

the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

March 2014

LENTEN JOURNEY



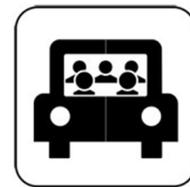
This year we will join with Edmonds Lutheran for our Lenten Services.

Wednesday Services
March 12, 19, 26 , April 2, 9

We will alternate places of worship between Edmonds Lutheran and Bethel for services at 7:00 PM. Watch the Sunday Bethel Week for the schedule.

Edmonds Lutheran is located at 23525 84th Ave W. in Edmonds. Go north (from Bethel) on Hwy 99 to light at 235th W (Shopping center with a Safeway Store on left and Pancake House on Right)) turn left , go to 84th turn right and go 2 blocks. Church on right.

**Let's Carpool!
Call the church
office!**



Our Lenten Theme

“Can You Drink This Cup”

Based on the book written by Henri J.M. Nouwen.

Ash Wednesday at Bethel

March 5

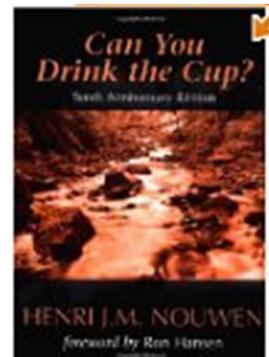
Soup Supper - 5:30 PM

Worship - 7:00 PM



Henri Nouwen wrote over 40 books on spirituality and the spiritual life that have sold millions of copies and been translated into dozens of languages. His vision of spirituality was broad and inclusive, and his compassion embraced all of humankind.

The last book published before Nouwen's death in 1996, **Can You Drink the Cup?** has been translated into ten languages and sold more than 135,000 copies. Exploring the deep spiritual impact of the question Jesus asked his friends James and John, Nouwen reflects upon the metaphor of the cup, using the images of holding, lifting, and drinking to articulate the basics of the spiritual life.



Congregational Meeting March 9th in the Fellowship Hall following our worship service. We will enjoy our monthly breakfast at the same time.



February 20, 2014

"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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

The Great Commission. You've heard it read and preached during Sunday morning worship, discussed during Bible studies and church gatherings, and pondered during conversations in and outside of this place: it's at the center of our lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

As an elected leadership body, your Church Council has been sitting with this passage since our first meeting last summer. What does it mean for us to live out these words in this time and this place? How can we better organize and conduct ourselves for this purpose? How do we deliberately seek to encourage discipleship in all that we say and do?

Obviously, these aren't questions with simple—or singular—answers. But that doesn't mean we can't work to make progress on them.

Currently, your Council is investigating ways to reorganize itself and the various committees/teams/ministries of the congregation such that we can be a more dynamic organism. Under our current structure, council members are directly elected into 4 officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) and 7 chair/lead positions for the various standing ministries (Education, Membership, Mutual Ministry, Outreach, Property, Stewardship, Worship). Although straightforward, this approach tends to shape a "task-focused" Council instead of a "vision-focused" one. Also, it effectively limits "council level" concerns to these 7 existing committees and their areas of coverage. What about Evangelism? What about Discipleship? What about Youth and Family? Under our current structure, it's unclear how these concerns fit together into the greater picture, and it's unclear how the Council is tasked with discerning that greater picture in the first place.

With that in mind, a small task force has been put together to explore alternatives for how we organize. It is entirely possible that their efforts will conclude that maintaining our current structure is the most effective way to function, but it's also possible that changes will come—large or small. Whatever recommendations are made, know that we are engaged in this process not for the sake of "keeping busy" or "shaking things up", but as part of our deliberate calling by Christ to be his witnesses in this world. How we organize directly effects how we minister.

If you have any insights or questions about this process, please know that you are always welcome to attend council meetings or can contact myself or any council member directly. The intention is to have any proposed changes ready for congregational approval by the time of our May congregational meeting and election.

Blessings to you in Christ,



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank God with us for a good finish to the three-week workshop in January. The plans I had for my two weeks with the Waja team, however, have been frustrated by erratic electricity and computer problems! I had planned to spend the whole time checking Genesis and then John. Instead, we have been reviewing translation principles and learning how to use some of the wonderful features of our computers' translation programs. In the long run, this will probably prove to be more productive, because it will help the team to be more efficient in their work. "We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps."

Please pray for safe travels to Washington at the end of March. We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you for your prayers! We pray for you that God will guide all your steps.

Love,
Mary
Mary and Tom Holman

MISSIONARY NEWS

Remember in Prayer

Daily Member Prayer List

- 1- Karen Johnson
- 2 - Mary Smith
- 3 - Donnamae Gfeller
- 4 - Edna Greising
- 5 - Stephanie Vollbrecht
- 6 - Anna Sjong
- 7 - Corliss Calaway
- 8 - Kathy Carrow
- 9 - Janet Jurgensen
- 10 - Travis Salmon
- 11 - Ila Mae Mattingley
- 12 - Carla Salmon
- 13 - Marlys Pickrell
- 14 - Dick Scansen
- 15 - Ed Anshell
- 16 - Ellen Hansen
- 17 - Doug Bauer
- 18 - Carol Hovick
- 19 - Vera Anderson
- 20 - Audrey Anderson
- 21 - Evie Nanninba
- 22 - Joanne Brock
- 23 - Nick Rudnick
- 24 - Aaron Salmon
- 25 - Joe Himple
- 26 - Archer Ode
- 27 - Karen Anshell
- 28 - Mary Himple
- 29 - Nicole Swenson
- 30 - Shirley Pishaw

Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

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

Those Coping with Health Problems

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



Visiting in March



Our missionaries, Tom and Mary Holman, are going to be in town the last weekend in March. They will be with us Sunday March 30th at worship and then

speaking to us at our 11am class in the upper fireside room. Please plan to attend.

You Are Invited

Please join with Bethel Seniors for our monthly "First Tuesday" fellowship and lunch Tuesday, **March 4** at 10:45 AM at the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center, 18560 1st Ave NE (South wing of Shoreline School District Center) Telephone (206)365-1536

10:45 AM - Coffee & fellowship in Rm. G-133
11:45 AM - Full lunch with dessert for \$3.00 in the dining room

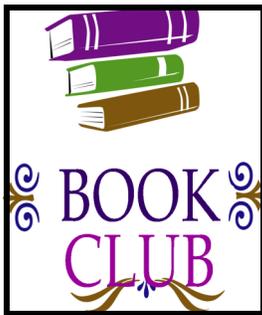
(You do not need to be a Senior Center member to attend or eat.)

CELEBRATE BAPTISM

- 1 - Bev Baarstad
Karen Johnson
- 11 - Jennifer Yonkman
- 13 - Diana Holeman
Jeremy DeLap
- 20 - Tinsu Abraha
Mona Drake
- 21 - Karen Bauer
- 22 - Sarah Ode
- 25 - Nicolas Grigsby
- 26 - Bruce Smith
- 27 - Chuck Vollbrecht
- 30 - Chris Pickrell



Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on; 'twas not given for thee
alone, pass it on; Let it travel down the
years, let it wipe another's tears, till in
heaven the deed appears, pass it on.



Our March gathering will be March 6. Read the book listed below and join us at Bethel for discussion.

Still Alice

Read in March - Discuss in April

By Lisa Genova

This may be one of the most frightening novels you'll ever read. It's certainly one of the most unforgettable. Genova's debut revolves around Alice Howland - Harvard professor, gifted researcher and lecturer, wife, and mother of three grown children. One day, Alice sets out for a run and soon realizes she has no idea how to find her way home. It's a route she has taken for years, but nothing looks familiar. She is utterly lost. Is her forgetfulness the result of menopausal symptoms? A ministroke? A neurological cancer? After a few doctors' appointments and medical tests, Alice has her diagnosis, and it's a shocker -- she has early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

What follows is the story of Alice's slow but inevitable loss of memory and connection with reality, told from her perspective. She gradually loses the ability to follow a conversational thread, the story line of a book, or to recall information she heard just moments before. To Genova's great credit, readers learn of the progression of Alice's disease through the reactions of others, as Alice does, so they feel what she feels -- a slowly building terror.

We would love to have more members in our book club. Most of the books we read are from the New York Times Best Selling List. Usually you can get them at the library so you don't have to purchase them. We decide as a group what we want to read. Call the church office for more info or talk to Diana, Sue or Judy.

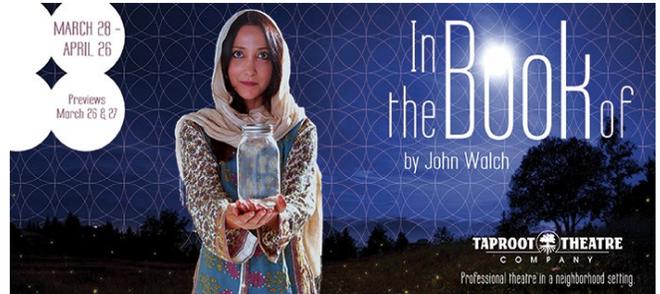
"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss

IN THE COMMUNITY

Folk, Fiddle and Fjord: Music from the Heart of Norway

Saturday, March 22, 2014, at 8pm; Pre-concert lecture at 7pm at Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral - Seattle Choral Company presents this concert, co-sponsored by the Nordic Heritage Museum.

Taproot Theater



As fireflies light up the night, romance launches a stealth attack.

From a battlefield in Afghanistan to the state of Mississippi, two women who have lost everything form an unlikely friendship that saves them both. Inspired by the ancient love story of Ruth and Boaz from the Biblical book of *Ruth*, *In the Book Of* by John Walch challenges us to look beyond presuppositions and prejudice to invite the outsider into our home. In doing so, we often find love in unexpected places.

Box Office: 206.781.9707

Senior Matinees

April 1 & 2 at 2 PM with post-play discussion

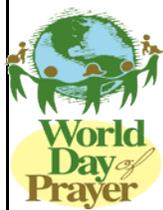
Tickets are just \$20

Save when you bring a group of 8 or more

Group Sales: 206.781.9708

Bible Study Event

"Being Made New: Stories of Bible Transformation," the **Gather** Bible study to begin in September of 2014, is written by Carol La Hurd. She will be in Tacoma, Washington for an overview of her study on August 23, 2014, at Trinity Lutheran Church, (Parkland), Tacoma, WA. Registration for this all day event is \$30.00. Registration forms will be in future issues of the newsletter. This is an opportunity to hear "first hand" from the author of the next **Gather** magazine Bible Study.

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<p>2 8:15 AM Wired Word 9:30 AM Bethel Worship 11:00 AM Adult Forum</p>	<p>3 5:30 PM BLCW Ldrs Meeting at Ruth's</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM Pass It On (Quilters)</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>5:30 PM Soup Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship</p>	<p>6 7:00 PM Bethel Book Club</p> <p> Karen Johnson</p>	<p>7</p> <p></p>	<p>9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship</p>
<p>9 8:15 AM Wired Word 9:30 AM Bethel Worship 10:45 AM Breakfast/Cong Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>11</p> <p> Mary Smith</p>	<p>12 1:00 PM Midday Meditation 6:30 PM Bethel Worship Team</p> <p>7:00 PM Lenten Service</p>	<p>13 7:00 PM Bethel Church Council</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship</p>
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<p>30 HOLMANS HERE 9:30 AM Bethel Worship 11:30 AM Reborn Church 11:00 AM Adult Forum</p>	<p>31</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p> Janet Jurgensen</p>	<p></p> <p>Daylight Savings begins March 9th</p>		<p>March 5</p> <p></p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p>		

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Altar Guild	Judy & Carol	Diana & Donnamae	Sue & Joanne	Lillian & Marlys	Anna & Diana
Worship Assistants	Karen Johnson	Bruce Smith	Chuck Vollbrecht	Craig Fjarlie	Liz Terrey
Kids Time	Pastor Chris	Kathy Carrow	Pastor Chris	Jordan Rayborn	Marlys Pickrell
Communion					
Bread	Sue Logen	Craig Fjarlie	Starla DeLap	Jordan Rayborn	Carol Hovick
Wine	Diana Holeman	Liz Rayborn	Scott DeLap	Liz Terrey	Judy Goulet
Glasses	Wally Goulet Liz Terrey	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Josh DeLap Jeremy DeLap	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Flowers			Jacob & David Robbins in memory of Marlin Robbins		
Ushers	Bruce Smith John Johns Rance Urdahl (sign up to usher)	Chuck Vollbrecht Chris Pickrell Dick Scansen (Sign up to usher)	Sue Logen (Sign up to usher)	Wally Goulet Dave Switzer (Sign up to usher)	Wally Goulet Dave Switzer (Sign up to usher)
Reading	Psalm 27:1-4	Psalm 104:27-30	Psalm 52:7-12	Psalm 17:1-7	Psalm 145:10-13
Preaching Text	John 9:1-41	John 11:1-44	John 13:1-17	John 18:12-27	John 18:28-40

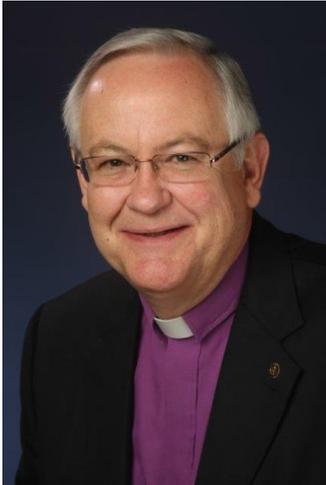
SANCTUARY CARETAKER - Liz Terrey



**Lillian Routledge
Rick & Beth Rudnick
David & Carla Salmon
Dick Scansen
Dick & Kristi Schwerdtfeger
Anna Sjong
Bruce & Elia Smith
Carolyn Starrett**

**Beth Sundquist
John & Liz Terrey
Kerri Totten
Rance & Kelly Urdahl
Chuck & Ruth Vollbrecht
John & Kathy (Carrow) Vollbrecht
Doug & Karen Bauer
Joanne Brock**

ON CALL LIST



Fireworks & Forgiveness by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop

“Return to the Lord your God for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” Joel 2:13

I was in the third grade. The Fourth of July had passed when my neighbor Johnny Buck and I found some duds

- fire crackers that were lit but had not exploded. Johnny Buck and I knew from watching the big boys on the block that you could explode them by ripping them in two, pouring out a little of the powder and lighting them with a match. Our attempt to light them on the front porch of our house was interrupted by our inability to keep the match lit. Being the rocket scientists that we were we decided to take them inside the house. My mother’s dresser seemed like the perfect hard surface to complete the task. Sure enough we kept the match lit and had ourselves a swell explosion. What we hadn’t taken into account was the black scar it would leave on the dresser top. Fortunately mom and dad were not home so I covered the spot with a magazine hoping against hope that it would never be discovered.

The problem was my conscience began to eat me alive. I was absolutely miserable by the time my parents arrived home. They barely made it into the

house when I blurted out my confession and broke into tears.

My father who meted out the punishment at the end of a belt went with me to examine the crime scene. Once the magazine was removed, the extent of the irreparable damage was obvious. I knew what I had coming. Honestly a spanking was better than trying to live with the guilt. What happened next took me totally by surprise. Just when I expected my father to unbuckle his belt he turned to me and said, “Kirby, your mother and I are very pleased you told us the truth. Telling the truth is the most important lesson you can learn.” That was it. No lecture, no punishment, and no spanking. It’s fair to say those fire crackers were not duds. They left a lifelong impression upon me.

For me Lent is a season of invitation in which we are invited to explore more honestly the truth about who we are. It is a time to come to grips with what it means to be human. It is an opportunity to look at the shadow side of our lives. Lent is made possible precisely because of the invitation. “Return to The Lord your God because God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”

Yes, we have a God who truly wants the best for all of God’s children. May your Lenten journey be bold and full of truth and grace.

Synod Assembly - Joining God’s Parade - May 16 & 17
Edward D. Hansen Conference Center, Comcast Arena, Everett
Online Registration Open Now
www.lutheransnw.org/synod-assembly-2014

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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

Adult Education
Sunday
8:15 AM & 11 AM

Communion
Every Sunday



May you always have LOVE to share, HEALTH to spare and FRIENDS that care

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A SNOWY SUNDAY AT BETHEL
Not many made it to church that day but the kids, along with the big kid Kathy, had a great time making a snowman. Total attendance on our snowy Sunday was 22.
Hey! That's my jacket!!
(Don't leave your jacket laying around.)



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