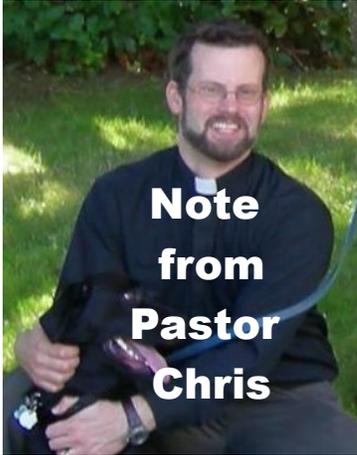


# the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

October 2014



September 23, 2014

What is Bethel?

Is it the building? The plot of land we own? A phone number and a physical address attached to a specific place with a specific look -- "The God Barn" as I once heard it affectionately called?

What is Bethel?

Is it the people? Which ones? The ones who regularly gather on Sunday morning? The ones who come from time-to-time? The ones who'd be there, but who are unable to travel? The ones who meet at the church throughout the week, but never come to worship?

What is Bethel now? And what is God calling Bethel to be in the future?

I haven't been here as long as some, that is true, but my call as your pastor prompts me to think about and wrestle with these questions more regularly than most. Bethel today is many things, but at its heart it continues to be an opportunity for people come together to experience God's grace and carry that experience with them out into the community. It takes place in different languages and in different ways, but it is a constant part of life here.

On **Sunday October 5 at 6pm** representatives from nearly every group who operates out of this place will be coming together for a candid conversation about "the state of Bethel." Our physical location is a blessing, and has been for years. But it is undeniable that it was built for a ministry size and format that doesn't reflect our current reality. It is partially for that reason that we have developed so many relationships with "other" groups: without them, we could not realistically make this site work for us. But shoe-horning groups into the current structure will only get us so far: we need a deliberate plan for how we will deal with the changes that are coming to Shoreline with light rail, the needs of our various tenants, the physical decline of portions of our facility, and – most importantly -- the most effective and efficient means by which we will expand and enhance the sharing and experiencing of the Gospel in and from this place.

If you are at all free on **Sunday October 5 at 6pm** I encourage you to come to the meeting yourself and be witness to the conversation that takes place. It is inevitable that changes have come in the past and will continue to do so in the future – that is the way of life – but it is equally undeniable that God's love through Christ will continue to be at the core of all that we do here: now and always.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Blessings to you in Christ,

Pastor Chris

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## Remember in prayer

### Daily Member Prayer List

- 1 - Donna Sowler
- 2 - John Terrey
- 3 - Maria Carlson
- 4 - Tinsu Abraha
- 5 - Sarah Ode
- 6 - Beth Rudnick
- 7 - John Vollbrecht
- 8 - Anna Sjong
- 9 - Janet Jurgensen
- 10 - Stephanie Vollbrecht
- 11 - Donnamae Gfeller
- 12 - Mary Smith
- 13 - Liz Terrey
- 14 - Kathy Carrow
- 15 - Marlys Pickrell
- 16 - Dick Scansen
- 17 - Nicole Swenson
- 18 - Joe Himple
- 19 - Ed Anschell
- 20 - Carol Hovick
- 21 - Carla Salmon
- 22 - Craig Fjarlie
- 23 - Riley Kimble
- 24 - Sue Logen
- 25 - Ruby Hoff
- 26 - Elia Smith
- 27 - Carolyn Starrett
- 28 - Norma Grigsby
- 29 - Dela Van Hoy
- 30 - Paul Grigsby
- 31 - Jeremy DeLap

### Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

- Vera Anderson  
Donnamae Gfeller  
Ellen Hansen  
Dick Hinea  
Iva Kjosnes  
Donna Sjoquist  
Dorothy Storseth  
Mary Smith  
Dela Van Hoy

### Those Coping with Health Problems

- Don Brown  
Harold Crawford  
Mona Drake  
Wally Goulet  
John Johns  
Olive Kohanik  
Harold & Joan Martinell  
Shirley Pishaw  
Lynlee Ritchie  
Dick Scansen  
Karen Schoeld  
Elia Smith  
Alice Urdahl

### Celebrate September Anniversaries

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



20 - Audrey  
Anderson

CELEBRATE



### THINKING ABOUT STEWARDSHIP

Christians give to the Lord because they are grateful. The giving of themselves in totality - body, mind, spirit, talents, time and material resources - is the Christian way of expressing their thankfulness to God for all that they have. Responding to the immeasurable love and grace of God, dedicated Christians open their hearts and hands toward God in a spirit of appreciation and love.



# What's Happening

November  
gathering  
November 6th  
at  
7:00 PM  
at Diana's.



BETHEL  
BOOK CLUB

## October Reading/Discuss November

**I Shall Be Near to You**

A Novel by Erin Lindsay McCabe

An extraordinary novel about a strong-willed woman who disguises herself as a man in order to fight beside her husband, inspired by the letters of a remarkable female soldier who fought in the Civil War.

Rosetta doesn't want her new husband Jeremiah to enlist, but he joins up, hoping to make enough money that they'll be able to afford their own farm someday. Though she's always worked by her father's side as the son he never had, now that Rosetta is a wife she's told her place is inside with the other women. But Rosetta decides her true place is with Jeremiah, no matter what that means, and to be with him she cuts off her hair, hems an old pair of his pants, and signs up as a Union soldier. With the army desperate for recruits, Rosetta has no trouble volunteering, although she faces an incredulous husband. She drills with the men, proves she can be as good a soldier as anyone, and deals with the tension as her husband comes to grips with having a fighting wife. Rosetta's strong will clashes with Jeremiah's while their marriage is tested by broken conventions, constant danger, and war, and she fears discovery of her secret even as they fight for their future, and for their lives. Inspired by more than 250 documented accounts of the women who fought in the Civil War while disguised as men, *I Shall Be Near To You* is the intimate story, in Rosetta's powerful and gorgeous voice, of the drama of marriage, one woman's amazing exploits, and the tender love story that can unfold when two partners face life's challenges side by side.

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

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

It's time once again for giving out Thanksgiving baskets to 4 families. **Here is the agenda:**  
**Sunday, November 2nd** - sign up for food for the baskets including turkeys



**Sunday, November 9th and 16th** bring food for the baskets

Outreach will pack and give out these baskets  
**Saturday, November 22nd.**

Thank you for helping us fill these baskets.  
Outreach Ministry

## BLESSING OF THE PETS OCTOBER 5 - 12:30 PM



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



This year we are once again bringing back a semi-old tradition: a simple **Blessing of the Pets service** in the grassy space 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.



**"What's Happening" continued on next page**

# What's Happening (cont.)

**'Tis The Season of Stewardship and Gratitude. Share Yours With us.**

If you are a Thrivent Financial member with Choice Dollars® to direct, you can help our church continue its ministry here and reach out to the greater community.

Simply direct Choice Dollars to **Bethel Lutheran Church** These funds add to our **General Fund** to help with all expenses.

You can make your direction online at **Thrivent.com** or call Thrivent at **800-847-4836**, and say "Thrivent Choice®" after the prompt.

The Thrivent Choice charitable grant program lets eligible Thrivent members recommend where some of Thrivent's charitable dollars are distributed. So far this year, churches nationwide have received more than \$23 million in charitable grant funds as a result of the Thrivent Choice program.

To see if you are eligible to participate or have questions, call Thrivent toll-free at **800-847-4836**.

**Thank you to those who are already naming Bethel as their recipient.**

## Did you know

that nearly 30 groups use space at Bethel EVERY WEEK?! On **October 5 at 6pm** we'll be having our first ever "State of the Church" meeting involving representatives from all of them - **this is an open gathering & you are encouraged to attend.**

## Adult Forums are back!

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Head to the Upper Fireside Room after worship for Bible study and conversation lead by Bruce Smith and Pastor Chris (note: the forum will be pre-empted every 2nd Sunday for the Bethel Breakfast). October's forum will center on the book of Acts, while November welcomes back our series for new members (as well as "old" ones!)

### "Be a Good Steward"

Various ministries 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.

## Midday Meditation is back!

**Beginning October 2, we will begin our Bible Study with Pastor Ode. It will be held each week on Thursdays at 1:00 PM**

## Membership Team News

### YOU ARE INVITED!

**Please join Bethel Seniors for our monthly "First Tuesday" fellowship and lunch: Oct. 7 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 Events

**The Puget Sound Welsh Association  
presents the annual  
Gymanfa Ganu**

**Sunday, October 12 - 2:00 PM  
Lake City Presbyterian Church  
3841 NE 123rd St**

Special music by the Ultrasounds  
With Richard Lind, Pianist

An annual gathering of singing and fellowship -  
along with some simple refreshments and Welsh  
items for sale.

Free Admission

Donations are greatly appreciated to support future  
events.

Contact: Gerri Pary 206.524.0854  
gerripb@hotmail.com

**Taproot Theatre presents  
The Fabulous Lipitones**

By

John Markus and Mark St. Germain

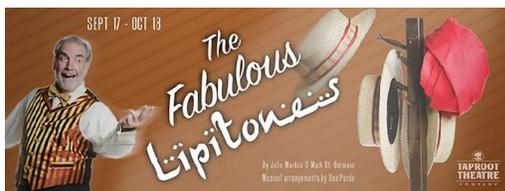
Originally produced for Goodspeed Musicals by  
Michael P. Price, Executive Director

September 17 - Oct 18

Reserve tickets online or call the box office at  
206.781.9707

Save with groups of 8 or more by calling  
206.781.9708 or groups@taproottheatre.org  
Pay What You Can and other important dates

**The Fabulous Lipitones barbershop quartet is suddenly a trio scrambling to find a tenor before the national competition. When the golden tones of "Bob" are heard through the phone the Lipitones are all ears ... but what's that on his head? An uproarious comedy of misunderstanding, stereotypes and the path to perfect harmony.**



## COMPASS ON DEXTER

We built Compass on Dexter to provide new, essential, affordable housing for our neighbors in need. In a brand-new building in Seattle's vibrant South Lake Union neighborhood, we're offering a permanent home for families moving out of homelessness.

I'd like to extend an invitation for you to join us Sunday, Oct. 5 for our grand opening of Compass on Dexter. Come see first-hand our new home for families in South Lake Union. For more information or to RSVP, contact Communications Manager Tyler Roush at [ttroush@compasshousingalliance.org](mailto:ttroush@compasshousingalliance.org).

### **Compass on Dexter Blessing and Tours**

1 - 3 pm Sunday, Oct. 5

756 John Street, Seattle

(corner of Dexter and John)

We're so very excited to begin this new chapter in our story of creating a safe, caring community for all. Please join us!

### **To All the World**

a fundraiser benefitting the ministry of  
**The Church of Steadfast Love**

October 11, 5pm-8pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 745 Front Street South, Issaquah  
There will be good food, fun raffles, entertaining music and a great time to be had by all. Come and join us! :

Suggested Donation: \$25

**Please RSVP by email to**

**[PastorKristy@compasshousingalliance.org](mailto:PastorKristy@compasshousingalliance.org)**

**By October 7**

## Community Events (cont)

### A Joyful Journey

2014 Gala Dinner & Auction  
Benefitting Shoreline Christian School

October 25

Close 1st Silent Auction: 6:45 PM

Close 2nd Silent Auction: 7:05

Dinner: 7:15 PM

Inglewood Golf Club  
6505 Inglewood Road NE  
Kenmore, WA  
RSVP by Oct. 16 online at  
[www.shorelinechristian.org](http://www.shorelinechristian.org)



Bridge Disability Ministries presents **Building Bridges**, a benefit dinner and auction at The Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, on Saturday, October 18th. We invite you to learn about the goals of this year's fundraiser and take a sneak peek at some of our exciting auction items. We hope you'll join us at this evening of fun and support.

There's a lot of nice stuff in the auction. Go to the Bridge Disability Ministries website and check them out.

### Enrich Your Relationship on a Fall 2014 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Choose either our **November 7 - 9 Weekend in Portland, OR** or our **November 14 - 16 Weekend in Renton, WA**.

Apply for either Weekend now at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org), or contact Carl & Dallas Anne Presley at [carl.presley@comcast.net](mailto:carl.presley@comcast.net) or 206-522-6849 for more information. But hurry! Pre-registration is required and Weekends fill fast - don't miss out!



## UPDATE FROM TOM AND MARY HOLMAN

September 15, 2014

I have my tickets in hand to fly to Nigeria on Thursday, September 18. You made that possible by praying that we would reach 100% of our ministry budget before the end of August. Thank you! [Thank you also for your faithful financial support (where appropriate).]

We are again amazed at the strong desire of the language projects we work with to have God's Word in their language. The main translator for the Fali project had to flee with his wife from the Bible School, where he was principal, when the city they were in was attacked by the terrorists. They arrived safely at their hometown, and I spoke with them today. They lost everything, including the project computer and files, but he and the other translators will be coming to Jos for the workshop next week. Pray for safe travel for them and protection for their families while they're gone – and for mine! Pray that everything would go well for Tom and Mom while I'm in Nigeria. Tom and I will try to talk via Skype every day.

God's blessings to you,

*Mary*

Mary and Tom Holman

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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:

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## An Invitation To Deepen Our Companion Relationship by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of European Russia is our Companion Synod and they are calling upon the churches of the Northwest Washington Synod to hold them up in prayer. I have learned when our global partners ask for our prayers or offer to pray for us they really mean it. Our

sisters and brothers find themselves caught right in middle of what is going on between Russia and the Western world. This places them in a terrible bind because they are seen as a "Western" entity. Their deep desire is for their country to desist from playing geopolitical games. In a recent letter from +Bishop Dietrich Brauer he says, "In these hard times we ask you dear sisters and brothers, to keep and strengthen our partnership and solidarity, continue to pray for a good, peaceful and free future for Russia and Ukraine, pray, that God gives us courage to be witnesses of His justice and His grace in Jesus Christ, even in the times of trial." I want to invite you to respond to this invitation from +Bishop Brauer to strengthen our relationship. Given our "cold war" history with Russia it is even more pressing that we see beyond the historical divide.

One of our companions from Kazan, Philipp Zanko said, "in my opinion today friends in the U.S. are even more important for us than ever before. We need contacts with Western Christians in order to survive spiritually."

Our relationship with the ELCEU is a wonderful reminder to us that the body of Christ knows no national boundaries.

The members of our Synod who make up Team Russia can share with you countless stories of the blessings they have received both through visitation to sister congregations and through ongoing correspondence. Team Russia will be the first to tell you of how faith-inspiring the witness of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of European Russia is.

The words of Team Russia member Marla Wardell capture the spirit of this important partnership, "Russia is a hard place for me to describe adequately. Although it is a major world player, it is still very much like a Third World country in many ways. There is a huge discrepancy between the rich and the poor. The pastors, who are working so tirelessly to spread the word and do the work of the church, are not wealthy and must use their own funds in many circumstances. The gracious people who made their homes available to us were not well off and really appreciated the small donation we gave them. Russia will forever hold a special place my heart, especially the wonderful brothers and sisters I met there."

Please give prayerful consideration to engaging in some way with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of European Russia. Contact Ken Grigsby (360.675-468, island66@comcast.net) or Eva Mader (425.453-1071, evamadere@aol.com) to arrange for a presentation at your church or simply to pose any questions you may have. Invite your people to consider giving a gift to: "Russian Pastors/Partnership: NWWWS." A little gift goes a long way in sending a message of hope and support.



# OCTOBER 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 - Harold Crawford</b> <b>10 - Chris Pickrell</b> <b>11 - Virgil Baarstad</b> <b>12 - Elizabeth Pickrell</b> <b>Rance Urdahl</b> <b>15 - Elias Rayborn</b>		<b>16 - Jordan Rayborn</b> <b>Rick Rudnick</b> <b>23 - Judy Goulet</b> <b>25 - Dorothy Storseth</b> <b>27 - Joan Martinell</b>	1	2 7:00 PM <b>Bethel Book Club at Diana's</b> 1:00 PM <b>Midday Meditation</b>	3	4 9:30 AM <b>Anderson Plaza Worship</b>
5 8:15 AM <b>Wired Word Study</b> 9:30 AM <b>Bethel Worship Service</b> 6:00 PM <b>All Groups Meeting</b>	6	7 10:45 AM <b>Membership Team at Shoreline Sr Center</b>	8 1:00 PM 6:30 PM <b>Worship Team</b>	9 1:00 PM <b>Midday Meditation</b> 7:00 PM <b>Church Council</b>	10	11 9:30 AM <b>Anderson Plaza Worship</b>
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19 8:15 AM <b>Wired Word Study</b> 9:30 AM <b>Bethel Worship Service</b>	20	21	22 9:00 AM <b>Bethel Quilters</b>	23 1:00 PM <b>Midday Meditation (Pastor's Office)</b>	24	25 9:30 AM <b>Anderson Plaza Worship</b>
26 8:15 AM <b>Wired Word Study</b> 9:30 AM <b>Bethel Worship Service</b> <b>REFORMATION SUNDAY (Wear Red)</b>	27	28 8:00 PM <b>Something on Tuesday</b> 	29	30 1:00 PM <b>Midday Meditation (Pastor's Office)</b>	31	

# THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

	5	12	19	26
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Ragnhild & Kelly	Diana	Judy & Carol	Sue & Joanne
<b>LECTORS</b>	Karen Johnson	Joe Himple	Craig Fjarlie	Elia Smith
<b>CHILDREN'S TIME</b>	Pastor Chris	Kathy Carrow	Pastor Chris	Jordan Rayborn
<b>BREAD SERVER</b>	Sue Logen	Mary Himple	Carol Hovick	Dorothy Brown
<b>WINE SERVER</b>	Diana Holeman	Liz Terrey	Judy Goulet	Beth Sundquist
<b>GLASSES</b>	Liz Terrey Beth Sundquist	xxxxxxxxxxxxx	Jeremy DeLap Josh DeLap	xxxxxxxxxxxxx
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Irene Olsen memory of Robert Olsen	John & Liz Terrey memory of Walt	Pickrells 30th Anniversary tomorrow	
<b>USHERS</b>	Bruce Smith Rance Urdahl	Chuck Vollbrecht Chris Pickrell Dick Scansen	Sue Logen	Dave Switzer
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Matt. 5:17	Matt. 4:8-10	Matt. 21:33-41	Matt. 6:9-10
<b>PREACHING TEXT</b>	Exodus 19:3-7;20:1-17	Joshua 24:1-15	2 Samuel 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9	1 Kings 3:4-9,(10-15) 16-28

**Sanctuary Caretaker: Chris Pickrell**

As you can see, we need a lot of folks to step up to help us out as an usher 1 Sunday a month. Call the church office or talk to Bruce Smith or Chuck Vollbrecht and let us know if you are able.

## ON CALL LIST



Shirley Pishaw	David & Carla Salmon	Beth Sundquist
Jordan & Liz Rayborn	Dick Scansen	John & Liz Terrey
Dan & Lynlee Ritchie	Dick & Kristi Schwerdtfeger	Rance & Kelly Urdahl
David Robbins	Anna Sjong	Chuck & Ruth Vollbrecht
Lillian Routledge	Bruce & Elia Smith	John & Kathy (Carrow) Vollbrecht
Rick & Beth Rudnick	Carolyn Starrett	

August 24, 2014

Women of the ELCA  
Bethel Of Shoreline Lutheran Church  
17418 8th Ave NE  
Shoreline, Washington 98155-5028

Dear Women of the ELCA at Bethel Of Shoreline Lutheran Church,

At the Ninth Triennial Gathering in July, 2,300 women gathered under the theme "of many generations" and explored new ways to live by the words of Isaiah 58:12:

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

For Women of the ELCA, the Thankoffering tradition is one of our foundations. For more than 100 years, Lutheran women have given thanks to God and dollars to mission through Thankofferings. Last year, Thankofferings totaled \$903,374 to support Women of the ELCA churchwide ministries, with offerings coming from 2,450 congregational units.

Thank you for your Thankoffering of \$209.00 in fiscal year 2013. Your contribution provided crucial support for ministries that include *Gather* magazine and Bible study; leadership development; support for new units; spiritual gifts programming; ministry resources about women's health, human trafficking, faith practices, and more; *Café* e-zine; racial justice training; advocacy for women and children; outreach through social media; and partnerships with other Christian women's organizations. The impact of these ministries is multiplied over and over, expanding the reach of your Thankofferings and our shared response to God's love. The enclosed certificate is a small token of deep gratitude for your faithful stewardship of these ministries.

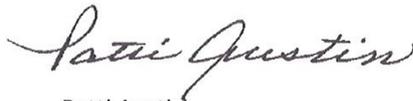
We want to make sure you know about the new Thankoffering service, available now at [womenoftheelca.org](http://womenoftheelca.org). The liturgy is based on the opening worship service held on July 24 at the Ninth Triennial Gathering. On the website, you can also find the historical resource "All about Thankofferings," offering forms, and optional Thankoffering envelopes.

Thank you for supporting Women of the ELCA. It is good to be in ministry together.

With gratitude,



Linda Post Bushkofsky  
Executive Director



Patti Austin  
President, 2014-2017 triennium



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**We will once again collect our  
Thankoffering In November.**

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE  
**EBOLA OUTBREAK RESPONSE**

SEPTEMBER 2014

[www.ELCA.org/disaster](http://www.ELCA.org/disaster)

In the last several months, the Ebola outbreak has claimed thousands of lives. The virus has spread rapidly and the World Health Organization is now calling it "one of the world's most lethal diseases." Ebola has spread to multiple countries, the hardest hit being Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

In addition to health care, one of the most urgent needs is food. As people in affected areas are quarantined to their homes, towns are being shut down and people are not able to work, harvest crops or purchase food. Food shipments have stopped because people fear contracting the virus.

You can help. Your gifts to the Ebola Outbreak Response will be used - 100 percent - to assist those

impacted by this crisis. Our partners and companion churches have requested our help in responding to the outbreak with food distributions, shipment of personal protective equipment, training health workers, outreach through education about prevention, and construction of an isolation unit at Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing in Liberia.

The ELCA and its predecessor church have walked with the people of Liberia for more than 150 years. Our long-standing relationship with our companions in Liberia and Sierra Leone provides a strong foundation to respond holistically to the needs of those who are suffering and living with the threat of Ebola.

You can give through Bethel or send your check directly to:  
Lutheran Disaster Response  
39330 treasury Center  
Chicago, IL 60694-9300

Write "Ebola Outbreak Response" or "Where Needed Most" on your check's memo line

**Join us Tuesday,  
October 21st!**

**Vision House's  
Annual  
Building Hope  
Fundraising  
Dessert**

**Lynnwood Convention Center**

**Proceeds will help homeless families living at Vision House Shoreline get back on their feet and move on to self-sufficiency.**

**No cost to attend - bring a friend!**

**A request for donations will be made during the event.**

**Please RSVP by**

**Thursday, October 16th:**

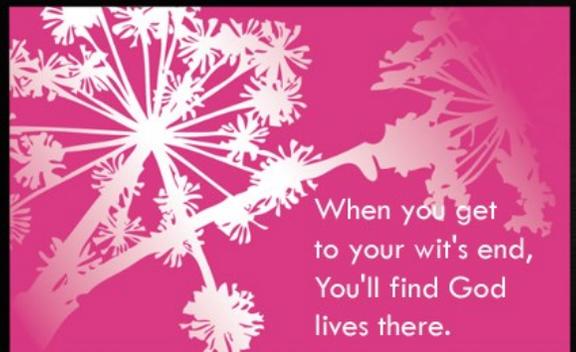
**[visionhouse.event@gmail.com](mailto:visionhouse.event@gmail.com)**

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# Bethel Beam

**Reformation Sunday - Oct. 26th**  
**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 to forgive sins and strengthen faith.

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Judy Goulet

**Organist**  
Karin Kajita  
**Bookkeeper**  
Kathy Carrow

**Security**  
Bruce Lemmon

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

**Worship Schedule**  
9:30 AM

**Education/Bible Study**  
8:15 AM Sunday  
9:45 AM Sunday  
11:00 AM Sunday

**Communion**  
Every Sunday

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An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water.



Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. 'I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.' The old woman smiled, 'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?' 'That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.' For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.'



Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding.

You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.