

# the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

May 2012



April 24, 2012

Well that was quite the party, now wasn't it?

Thank you to EVERYONE who contributed to making my official installation as Bethel's pastor such a success: worship planners, altar guild, musicians, those who helped with the installation rite itself (including Bishop Boerger, of course), ushers, greeters, communion helpers, worshipers, chili cooks, cornbread bakers, kitchen helpers, dishwashers, baby shower organizers, church cleaners—the whole evening was truly an example of the people of God working together in unity. I was especially honored that we had the participation and presence of several of our ministry partners and neighbors: Pastor Sam Kim from Hosanna Presbyterian Church, Pastor Rodolfo Soto from the Spanish Christian Evangelical Church (as well as several of his congregants), representatives from our AA and similar groups, and several Ridgecrest neighbors were all there.

Bishop Boerger's message was spot-on: an acknowledgment and celebration of Bethel's deliberate choice to engage in the task of revisioning and redeveloping the ways in which it approaches its calling as a part of the body of Christ coupled with a reminder that much work will be involved in the process itself. To boil his message down to a few words (and with the caveat that the original was a whole lot better), "Welcome. Now get to work."

And work we will: already the people of Bethel are diligently involved in Bible studies, women's circles, worship leadership, community-based ministries, and countless other examples of a life lived in faith. What will change going forward is not the core of who we are (the core is Christ, and that's not going anywhere!) but rather some of the ways in which we express that core. As we talked about during worship on the morning of the installation, we must continue to be more deliberate and blatant in the ways in which we welcome, the ways in which we communicate God's love to others and invite them to experience and express that love in their lives.

We can do this. We will do this.

The journey we are on together, the one we officially celebrated a few nights ago, is long and filled with challenges (and opportunities!), but it's one we travel with God, and it's the only one worth traveling.

"Therefore, we do not lose heart...For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

*-2 Corinthians 4:16-18*

Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Chris

**SPRING LUNCHEON**  
**Saturday, May 5 - 11:30 AM**  
**See page 3 for more info**

# OUR MEMBERS

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Audrey Anderson  
Vera Anderson  
Bev Baarstad  
Don Brown  
Harold & Dorothy  
Crawford  
Jack Hagen  
Ellen Hansen  
John Johns  
Olive Kohanik

Harold & Joan  
Martinell  
Hank Peterson  
Marjorie Romero  
Jim Schoeld  
Karen Schoeld  
Dorothy Storseth  
Alice & Arnold  
Urdahl

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## MAY DAILY MEMBER PRAYER LIST

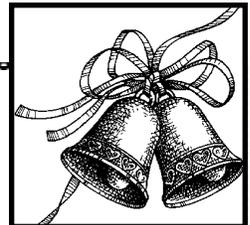
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| 2 - Lorna Neumann    | 23 - Joan Martinell   |
| 3 - John Johns       | 24 - Judy Goulet      |
| 4 - Austin Baarstad  | 25 - Camille Ross     |
| 5 - Suzanne Hagen    | 26 - Lynlee Ritchie   |
| 6 - Ruth Locke       | 27 - Marjorie Romero  |
| 7 - Harold Martinell | 28 - Olive Kohanik    |
| 8 - Lizzie Peters    | 29 - Bev Baarstad     |
| 9 - Judy Bashaw      | 30 - Nicole Anshell   |
| 10 - Gwen Fisher     | 31 - Wally Goulet     |

### June

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| 1 - Josh Rudnick      |
| 2 - Frank Moll        |
| 3 - Delna Vermillion  |
| 4 - Lillian Routledge |
| 5 - Warren Arnhart    |

## Celebrate May Anniversaries

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| 2 - Diana Holeman<br>& Dave Switzer |
| 21 - Bruce & Elia Smith             |
| 22 - John & Liz Terrey              |
| 29 - Chris & Sarah Ode              |



## Celebrate May Birthdays!



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| 5 - Karen Anshell<br>Mary Himple |
| 7 - Nicole Swenson               |
| 18 - Shirley Pishaw              |
| 19 - Karen Devine                |

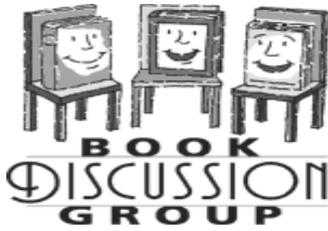
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| 21 - Frank Nyland<br>Kelly Urdahl |
| 23 - Bruce Smith                  |
| 24 - Craig Fjarlie                |
| 29 - Sue Logen                    |

## CELEBRATE MAY

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| 4 - Marlys Pickrell |
| 6 - Joshua DeLap    |
| 18 - Ellen Bergesen |
| 24 - Nick Rudnick   |



# WHAT'S HAPPENING!



**JOIN  
US!**

**May 3 at the  
Goulets**

## May discussion

### **The Book Thief by Markus Zusak**

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

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

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

## Read in May-June discussion

### **The Boy in the Suitcase by Lene Kaaberbol and Agnete Riis**

Nina Borg, a Red Cross nurse, wife, and mother of two, is a compulsive do-gooder who can't say no when someone asks for help—even when she knows better. When her estranged friend Karin leaves her a key to a public locker in the Copenhagen train station, Nina gets suckered into her most dangerous project yet. Inside the locker is a suitcase, and inside the suitcase is a three-year-old boy: naked and drugged, but alive.

Is the boy a victim of child trafficking? Can he be turned over to authorities, or will they only return him to whoever sold him? When Karin is discovered brutally murdered, Nina realizes that her life and the boy's are in jeopardy, too. In an increasingly desperate trek across Denmark, Nina tries to figure out who the boy is, where he belongs, and who exactly is trying to hunt him down.

## Ministry Minute

“Truly I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master; nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them”  
John 13: 16-17 NASB

It is easier for me to serve someone who is “nice” and appreciative than someone who is indifferent, selfish or not appreciative. Jesus made no distinction. He came to serve all.

When He washed the disciple's feet, He was showing that He was willing to humble himself; we are to do the same. Are you willing to do anything that God asks of you, even if it is menial?

When we use our gifts and talents to serve others, we are serving Jesus, showing our love for Him, and pointing others to Him.

Our service is the greatest witness we can give for Jesus.

## SPRING LUNCHEON Saturday, May 5 - 11:30 AM



John Lackey and James Jelassic will perform for us with singing and concert piano. They are both accomplished performers in the concert world.

Jon & James have performed all over the world for U.S. Presidents, ambassadors, foreign heads of states and royalty! Their performances have been broadcast live to millions around the world by the BBC, Radio France, WGMS Radio in Washington, D.C., and PBS Television.

In recognition of their remarkable abilities as performers and their demonstrated interest in the French culture, the Government of France sponsored their residency during the annual international summer music festival at the Maurice Ravel Academy in St. Jean-de-Luz, France.



**We are so lucky to have this program!!  
Call the church office to make a reservation! We  
are inviting both men and women both as this is  
a program not to be missed!**



## New Solutions for Volunteering

### Participate—Create—Activate

Join NUHSA for this free event, the 1st of a 3 part exploration and co-creation of new opportunities for connecting, matching and involving volunteers.

Tuesday, May 1st 3:30-5:00 pm

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

Come prepared to share ideas, challenges and needs in a World Café Conversation. Attention Executive Directors, Volunteer Administrators and any paid or volunteer staff who manage volunteers, this event is for you.

Register at [www.nuhsa.org](http://www.nuhsa.org)

Questions: Beth Green, [nuhsa.staff@gmail.com](mailto:nuhsa.staff@gmail.com) or

Tamara Piwen, [tamara@chs-nw.org](mailto:tamara@chs-nw.org) 206-631-8864

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## CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF DEKKO PLACE

Dear Bethel Lutheran, Shoreline,

Please join Compass Housing Alliance for the grand opening celebration of Dekko Place! We will be celebrating the opening of Gethsemane Lutheran's new building, including our Dekko Place apartments! Come see these beautiful apartments and the building's community spaces and rooftop deck!

Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 3:30 PM  
919 Stewart St.

Tours at 3:30 P.M., Program at 4:30,  
reception and more tours to follow.

Dekko Place is part of a new seven-story mixed use project developed in partnership with Gethsemane Lutheran Church. **The 50 apartments will provide affordable workforce housing, with some units set aside for disabled and formerly homeless people.** The project also includes space for Gethsemane's ministries and community outreach as well the Church of Mary Magdalene. The lower level will house the new Hope Center offering community services, meal programs, and Mary's Place Day Center. All spaces will be available for tours.

We hope to see you on May 30th!

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## More than a name

When the late CBS correspondent Ed Bradley visited the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., he found a letter propped against the black wall. It

I wanted to come back and say hello. You know, I went ahead and married Dick, and we have a beautiful little girl. Her favorite color is purple, the color of this stationery. I went to Arlington to see your grave, and on it, it said you got a Purple Heart for dying. Well, this is your purple heart for having lived. I hope that our daughter finds as wonderful and as beautiful a first love as you were for me.

That's a strong reminder that those we honor on Memorial Day are more than simply names. They were living people who loved and were loved ... and are still loved.



—Adapted from *Homiletics*

## UPDATE FROM JIM & CAROL SACK IN JAPAN



Dear Friends,

Thanks to a rare global partnership in ministry, we were able to share a literal touch of the Gospel with a community that became known (albeit without a recognized name) to the

world on March 11, 2011.

The people of this story are from the fishing village of Kamaishi, Japan, hundreds of miles north of Tokyo. Their homes, shops and schools were situated in a rounded bay area, originally the kind of picturesque vista one might find on a calendar page: blue waters meeting convoluted forested shorelines rising in elevation immediately at water's edge, steep jagged rocky islands jutting out of the ocean waters, wind-worn gnarled pine trees that bear witness to the harsh elements of the ages. The fishing boats bobbing in the bay would only add to the imagination inspired by the scenery. Kids packed their school bags with books and moms' lunches that morning as usual. Then not long before the afternoon bell was to ring, an historic 9.0 quake jolted the country, birthing the Big Wave which eventually crashed into the elementary and junior high schools, not to mention homes, stores, hospitals, work places~ and all of those boats. Everything became a giant spillage of soup, the ingredients being the materials of town, including, sadly, many of the residents. You know the event. However, a shock like this does not disappear from lives as quickly as it does from the headlines.

One woman had a friend in this village. The grandparents' lifetime fishing boat had been splintered into oblivion in a millisecond's time. This woman's original impulse was to help her friend and the grandparents~~ until she realized that there were 129 kids in those 2 schools~ all of whom had suffered similar losses. The woman therefore created her own movement to appeal to people all over Japan on behalf of all of these kids, grades one through nine.

She raised money. Of course that was welcomed. But after the first line of necessities had been restored and the money spent, the woman wisely knew that the kids needed something more than money. They needed caring, hope and encouragement.

Someone thought about Pastoral Harp (prayerful presence through harp and voice) as a possibility toward this end. Carol was approached about the idea of visiting the village on Santa Lucia Day, December 13.

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## UPDATE FROM TOM AND MARY HOLMAN

April 10, 2012



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This morning I spoke with Pastor James Azumah about the launching of the Anufo Old Testament Translation Project, which was held on Easter Monday in Chereponi. What an encouragement it was to hear that all of the churches in the Anufo traditional area in Ghana were represented.

When Pastor James gave the welcome address, many were surprised to hear how much has happened since the publication of the New Testament - the production of the Jesus Film, the God's Story DVD (an overview of the Bible with pictures), and an audio recording of the New Testament, and the progress that has already been made on the translation of the Old Testament. He also shared the challenges they face, such as not having enough funds to pay for three full-time translators.

The launching included an appeal for funds, which was quite successful. They received about 1/3 of the amount which the Local Council of Churches has pledged to raise this year for the project. (That pledge represents 7% of the annual budget.) After the ceremony, all the church members stayed on for a picnic, with food and games. It closed around 6pm (sunset)!

**We thank God for your prayers** and for the good response to the launching of the Anufo Old Testament Translation Project. Please continue to **pray** for the resources that are needed for all three translators to begin working full-time.

Also continue to **pray** for us as we conclude the last week of the Gwoza Hills Workshop in Nigeria, which began on April 16 and will end on May 4. We will travel back to Ghana on May 6.

Easter 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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(Jim & Carol Sack)

This day had been considered the darkest day of the year in the old Julian calendar. Many Swedish Lutherans know the archetypal message of "Lucia," the "Queen of Lights," who dons a crown of candles in the blackest moment before dawn, bringing food to the hungry, warmth in the cold, light into the darkness. The plan sounded good, but would principals of 2 Japanese public schools accept such an idea? To make a long story short, they did. Though they had politely declined numerous forms of entertainment, the idea of prayer through harp music somehow, surprisingly, struck a cord.

There is a second chapter to this true tale. As plans were being molded for the forthcoming event, we remembered that we had received around 60 beautiful prayer shawls shortly after March 11 from churches and individuals throughout the US, all bearing the message: "Please pass these on to people in northern Japan." Could this be the plan for these shawls? The thought seemed inviting and beckoning, except that we had only 60, and we knew that we could not give to one child if we could not give to all.

A second plea went out to our sponsoring churches and prayer shawl ministries throughout the States. By December 1, we had received close to 200 shawls!

On the Day of Lucia, students, grades one through nine, and teachers gathered in the cold make-shift gymnasium-school. The woman told the legend of Santa Lucia and invited the kids to let their hearts take them on whatever heart-journey they needed to take. She affirmed that tears can help to wash. The harp was played in darkness illuminated by 50 candles. Not a word was spoken. And in that time, volunteers quietly, imperceptibly, approached each child, silently wrapping a shawl around him, around her, capping the offering with a firm grip on each child's shoulders~ to speak volumes without one word. But when the lights came on, or perhaps after the kids from these public schools were already back home, they could find on each shawl a tag written in Japanese which read:

*"This shawl was knit with prayers for God's Love and grace for you. When you feel down, when you feel to be supported with Love, please put on this shawl. And, please remember then that I have knitted this with prayers especially for you. I am praying that you will receive courage from this shawl of love and pra*

The "touch" of God's love and grace, literally.

Thanks be to God, and thanks be to all of you in many parts of the Body of Christ who added to the thousands of hours of prayers for these students of Tonicho Elementary and Junior High Schools in Kamaishi City, Iwate Prefecture, northern Japan.

The anniversary of March 11 has come and gone. Your further prayers become invisible skeins that silently continue to touch these courageous young persons with the Love and blessing of the Lord. ~So that they also can then be blessed to be a blessing. (...And on it goes, the Kingdom of God.)

Jim and Carol Sack

P.S. I am so sorry to be sending this message so late. It happened that my Swedish Lutheran pastor-father passed away the very morning I left for this event. This only added to the depth of meaning of the day. Nevertheless for various reasons it has taken me some time to return to this report. I pray my long silence will not betray the mountain of gratitude we feel, nor especially that of the students and teachers of the schools. God bless you all! We thank God for your partnership in the Gospel of our Lord!



#### **THE BROKEN LAWN MOWER:**

**When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the truck, the car, playing golf. Always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point.**

**When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush.**

**I said, 'When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway.'**

**The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.**

# A Letter from Tom and Mary Holman

*Working with Christians in Ghana and Nigeria to give people access to the Bible in the language they understand best*

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March 2012

Dear Judy,

Here is the ongoing good news for the Anufo Translation Project. We really appreciate your prayers. We're doing well, but sometimes it's the daily challenges that threaten to derail us -- like cracks in the walls of our house, followed by the masons, carpenters, and painters who worked to fix them over the next month. God is using those daily challenges to help us to be joyful in ALL circumstances.

We also want to say thanks to the Women of Bethel for their gift of \$100 in January, and to the church for its gift of \$132.50, also in January. We are praying for you all, and we hope to hear good news about Bethel's future soon! The following verse is for you, too!

"Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

Missionaries first came to the Anufo area in Ghana in the 1950's. By the end of the 1960's three denominations had established a presence. In one of them the missionary shared the Gospel and whole villages were converted. Along with this, he began a literacy program, and various development activities. Even Bible translation was started with help from the Bible Society of Ghana. But after a few years the missionary left, and the national pastor who succeeded him suddenly died. He was not immediately replaced. The national church did not sustain the same level of material and spiritual support to village congregations. By the end of the 1970's there was little evidence of conversion. Literacy, development, and translation had stopped. Some of the local leaders had even converted to Islam, the long-established religion of prestige.

In the 1970s a priest who was also an anthropologist came to the Anufo area to research Anufo belief systems and practices. He concluded from his research that the Anufo did not perceive Christianity as a religion; it did not appear to address problems for which the Anufo had long had traditional and Islamic solutions.

In 1981 a Bible translation program was started among the Anufo in both Ghana and Togo. Tom and I, and our Ghanaian partner, Grace Adjekum, were assigned to this work in Ghana. We met the priest who had done the research just before he left the Anufo area. He discouraged us from working there. The moment of opportunity for the conversion of the Anufo, he argued, had passed.

It took a long time for the New Testament in Anufo to be completed. Along the way we developed a community-based adult literacy program and trained a team of mother-tongue translators. Joint meetings were held with churches in Mango, Togo, to review the scriptures and make sure they were acceptable in both Ghana and Togo. The Gospel of Mark was published in 1993 and incorporated into the literacy curriculum in Ghana. With training from our partner Grace and facilitators from our organization in Ghana, the translators periodically organized local workshops to use the mother-tongue scriptures to address various traditional problems.

Finally, in 2006, the New Testament was published by the Bible Society of Ghana, and on February 17, 2007, it was dedicated.

Since the dedication of the Anufo New Testament, evangelistic efforts have been on the rise. The number of denominations in the area has doubled. A number of young evangelists, including some from these new churches, have been regularly reaching out to the villages. One established denomination has recently planted forty congregations, many in Anufo-speaking villages.



One of those young evangelists is our friend and "foster son" Simon Kwaku. He is part of an interdenominational group of more than ten young people who have been coming together each Tuesday for more than three years for prayer and training in discipleship and evangelism. On the weekends, the evangelists among them fan out to the villages to preach and disciple new believers, using the Anufo New Testament. In many places they meet Muslims who have purchased a copy of the New Testament. When that happens the evangelists run up against a problem: "When I talk with

Muslims, I find them especially interested in the with only the New Testament in our language, I find it difficult to come up with the right words and expressions to tell them those stories." They have urged us to translate the Old Testament into Anufo.

On Easter Monday, April 9, the Anufo Old Testament Translation Project will be launched by the churches in the Anufo area. They don't yet have all the financial resources they need to have the whole team of three translators working full time. Pastor James has made a start with the resources at hand. If you feel led to help the translation team financially, **ask us for information** about how to do that. Meanwhile, **pray** that at the right time God would provide all the resources they need.

This group of young people has recently been equipped with another tool for their evangelistic efforts: the Jesus film in Anufo. The launching of the Jesus Film took place in the old market square in the middle of Chereponi on the night of February 17 (exactly five years after the dedication of the New Testament), and more than 300 people gathered to watch it. The noisy crowd quickly became quiet when they heard the actors begin to speak in Anufo! Many of those viewing it were Muslims, and we learned the following day that many Muslims were asking for their own copy of the DVD. Now a team led by Simon Kwaku has been trained to show the film in the Anufo-speaking villages. **Pray** for much fruit from the showing of the Jesus film. **Praise God** for how His Spirit is moving in the Anufo area!

Tom and I will be going to Nigeria from April 13 to May 6 for the second Gwoza Hills Luke Partnership Workshop. We'll begin training the participants in translation principles and print the first scripture portion in each language. **Please pray** for God's protection for all the participants, for safe travel, good health, and good fellowship as we work together.

Waiting on the Lord,  
*Mary*

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## Mother's Day May 13



### A mother's prayer

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life. Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf between my generation and that of my children.

Let me not be too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises. Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them. Let me refrain from preaching with words; let me show by example instead.

Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me. Make me humble. Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us. And let Thy light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive Thy glory. Amen



The theme for this year's event, "One Nation Under God", is based on Psalm 33:12 which declares, "**Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.**" And for one day in May, millions of Americans will put aside their theological

differences which often polarize the body of Christ and come together with a single focus. At thousands of events coast-to-coast, from churches to synagogues, from stadiums to living rooms, Americans will cry out to their Creator for personal and national forgiveness. They will beseech God's undeserved mercy upon a nation which over the years seems increasingly determined to disconnect itself from the God who ordained and blessed its creation.

**SHORELINE DAY OF PRAYER EVENT 7AM**  
**Shoreline Full Gospel Fellowship**  
**05/03/2012 7:00 am - 05/03/2012 8:00 am**  
**Contact: Steve Ulmer -- 206-280-3454**

## 2012 NATIONAL PRAYER

Dr. David Jeremiah – NDP Honorary Chairman

Heavenly Father,  
Every good gift and perfect gift comes from You. You are a faithful God and Your mercy endures forever. You have promised to bless the nation that trusts in You. Our currency proclaims "In God We Trust," but in our culture we are far from You.

In the words of the prophet Daniel, "We have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments."

We come before You once more, seeking Your forgiveness and mercy. You, O God, are our only hope... Hear our prayer and, for Your honor's sake, shine Your face upon this nation. Give our leaders the desire to seek Your wisdom and the courage to follow Your guidance... and watch over the men and women of our armed forces as they sacrifice for the cause of freedom. We give You thanks for all You have done for us, and we earnestly pray that You will help us become, once again, a nation whose God is the Lord.

In the name of Your Son, and our Savior, we pray this prayer. Amen

### **A Fresh Look at Pentecost**

**(May 27 is Pentecost Sunday)**

Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, on a day called Pentecost, the Christian church was born. Because Pentecost was a holiday celebrating the harvest (a bit like our Thanksgiving), the apostles and a large crowd had gathered to celebrate in Jerusalem. Many people had assembled near Peter and the other followers of Christ when "[From heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind ...]" (Acts 2:2 ff, NRSV). Then tongues of fire descended on everyone in the crowd.

After the wind and fire descended, all sorts of languages, known and unknown, came out of the crowd. Each person spoke "about God's deeds of power" (verse 11). No wonder Luke wrote, "All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'" (verse 12).

The whole affair was mind-boggling and life-changing. The Holy Spirit had come upon many people; they knew God was powerfully at work in their midst.

On Pentecost many years ago, some 3,000 people came to believe in Christ. That's why today Christians remember this powerful event as the birthday of the church. Pentecost occurs on May 27 this year

## COMMUNITY EVENT HAPPENINGS

**3rd ANNUAL  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
GARAGE  
SALE  
DAY**

**SATURDAY JUNE 2, 2012**

**YOU HAVE A SALE...**

**...WE DO THE ADVERTISING!**

***Register your address at:***

***vice\_chair@RidgecrestNeighborhood.info***

***Stefanie @ 206-310-0560***

**Sale Tips on our website: [www.RidgecrestNeighborhood.info](http://www.RidgecrestNeighborhood.info)**

## Join Hands Day

Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
9 am to 5 pm

Join Hands Day is a nation-wide day of intergenerational volunteerism, sponsored by fraternal organizations including Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. We need lots of folks to offer themselves in service to prepare the camp for its summer ministry.

### Projects at Lutherwood

- Trail Building/Clearing
- Gardening
- Set Up O.A.P. Tents
- Painting Buildings
- Build New Foot Bridges
- New Fire Rings for Campground
- And Many More Projects
- Lunch is provided.

Contributions of materials and money are welcomed!

Interested in leading a project? We have a variety of projects to fit your skills and interests. Please let us know what you would like to lead! Please let us know that you're coming, so we can plan enough food for lunch.

Contact Corey Peterson for project details and needs, and to let us know you're coming. 360-734-7652 [office@camplutherwood.org](mailto:office@camplutherwood.org)

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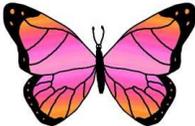


Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> is GiveBIG, a community-wide day of online giving sponsored by the Seattle Foundation.

Donations made to Compass Housing Alliance through our Seattle Foundation profile page any time on May 2nd will be stretched! Just go to [www.compasshousingalliance.org](http://www.compasshousingalliance.org) on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and click on the giveBIG logo.

Last year GiveBIG was a great success for Compass. We raised over \$30,000 in one day! Join us this year!

Questions? See our website or email [llund@compasshousingalliance.org](mailto:llund@compasshousingalliance.org) or call 206-357-3105.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May 2012</h1>		<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> AA/Alanon <b>10:45 AM</b> <b>Membership Mtng</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Brown Bag Bunch AA Meeting (109) <b>6:00 PM</b> Vets/Others AA (208)	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Quilters</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> AA/CA (109) <b>7:00 PM</b> ACA <b>7:00 PM</b> OA	<b>3</b> <b>5:00 PM Outreach Ministry</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Comm. Band <b>7:30 PM</b> Bethel Book Club	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> AA (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anon (FH)	<b>5</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>Anderson Plaza Worship</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> <b>Spring Luncheon</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> AA
						
<b>6</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Education <b>9:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Oromo Church <b>10:45 AM</b> Breakfast 1:00 PM Korean Church 3:00 PM Spanish Church <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Bible Study/Confirmation	<b>7</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Girl Scouts (109) 	<b>8</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> AA/Alanon <b>12:00 PM</b> Brown Bag Bunch AA Meeting (109) <b>6:00 PM</b> Vets/Others AA (208)	<b>9</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> AA/CA (109) <b>7:00 PM</b> ACA <b>7:00 PM</b> OA	<b>10</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Comm. Band <b>7:00 PM</b> CH. <b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>11</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> AA (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anon (FH)	<b>12</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>Anderson Plaza Worship</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> AA
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<b>20</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Education <b>9:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Oromo Church 1:00 PM Korean Church 3:00 PM Spanish Church <b>7 PM</b> Youth Bible Study/ Confirmation	<b>21</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Wedding <b>4:30 PM</b> Girl Scouts (109)	<b>22</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> AA/Alanon <b>12:00 PM</b> Brown Bag Bunch AA Meeting (109) <b>6:00 PM</b> Vets/Others AA (208) <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Mtng	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Quilters</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> AA/CA (109) <b>7:00 PM</b> ACA <b>7:00 PM</b> OA	<b>24</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Comm. Band	<b>25</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> AA (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anon (FH)	<b>26</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>Anderson Plaza Worship</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> AA 
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**THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH**

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Donnamae & Evelyn	Judy & Carol	Sue & Joanne	Lillian Marlys
<b>Lector</b>	Karen Johnson	Craig Fjarlie	Diana Holeman	Joe Himple
<b>Liturgist</b>	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
<b>Children's Time</b>	Pastor	Diana Holeman	Pastor	Kathy Carrow
<b>Bread Server</b>	Sue Logen	XXXXXXXXXX	Carol Hovick	XXXXXXXXXX
<b>Pick Up Glasses</b>	Wally Goulet Donna Sjoquist	XXXXXXXXXX	Wine: Liturgist	XXXXXXXXXX
<b>Flowers</b>	No Flowers	Shirley Pishaw	Jacob & David Robbins In memory of George Robbins	Elia & Bruce Smith in honor of their Anniversary
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce Smith John Johns Rance Urdahl	Chuck Vollbrecht Chris Pickrell Dick Scansen Dick Hinea	Bev Baarstad Sue Logen	Wally Goulet Evelyn Willems Dave Switzer
<b>First Lesson</b>	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:15-17,21-26	Acts 2:1-21
<b>Second Lesson</b>	1 John 4:7-21	1 John 5:1-6	1 John 5:9-13	Rom. 8:22-27
<b>Gospel</b>	John 15:1-8	John 15:9-17	John 17:6-19	John 15:26-27,16:4b-15

**ON CALL LIST**



Craig Fjarle	John & Donna Johns
Lila Geiszler	Karen Johnson
Donnamae Gfeller	Olive Kohanik
Wally & Judy Goulet	Ruth Locke
Jess & Norma	Sue Logen
Grigsby	Harold & Joan Martinell
Walt & Mary Himple	Frank & Phyllis Moll
Richard Hinea	Evie Nanninga
Ruby Hoff	Rocky & Lorna Neumann
Diana Holeman	Irene Olsen
Carol Hovick	

**Sanctuary Caretaker  
Liz Terrey**

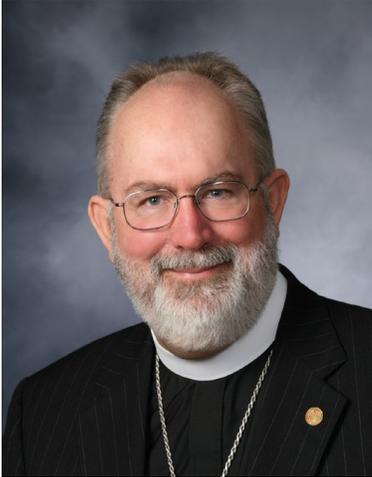
The sanctuary caretaker comes in weekly and fills our pews with pencils and cards. This is a job for 2 people (every other month). If you could help Liz out, please contact her or the church office. Thank you.



# The Spirit

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

April 2012



## Thanks Be To God by The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, Bishop

As we prepare to shout out the news of the resurrection at Easter, I am reminded how the saints before us lived with that promise. They were faithful throughout their lives knowing that they had been baptized into Christ's death and that the life they lived, and continue to live, is in Christ. One such hero of faith for me was the Rev. Dr. Fred Danker. "Red Fred" was a professor of New Testament at Concordia Seminary and Christ Seminary- SEMINEX. Fred was a character of the first order. Fred joined the church triumphant on February 2, 2012. Fred will be best known for his work revising and editing *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and other Early Christian Literature*.

This volume, known to all seminarians, is usually referred to as BDAG. The D stands for Danker. Fred was a meticulous scholar. Fred was also a passionate teacher. In his class on the Pauline Epistles he began by telling us that when we got done with his class we would be able to preach on the textual notes that are included in the Greek New Testament. In his Luke class my assignment was to write a paper on Luke's use of the word *pan* (all). It was an impossible task. Fred wanted to plant the seed and let the growth come not only in class but over the life of the student.

Fred also liked to play chess. Any of us who were nerdy enough to carry portable chess sets around could count on Fred to challenge us to a game in the commons. I had an appointment to play chess with him at his home that I forgot. Fred called to see if I was alright. I told him I had forgotten but could still come to his home. When I arrived he assured me that missing this appointment was not a big deal, but I might not want to miss an appointment with a visitor who had attended the congregation. Visitation and promptness are important. *Thank you, Fred.*

He also always had a red whistle around his neck. You could hear Fred "blowing the whistle on legalism" any time his understanding of God's grace was violated. When asked to bring a character reference to an investigation into his teaching, Fred brought an African American woman from the housing projects. Fred believes that the poor could be our best reference when it came to practicing what we preach.

At the time he was my professor he struck terror into my academic heart. As a brother in Christ Fred Danker was a role model, teacher, and friend. Fred now lives in his baptismal promise. Once again the saints of God are pointing the way and inviting us to trust that promise as well. *Thanks be to God.*

The 2012 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly will be held Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19, at the Edward Hanson Conference Center, Comcast Arena in Everett. Registration for the Assembly is now live. Please register before midnight Friday, May 4 at [www.lutheransnw.org](http://www.lutheransnw.org).



# Bethel Beam

## Special dates in May

- National Day of Prayer 3
- Christian Family Week 6-13
- Mother's Day 13
- Ascension of the Lord 17
- Armed Forces Day 19
- Pentecost 27
- Memorial Day 28

“There never was a  
good war or a bad  
peace.”  
- Benjamin Franklin



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

Worship Schedule  
9:30 AM

Adult Education  
8:45 AM Sunday  
11:00 AM Sunday

Communion  
1st & 3rd Sunday

**Memorial Day May 28**  
**Peace will come when.....**

*Peace will come when people live*

*In friendship, side by side,*

*And cherish understanding*

*More than hatred, greed and pride.*

*Peace will come when people see*

*All people as the same,*

*And no one has to live in fear,*

*In ignorance, or shame.*

*Peace will come when people*

*Who are needy can reach out*

*For shelter, food, or love,*

*And no has to do without.*

*Peace will come when people*

*Learn to listen and to care*

*About the rights and dignity*

*Of people everywhere.*

*Peace will come when love and trust*

*And kindness know rebirth,*

*And on that day all people*

*Will rejoice in peace on earth.*

Thank you to those men and women who have  
served and are currently serving in the armed forces  
so we can live in freedom.