona Quammen
Marjorie Romero
Jim Schoeld
Karen Schoeld
Dorothy Storseth
Alice & Arnold Urdahl

PRAY DAILY FOR OUR MEMBERS

July

- 1 - Joseph Himple
- 2 - Joanne Brock
- 3 - Carla Salmon
- 4 - Shirley Pishaw
- 5 - Bruce Smith
- 6 - Karen Schoeld
- 7 - Donna Sowler
- 8 - Liz Terrey
- 9 - Beth Rudnick
- 10 - Phyllis Moll
- 11 - Travis Salmon
- 12 - Mary Smith
- 13 - Anna Sjong
- 14 - Kathy Carrow
- 15 - Janet Jurgensen
- 16 - Marlys Pickrell
- 17 - Carol Hovick
- 18 - Nick Rudnick
- 19 - Ila Mae Mattingley
- 19 - Aaron Salmon
- 20 - Richard Scansen
- 21 - Vera Anderson
- 22 - Ed Anshell
- 23 - Evie Nanninga
- 24 - Audrey Anderson
- 25 - Mary Himple
- 26 - Nicole Swenson
- 27 - Floyd Squires

- 28 - Karen Anshell
- 29 - Frank Nyland
- 30 - Karen Devine

August

- 1 - Kelly Urdahl
- 2 - Jesse Grigsby
- 3 - Craig Fjarlie
- 4 - Nathan Urdahl
- 5 - Sue Logen
- 6 - Dale Wanamaker
- 7 - Dela VanHoy
- 8 - Ruby Hoff
- 9 - Elia Smith
- 10 - Paul Grigsby
- 11 - Carolyn Starrett
- 12 - Roger Hilling
- 13 - John Carlson
- 14 - Kristi Schwerdtfeger
- 15 - Jeremy DeLap
- 16 - David Salmon
- 17 - Ruth Vollbrecht
- 18 - Irene Olsen
- 19 - Dona Pederson
- 20 - Gloria Dawson
- 21 - Mona Drake
- 22 - Darlene Hilling
- 23 - Kari Pickrell
- 24 - Jayne Rudnick
- 25 - Norma Grigsby
- 26 - Rachel Miller
- 27 - Bev Werts
- 28 - Lila Geiszler
- 29 - Suzanne Hagen
- 30 - Mona Quammen
- 31 - Donna Johns



July

- 4 - Roger Hilling
- 5 - John Carlson
- 8 - Kristi Schwerdtfeger
- 12 - Jeremy DeLap
- 14 - David Salmon
- 16 - Ruth Vollbrecht
- 23 - Irene Olsen
- 24 - Dona Pederson
- 25 - Gloria Dawson
Mona Drake
Darlene Hilling
- 28 - Kari Pickrell
- 29 - Jayne Rudnick

August

- 7 - Norma Grigsby
- 11 - Rachel Miller
Bev Werts
- 14 - Lila Geiszler
Rosanne Wanamaker

Celebrate Anniversaries

August

- 3 - Chuck & Ruth Vollbrecht



July

- 1 - Judy Goulet
- 3 - Evelyn Willems
- 13 - Sue Logen
- 23 - Elia Smith

August

- 8 - Stephanie Bertges
- 12 - Henry Peterson
- 24 - Craig Fjarlie
Kari Pickrell
- 30 - Nicole Swenson



What's Happening



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES..... COMING TO A NARTHEX NEAR YOU!!

We will once more be collecting supplies for the Shoreline students. Items needed: .

New or Gently Used Books
Donate books appropriate for students K-12th grade.
Donate Supplies & Hygiene Products
Backpacks
Glue sticks
Colored pencils
Pencil box
Pocket folders
Notebook dividers
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Pencils (#2)
Erasers

Permanent markers
Bottled glue
Wide tip markers
Pencil pouch
Rulers
Composition notebooks
Highlighters Pens (red, blue & black)
New socks and underwear (all sizes)
Scientific Calculators
Narrow tip markers
Blunt scissors
Pointed children's scissors

3 ring binders (1-2")
Spiral notebooks (wide & college)
Notebook paper (wide & college)
Pencil Sharpeners
Shampoo & Conditioner
Deodorant



We will collect items and money Sunday, July 15th thru Sunday, August 12th

Thank you in advance for your donations.

ROOT BEER FLOATS.....

It's time for our annual root beer floats. Outreach will be serving them Sunday, August 5th right after the service in the narthex. Cost? Up to you! All money brought in will go to the general fund.



Come enjoy a ROOT BEER FLOAT!

A GARDEN PARTY SATURDAY, JULY 7 9 AM - 2:00 PM

Tea and Crumpets Provided

Lets have a party! Bring a bag lunch and your garden tools (Blowers, pruners, and weed pullers)! Help beautify our grounds and parking areas!



In case of rain, alternate date will be July 14th.

When you worry and hurry through your day, it is like an unopened gift... thrown away.... Life is not a race. Take it slower. Hear the music before the song is over.

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY NEWS

The motto of BLC's Membership Committee is "Because God has gathered us together into a church family, we are called to encourage, build up and pray for new, current, inactive and non-attending members." This is exactly what we try to do.

- We send cards to Bethel members who are ill or bereaved or not attending worship.
- We prepare the Narthex coffee urn (with cookies on second-Sundays).
- We pray for individuals at our meetings.
- We also maintain a broad prayer chain using both e-mail and phones.
- We maintain news kiosks in both the Narthex and downstairs entrance lobby.
- We work with the BLC Outreach Committee to identify and communicate with potential members.

We hold most of our monthly meetings at the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center, followed by a full course hot lunch (\$3.00!) at the Center. We would welcome all Bethelites to attend our meetings and join us for lunch. Please contact Membership co-chairs Elia Smith and Chris Pickrell.

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Lord teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve You as You desire;
to give and not count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do Your will.

Prayer of St. Ignatius.

When we examine our own lives, do we find that our giving comes at a price? Do we serve others without asking to be served in return? By looking closely at our own ability for unconditional love and giving, we may find we are sorely lacking in generosity of spirit.

By focusing on the needs of others and by giving without expecting something in return, we will be doing God's will and our lives will take on new meaning.

Ignatius understood how to truly follow the Lord. Doing God's will for no other reason than to please Him is the greatest purpose of all. We can do that too.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around
- Leo Buscaglia

ON CALL LIST FOR JULY

John Vollbrecht/Kathy Carrow
Evelyn Willems
Audrey Anderson
Ed & Karen Anschell
Virgil & Bev Baarstad
Joanne Brock
Gloria Dawson
Scott & Starla DeLap
Doug & Melissa Dodge
Mona Drake
Craig Fjarlie
Donnamae Gfeller
Wally & Judy Goulet

ON CALL LIST FOR AUGUST

Jesse & Norma Grigsby
Paul Grigsby
Walt & Mary Himple
Richard Hinea
Ruby Hoff
Diana Holeman
Carol Hovick
John & Donna Johns
Karen Johnson
Olive Kohanik
Ruth Locke
Sue Logen
Ila Mae Mattingley

NOISY CANS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

It's been a year since the *Noisy Can Kids* began their campaign to raise awareness and money for malaria at Our Saviour's Lutheran in Arlington.

Maddie, age 8, heard how malaria affects children, and even kills them, in Africa. She learned about this from Pastor Paul Anderson who told the *stories* using the *Story People* (see picture below). Maddie didn't feel this was right and wanted to do something. And she did.

The *Noisy Can Kids* shake their cans every other week during offering at worship. The more coins, the more noise the better because it means money to help fight malaria.

Each time the kids raise \$50 another child is added to their African Village poster. And, their village is growing! They have raised more than \$1,146 and that means Maddie and her friends have provided life saving mosquito nets to 114 families.

As Maddie's mom told her, "Even one person can make a big difference." And Maddie has.

(<http://blogs.elca.org/malaria/post/the-noisy-can-kids-16>)

**The African Village where a child is added
Each time the Noisy Cans have \$50.**



When voting members arrived at the 2011 Assembly they found cardboard cutouts of "Story People" on every chair. Decorated by students of Faith Lutheran Church in Redmond and Glen-



dale Lutheran Church in Burien, and the congregation at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Bellevue, each cardboard cutout told a story of a child affected by HIV/AIDS or Malaria. July 2012

MUSIC TEACHING POSITION AVAILABLE

Shoreline Christian School is accepting applications for a .8 FTE instrumental and choral music teaching position. (or .3 instrumental and .5 choral) You may apply for either or both positions. Send resume to Tim Visser at admin@shorelinechristian.org or contact the school directly at 206-364-7777.



New Solutions for Volunteering Participate—Create—Activate

Join us networking for New Solutions in Volunteering—learn existing resources, create new solutions and take what is working to the next level. Volunteer Managers and Volunteers please join these conversations.

July 17, (Tuesday)

Kenmore Public Library

6531 Northeast 181st Street, Kenmore 98028

3:00-4:30pm

August 16, (Thursday)

Third Place Commons

17171 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Park, 98155

10:00-11:30am

Refreshments Provided at Events

Register at www.nuhsa.org

Questions: Beth Green, nuhsa.staff@gmail.com or

Tamara Piwen, tamara@chs-nw.org

206-631-8864



United Way of King County

RIDGECREST NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Dear Ridgecrest Neighbors and Friends,

Summer will soon be here, and there are a lot of fun and free things to do

right here in our community - that is why this month's "Events and Activities" is several pages long.

If you have not yet had a chance to try out the new play equipment at Paramount School Park, why not pack up a picnic and enjoy the great outdoors. Take your kids or inner-child, your skates, a bike and your dog on leash.

Remember, gently used books can be dropped off at the Police Neighborhood Center. Call (206) 363-8424 for hours of operation. Ridgecrest Neighborhood will sell them in July at the Council of Neighborhoods Used Book Sale. The money we raise will go toward neighborhood projects.

Have a happy and fun filled summer,

Patty Hale

Secretary, Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association
(206) 365-8596

secretary@ridgecrestneighborhood.info

**CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD IN
OUR CHURCH HALLWAY FOR
SHCHEDULE OF SUMMER EVENTS.**

BED, BEDDING, AND BLANKET DONATIONS NEEDED

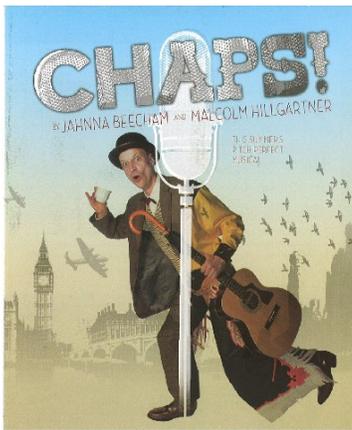
Help welcome those who have just arrived in the Puget Sound area! Lutheran Community Service's Refugee Resettlement Program provides case-management for the first three months that refugees arrive. We rely solely on donations to fully furnish their apartments. Please help by donating furniture (**beds, couches, dining room tables and chairs**) and household items (**lamps, microwaves, DVD players, etc**) – we provide a tax receipt and will cheerfully pick up all donations! Contact Whitney Limbach at wlimbach@lcsnw.org or (206) 816-3251 to donate.

CAMP LUTHERWOOD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Camp Lutherwood is in need of more volunteers. If you have any physical labor skills or simply enjoy getting hands on, you're the right person for the job. Specifically, camp needs help in the following areas: Carpentry, Plumbing, Dry Walling, Painting and Boat Maintenance.

We are taking as many volunteers as possible, so bring your friends and family. You don't need to sign up in advance or have an allotted amount of hours, so come as you please and/or are able. We love this community and would be so grateful if you would share in caring for it with us. For more information, please contact Corey Peterson at 360-734-7652 or via email at office@camplutherwood.org. Your service and care for this great community

TAPROOT THEATER PRODUCTION



Crikey! It's 1944 and America's favorite singing cowboys are saddled up to take the British airwaves by storm. There's just one problem: the crooners are no-shows. What's the BBC to do? Pull on your boots, loosen your tie, and get ready for a summer musical that'll rope you in and leave you in stitches.

Enjoyable for ages 5 and up.

Tickets: 206.781.9707 or taproottheatre.org

**The Hand of God
God's gentle Hand is guiding,
But it doesn't push or shove,
Instead it clasps our human hands
And leads with Grace and Love.**

**We find within this hand of God
A heavenly Strength indeed,
And as we follow, God provides
For what we truly need.**

**—Peggy Ferrell,
Prayers and Poems**



Julie Kanarr

The Edmonds Lutheran Church Women invite you to their third annual summer Bible study. **Along the Way** is a three part study written by Rev. Julie A Kanarr of Port Townsend.

In this study, we'll meet some biblical travelers, enter in conversation with them, and explore our own journeys of faith. We'll walk with Jacob, who after wrestling a stranger throughout the night, discovers God. We'll wander in the wilderness with people who complain to Moses about their aching feet and ask: "Are we there yet?" We'll spend time with Jesus' companions and reflect on our faith.

For a delightful time with sisters in Christ and a shared meal come join us at

23525 - 84th Ave. W Edmonds

10 AM in our Fireside room on one or all of the Saturdays listed below.

Saturday - 16 June - 10 AM - Lunch served @ noon

Session 1: Travels with Jacob (Genesis 28 and Genesis 32)

Theme verse: "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." (Genesis 28:15)

Saturday - 14 July - 10 AM - Lunch served @ noon

Session 2: Food for the journey (Exodus 16; 1 Kings 19)

Theme verse: "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." (1 Kings 19:7b)

Saturday - 11 August - 10 AM - Lunch served @ noon

Session 3: Encounters with Christ (John 4; Luke 24)

Theme verse: "Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread." (Luke 24:35)

An RSVP would be appreciated so that we know how much lunch to provide. Should you have any additional needs or questions please contact either: Carol Swackhamer (206.794.5188 c.swackhammer@gmail.com or Dorothy Holman at 206.564.6484 dotholman@comcast.net.

A 4TH OF JULY PRAYER

Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberation than to experience this freedom from sin and death that you have provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this I am very thankful. On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ.

Amen.



A LETTER FROM TOM AND MARY



Dear Brothers and Sisters
in Christ,

We are sitting with Pastor James Azumah and Elder Stephen Moniga from the Anufo project at the Exodus Workshop that has been held for the last two weeks. The workshop has been so helpful. The facilitators did a lot of "hands-on" explanation of unknown ideas in Exodus. Elder Stephen said that the most important thing he learned was how the high priest was dressed. The facsimile of the high priest's attire had been researched and then prepared here in Ghana. The cloth for the ephod (apron) was locally woven from blue, purple, and crimson cotton. The appropriate colors of stones had been found to represent the precious stones on the breast-piece and the shoulders. The blue robe had small bells and circular yarn balls to represent pomegranates. It was beautiful! (If you're interested in the details, see Exodus 28.)

Pastor Azumah hopes to finish drafting Exodus by the end of this month. This will be a challenge for him because he needs to finish planting his corn and rice fields to help him feed his family next year.

The Anufo Project also faces another challenge. The weekend before the workshop started, a severe windstorm blew the whole roof off of the Anufo Project office building. **Pray** with us as we face these challenges that God would provide for these needs. We give glory to God because he is able, through his mighty power at work within his people, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

In Christ our High Priest,
Mary



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GHANA, W. Africa

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

Alex's Lemonade Stand
FOUNDATION FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER™

**FIGHTING CHILDHOOD CANCER,
ONE CUP AT A TIME.**

*Alexandra "Alex" Scott
January 18, 1996 – August 1, 2004*

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) emerged from the front yard lemonade stand of cancer patient Alexandra "Alex" Scott. In 2000, 4-year-old Alex announced that she wanted to hold a lemonade stand to raise money to help find a cure for all children with cancer. Since Alex held that first stand, the Foundation bearing her name has evolved into a national fundraising movement, complete with thousands of supporters across the country carrying on her legacy of hope. To date, Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation has raised more than \$50 million toward fulfilling Alex's dream of finding a cure, funding over 200 research projects nationally.

**Thank you
for supporting the
fight against
childhood cancer!**

www.AlexsLemonade.org

Finnegan Dodge, a child of our congregation, is manning this stand Saturday morning, June 30th, as a drive-through opportunity for lemonade in our lower parking lot and Sunday morning, July 1st, in the narthex. Can you help Finnegan raise money for this worthwhile project? Tell your friends. You can donate any time at the above web site also.

THOSE WHO SERVE IN JULY

	7/1/2011	7/8/2011	7/15/2011	7/22/2011	7/29/2011
ALTAR	Sue & Joanne	Lillian & Marlys	Anna & Diana	Ragnhild & Kelly	Donna Mae & Evelyn
CHILDREN'S TIME	Pastor	Marlys Pickrell	Pastor	Kathy Carrow	
LECTORS	Karen Johnson	Joe Himple	Diana Holeman	Craig Fjarlie	Chuck Vollbrecht
LITURGIST	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
BREAD	Sue Logen	XXXXXXXXXX	Carol Hovick	XXXXXXXXXX	
WINE	Diana Holeman	XXXXXXXXXX	Judy Goulet	XXXXXXXXXX	
GLASSES	Wally Goulet & Anna Sjong	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
FLOWERS	Joanne Brock in memory of Dean & Greg	Diana Holeman	Scott & Starla DeLap in honor of Jeremy's birthday	Doug & Melissa Dodge	Picnic/No Flowers
Sanctuary Caretaker	Liz Terrey				

THOSE WHO SERVE IN AUGUST

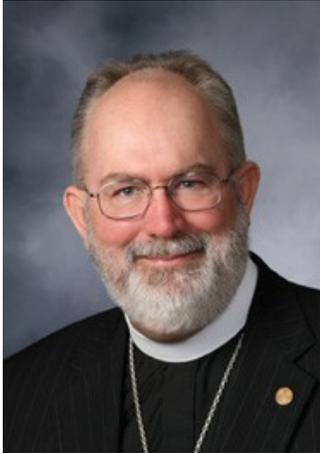
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ALTAR	Lillian & Marlys	Sue & Joanne	Judy & Carol	Anna & Diana	
CHILDREN'S TIME	Pastor	Diana Holeman	Pastor	Kathy Carrow	
LECTOR	Karen Johnson	Karen Anshell	Craig Fjarlie	Eli Smith	
BREAD	Sue Logen	XXXXXXXXXX	Carol Hovick	XXXXXXXXXX	
WINE	Diana Holeman		Judy Goulet		
GLASSES	Wally Goulet & Liz Terrey	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
FLOWERS	Chuck & Ruith Vollbrecht in honor of their 55th anniversary	Marjorie Romero in memory of Horace	Anna Sjong	Picnic/No Flowers	
SANCTUARY CARETAKER	Dodge Family				
USHERS	(We need more ushers. Call the church office) Bruce Smith Rance Urdahl	Chuck Vollbrecht Chris Pickrell Dick Scansen Dick Hinea	Bev Baarstad Sue Logen	Wally Goulet Evelyn Willems Dave Switzer	Wally Goulet Chris Pickrell Ed Anshell



The Spirit

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

July 2012



The Work Of The Whole Church

Thank you to all who worked to make this year's Synod Assembly so successful. It was good to see the church at work as we received reports, acted on resolutions, were inspired by Mark Allan Powell and as we gathered to worship. From the perspective of the chair of the assembly, this was a

positive and productive assembly.

One of the pastors of this synod commented to me during a break that it was going to be hard to choose between supporting the synod staff with appropriate salaries and responding to the malaria campaign, and the other special requests that came during the assembly. That is often the tension that we feel. How do we support the basic infrastructure of the organization and respond to the compelling and essential appeals that come to us on a daily basis?

I have heard Dr. Powell at a stewardship workshop speak of the difference between our tithes and our offerings. Often we use those terms interchangeably. Powell suggests from a Biblical perspective tithes were a person's commitment to the regular cost of do-

ing business for the church. As a member of the church I commit to supporting my local congregation, the synod and the churchwide organization. I tithe my income to support the work of God through these expressions of the church.

Powell continued to say that offerings were what I give to the special appeals that come to my attention and merit my response. These are over and above my tithe. So giving to the Malaria Campaign, World Hunger, Capital Campaigns, etc. compete for my offerings. My guess is that most of us lump all of our giving into the category of offerings and seldom, if ever, consider a tithe. If we tithe, our offerings are subtracted from our regular giving so that the goal of 10% is achieved. The fact is that ELCA members give less than 3% of their income to the church so a tithe, divided between support of the church and the special causes, would still not challenge our giving potential.

I do believe that we need to talk about tithes and offerings. How do we support the work of the whole church? How do we respond to specific needs at a given time? This is an important conversation. It is not just about our money. It is also about how we live out our faith.

2012 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly

Information from this year's Assembly is available online at www.lutheransnw.org/assembly/2012. On that page you will find links for election, resolution and amendment results. Additional information includes news articles as well as photos taken during the two-day assembly. The 2013 Synod Assembly will include a Bishop election. A timeline from the Bishop Election Task Force is also available online.



Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel or ZANE GREY book?

Bethel Beam

Special dates in July/August

- Canada Day *July 1*
- U.S. Independence Day *July 4*
- Worship in the Park *July 29*
- Worship in the Park *August 26*

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER

The light of God surrounds me,
The love of God enfolds me,
The power of God protects me,
The Presence of God watches over me,
Wherever I am, God is.

-Author Unknown

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8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Lunch Hour
12:30-1:30 PM

Regular Worship
Schedule
9:30 AM

Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays

God bless America
And keep us safe and free,
Safe for "all our enemies"
wherever they may be.

For enemies are forces
That often dwell within,
Things that seem so harmless
Become a major sin.

Little acts of selfishness
Grow into lust and greed,
And make the love of power
Our idol and our creed.

For all our wealth and progress
Are as worthless as can be,
Without the faith that made us great
And kept our nation free.

And while it's hard to understand
The complexities of war,
Each one of us must realize
That we are fighting for

The principles of freedom
And the decency of man,
But all of this must be achieved
According to God's plan.

So help us as Americans
To search deep down inside,
And discover if the things we do
Are always justified.

And teach us to walk humbly
And closer in Thy ways,
And give us faith and courage
And put purpose in our days.

And make each one of us aware
That each must do his part,
For in the individual is where peace
Must have its start.

For a better world to live in
Where all are safe and free,
Must start with faith and hope
And love deep in the heart of "Me."

~ Helen Steiner Rice

