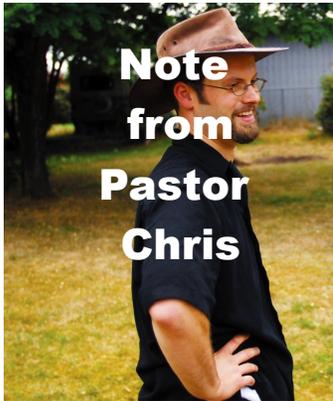


the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

October 2013



September 18, 2013

Last night I attended a talk by an ELCA pastor/author, the Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber. Several familiar faces were also in attendance: Pastor Jim and Rachel Schoeld, Pastors Malcolm Brown and Pam Russell, as well as numerous other local clergy and parishioners (Betsy Pickrell made it too—you should ask her for her thoughts some time).

Pastor Nadia is a founder of the House For All Sinners and Saints in Denver, Colorado, a “new mission start” worshiping community with a distinctive flavor. She's been a regular contributor to the Huffington Post, The Christian Century, and Jim Wallis' “Sojourners” website: in other words, she's pretty well-known in her field.

The bulk of her presentation centered on her newest book, Patrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint—which makes a lot of sense since her appearance came as part of a book tour. The book is a reflection on her faith journey as well as her observations about the ways in which today's church does and doesn't connect to a new generation—as well as significant chunks of the “older” ones! All-in-all, I enjoyed the experience and was thankful for the opportunity to hear her.

During the Q&A which followed her talk, I was fortunate enough to be one of the people to ask her a question. “What sort of relationship do you or your worship community have with other established congregations in your area?” I asked, curious about the ways in which such a creative community might connect with its neighbors.

I was disappointed with her answer.

She spoke about the connections between her church and other “emerging” groups such as Church of the Beloved in Edmonds and Church of the Apostles in Fremont—two other ELCA worshiping communities with unique styles, but couldn't really name any relationships that were closer-to-home. I'm thankful that those connections exist between “the House” and similar ministries—don't get me wrong—but I believe it's a shame that there isn't a more concerted effort to connect with congregations on a local level. One of the greatest potentials I can see for deep, meaningful ministry comes when we challenge ourselves to engage with peoples whose experience of the divine and how we connect to it is measurably different than our own. I am truly thankful for the myriad of connections we have been making both in-house (with the groups we host) and outside (with the other churches in our community), and I pray that we continue to find ways to grow in faith by encouraging one another.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them all that I have commanded you, and know that I am with you always to the end of the age.”

- Matthew 28:19-20

Blessings in Christ's name,
Pastor Chris

Some useful links to the ministries referenced in this article:

<http://houseforall.org/whoweare/>

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/religion/>

<http://www.christiancentury.org/>

<http://sojo.net/>

<http://www.apostleschurch.org/>

<http://belovedschurch.org/>

<http://www.amazon.com/Patrix-Cranky-Beautiful-Faith-Sinner/dp/1455527084>

Remember in prayer

Daily Member Prayer List

- 1 - Karen Schoeld
- 2 - Liz Terrey
- 3 - Jeremy DeLap
- 4 - David Salmon
- 5 - Kathy Carrow
- 6 - Josh Rudnick
- 7 - Nikolas Grigsby
- 8 - Sarah Ode
- 9 - Marlys Pickrell
- 10 - Ellen Bergesen
- 11 - Nick Rudnick
- 12 - Mary Himple
- 13 - Doug Bauer
- 14 - Emma Yonkman
- 15 - Nicole Swenson
- 16 - Ruth Vollbrecht
- 17 - Carol Hovick
- 18 - Elizabeth Pickrell
- 19 - Colin Rudnick
- 20 - Wally Goulet
- 21 - Tavin Ode
- 22 - Tinsu Abraha
- 23 - Mona Drake
- 24 - Aaron Salmon
- 25 - Kari Pickrell
- 26 - Daniel Schwerdtfeger
- 27 - John Vollbrecht

Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

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

Those who are coping with help problems

- Don Brown
Harold Crawford
Mona Drake
John Johns
Olive Kohanik
Harold & Joan Martinell
Dona Pederson
Lynlee Ritchie
Jim Schoeld
Karen Schoeld
Alice Urdahl

Celebrate September Anniversaries

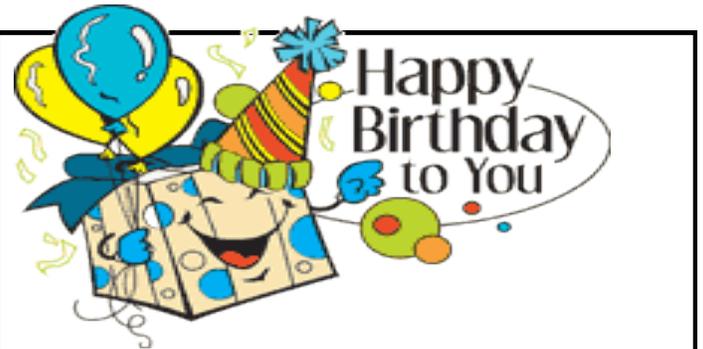
- 20 - Chris & Marlys Pickrell
28 - Virgil & Bev Baarstad



CELEBRATE



- 6 - Barbara Hellstrom
20 - Audrey Anderson



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| 1 - Harold Crawford | 15 - Elias Rayborn |
| 10 - Chris Pickrell | 16 - Jordan Rayborn |
| 11 - Virgil Baarstad | Rick Rudnick |
| 12 - Elizabeth Pickrell | 23 - Judy Goulet |
| Rance Urdahl | 25 - Dorothy Storseth |
| | 27 - Joan Martibell |



Featuring

Spaghetti Dinner

Raffle

Live Music

Suggested Donation: \$25

Please RSVP by October 15th

Need More Information?
206-357-3112

PastorKristy@compasshousingalliance.org

Join us for "To All The World"

a fundraiser benefitting the ministry of
The Church of Steadfast Love

Saturday, October 19, 2013
6:00 pm



Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church
7500 Greenwood Ave N
Seattle, WA 98103

What's Happening

October 3rd
next
gathering at
Diana's
7:00 PM
All Are Welcome



BETHEL
BOOK CLUB

October Reading/Discuss November

The Postcard

by Beverly Lewis

Best-selling author Beverly Lewis has inspired millions of readers with her tender stories set in the Amish country of rural Pennsylvania. She has written over fifty books, including the popular Heritage of Lancaster county titles: The Shunning, The Confession, and The Reckoning. In a terrible accident, Rachel Yoder loses her husband, her son, and her unborn child. Now, Rachel leads a reclusive life with her young daughter. Her soul is [troubled](#), and her eye-sight has mysteriously dimmed. But the discovery of an old postcard, [hidden](#) for years, is about to change Rachel's world.. Filled with vivid scenes of Amish life, The Postcard is a heart-warming and thought-provoking examination of the powers of [faith](#) and healing. Narrator Barbara Caruso's performance brings a gentleness and warmth to this moving story.

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

-Dr. Seuss

"Be a Good Steward"

Various committees are writing our church budget for the coming year. They're placing their trust in God and believing in our members and friends to support the church's ministry. Let us all show our faithfulness with good stewardship through our time, talents and treasures.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

It's time once again for giving out Thanksgiving baskets to six families. We are hoping for 4 from North Helpline and 2 from calls that come into the church office. Here is the agenda.

Sunday, November 3rd - sign up for food for the baskets including turkeys

Sunday, November 10th and 17th bring food for the baskets

Outreach will pack and give out these baskets Saturday, November 23rd.



BLESSING OF THE PETS OCTOBER 6 - 12:30 PM



"And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind...'"



This year we will be bringing back a semi-old tradition: a simple Blessing of the Pets service in the Lower Parking Lot. While all of God's creatures are welcome to attend, those who might struggle to "love their neighbor as themselves" should be crated or otherwise contained.



THANK YOU

Dear Bethel Lutheran Church,

The Back to School Consortium, would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$115 and your many other gifts of school supplies in support of our effort in providing school supplies, socks, underwear and hygiene products to children in the Shoreline School District.

Every student deserves to start school fully prepared and ready to learn on the first day of school. Sadly this is not possible for 1 out of 4 Shoreline School District students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. School supplies are expensive and not every family can afford the \$65/child it takes to get even

the basics each child needs to start school. Your contribution is genuinely appreciated. With support from community members like you, The Back to School Consortium can help families send their children back to school in the fall prepared and ready to learn. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
The Back to School Consortium



Bible Study Opportunities

EACH WEDNESDAY
AT 1 PM at Bethel

Text Study led by Pr. Chris



MONDAY OCT. 14 AT 10 AM
THE NORTHEAST BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP,

a ministry of Trinity Lutheran College (Lutheran Bible Institute), invites men and women to a monthly Bible Study. Leading us this year will be Ed and Karen Scott, missionaries to Bangladesh and now Missionaries-in-Residence at Trinity Lutheran College. Through mission stories and modern-day parables we will be seeking answers to the question "What is Jesus Saying to Us Today?" We meet at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 13047 Greenwood Ave. N. in Seattle. Freewill offerings are taken to benefit Trinity's students. Please come on Monday, October 14, 2013, 10:00 am.

Questions: Call Estelle Morley at (425) 745-5853, evenings.

How Can I Keep From Singing

The Bethel Choir needs you! We will begin practicing November 3rd for the Christmas season. Call Karin Kajita at 206.363.0623, if you are interested. We would love to have you!

No storm can shake my
inmost calm
while to that rock I'm cling-
ing.
Since Christ is Lord of
heaven and earth,
how can I keep from
singing?



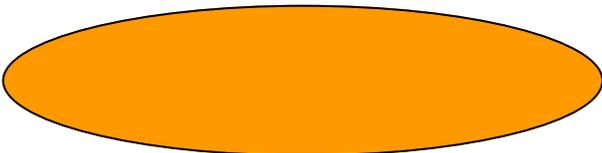
The Sacred Sounds of Christmas

Seattle Pacific University Choir
Tuesday, December 3
McCaw Hall at Seattle Center
7:30 PM

"The Sacred Sounds of Christmas concert is one of the region's most inspiring ways to begin the celebration of the Christmas season."

Tickets - \$18.50/\$21.50
Ticketmaster.com or 800.745.3000

You can purchase tickets in person at the McCaw Box Office with no per ticket fee for individuals and a \$5 fee for groups.



MEMBERSHIP TEAM NEWS

YOU ARE INVITED!

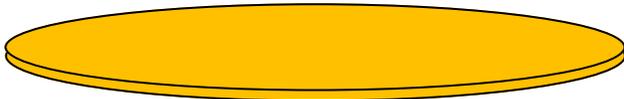
Please join Bethel Seniors for our monthly
"First Tuesday" fellowship and lunch:
Oct. 1 at 10:45 AM

Shoreline-LFP Senior Center, 18560 1st Ave NE
(South wing of Shoreline School Dist. Center)

10:45 AM - Coffee/fellowship with Bethel-lites
Rm G-133

11:45 AM - Full lunch with desert for \$3
Dining Rm

You don't need to be a Senior Center member
to attend



COMMUNITY EVENT

Hats and Tea

Saturday, October 5

1:30 - 4:00 PM

Mercer Island Presbyterian Church
3605 84th Ave SE - Mercer Island

An afternoon of tea, sandwiches and sweets. Enter the drawing to win baskets full of exciting items, and hear the stories of the women of the Church of Mary Magdalene.

Adorn you head to win a prize for best hat in one o the following categories:

- Festive
- Proper topper
- Vintage with a story
- Mens hat
- Tea theme



bold
connections

Women of the **ELCA**

While the election of Elizabeth Eaton as presiding bishop was the main news of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, many other actions were taken by the voting members, including the passage of a social statement on criminal justice and the approval of a five-

year fundraising campaign. Jennifer Michael, churchwide president of Women of the ELCA, brought greetings. Her message stirred the voting members to applause when they learned that in the past 25 years, Women of the ELCA has:

- * Supported and sustained over 7,000 congregational units;
- * Won over 150 awards for excellence for resources, content, programing and publications;
- * Provided over \$500,000 in scholarships to Lutheran women;
- * Given over \$3.5 million in grants to ministries both internationally and here at home; and
- * Contributed more than \$16 million toward the ongoing ministries of the ELCA.

**We Need
Your Help!**



Lutheran World Relief needs Quilts and Kits to fulfill partner requests around the world, in places like Armenia, where School Kits mean families don't have to sacrifice school for basic needs, and Thailand, where Quilts and Baby Care Kits will provide comfort to refugees and the communities that host them, and Tanzania, where Quilts and Kits will help support and comfort orphans, the elderly and people with disabilities. Making LWR Quilts and Kits is a fun and meaningful way for people of all ages to love and serve your neighbor. Please help!

Our "Pass It On" quilters at Bethel work hard to help supply these items. They need your help to tie quilts. Please come and give them your support. You don't need to know how to sew. This is a great volunteer opportunity.

1st & 4th Wednesdays: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE



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

Annual El Camino Benefit Auction!

Please join us for an evening of wonderful auction items, delicious food, live music and conviviality to support NWWA synod's Hispanic congregation under development: El Camino de Emaus. Appetizers and Desserts will be served throughout the evening. Donate an item or attend as a participant. Invite your family and friends; it's always a wonderful evening together.

- **When:** Sunday, Oct 13th 4:00pm Silent Auction followed by Live Auction
- **Where:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1006 Wicker Rd Sedro-Woolley, WA

Please note: If you have items to donate for El Camino, please bring or mail them to the address above and designate them as items for "El Camino".

If they are items of significant value that might go for the Live Auction portion of the evening, please call (360)856-6181 by Oct. 6 so it can be included in the catalogue for live auction bidding.



LUTHERAN COLLEGE FAIR

Your search for the right college is an intensive process, and we're ready to help by introducing you to the 40 Lutheran colleges and universities across the United States and Canada.

Sunday, October 20

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Kirkland
Financial Aid Seminar: 6:15 p.m.

College Fair: 7:00 p.m.

This event will include a financial aid seminar and hors d'oeuvre reception.

No RSVP necessary.

Update from Tom & Mary Holman



September 13, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Bees in the bathroom and snakes in the sitting room weren't in my mind when I asked you to pray for safety while we're in Nigeria. Usually I have the political turmoil in mind. But we thank God that Tom's bee bite was quickly relieved by some cortisone ointment and this morning someone has come to get rid of the beehive on the back of our house. Yesterday a helpful young man removed the small snake from our sitting room. It was very lethargic, probably because of the cool weather.

Five of the six languages have come to this Luke Partnership workshop, and the Sukur translator will come next week. In this workshop we have a focus on poetry in the Luke 1 and 2. The Fali team has recorded some traditional songs, and they have used the melody and rhythm to compose the song of Simeon in Luke 2:29-32. It's lovely!

Thanks so much for your prayers! God answers even when we aren't aware of what our needs are.

Your partners in Christ,

Mary
Mary and Tom Holman

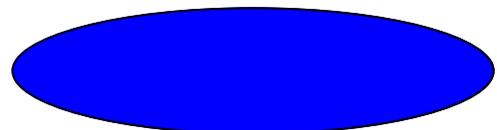
Mailing Address: GILLBT Box TL 378, Tamale, N/R, GHANA, W. Africa

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





The Unlocked Door by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop

Friends,
I must share a delightful
break through that has tak-
en place at the Synod Of-
fice. If you have ever visit-
ed you know that when
you approach the outside

door of the Synod you would find it locked. Once you
discovered where the doorbell is located you could
ring yourself in and before long someone would open
the door for you.

When I first arrived I began to carefully ask the ques-
tion, "Why is the door locked?"

It turned out to be one of those classic "church stories"
with multiple iterations. The bottom line was a rightful
concern for the safety of the people in the building and
the fact that before the Synod Office was remodeled
there were no direct sight lines to the door.

So I raised with the staff and good people of St. John
the competing values we were up against - safety

verses hospitality. Both are compelling values and
worthy of attention.

Raising competing values creates the possibility of a
new response that can honor both. We were able to
move the issue beyond an either / or posture.

Now we keep the door unlocked during regular office
hours. If someone is working alone or if a situation
arises where someone feels unsafe we are encourag-
ing the staff to lock the doors.

Hospitality is an important value of the Synod. We
hope you will always feel welcomed and well cared for
when you enter the door.

And when Jesus knocks we will know he is not asking
for us to let him in but rather he is inviting us to come
out and join him in the community.

African Missions Summit

You are invited to come for a day of worship, learning and sharing about connections between the Pacific NW and the African Continent. Whether you have prayed for our brothers and sisters across the sea, provided support for malaria, education, water or health projects or had the opportunity to travel to Africa - this day will provide ample opportunity to connect with others with the same passions.

Pastor Anna Makyao from Marangu, Tanzania will be our keynote speaker for the day. She will speak about Healthy Mission Support and her experiences with training about malaria from Lutheran World Relief.

There will also be time to worship with an African flair, learn about how other congregations have been connecting with the Lutheran Church in Africa, share ideas with one another, learn about subjects such as Community Development, Water, How to Lead a Short-term Mission Trip, Education and more.

Cost for the day is \$10 and includes lunch. All proceeds will benefit work to help end malaria.

If you have questions, contact Jean Wahlstrom at jeanmarvin@gmail.com.

Bethel Beam

Special dates in October

- World Communion Sunday 6
- Columbus Day Observance 14
- Reformation Sunday 27
- Reformation Day 31



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 to forgive sins and strengthen faith.

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Kathy Carrow

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Bruce Lemmon

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

Worship Schedule
Sunday
9:30 AM

Education/Bible Study

Adult
8:15 AM Sunday
11:00 AM Sunday
1:00 PM Wednesday

Children
9:45 AM

Communion
Every Sunday

"Faith, like light/ should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren."

e-mail: bethel@bethellutheranchurch.org

The 'Monster of Uncertainty'

On Reformation Day, October 31, Protestants remember Martin Luther, the great reformer and his teachings. Luther wrote about the hope of Christians, through Christ, in these words:

'Let us thank God, therefore, that we have been delivered from this monster of uncertainty and that now we can believe for a certainty that the Holy Spirit is crying and issuing that sigh too deep for words in our hearts. And this is our foundation: The Gospel commands us to look, not at our own good deeds or perfection, but at God himself as he promises, and at Christ himself the Mediator. [God] says: 'I am giving my own Son into death, so that by his blood he might redeem you from sin and death.'

'Here I cannot have any doubts unless I want to deny God altogether. And this is why our theology is certain: It snatches us away from ourselves ... so that we do not depend on our own strength, conscience, experience, person or works but depend ... on the promise and truth of God, which cannot deceive.'

Luther's Works, Volume 26

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