

the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

October 2011

Stewardship Sunday October 23rd

Extravagant

GENEROSITY

The Heart of Giving

Luke 12:15

“Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”

How much “stuff” does a person really need? How much is necessary and how much is what some would call greed?

We all like making and having money, but we also enjoy those things that cannot be purchased, such as the love of our family, a sense of belonging and of accomplishment, and being of service to others. We enjoy making a difference in the lives of other people. How do we maintain a balance and have the basic needs of food, shelter, and some comforts, but also live with a purpose?

The intentional practice of generosity helps us to keep our priorities straight. We give because we are made in the image of God whose nature is to give.

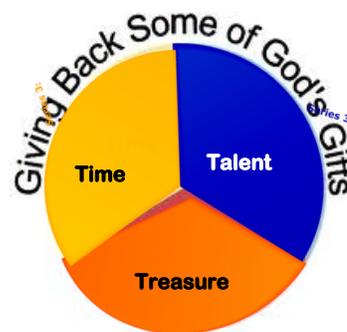
We are his creation, His fingerprints are on us, and we are made to be compassionate, loving and generous. But we are influenced by our culture which plays on our fears and makes us believe we never have enough.

Growing in the grace of giving is part of our Christian faith journey, it is our response to God’s command to make a difference in the world.

Generosity connects people to Christ and strengthens us to be Jesus’ hands and feet.

It connects us together as Saints and members of Bethel, all of us working together to serve Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

Stewardship The ministry of Generosity



BE SURE AND CHECK OUT BETHEL HAPPENINGS ON P. 2-3

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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

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

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

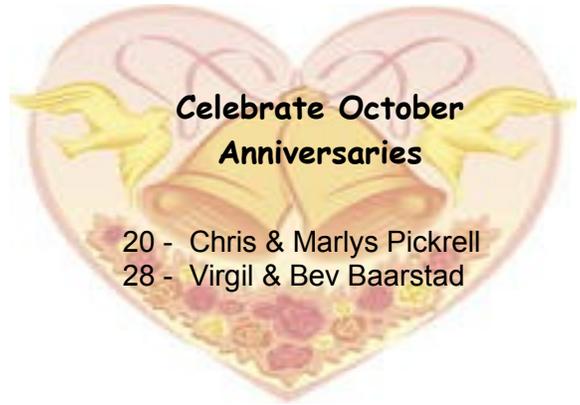
Myrtle Fjarlie
15928 NE 8th St
Bellevue, WA 98008

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



PRAY DAILY FOR OUR MEMBERS OCTOBER LIST

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| 1 - Tinsu Abraha | 22 - Ruby Hoff |
| 2 - Skylar Schmidt | 23 - Sue Logen |
| 3 - Damen Nanninga | 24 - Shirley Pishaw |
| 4 - Lindsay Aegerter | 25 - Dorothy Brown |
| 5 - Liz Terrey | 26 - Stephanie Bertges |
| 6 - Dick Schwerdtfeger | 27 - Donna Sjoquist |
| 7 - Evelyn Willems | 28 - Rachel Miller |
| 8 - Dela VanHoy | 29 - Norma Grigsby |
| 9 - Kathy Carrow | 30 - Don Brown |
| 10 - Bob Anderson | 31 - Josh Rudnick |
| 11 - Carolyn Starrett | |
| 12 - Myrtle Fjarlie | November |
| 13 - Roger Hilling | 1 - Chris Pickrell |
| 14 - John Carlson | 2 - Judy Goulet |
| 15 - Irene Olsen | 3 - Chris Mebust |
| 16 - Jeremy DeLap | 4 - Ruth Locke |
| 17 - Dona Pederson | 5 - Arne Ramstead |
| 18 - Gloria Dawson | |
| 19 - Mona Drake | |
| 20 - Kari Pickrell | |
| 21 - Darlene Hilling | |



- 1 - Harold Crawford
- 6 - Barbara Hellstrom
Chris Mebust
- 10 - Olivia Cole
Chris Pickrell
- 11 - Virgil Baarstad
Annetha Schmitt
- 12 - Elizabeth Pickrell
Rance Urdahl
- 16 - Rick Rudnick
- 22 - Sonja Dunnagan
- 23 - Judy Goulet
- 25 - Dorothy Storseth
- 27 - Joan Martinell

CELEBRATE

- 6 - Barbara Hellstrom
- 20 - Audrey Anderson
- 22 - Bob Anderson





A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

It was decided at the congregation meeting held on September 25, 2011 to call a re-development pastor. The vote by the congregation was unanimous. Also voted in at this meeting was the following call committee:

Marlys Pickrell	Sue Logan
Dick Scansen	Judy Bashaw
Kathy Carrow	Rick Rudnick

The call committee will be working with the Synod office in the selection of a re-development pastor.

Thank you all for the time you spent in learning about re-development and the thoughtful and prayerful decision to begin this process.

Yours in Christ
Kathy Carrow
Council President

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We will once again be giving out Thanksgiving baskets. We will have sign-ups for food Sundays, October 30th and November 6th. Thank you for your willingness to help fill these baskets with food.

Outreach Ministry

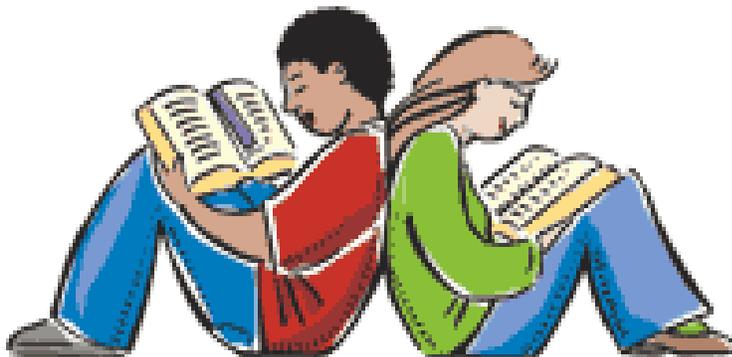


SUNDAY SCHOOL IS STARTING!

Stephanie Vollbrecht will be re-opening Kids Kamp starting October 2, 2011 at 9:45 AM. All kids are welcome. They will leave the worship service just after the Kids Sermon and have Sunday School in the Kids Kamp room. **KIDS ONLY PLEASE** – parents this is your personal time to enjoy our worship service. Kids can be picked up from Kids Kamp at the end of the worship service or just before Communion so that your children can participate in Communion.



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/CONFIRMATION TO BEGIN!



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

When: October 2,
Time: 7:00 – 8:00 PM
Where: Upstairs Youth Room

Beginning Study
The 10 Commandments

Join Rick Rudnick as he guides you on this path.

BETHEL HAPPENINGS (cont. from p.3)

October 6th
next
gathering at
Diana's
7:30 PM
All Welcome!



October Reading/Discuss November

Night Road by Kristin Hannah

Synopsis

For eighteen years, Jude Farraday has put her children's needs above her own, and it shows — her twins, Mia and Zach, are bright and happy teenagers. When Lexi Baill moves into their small, close-knit community, no one is more welcoming than Jude. Lexi, a former foster child with a dark past, quickly becomes Mia's best friend. Then Zach falls in love with Lexi and the three become inseparable.

Jude does everything to keep her kids on track for college and out of harm's way. It has always been easy — until senior year of high school. Suddenly she is at a loss. Nothing feels safe anymore; every time Mia and Zach leave the house, she worries about them.

On a hot summer's night her worst fears are realized. One decision will change the course of their lives. In the blink of an eye, the Farraday family will be torn apart and Lexi will lose everything. In the years that follow, each must face the consequences of that single night and find a way to forget... or the courage to forgive.

Vivid, universal, and emotionally complex, *Night Road* raises profound questions about motherhood, identity, love, and forgiveness. It is a luminous, heartbreaking novel that captures both the exquisite pain of loss and the stunning power of hope. This is Kristin Hannah at her very best, telling an unforgettable story about the longing for family, the resilience of the human heart, and the courage it takes to forgive the people we love.

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

-Dr. Seuss

THE ELCA IS THERE



A child dies from malaria every 45 seconds.

Today we are in a special moment where we could turn this around. Working through Lutheran churches in Africa, the ELCA Malaria Campaign is uniquely positioned to provide mosquito nets, insecticides, medication, health care, education and more to help eliminate deaths from this disease—for good.

Disaster Response

These are some of the places helped by your offerings to ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Response.

Hurricane Irene	Ivory Coast refugees
Horn of Africa Drought	Libyan Uprising & Refugees
US Floods	New Zealand Earthquake
Sudan Violence	Egyptian Protests & Refugees
Malawi Flooding	Australia Floods
U.S. Severe Spring Storm	Haiti Earthquake
Columbia Flooding	Haiti Hurricane Thomas
Japan Earthquake	Indonesia
Pacific Tsunami	

Gracious God,

Your word of peace stills the storms that rage in our world. Bring hope to places that know devastation in the calm after *the* storm. Bring comfort to those who grieve the loss of loved ones and property. Let your love be known through those who work to bring order in the chaos. Help us to shoulder the burden of suffering And make us bearers of the hope that can be found in you. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***ELCA Missionary Support
makes a world of difference.***



***Over 240 missionaries
serve in over 50 countries.***

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMING UP



TAPROOT THEATER PRESENTS

**An Ideal Husband
By Oscar Wilde
September 23-October 22,**

What could be timelier than a witty comedy about politics, ideals and love? Sir Robert, a brilliant young Englishman with a future in politics, appears to be an ideal husband until a dark secret from the past raises its ugly head. Will the truth end his marriage as well as his career or will love survive when he tumbles from his pedestal? This smart satire sparkles with wit and romance.

Themes of personal integrity vs political expediency vie with wonderful explorations of honesty in core relationships.

Senior Matinee (October 5): Our Senior Matinee Program provides ages 62 and older with an affordable way to participate in live theatre in a convenient daytime performance. Our Senior Matinees make a great outing for retirement communities, senior centers, book clubs, church groups and more.

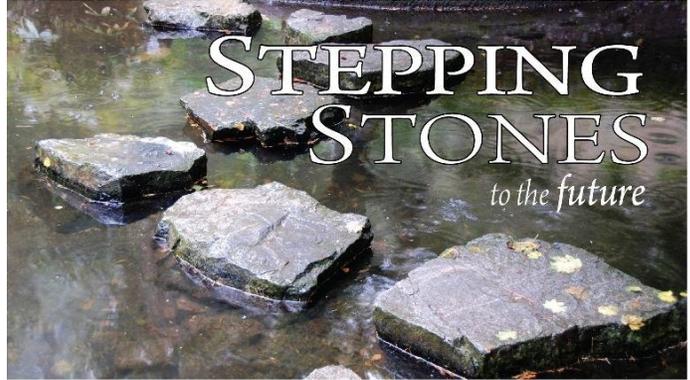
Puget Sound Welsh Association

**GYMANFA GANU
Sunday, October 9 - 2:00 PM
St. Andrews Episcopal Church
111 NE 80th St
Seattle**

Featuring congregational singing of traditional Welsh hymns in both Welsh and English

Special music by Nerys Johes, Soprano & Harp
And the Ultrasounds Vocal Ensemble.

Te and cookies following the singing
Admission is free & donations are welcome
Info: Ellen Webber 206/522-9853



Annual Fundraising Brunch

You are invited to an inspiring afternoon of fellowship and fundraising, as we support the programs and mission of Lutheran Community Services.

The 2011 Fall Brunch will have good food, great conversations and gracious supporters, all "stepping up to the challenge" to provide a solid financial foundation for the ten social services programs of the North Puget Sound offices.

The Brunch will be held on **Sunday, October 2nd, at the Hilton Hotel in Bellevue.** Social Hour begins at 12:30pm; brunch and program at 1:30pm.

Church of Mary Magdalene

**Hats and Tea Fashion Show
and Silent Auction
Saturday, October 22nd
1:30-4:00 PM**

**Mercer Island Presbyterian Church
Info: 206/621-8474**

**Needs for the homeless women served by
Church of Mary Magdalene
Bus passes
Travel sized toiletries**

In 2010, LWR sent \$11.8 million worth of LWR Quilts & Kits to 838,302 people in 24 different countries.

MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS (CONT. FROM P. 5)



Christian School In Shoreline Fundraising Banquet

Join us for an evening of Comedy Improv by Taproot Theater Company as we celebrate God's faithfulness to Shoreline Christian School.

The banquet will be at Eastside Foursquare Church in Bothell on Friday, October 21st at 6:30pm.

Please contact the school for ticket information at 206-364-7777 or email ldykstra@shorelinechristian.org if you have any questions about the banquet.

RICK STEVES *presents*

EUROPEAN TRAVEL: *Getting the most out of every mile, minute, and dollar*

Thursday, October 20, 2011
7:00 P.M.

Trinity Lutheran Church
6215 196th St SW
Lynnwood, WA

Purchase tickets online at our Events page
www.compasshousingalliance.org

Or Call 206.357.3138

a fundraiser for Compass Housing Alliance



UPDATE FROM TOM AND MARY HOLMAN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Bethel,

Recently we received an e-mail message from Pastor James Azumah, the main translator for the Anufo New Testament -- his first e-mail! He has been in Tamale for a translation workshop on the book of Genesis. Habakkuk, Ruth, and four chapters of 2 Kings have already been translated, in addition to Genesis. He told us the good news that the Bible Society has agreed in principle to partner with the Anufo Translation Project to translate the Old Testament, but they still need to sit together to discuss the details. Please **pray** that Pastor Azumah would continue to make good progress in translation, and that the agreement with the Bible Society could be worked out soon so they can afford to pay two more translators and thus speed up the work..

Pastor James also wrote that someone from the GILLBT head office had come to do research on the impact of the literacy project. They found that literacy is going on in most of the Anufo communities, and it has made a great impact, even in the formal schools. Such encouraging news! We look forward to returning to Ghana to see firsthand what God has been doing.

Tom is on kitchen duty this week while I recover from twisting my ankle when I missed the last step of the stairs and fell in a heap on the landing. There don't seem to be any broken bones, but it's pretty sore, and the doctor prescribed keeping the foot up for a week and applying an ice pack every twenty minutes for the first three days. **Pray** for quick healing and for patience for both me and Tom while it heals.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry of Bible translation!

God's 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

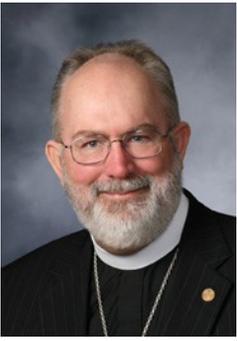
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*Gifts with a note indicating that they are "For the Ministry of Tom and Mary Holman" may be sent to either address: Members of **Wycliffe Bible Translators, Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200** Website: www.wycliffe.org Associate Members of **Lutheran Bible Translators, Box 2050, Aurora, IL 60507-2050** Website: www.LBT.org



The Spirit

News for the congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Volume 27, Number 8 October 2011

Are We Ready To Be Moved By The Holy Spirit? by The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, Bishop

Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson commented in his closing remarks at the 2011 Churchwide Assembly that in some ways this was the first assembly of this church. It was the 12th, but I think in many ways he is correct.

This was an assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We have a clear sense of whose and who we are. We have identified that we are a church that is going to work through congregations as evangelical mission sites. We are going to be advocates for God's reign and God's justice in the world. This is our task in the coming years.

I am always inspired by the work God is doing through the ELCA. We are a church that is involved in the world with God's word of salvation, freedom and hope. We are a church that acts in bold ways around the world with our companions in the Lutheran World Federation. We are a church that responds when disasters strike with our money and with our sweat. We are a church that knows the unity of Christ and is serving as the bridge to bring other members of Christ's family to the table.

We are a young church. We came into existence in 1988. In our 23 years of life, we have taken the strengths of our predecessor bodies and become much more than a sum of those parts. Our full communion partners have watched with appreciation as we have used a lengthy process to develop social statements. Some have even borrowed our work to use in their deliberations. This year we were given greetings by the Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. This traditional African American descent church is the first such denomination to seek dialog and cooperation with the ELCA. We also heard from Sayyid Sayeed of the Islamic Society of North America. This marked the first time we have been greeted by a representative of Islam.

Every day we stopped before lunch to gather around word and sacrament in worship. The sound of almost 2,000 Lutherans singing and praying is in itself inspirational. But this is who we are. We are a people who gather to hear God and receive God's grace so that we can be the Body of Christ in the world.

I would hope that you had an opportunity to watch parts of the assembly as it was streamed on the internet. This year we saw the church with its youthful face as more than 12% of the members of the assembly were less than 30 years of age. These were not bashful youth. They spoke at the microphones and they worked the halls with their questions and their convictions. The church is in good hands with these young leaders.

I came home from this assembly fully aware of the challenges we face as a denomination and as part of Christ's church. The tasks are daunting. As Bishop Hanson challenged us in his opening sermon on Monday, "Are we ready, as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, for the Holy Spirit to move us as the Spirit moved Mary?" Preaching on the annunciation he challenged us to be moved by the Holy Spirit. That is how the church will serve in the days ahead.

I pray that the Spirit will move in each of our congregations and that we will share this movement with the world.

If you don't know GOD, don't make stupid remarks!!!!!!

One day the professor shocked the class when he came in. He looked to the ceiling and flatly stated, "GOD, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform... I'll give you exactly 15 min." The lecture room fell silent. You could hear a pin drop. Ten minutes went by and the professor proclaimed, "Here I am GOD, I'm still waiting."

It got down to the last couple of minutes when a Marine got out of his chair, went up to the professor, and cold-cocked him; knocking him off the platform. The professor was out cold.

The Marine went back to his seat and sat there, silently. The other students were shocked and stunned, and sat there looking on in silence. The professor eventually came to, noticeably shaken, looked at the Marine and asked, "What in the world is the matter with you? Why did you do that?"

The Marine calmly replied, "GOD was too busy today looking after America's soldiers who are protecting your right to say stupid stuff and act like an idiot. So He sent me." The classroom erupted in cheers!

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SOME OCTOBER DATES

- World Communion Sunday 2
- Sunday School begins 2
- Bethel Youth Bible Study begins 2
- Columbus Day Observance 10
- Reformation Sunday 30
- Reformation Day 31



Good stewardship enables us to do something positive and wonderful with the money God has allowed us to have. What feels better than knowing one has managed money well? Our bank account, our checkbook and our portfolio tell the story. When money is handled well, we have enough for ourselves and are still able to give to God's work. That is the beauty of stewardship.

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Judy Goulet

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Karin Kajita

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

Worship Schedule
9:30 AM

Bible Study
10:00 AM Friday

Adult Education
8:15 AM Sunday
11:00 AM Sunday

Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays



Reformation Sunday - Oct. 30th

Remember the color of the day is RED

Red reminds us of the Holy Spirit who descended on Christ's followers in tongues of fire on Pentecost. It was by the power of the Holy Spirit that Martin Luther came to learn the gospel. The Holy Spirit moved him to post his *Ninety-five Theses* and inspired him and his colleagues to work toward the Reformation of the Christian church. The same Holy Spirit continues to come to Christians in the means of grace

WHY IS REFORMATION DAY SUCH AN IMPORTANT CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL?

Martin Luther and his colleagues came to understand that if we sinners had to earn salvation by our own merits and good works, we would be lost and completely without hope. But through the working of the Holy Spirit, the reformers rediscovered the gospel -- the wonderful news that Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose again to redeem and justify us. As Luther wrote in his explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed: *I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.*

On Reformation Day, we glorify God for what he accomplished in 16th century Germany through His servant, Dr. Martin Luther -- the recovery of the gospel of salvation by grace through faith for Christ's sake. We also earnestly pray that God would keep all of us faithful to the true gospel and help us to joyfully declare it to the world. This lovely hymn verse encapsulates the theme of our Reformation celebration:

*By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.*