

the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

May 2013

April 23, 2013

Wow: what a party!



I'm writing this a couple of days after we held our surprise celebration of Pastor Jim Schoeld's 50 years of ordained ministry—it was a blast! THANK YOU to everyone who helped out in any way: by planning, cooking, serving, cleaning...whatever form you chipped in! I'll fail to mention everyone, but a special thanks to Judy Goulet, Carol Hovick, Marlys Pickrell, Liz Terrey, Elia Smith, and Liz Rayborn for their work on the food, to Wally Goulet and Dick Scansen for dishwashing, to Chuck Vollbrecht for helping with the setup, and to Betsy Pickrell, Karen Bauer, Karen Johnson, Sue Logen, Mary Himple, and who knows how many others for chipping in on the clean-

up, and to Bruce Smith for the banner! Also, thanks to the culinary students of Shorecrest High School for their excellent work on the pork—yum! I hesitate to estimate how many people were there, but it was well over 100, and I think it's fair to say that Jim was completely and utterly shocked (you could see his mental gears come grinding to a halt as everyone began to cheer and sing at his entrance). Pictures are showing up on the church's Facebook page (facebook.com/bethelshoreline), so feel free to check them out (or have someone print out a copy for you if you're without a computer).

Near the end of the gathering I was engaged in conversation with someone as they reflected back on the various ministries of the church under Pastor Jim's tenure. *"Those were such good times..."* they began, before quickly adding, *"I mean, these are as well! Just different."* I couldn't agree more about the ministry of Bethel: there has been much to celebrate, there is much to celebrate, and there will be much to celebrate!

I cannot be overly clear about this: it is absolutely, 100% healthy and good for us to recognize, celebrate, and draw strength from the past. Bethel has a healthy history of involvement in its community, of welcoming "outside" groups into its space, of offering ways for people to connect to God and to each other. PLEASE don't ever forget that, and don't ever think there's something wrong with taking pride in those accomplishments.

There is a difference, though, between recognizing the good of the past and fixating on it. The former is a source of strength, pride, and inspiration, a means to move boldly into the future, *"Look at what we've accomplished—imagine what we'll do next!"* The latter, though, is a distraction at best, an anchor at worst, *"Look at what we once did—we'll never see things like that again..."* It is undeniable that the face of Bethel is different than it was when Pastor Jim retired. It is undeniable that ministries have come and gone since then. But it is equally undeniable that the power of God's Spirit as manifested in God's people continues to be a driving force for good in this world, and that we have been—and continue to be—blessed to be a part of that.

Even in "retirement," Pastor Jim has continued to serve God through his involvement on various synod committees, his willingness to step in for colleagues on vacation, and his general wisdom and council. The method of his service changed: the value of it did not. We can learn a lot by emulating his devotion in our own lives.

So, take delight in remembering the ministries of the past, the various ways in which you have been used by God to spread the good news of Christ. Celebrate what has been. But, in doing so, take heed to recognize what is. And, most importantly, let yourself dream of what will be.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...

- Ecclesiastes 3:1

Blessings in Christ's name,
Pastor Chris



Stephanie Vollbrecht

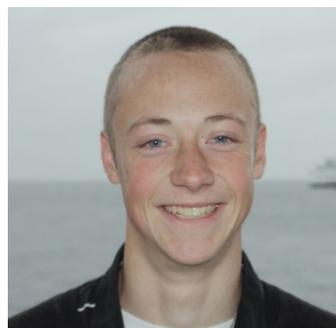
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Special needs children are my passion and I am so lucky to have been accepted at Western Washington University. I have been selected to participate in the Future Woodring Scholars program during my freshman year. This will help me work towards my goal of becoming a Special Education teacher.

I am going to miss all of you. Bethel Lutheran Church has raised me. You have all supported me throughout my school career in so many ways. I appreciate that you trust me with your precious children during Sunday school. I look forward to being with them weekly and believe me I will miss them as much as I am sure my mom will miss me.

Graduation is a time to remember great times that have happened in my school career but I sure do look forward to what is ahead. Mom has said this will be a year of lasts leading towards years of firsts and now I know what she means.

My love to all of you.
Stephanie Vollbrecht



Colin Rudnick will graduate from Shorecrest High School on Sunday, the 16th of June of this year. During his high school years Colin has played goal keeper for Shorecrest, been a captain on his Seattle United select soccer team, and has earned the rank of Eagle Scout. His hobbies have

included fishing, skate and long boarding, creating composite skateboards, snowboarding and hanging out with family and friends. Currently he is in the process of designing and building a stand up paddle board made from sustainable composite fibers and resin. Since soccer has ended, Colin has returned to playing ice hockey. He will attend Western Washington University this fall and his goal is to earn a Plastics Engineering degree and a master's degree in Material Science from the University of Washington. With these degrees, he hopes to work with and develop advanced composite materials.



Congratulations!

1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. (NLT)



Rachel Miller

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Our Members and Friends

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Daily Member Prayer List

- 1 - Ila Mae Mattingley
- 2 - Floyd Squires
- 3 - Harold Martinell
- 4 - Liz Rayborn
- 5 - Arne Ramstead
- 6 - Mike Vollbrecht
- 7 - Harold Crawford
- 8 - Chris Pickrell
- 9 - Virgil Baarstad
- 10 - Annetha Schmitt
- 11 - Elizabeth Pickrell
- 12 - Rance Urdahl
- 13 - Elias Rayborn
- 14 - Rick Rudnick
- 15 - Judy Goulet
- 16 - Dorothy Storseth
- 17 - Joan Martinell
- 18 - Jordan Rayborn
- 19 - Camille Ross
- 20 - Josh Rudnick
- 21 - Wally Goulet
- 22 - Lynlee Ritchie
- 23 - Frank Moll
- 24 - Colin Rudnick
- 25 - Chris Ode
- 26 - Olive Kohanik
- 27 - Bev Baarstad
- 28 - Killian Rayborn
- 29 - Nicole Anschell
- 30 - Lillian Routledge
- 31 - Warren Arnhart

Those coping with health problems

- Don Brown
Harold Crawford
Mona Drake
Suzanne Hagen
John Johns
Harold & Joan Martinell
Lynlee Ritchie
Jim Schoeld
Karen Schoeld

Those in Assisted Living or Care Facilities

- Vera Anderson
Myrtle Fjarlie
Ellen Hansen
Iva Kjosnes
Hank Peterson
Donna Sjoquist
Mary Smith
Dorothy Storseth
Dela Van Hoy
Karen Schoeld

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY OF ANNETHA SCHMITT who passed away on April 24th. A graveside service will be held at Washelli on May 18th at 11 AM.



**Join Hands Day is May 4th
from 9 AM to 4 PM**

Bring your family or youth group up to camp and have fun serving together. Enjoy the beauty of Lutherwood and help us get ready for another amazing summer of ministry on this nationally recognized day of service
Join Hands Day!

Lunch will be served at 12:30.

Please RSVP to office@camplutherwood.org.

In order to keep Lutherwood operational and beautiful we are always in need of new and used items. If you have any of the following items, please consider donating them to Lutherwood. You can contact Gordy at facility@camplutherwood.org to arrange a drop off or pick. Thank you for being an amazing part of the ministry at Lutherwood!

Needs List:

- Clippers to keep the blackberries away
- Paint Brushes and Rollers
- Outdoor Paint Primer
- Treated 2X4, 4X4, 4X6, & 2X6
- Work Gloves
- Windows for the House
- Riding Lawn Mower
- 4WD Truck in Good Condition

If you are not available May 4th, but would like to work on a project at Lutherwood please contact Gordy at facility@camplutherwood.org to set up a date.

Confirmation Sunday is May 19



Congratulations to Jayne Rudnick. Jayne will be confirmed on Sunday May 19.

Jayne was born July 29, 1999 to Beth & Rick Rudnick. She was baptized on Sept. 12, 1999. Her godparents are her brothers Josh, Nick, and Colin. She has grown up at Bethel and has completed requirements for confirmation. She is now attending Kellogg Middle School and will go on to Shorecrest High School next year.

BOOK CLUB



Everyone Welcome!

MAY READING - JUNE DISCUSSION

The Orchardist

By Amanda Coplin

Read in May – Discuss in June

At the turn of the twentieth century, in a rural stretch of the Pacific Northwest, a reclusive orchardist, William Talmadge, tends to apples and apricots as if they were loved ones. A gentle man, he's found solace in the sweetness of the fruit he grows and the quiet, beating heart of the land he cultivates. One day, two teenage girls appear and steal his fruit at the market; they later return to the outskirts of his orchard to see the man who gave them no chase.

Feral, scared, and very pregnant, the girls take up on Talmadge's land and indulge in his deep reservoir of compassion. Just as the girls begin to trust him, men arrive in the orchard with guns, and the shattering tragedy that follows will set Talmadge on an irrevocable course not only to save and protect them but also to reconcile the ghosts of his own troubled past.

Transcribing America as it once was before railways and roads connected its corners, Amanda Coplin weaves a tapestry of solitary souls who come together in the wake of unspeakable cruelty and misfortune. She writes with breathtaking precision and empathy, and in **The Orchardist** she crafts an astonishing debut novel about a man who disrupts the lonely harmony of an ordered life when he opens his heart and lets the world in.

JOIN

US!

May 9
at Diana's
at 7:00 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED



Northwest Washington Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

You are cordially invited to an evening
Honoring

Bishop Chris Boerger
Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Trinity Lutheran Church

6215 196th Street SW

Lynnwood, WA 98036

5:00 pm Hors d'Oeuvres Buffet

6:00 pm Program honoring

Bishop Boerger

7:00 pm Festival Eucharist

with Bishop Boerger, Presider

ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson,
Preacher

A \$10 donation is suggested for the meal.

We thank the many individuals and
Congregations around the Synod who have
already supported this event with their gener-
ous contributions. You are welcome to make
an individual or congregational contribution.
Please send checks designating "Buffet" to:

Northwest Washington Synod

Attn: Margaret Spatafore

5519 Phinney Ave N.

Seattle, WA 98103

Any surplus funds, and the offering at the Eu-
charist, will go to the Assembly offering for
the ELCA Malaria Fund, the Synod Future
Rostered Leaders Endowment Fund
and our Companion Synods.

Susan Berg Synod Relations Administrator

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

-Dr. Seuss



PENTECOST

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 19 this year.**

14TH ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association
Plant Exchange
May 14 at Bethel Lutheran Church

6-7 PM—Plant Exchange and Sale

Pot and bring your extra starts & plants to trade with others. Great deals on native plants, trees & shrubs, proceeds to benefit RNA. Chat with gardening related businesses & organizations.

7:15 PM - Keynote Speakers

"How to Make Your Garden a Sanctuary for both You and Our Native Birds"

Presented by Christine Southwick—Shoreline Community Wildlife Habitat Team Leader

"Simply Beautiful Gardening"

Presented by Dr. Afia Menke & Judy Griesel of Diggin' Shoreline

More info: Patty@RidgecrestNeighborhood.info
or 206.365.8596



2001 REGION 1 GATHERING

Women of Region 1 Gathering June 21-23 Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, WA

Women from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana will be gathered together for a weekend of fun, fellowship and learning. Introduction to the fall "Gather" magazine Bible Study by author Bishop Kay Ward. **Registration begins at 3 p.m. on June 21, with dinner at 6 p.m. The event ends at noon on Sunday, June 23.** The location is: Heathman Lodge,

7801 NE Greenwood Dr., Vancouver, WA. Need more information? Nancy Quale at 425-746-6559 or email her at nquale@comcast.net.



**Hotel reservation:
Call 888-475-3100.
(ask for Region 1 ELCA group rate)**



**Jane
Kirkpatrick**

Keynote
Speaker

A lively and humorous speaker, Kirkpatrick is a frequent keynote presenter for conferences, women's retreats, fund-raisers and workshops. In addition to her historical fiction which dramatizes pioneer life, [Homestead](#) relates, with love and laughter, her own family's modern-day struggle to catch a dream in the Oregon Territory.

Jane believes that our lives are the stories that others read first and she encourages groups to discover the power of their own stories to divinely heal and transform. Visit her blog for more information about her current projects and the privilege of following one's passion wherever the dreams may lead.

(Some of you may remember what a delightful person and speaker she was when we were honored to have her as our speaker at our women's retreat several years ago)

ELECTING A BISHOP

Electing a bishop is one of the most important responsibilities in the life of a synod and a key responsibility of the Synod Assembly. As an election, it is a process governed by the constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions of the synod; however, it is also a call process. As such, it involves discernment, from the perspective both of individual nominees and of the synod as a whole. We are engaged in prayerful reflection and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we continue in the process of nomination and election. Additional information about this process, including upcoming forums with the nominees, is available on the ELCA Website.

See page 11 for a list of the nominees.

The opening worship service for the 2013 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly will take place on Thursday, May 16, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood. ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson will participate in the worship. Everyone in our synod is invited to join assembly voting members in this worship service. Time to be determined. More details will be available on the synod's website at www.lutheransnw.org.

The installation of the newly elected bishop (elected at the 2013 Northwest Washington Synod, May 16-18) will take place on Sunday, September 15. Time and location to be determined.

Lutherwood Needs and Wish List

Program Needs

- Canoes, paddles, and new life jackets
- Craft Supplies
- New water toys and equipment
- Car/Mini Van for congregational visits
- Outdoor Adventure Equipment
- Telescope

Maintenance Needs

- Donations to buy paint for buildings
- Donations of lumber, gravel, wood chips
- Electrical, plumbing and construction work
- New power tools, equipment, band saw
- New(er) camp truck

Office Needs

- Pens, pencils, scissors, paper
- New carpet—office and staff lounge
- Comfortable office chairs

Kitchen Needs

- Serving utensils: tongs, spoons, spatulas, ice cream, scoops, forks, etc
- Coffee cups, any style

(Lutherwood is not just a summer camp. We are open all year for rentals, weddings, retreats, challenge course and environmental education. Campground is open starting in March.)

A life-filled prayer

A high school senior in Washington, D.C., offered this graduation prayer, which applies to people of all ages:

“Dear God, grant us one thing before we leave the sheltered reassurance of our childhood. Show us life. Not an empty, shallow world of shallow people and shallow dreams, but real life. For we have known the bliss of childhood as well as the passion of adolescence.

“We want to make the world a better place, but we don’t know how. We want to throw our arms around our brothers and our sisters, but our hands cannot reach. We want to break the cycle of violence and the bonds of injustice in our society, but we’re not strong.

“Smile on us when we drink from the waters of truth. When we are old, reassure us that our struggle helped make the world a kinder, gentler and more peaceful place. And please, God, don’t let us die without ever having lived.”

NEWS FROM JIM & CAROL SACK Missionaries to Japan



Update from Tom & Mary Holman

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Looking back at our last few updates, I realized that we haven't kept you

updated about our move to the US in June. While staying with Tom's mom after my dad's funeral, we saw that the time had come for us to relocate to the US to provide support for her. God was already preparing the way for this major change in our lives, providing for our needs almost as soon as we ourselves were aware of them. We are currently packing up our things in Tamale and we will move out on April 27. We already have an apartment lined up in New Hope, MN, and we and Mom will move in on July 1.

Our work assignments will continue to be the same, but we will do most of our preparations for checking the translations in the US and share our comments via the internet and maybe Skype. That will make our face-to-face time in Ghana and Nigeria more effective when we travel there. **We count on your prayers** as we move into a new phase in our lives.

We will leave Ghana on June 20. Until then, we will be doing consulting in Nigeria from May 3 to 26. On the 27th we will return to Ghana to begin a two-week workshop on Leviticus. The Anufo team will participate, and we will also be leading a few sessions. **Pray** that we would have adequate time to prepare for these workshops. Also, **please pray** for safe travels, good health, and God's protection for us and all the teams who will be participating.

Thank you for your prayers!

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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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



Rev. Kosuke
Miyakawa

Dear Partners in Christ:

In our recent Newsletter I mentioned that in the near future I would like to share with you about some of our recent seminary graduates in more detail. Today we are sending information about Rev. Kosuke Miyakawa. He graduated from the seminary and was ordained in March of 2013. He is currently 32 years old.

Kosuke was raised in a "half-Christian home." His father was a Christian and his mother was not, but she always had a deep interest in spiritual and religious matters. He grew up in a family of four that included a younger brother. As a young child his parents entered him into a Christian kindergarten. As he got older he enjoyed being in church so he continued to attend Sunday School. At the age of 23 he wanted to declare his own faith in Christ and was baptized. At that point in his life he considered himself to be a weak person and yet he wanted to have a sense of security that he found in relating to Christ.

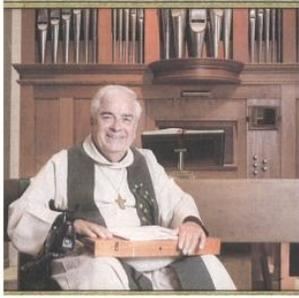


Once he graduated from high school, he found himself only taking time to enjoy himself, playing and goofing off. However after about five years of this kind of lifestyle he began to question what the meaning of life really was. He then remembered the power of Christ he had earlier experienced as a young child. Once he thought about his relationship to Jesus he experienced a great sense of relief about himself and his future. Kosuke then entered college and was in the theology department. While studying as an undergraduate he start to think about becoming a pastor.

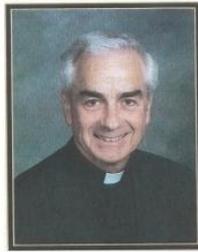
In his four year at college he made a decision to do just that and entered seminary. Kosuke married his wife Makiko one day before his ordination. Talk about a big weekend! He had known Mariko way back from kindergarten and they had grown up together as children in the same church. Starting on April 1 of 2013 he was assigned by the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church to be pastor of a three-point parish in Kyushu, the southern most island of Japan. It is easy to see how God has had a hand on Kosuke's shoulder all through his life. We pray that he and Mariko can bring the Gospel to many people in Kyushu.

Peace to you all,

Jim and Carol Sack



1962-2012



Retirement
2001



Graduation
Luther Theological Seminary
May, 1962

50 YEARS OF MINISTRY

What a grand party we had on April 28th to honor Pastor Jim for his 50 years of ministry!



I am deeply grateful for the unbelievable celebration held last Sunday in recognition of my 50th Anniversary of Ordination. It was such a well kept secret and so well executed that I really have no words to share how thankful I am for the grand party. I especially thank Pastor Ode for checking old files and discovering some unique documents! Dieter Rice on the sax, the fine food, those who made comments, the kitchen workers, all who attended and the emotion in the room all fit together so beautifully. Rachel also contributed some artifacts that mysteriously had disappeared from our home.



Many area pastors and wives, our Bishop Boerger, Bishop's Assistant Jan Nesse, previous members of Bethel, my niece from Albuquerque and her daughter who works at Cancer Care Alliance downtown, musical staff of Gordon Hilstad and Sylvia Oines and many faithful members of the fine Bethel family came to the party. Thanks for being there to share my joy. You all have a special place in my heart. I am grateful for my years in your midst.

Sincerely, Pastor Jim Schoeld (the rolling reverend)

RELAY FOR LIFE CANCER WALK FUNDRAISER

**FUNDRAISER FOR
TEAM JULIE
May 5 12-5 PM
Edmonds Top Foods**

**Questions?
Call Mary Himple at
425-742-1566
or Joe Himple at
425-218-5648**



**Team Julie will take part
in the**

**RELAY FOR LIFE
In memory of Julie Himple.**

**The Relay for Life Movement
has grown into a worldwide
phenomenon, raising more
than \$4 billion to fight cancer.**



SUMMER CHOIR CAMP FOR CHILDREN

**St. Mark's Cathedral
July 8-12 9 AM - 4 PM
(before/after care available for extra charge)
Tuition: \$150
(Scholarships available)**

Public Events: Campers will lead an Evensong service on Friday, July 12th at 4PM and will sing for the Sunday morning worship service at St. Marks Cathedral on Sunday, July 14th.

- Joyful singing and fun with other children
- Exposure to outstanding choral repertoire
- Daily guest specializing in art, drumming, and composition
- Sight singing fun and rhythm games
- Field trips and outdoor activities
- Visual art projects
- Daily morning prayer

We welcome boys and girls, regardless of church affiliation, who are interested in singing beautiful and exciting music in the striking cathedral setting, while growing as musicians and children of God.

Registration info

www.saintmarks.org or
Rebekah Gilmore, Camp Director at

The Spirit



In Christ The Future Is Known By The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, Bishop

Always being made New , this phrase will serve as the theme of our Synod Assembly and of the 25th Anniversary commemoration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We know that we are in a time of rapid transition. Much of the ways we used to function as a congregation, synod or Churchwide Organization is under question today. Can we still do it that way? What will the church look like in the future?

This year, as we elect a new bishop, makes this theme very real for this synod. We will have a new leader. We will still be the same people. We still live in the same communities. Much of our world is changing. We had hoped that the church would be a place where we could count on the sameness of the past. But God does not work that way.

As followers of Jesus we should recognize that the gospel turns the old world upside down. We are being made new each day. Our reality as Lutherans is that we seemed surprised when this new thing happens. God is at work in our lives and in the world to do a new thing. God uses grace to build a community of faith. God calls us to share this newness not just for ourselves but also for the neighbor. We are forgiven not by our being good, but by God's grace apart from our goodness. I want to propose that we should expect new things to happen among God's people, in church. We ought to provoke each other into living new lives. The old constant in our lives and in the church's life is that we are being made new. Even in the face of death we are given new life. That is the reality of our world

in Christ. Much of our anxiety is due to our fear of the unknown. In Christ the future is known in this promise that we will be a new creation. I don't know all of what that means. I do know that the future is in God's hands. That is the newness that gives life and hope to the world.

**All
Are Invited
A Thank You Celebration
For Bishop Chris Boerger
Trinity Lutheran Church, 6215 196th St SW, Lynnwood
Thursday, May 16, 2013
5 pm — Hors d'Oeuvres Buffet
6 pm — Thank You Program
7 pm — Worship
ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson Preaching; Bishop Chris Boerger Presiding**

Go! Night A Success

On March 8, 150 youth and 40 adults from 17 congregations throughout the synod attended our Junior High/Middle School GO! Night. We started the night at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Kirkland and Camp Lutherwood led our Livin' it up with a Lutherwood style opening. Pr. Katy McCallum Sachse led us in Holden Evening Prayer for worship. We jumped on trampolines and ate pizza at midnight at Sky Mania, Kirkland, before heading to Kingsgate Ice Arena for ice skating, hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. At 2:45 a.m., we were all back at Holy Spirit. Some people watched a movie, others played board games, some slept, and others found the photo booth and inflatables irresistible. We wrapped it up with breakfast before heading home Saturday morning.

Upcoming Events In Our Synod

The 2013 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly will take place Thursday, May 14, through Saturday, May 18, at the Lynnwood Convention Center in Lynnwood. On-line registration is now open. Please register before Friday, May 10, at www.lutheransnw.org/assembly2013. Materials are being added weekly, so be sure to check back on a regular basis to familiarize yourself the documents.

Registration is now open for the event Joining With God In Our Neighborhoods and Communities with Alex Roxburgh. Alan has dedicated his life to helping churches find their way in a time of great disorientation and disruption. This event is a special opportunity for your congregation to begin a process of discovery and engagement with what God is doing in the neighborhoods where you live. This day will introduce you to mission habits and practices, not to strategic plans and procedures. This event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 3030 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. For questions contact Debra Caldwell at debrarcaldwell@gmail.com or Jerry Buss at jerry.buss34@gmail.com. Register today at www.lutheransnw.org/roxburgh.

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Sixteen men and women have been nominated for Bishop of the synod:

Kathleen Anderson, Wayne Bacus, Chris Berry, Karen Bloomquist, Ruben Duran, Eric Finsand, Julie Hutson, Rick Jaech, Marvin Jonasen, Ron Moe-Lobeda, David Parks, Jane Prestbye, Jeff Russell, Paul Sundberg, Kirby Unti, and Deanna Wildermuth.

For information about these nominees please visit www.lutheransnw.org/bishopelection.

Save the date

The installation for the new bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2013. Time and location still to be determined.

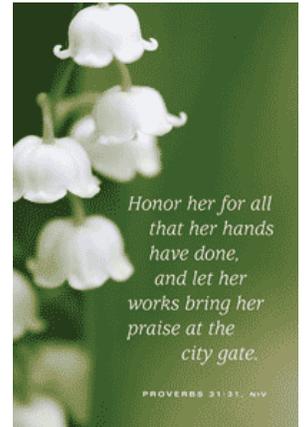
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Special dates in May

- ◆ National Day of Prayer 2
- ◆ Christian Family Week 6-12
- ◆ Ascension of the Lord 9
- ◆ Mother's Day 12
- ◆ Armed Forces Day 18
- ◆ Pentecost 19
- ◆ Victoria Day (Canada) 20
- Memorial Day 27



Happy
Mother's Day
to all our
Bethel moms!



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

Lunch Hour
12:30-1:30 PM

Regular Worship
Schedule
9:30 AM

Education
Adult - 8:15 AM
Adult - 11:00 AM
Children - 9:45 AM

Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays

“To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a redeemed social condition or a job well done; to know even one other life has breathed because you lived — this is to have succeeded.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

We celebrate Memorial Day with thankfulness to all who have served and sacrificed for our freedom!

**We thank you, God, for loved ones dear
Who clung to faith beyond their fear,
Who served and paid the highest price
For freedom bought with sacrifice.
May they remind us of your Son
Whose death our final freedom won.
- Heidi L. Mann, 2012**