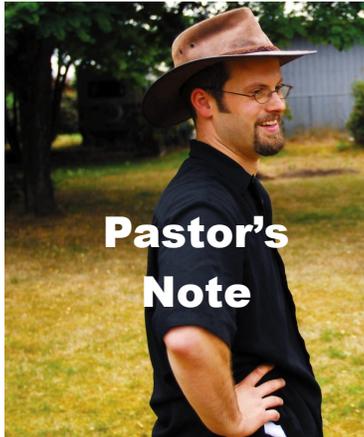


the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

November 2012



Pastor's Note

This past month we have spent a good deal of time praying, thinking, and talking about stewardship. Much of it has been in preparation for November's budget decisions and the annual pledge drive. But it's important that we keep in mind that stewardship is not something that happens once a year when it's time to plan for next year's bills. Not at all! Rather, stewardship is part of our core as Christians: it's about our willingness to recognize that everything we have comes from God, be it physical possessions, time, hobbies/interests, or anything else we can think of. "Being a good steward" means being a responsible caretaker of these blessings from God. It means taking these blessings and applying them in ways which spread the Gospel. It means recognizing that these blessings are things which can be utilized in different and various combinations so as to multiply their benefit for God's Kingdom.

You've doubtless heard the famous "Parable of the Talents" before (Matthew 25:14-30). It's the story Jesus tells of the three slaves who are each given *talents* (i.e. ancient silver coins) by their master before he goes away on a trip. While he is away, the servants who were entrusted with 2 and 5 *talents* invest their amounts and double their total. Meanwhile, the servant with a single *talent* buries it in a hole in the ground. When the master returns, the former two are praised, but the latter is condemned.

It's easy to take this parable in all sorts of various and unhealthy ways: "it's all about money," "it's unfair that they received different amounts to work with," "what does it say about God that the master is so mean to the last servant?" None of these approaches is healthy, and each distracts from the core message being expressed. Remember the first rule of parables: parables are NOT analogies. In other words, our goal is not to correctly "solve" the parable.

So what is being expressed? The *talents* which each servant received differed, this is true. But what we often overlook is that a single *talent* in the culture of the time would have been equivalent to the pay a normal laborer would earn over the course of 20 YEARS! In other words, even the servant who "only" received one *talent* was still entrusted with assets beyond his imagination—entrusted with taking those assets and finding ways to multiply them.

What are our "talents"? What are the gifts and interests we have that can lead to a stronger ministry in the community? What are the relationships we have which can be used to build programs and connections that will change people's lives? These are the questions that stewardship is concerned with. These are the questions of discipleship we must ponder. Each of us has blessings/gifts/assets—whatever word you want to use for them—which can and must be used for the building up of God's Kingdom, not buried away and forgotten. God has promised to provide what we need to do the work we are called to do, so let us always strive to seek out, identify, and make use of what is provided!

And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled.

-Luke 9:16-17a

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Chris

MINISTRY MOMENT

Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

Genesis 25:34

This is such a familiar passage to all of us and usually makes us think, how could he give away his birthright for some food? Recently I read a study on this verse and found a new understanding.

We do the same thing as Esau, because we don't understand the value of our birthright. Everyday people exchange their birthright for worldly goods because they see what the world has to offer as more valuable than what God has to offer.

Satan is alive and well, working in the world and on our thinking. He tempts us with special foods, entertainment, houses, new tools, or things on sale, making us believe we need what the world offers, rather than what the Lord offers, which will bring us the peace that only He can give.

We do not understand that the birthright given to us by Jesus is far more valuable than any earthly treasure. When we follow Jesus our lives are filled with purpose and meaning and the promise of heavenly rewards. Jesus didn't say we couldn't have worldly things, but don't let Satan blind you and tempt you into trading your precious inheritance in Christ for the empty promises of this world. Don't worship "things", money or other idols, worship and serve our Jesus.

Ask Jesus to help you be a living testimony to Him, by your words, your actions and the life you live.

COME JOIN OUR



BIBLE Study

Wednesdays at Bethel
 1pm & 7pm: Come join us in the Chapel for Bible Study and prayer; each week's readings will be a "sneak peek" of the coming Sunday's sermon topic. The specific format will vary with the scripture, but the opportunity to be touched by God's Word will always be present.

Sunday Mornings
 8:15 AM - "Wired Word"
 Each Sunday is a different topic which is something that is going on in the news that week. It is discussed from a Christian point of view. It does not take a lot of preparing for and there are interesting discussions.

Sunday Mornings
 11:00 AM
 Nov. 25th we begin an Advent study called "Christmas, the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly:"

THANKSGIVING BASKETS



Each year Bethel is so generous in contributing to Thanksgiving baskets for families that would go without on this precious day. We thank you, in advance, for contributing the food that we need to assist 8 families on this Holiday that we celebrate to give thanks for the blessings that the Lord has poured out on us.

This year, the Outreach committee will be having signups for basket donations on **Sunday October 28th**

All food must be brought to church no later than **Sunday November 11th**.

If you prefer to donate money, we will gladly accept donations to purchase any food that is not donated.

The Lord wants us to be His hands to meet the needs of others.

Thank you from the Outreach Committee

-Outreach Ministry



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

- Ongoing Prayers for:
Audrey Anderson
Vera Anderson
Bev Baarstad
Don Brown
Harold Crawford
Mona Drake
Myrtle Fjarlie
Jesse Grigsby
Jack Hagen
Ellen Hansen
John Johns
Iva Kjosnes
Olive Kohanik
Harold & Joan Martinell
Hank Peterson
Marjorie Romero
Jim Schoeld
Karen Schoeld
Dorothy Storseth
Alice & Arnold Urdahl
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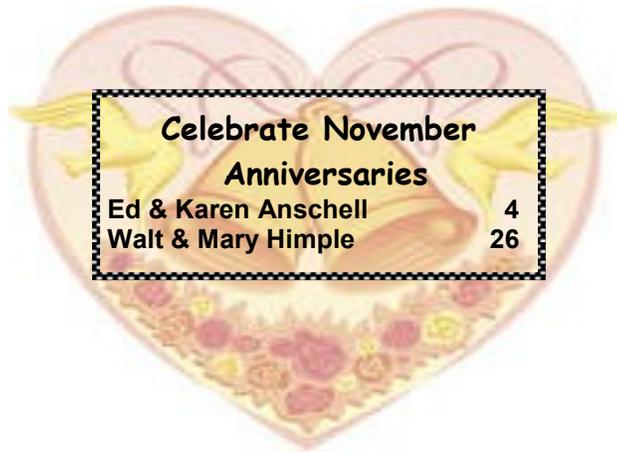
PRAY DAILY FOR OUR MEMBERS NOVEMBER LIST

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 - Travis Salmon | 20 - Carol Hovick |
| 2 - Allie Biddle | 21 - Vera Anderson |
| 3 - Karen Johnson | 22 - Audrey Anderson |
| 4 - Mary Smith | 23 - Evie Nanninga |
| 5 - Donnamae Gfeller | 24 - Joanne Brock |
| 6 - Liz Terrey | 25 - Nick Rudnick |
| 7 - Edna Greising | 26 - Aaron Salmon |
| 8 - Stephanie Vollbrecht | 27 - Joe Himple |
| 9 - Tinsu Abraha | 28 - Archer Ode |
| 10 - Anna Sjong | 29 - Karen Anshell |
| 11 - Kathy Carrow | 30 - Mary Himple |
| 12 - Jess Grigsby | |
| 13 - Janet Jurgensen | December |
| 14 - Ila Mae Mattingley | 1 - Nicole Swenson |
| 15 - Carla Salmon | 2 - Shirley Pishaw |
| 16 - Marlys Pickrell | 3 - Floyd Squires |
| 17 - Dick Scansen | 4 - Frank Nyland |
| 18 - Ed Anshell | 5 - Karen Devine |
| 19 - Ellen Hansen | |

RECENT (OCT) PRAYER REQUESTS

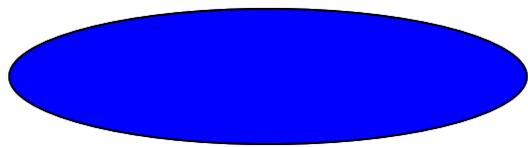
Continue to pray for:

Jesse Grigsby	Jack Hagen	
Frank Moll	Mona Drake	Donna Sjoquist



Tavin Ode	5
Paul Grigsby	8
Donna Sjoquist	16

Camille Ross	4	Colin Rudnick	13
Josh Rudnick	4	Chris Ode	18
Wally Goulet	5	Olive Kohanik	21
Lynlee Ritchie	9	Bev Baarstad	22
Frank Moll	11	Nicole Anshell	24
Delna Vermillion	11	Lillian Routledge	26
Marjorie Romero	14	Warren Arnhart	30





**WOMEN'S THANKOFFERING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 18TH**

Women of the Lutheran Church have been gathering for Thankofferings since the early 1900s. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community. Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings. We are called to offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given to us. Thankofferings help Women of the ELCA provide resources, events, and programs. Thankofferings also support the organizations' crucial annual gift to the ELCA.

HOLIDAYS FOR THE HOMELESS

In addition to our Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas Giving Tree for a Latch Family and Compass Center, we will be giving gift cards and movie tickets to Mary's Place for Homeless Women. They include these as part of their gifts to the women at Christmas. **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will provide the funds for the gift cards from the North Seattle Chapter in a total of \$800.** Judy and Carol will purchase the cards and deliver to Mary's Place.

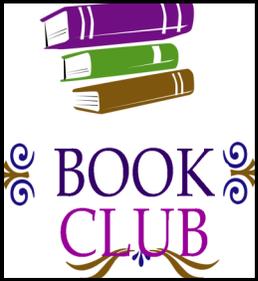


BELL CHOIR

The Ding-A-Lings (Handbell Choir) is practicing for Christmas at 7 PM on Mondays. If you are interested in participating contact Marlys Pickrell or the church office. No experience necessary. We have on-the-job-training!



**November 1st
next
gathering at
Bethel
7:00 PM
All Welcome!**



Lone Wolf by Jodie Picoult
Read in October-November discussion
A life hanging in the balance . . . a family torn apart.
The #1 internationally bestselling author Jodi Picoult tells an unforgettable story about family secrets, love, and letting go.

We invite you to join our book club. Call the church office or see Diana Holeman

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT
SEPT. 30, 2012**

TOTAL INCOME	\$23,664.81
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$17,840.13
NET GAIN:	\$ 5.824/68

CHECKING AND SAVINGS

Thrivent Mutual Fund	\$10,421.18
Bank America CD	\$ 5,387.33
Petty Cash	\$ 70.00
ELCA Mission Plus Fund	\$44,350.02
Operating Checking	<u>\$ 8,854.35</u>
TOTAL	\$69,082.88

Our equity for the month of September is \$99,246.31. Our liabilities are \$121,540.66. Once again I ask our council to keep our expenses to a minimum amount. Thank you very much.

**Richard Scansen
Treasurer**

BETHEL HAPPENINGS (CONT.)

FALL INGATHERING

On October 19th Bethel delivered for the ingathering for Lutheran World Relief: 24 quilts - 100 Health Kits

Thanks Chuck for delivering the items and thank you quilters for all your hard work!

- Rhoda lives in Mwanzange, a home for the elderly in Tanzania. She doesn't know how old she is but when she was admitted 8 years ago, staff estimated here age to be about 75. She is blind.
- Mikola Mknongo, 80, has lived within the Sukamahela community for elderly people with leprosy since 1961.
- Josephine Joel, 47, lives in the Fungafunga home located in the Motogoto municipality. After a series of unfortunate events left her ill and alone, she found her way here.

These are a few of the people whose lives were touched by quilts and kits, distributed in early 2012 by LWR partner Christian Council of Tanzania. CCC's director says LWR Mission Quilts are most popular.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The giving tree will be out in the narthex Sunday, November 18th and 25th with gift tags galore. We will give gifts to 2 LATCH families and also a variety of items needed by those individuals who stay at the Compass Cntr.



All items will need to be returned to Bethel no later than Sunday, December 2nd. Please help yourselves to one or more gift tags.

ALL LATCH GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED WITH GIFT TAG ATTACHED TO EACH ITEM.

The LATCH and Compass Center gifts should be left unwrapped. Any questions please ask anyone on the Outreach Team (Carol, Liz & John, Joanne, and Lynlee).

Thank you for taking part in the Christmas Giving Tree.

Outreach Team

THAKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP Wednesday, Nov. 21



Wednesday November 21 ecumenical, shared, Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Edmonds Lutheran Church, 6:30 p.m. immediately following Annie's Community

Kitchen Thanksgiving Dinner 5:00-6:30. Let's come together to rejoice in our gratitude, feed the hungry (both body and soul), as we worship, sing and pray together. – Bethel Lutheran with their other worshipping communities, St. Alban's Episcopal, and Edmonds Lutheran. 23525 84th Ave W. Edmonds

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS FOR THE LAKE CITY FOOD BANK/NORTH HELPLINE

In addition to making up baskets for 8 families this year, we will have a barrel upstairs and downstairs supplied by the Lake City Food Bank, for donations for Thanksgiving.

If you wish to donate canned goods for the families that the food bank serves, just place them in one of the barrels. One barrel will be in the Narthex and the other will be downstairs in the Fellowship Hall from Tuesday, October 30th, to Wednesday, November 14th.



Thank you.
Outreach Committee

It is estimated that 1 billion individuals are members of cooperatives (agricultural, livestock, fishing, etc.) worldwide, generating more than 100 million jobs around the world.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS (continued)

COMPASS HOUSING ALLIANCE



What Can We Do?
Fall is here . . . help keep our clients warm

Donate Quilts and Washable Blankets!

Compass has practiced a rich tradition of putting colorful quilts on the beds in our shelters. We need your help to continue our tradition of hospitality! Right now Compass Housing's Emergency Shelters are facing an extremely low supply of quilts and blankets. Please donate quilts and new/washable fleece blankets as soon as possible to keep our clients warm this winter.

Think-Globally-Act-Locally

If your church sends quilts to Lutheran World Relief, great! We support your effort. In addition to your LWR quilts, we're love for you to consider sending us a couple of the quilts you make.

We envision a world in which every person lives in a safe, caring community.

COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, Nov. 4 - 3:00 PM
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
145th & 20th NE

Come out and support North Helpline with your freewill donation and enjoy a great concert!



7 choirs plus performances by
Darby Family Singers
Laurie Solheim
Dr. George Fiore,
Organist
Christ Lambert,
Offertory Pianist

LUTHERWOOD BENEFIT SHOW & SILENT AUCTION

November 10th, 2012
5 PM - 8 PM
Central Lutheran Church
925 North Forest Street
Bellingham, WA 98229



Schedule of Events

5:00 - 5:45 Silent Auction / Appetizers / Half Note 5:45 - 7:30 Dinner / UpFront Inprov Theater Show 7:30 - 8:00 Announcement of Auction / Dessert

Contact Lutherwood for more information:

www.camplutherwood.org

360-734-7652

office@camplutherwood.org

1185 Roy Road Bellingham, WA 98229

TAPROOT THEATRE COMPANY



Senior Matinee of
Sherlock Holmes and the
Case of the Christmas Carol
December 12 at 2 pm

These then are the facts:

1894, Christmas Eve, 221B Baker Street

After being presumed dead for three years, a hardened Sherlock Holmes resurfaces, turning his back on the people who need him most. Three unexpected callers arrive on Christmas Eve uncovering clues from the detective's past, present and future. Can they save Holmes and his world from a dire end? They must "do it all in one night" to accomplish the task.

Tickets are just \$15-20
depending on the size of your group!
Save when you bring a group of 8 or more!
Group Sales: 206.781.9708

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

Lutheran Ministry Services

N O R T H W E S T

7040 – 36th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115-5998
 (206) 450-7128 email: lms@lmsnw.org website: www.lmsnw.org

A Fall Gathering
Sunday November 4, 2012 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Hope Lutheran Church - West Seattle
4456 42nd Ave SW Seattle, WA 98116
206 - 937-9330

Come to fellowship... Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert!

Come to learn....Do you know someone who is aged, in a care facility, or assisted living situation? LMS Care Center volunteers will help us learn practical tips to assist in ministering our elderly family members, friends, brothers, and sisters in Christ.

Come to celebrate God's goodness... because He is indeed good and gracious to His people.

Matching Funds \$8,000.00 will get LMS \$16,000.00 Campaign UPDATE:

We are about halfway to our goal of \$8,000.00 with slightly over \$4,000.00 in generous gifts received from LMS friends from across the Puget Sound Region. Please continue to pray for LMS and tell friends and family about our unique ministry. *We need \$4,000.00 more to help us reach our goal!*

Wittenberg University offers 25 \$80,000 scholarships for the 2013-14 school year (\$20,000 per year). If you know of someone interested check the flyer on the bulletin board in the hallway or check with Judy in the office.



UPDATE FROM TOM AND MARY HOLMAN

October 17, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your prayer support during this time of bereavement. The funeral celebrated my dad's life as a musician, teacher, farmer, and Christian. We were comforted and encouraged by all who came. God has given us some very special times with both of our families, and we're so grateful for that. We will be here until November 9, which has given us time to help with some of the business matters that follow a death as well.

We thank God that Tom's mother does not have a fractured shoulder. She has arthritis in the shoulder joint, so she has a lot of pain. We're very glad we could stay with her at this time.

Finally, we heard from the Fali and Sukur language teams in Nigeria, as well as the consultant who helped them after we left. They were able to do all that we had hoped!

We have a lot to be thankful for! Happy Thanksgiving!

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

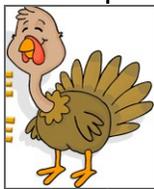
Mailing Address: GILLBT Box TL 378, Tamale, N/R, GHANA, W. Africa

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

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 5:00 PM Outreach Team 7:30 PM Bethel Book Club</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3 9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship</p>
<p>4 8:15 AM Wired Word 9:30 AM Bethel Worship Service 11:00 AM Breakfast 7:00 PM Affirmation of Baptism</p>	<p>5 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>6 10:45 AM Membership Team 7:00 PM Education Team</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM Bethel Quilters 1:00 PM Midday Meditation 6:00 PM PM Playdate 7:00 PM Text messages</p>	<p>8 7:00 PM Bethel Church Council</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship</p>
<p>11 8:15 AM Wired Word 9:30 AM Bethel Worship Service 11:00 AM Budget Meeting 7:00 PM Affirmation of Baptism</p>	<p>12 OFFICE CLOSED 5:15 PM BLCW Leaders. Meeting At Ruth's</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 1:00 PM Midday Meditation 6:00 PM PM Playdate 7:00 PM Text Messages</p>	<p>15 7:00 PM Ruth Circle at Liz's</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship)</p>
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THOSE WHO SERVE IN NOVEMBER

	4 - All Saints Sunday	11	18	25 - Christ the King
ALTAR GUILD	Lillian & Marlys	Sue & Joanne	Anna & Diana	Ragnhild & Kelly
LECTORS	Karen Johnson	Liz Terrey	Joe Himple	Chuck Vollbrecht
LITURGISTS	TBA	XXXXXXXXXX	Marlys	XXXXXXXXXX
CHILDREN'S TIME	Pastor Chris	Diana Holeman	Pastor Chris	Kathy Carrow
BREAD SERVER	Sue Logen	XXXXXXXXXX	Carol Hovick	XXXXXXXXXX
WINE SERVER	Diana Holeman	XXXXXXXXXX	Judy Goulet	XXXXXXXXXX
GLASSES	Wally Goulet & Anna Sjong	XXXXXXXXXXXX	Intinction	XXXXXXXXXX
Flowers	John & Liz Terrey in memory of Walt	Marjorie Romero in memory of Horace		
USHERS	Bruce Smith John Johns Rance Urdahl	Chuck Vollbrecht Chris Pickrell Dick Scansen Dick Hinea	Bev Baarstad Sue Logen	Wally Goulet Dave Switzer
FIRST LESSON	Isa. 25:5-9	1 Kings 17:8-16	Dan. 12:1-3	Dan. 7:9-10,13-14
SECOND LESSON	Rev. 21:1-6a	Heb. 9:24-28	Heb. 10:11-14(15-18)	Rev. 1:4b-8
GOSPEL	John 11:32-44	Mark 12:38-44	Mark 13:1-8	John 18:33-37

ON CALL LIST



<p>Craig Fjarlie Lila Geiszler Donnamae Gfeller Wally & Judy Goulet Jess & Norma Grigsby Paul Grigsby Walt & Mary Himple Dick Hinea Ruby Hoff</p>	<p>Diana Holeman Carol Hovick John & Donna Johns Karen Johnson Olive Kohanik Ruth Locke Sue Logen Frank & Phyllis Moll Evie Nanninga</p>
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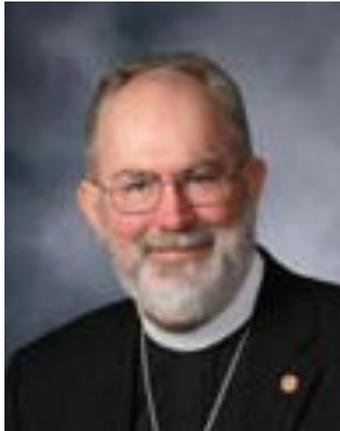
Liz Terrey



The Spirit

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

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Tuition Support For Our Candidates

by The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, Bishop

At our last Synod Assembly we passed a resolution that sets the goal of providing full tuition support for the candidates for rostered

leadership from this synod. This is an ambitious goal. It is also an important statement about this synod's recognition of the need for future leaders in this church. Every October the meeting of the Conference of Bishops takes place at the same time the eight Seminary Presidents meet in Chicago. We always spend some time together talking about the shape of Theological Education in this church and the future needs of the church. It is clear that we will need an increasing number of pastors and rostered lay leaders as the "baby boom" generation retires. It is also clear that the shape of leadership will change in the coming years. The cost of seminary education, on top of four years in college is becoming a significant factor in identifying leaders for the future.

The amount of debt our graduates are bringing into their vocation is a concern. The ability of first call candidates to be good leaders in their stewardship is undermined by their debt loads. The need for bi-vocation pastors in smaller settings is also a factor that affects the candidacy process.

We have set an ambitious goal. It is an important goal. Many of us came from predecessor churches that were able to significantly subsidize or fully pay for our tuition. Those days are long gone. Churchwide and Synod support of seminaries

is flat or declining. Tuition makes up an increasingly significant role in the way seminaries balance their budgets. This is part of the reexamination of theological education that is taking place in virtually every denomination in this country.

The Lutheran movement began in the academic world. Luther was a professor. The early leaders of our church came from the academy. The expectation of a theologically trained pastor has been part of our DNA from the beginning. That model is now in transition. Where we will be in the near future is still unclear. We are looking at how we will raise up the future leaders of this church. This is an important discussion and one that requires action from every expression of this church. I encourage your congregation and key individuals to take up the goal of providing full tuition scholarships for the future leaders this synod will raise up.

Editor's Note: Our Synod's Candidacy Committee is chaired by Pastor Paul Hoffman, Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle. To learn more about the candidacy process in our synod contact the Assistant to the Bishop for Candidacy, Pastor Nancy Winder, at candidacy@lutheransnw.org. To learn more about the ELCA candidacy process for our rostered leaders visit www.elca.org/candidacy.

The Spirit (cont.)

Here 'n There

Members at **University Lutheran Church in Seattle** will begin celebrating the completion of their organ repair on Reformation Sunday, October 28. They will also be celebrating their 95th Anniversary! The evening will begin with a potluck supper at 5 p.m., followed by the celebration in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. The celebration will include a hymn sing, several anthems by the choir, and a few pieces by University Lutheran's organist, Eunjung Jung.

Members of **Church of the Beloved in Edmonds** are releasing a new album of music for worship called *Songs for a Mystical Supper*. This is a free download. To learn more how you can help with production costs, and get free stuff, go to the Synod's home page and click on the Church of the Beloved's photo.

Kent Lutheran Church in Kent is once again providing space in their building for homeless men. During October homeless men get to sleep, receive a hot meal, breakfast and a sack lunch. Kent Lutheran is working with H.O.M.E., a year-round overnight shelter for single adult men in South

King County.

At the end of September, **Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Seattle** hosted Mary's Place. Mary's Place offers programs and services in a welcoming and accepting environment where homeless women and their children can build community, enrich their days and find resources to restore their lives.

The Senior High Youth Group at **Salem Lutheran Church** in Mount Vernon will "serve God by serving others." On October 21 they will be serving dinner at the Union Gospel Mission in Seattle.

Munchy Monday is a program of outreach and giving at **Oak Harbor Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor**. When the students from Oak Harbor High School have nowhere to go between early release from class and the beginning of after-school sports and other activities, the church has opened its doors and gives them a snack and safe place to play a game, study or just hang out.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Renton also offers an after school program for the students at McKnight Middle School. The congregation also

provides a pancake breakfast each Friday when there is a late start.

Christ Lutheran Church in Ferndale has a new website: www.clcferndale.org.

Burlington Lutheran Church in Burlington also has a new website: www.burlingtonlutheran.org.

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Seattle is offering a Compline Service on the first Sunday of the month at 8 p.m., with refreshments following. Compline is an ancient service that marks the close of the day with the purpose of bringing spiritual peace. **The Rev. Ronald F. Marshall, pastor of First Lutheran Church of West Seattle**, published his article, "Luther's Alleged Anti-Semitism," in *Logia: A Journal of Lutheran Theology*, Reformation 2012.

Learn more about the Northwest Washington Synod's **Bishop Nomination and Election** process on the synod's website at www.lutheransnw.org. At the 2013 Synod Assembly voting members will be electing a new bishop to serve a 6 year term.



FROM ONE PUMPKIN TO ANOTHER!

A woman was asked by a co-worker, "What is it like to be a Christian?"

The co-worker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

Honor our veterans

Veterans Day, which is November 12 this year, is a holiday to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation's common good.

Christians follow the Prince of Peace, so war is a dilemma that often challenges people of faith. Some Christians are pacifists, while others believe in a "just war." Many believe that the goals of freedom, justice, equality and democracy are worth the cost required.

Whatever individual Christians decide about any given conflict, most Christians believe that men and women who strive to make this world free of tyrants are to be respected. As Winston Churchill said, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

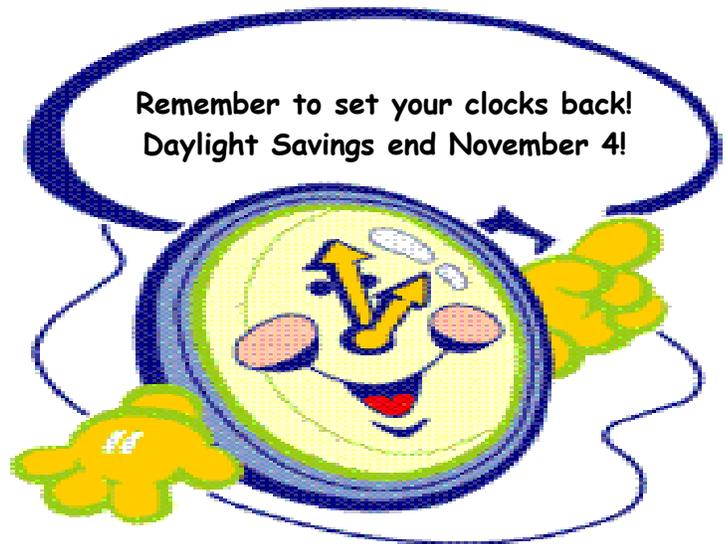
Thank you to all the men and women who served or are now serving our country.



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Special dates in November

- All Saints Sunday 4
- Daylight Savings Time ends 4
- Bethel Sunday Breakfast 4
- Bethel Budget Meetings 11 & 18
- Veterans Day 12
- Thanksgiving Eve Worship 21
- Thanksgiving Day 22
- Christ the King Sunday 25



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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



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HOLLY BERRY CELEBRATION DECEMBER 1 - 11:30 AM



We are once again inviting the men of the congregation to join us at our Holly Berry Celebration.



We are privileged to welcome Bronn Journey back to Bethel. From the inspiring natural beauty of their Pacific Northwest home, the Journeys -- Bronn, Katherine and the harp -- bring music that is nothing short of glorious! The harp is often called "the instrument of angels," and Bronn's amazing versatility and skill on this ancient instrument will transport you to the gates of heaven itself!

Bronn's dazzling virtuosity and humorous approach to a classical instrument continue to make him a favorite with concertgoers. Classical, sacred, Broadway and popular tunes all flow effortlessly from the strings of his harp. Bronn has even played the national anthem at Seattle Seahawks and Sonics sporting events.!

Don't miss Bronn as he brings his harp-- the instrument of angels -- down to earth in a slightly nontraditional, wholly unexpected way. This is truly a concert experience everyone can enjoy.

Tickets: \$7.50 - go on sale November 11th
Come and enjoy music and good food!