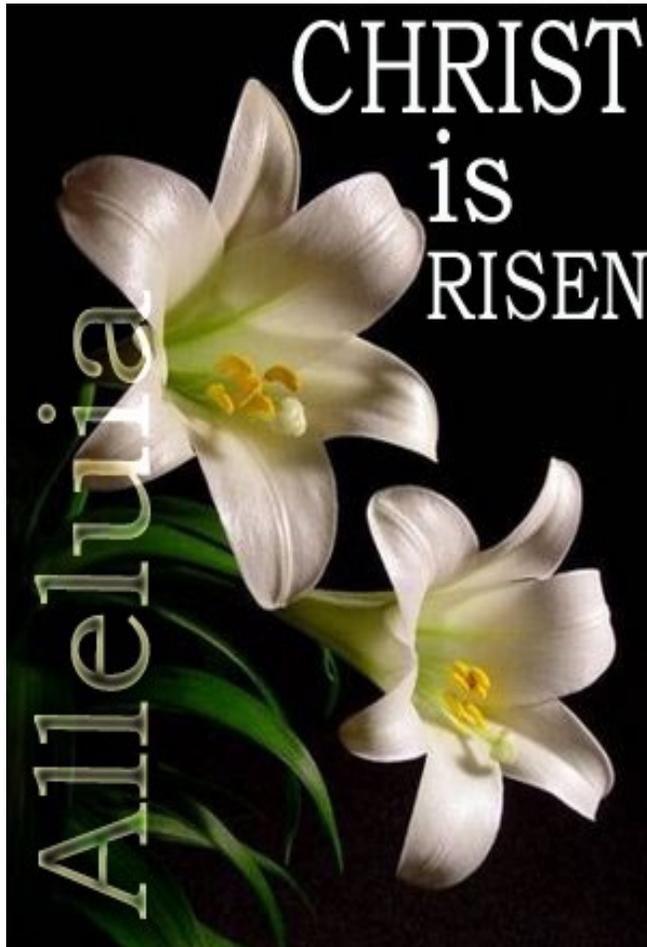


# the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

April 2015



## Holy Week

April 2 - 7:00 PM

6:30 PM Soup Supper at Prince of Peace

Maundy Thursday Service at Prince of Peace

April 3 - 7:00 PM

Good Friday Service at Bethel

April 4 - 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil Service

## Easter

7:00 AM

Sunrise Service

7:45 - 9:00 AM

Breakfast

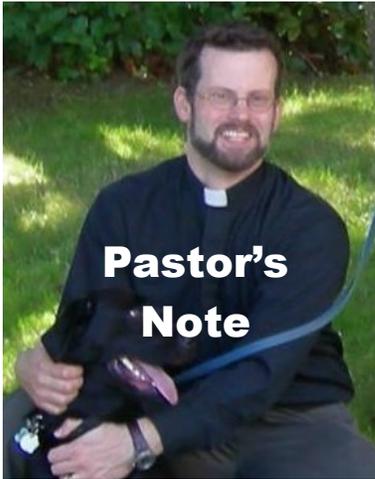
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Easter Festival Service

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Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,  
lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs  
to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek Him,  
the help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.  
He live, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!!

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March 18, 2015

Be not afraid.

You have heard those words from me countless times over the past few months, and in the wake of our decision on March 15 I think they bear repeating again: be not afraid.

As most of you know by now (either because you were present, or because you have spoken with someone who was), we made the hard decision that day to move forward with a plan to sell the existing property of Bethel and use the proceeds of the sale towards a relocation and “restart” of the congregation. The decision was not made lightly: in addition to the multiple house meetings, one-on-ones, phone calls, email, etc that took place in the weeks beforehand, we also shared a meaningful period of discussion immediately prior to the vote itself. If you are not up-to-speed on this topic, I recommend reading my article in last month’s newsletter or checking the Bethel Lutheran

Church website for additional useful documents. I am also available to chat if you have any questions about the process.

Looking back at the vote itself, I need to tell you how proud I was of the openness and acceptance that took place: the initial “straw poll” we took to determine what direction people were inclined to follow wasn’t unanimous, and I am honestly thankful for that. A unanimous straw poll could have been the result of peer pressure and fear: instead, it was clear that people felt safe in airing their positions, and that sort of trust is crucial for a healthy community. I had been asked ahead of time if we should switch to a secret ballot for that portion of the conversation, and I stand by the answer I gave at the time: “If we aren’t able to do this in a way that people feel safe and accepted regardless of their view, then we have bigger problems as a community beyond our budget.” I thank you for validating my faith in you all. Once the straw poll was over, the motion to sell and relocate was unanimous – another moment I took as an example of the Spirit at work amongst us.

While we made a big decision that day, there are many more decisions still to come: looking for alternative locations, dealing with the process of a sale, notifying our current tenants, etc. As part of this process, I have been sending daily updates to your church council with that day’s progress. In the interest of transparency, I will be using those reports to prepare a synopsis for the rest of the congregation each week – you can access it on our website or at worship. If you desire to have a hard copy mailed to you, please notify the church office: in the interest of conserving postage we’ll be saving them for those who request them.

As we enter into this process of transition, I want to remind all of us that now is not the time to pull back from your support of Bethel. Yes, we have made a decision to let go of the building, but the community is still strong – arguably, it will only get stronger through this process as we become freed to focus on ministry instead of maintenance. Continue to keep the congregation in your prayers. Don’t treat now as the opportunity to stop showing up. Recognize that your offerings are just as valuable now – if not more so – than before this point. The timeline of a sale means that we will likely still be in this place for quite some time: treat this as an opportunity to contemplate what elements to the physical structure are most meaningful to you and how to bring memories of them along to whatever landing place God provides. God is not done with Bethel, and I encourage you to be similarly faithful.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about things at Bethel feel free to call, email, drop-by, etc: it is vital that we be willing to communicate about the future and approach it through mature conversation. Through God, all things are possible!

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”*

Proverbs 3:5-6

Blessings to you in Christ,  
Pastor Chris

# OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### Daily Member Prayer List

- 1 - Tinsu Abraha
- 2 - John Terrey
- 3 - Ila Mae Mattingley
- 4 - Dick Scansen
- 5 - Doug Bauer
- 6 - Ellen Hansen
- 7 - Carol Hovick
- 8 - Joanne Brock
- 9 - Nick Rudnick
- 10 - Joe Himple
- 11 - Archer Ode
- 12 - Karen Anshell
- 12 - Mary Himple
- 13 - Shirley Pishaw
- 14 - Kelly Urdahl
- 15 - Bruce Smith
- 16 - Craig Fjarlie
- 17 - Riley Kimble
- 18 - Sue Logen
- 19 - Dela Van Hoy
- 20 - Ruby Hoff
- 21 - Elia Smith
- 22 - Paul Grigsby
- 23 - Carolyn Starrett
- 24 - Karen Bauer
- 25 - Roger Hilling
- 26 - Kristi Schwerdtfeger
- 27 - Jeremy DeLap
- 28 - David Salmon
- 29 - Ruth Vollbrecht
- 30 - Irene Olsen
- 31 - Gloria Dawson

### Those coping with health problems

- Don Brown  
 Harold Crawford  
 Mona Drake  
 John Johns  
 Olive Kohanik  
 Harold & Joan Martinell  
 Frank Moll  
 Shirley Pishaw

### Those in Assisted Living or Care Facilities

- Vera Anderson  
 Donnamae Gfeller  
 Ellen Hansen  
 Dick Hinea  
 Iva Kjosnes  
 Karen Schoeld  
 Donna Sjoquist  
 Dorothy Storseth  
 Mary Smith



### CELEBRATE APRIL



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|-----------------|----|
| David Salmon    |    |
| Carla Salmon    |    |
| Aaron Salmon    |    |
| Janet Jurgensen |    |
| Anna Sjong      | 9  |
| Kathy Carrow    | 26 |
| Rachel Miller   | 26 |
| Josh Rudnick    | 29 |

- 4 - Ila Mae Mattingley
- 5 - Carla Salmon
- 12 - Marlys Pickrell
- 15 - Richard Scansen
- 16 - Ed Anshell
- 17 - Ellen Hansen
- 20 - Doug Bauer  
Carol Hovick
- 21 - Vera Anderson
- 22 - Audrey Anderson  
Evie Nanninga
- 25 - Joanne Brock
- 26 - Nick Rudnick  
Aaron Salmon
- 27 - Joseph Himple
- 30 - Archer Ode

# THANK YOU

There are so many I want to thank! I want to thank all of you who sent so many cards and gave me such support with your prayers, caring words and hugs. It has been a tough year for the Goulet family with the loss of our son and now Wally. This caring church family has meant so much in helping me through this time. Thank you to all of you who attended his memorial service and to Pastor Chris, Karin, and Jon Lackey for their part in making it a wonderful and meaningful service. Thank you also to all of you who helped with the reception. You did a wonderful job!

Judy Goulet

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards and visits while I am recuperating from my broken foot. I am doing better and hope to see you soon.

Karen Johnson

## BETHEL SENIORS

“Aging Options” is a radio program designed to discuss concerns that Seniors and Retirees have about Elder Care, Legal, Housing, Financial and Health Issues. It is the only local radio program focusing on elder care and how to manage your personal and parental elder care needs. The program is “committed to helping you with the blessings and challenges of longevity.” “AgingOptions” is broadcast every Saturday on two radio stations: on KVI 570 AM from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.; and on KTTH 770 AM from 10 a.m. to noon.

### WEDDING DATES IN APRIL

- 4/2 - Roger & Darlene Hilling  
 4/3 - Doug & Karen Bauer



## SPRING LUNCHEON



**May 2 - 11:30 AM**

**Tickets are on sale!!!**

**Adult - \$10**

**Child (5-10) \$5**

**Under 5 free**

The "TOTAL EXPERIENCE GOSPEL CHOIR" is coming to entertain us and we will have a great lunch! DON't miss it! Invite your friends. Men, women and children will enjoy!!

The Total Experience Gospel Choir bursts with love, joy and enthusiasm - humanity! It is hailed as one of the Pacific Northwest's finest soulful ensembles. Pastor Patrinn Staten Wright started the group as a gospel music class at Seattle's Franklin High School in 1973. Since then the choir has grown to become a nationally and internationally known gospel singing group. Tickets are on sale at a cost of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5-10. Under 5 free. You can purchase one at church or call the church office (206.362.4334) by April 29th to reserve your spot.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is joining us for our luncheon. This luncheon is not just for the ladies! **This program will be enjoyed by all and you will get a great lunch!**

Every choice, whether good or bad, is like a pebble dropped into still water -- each ripple represents someone your choice affects.

That's quite an impact, isn't it?

## TAPROOT THEATER PRODUCTION



Is it possible for sworn enemies to find common ground in solving the world's problems? In 1971 the schools of Durham, North Carolina were racially segregated and hatred between a Ku Klux Klan member and a Civil Rights activist was strong enough for murder. Forced to meet face-to-face to negotiate, the result was nothing short of a miracle. This remarkable and true story demonstrates what's possible when we recognize the humanity in each other, forgive the past, and work together to change the future.

## NORTH HELPLINE EMPTY BOWLS 2015

**May 3**

**12:00 - 3:00 PM**

**Community Hall at St. Matthew Parish  
1240 ME 127th St**



Select a hand crafted bowl created by local students and artisans. Enjoy live music while savoring a meal of soup, salad, bread, and dessert from local restaurants. Purchase a unique gift for Mother's Day in our silent auction. All this while helping keep our neighbors in need housed and fed.

### Tickets:

Advance \$25/Door \$35

(available at northhelpline.org)

## GIVE RIDES TO CHANGE LIVES!



Volunteer drivers are needed for Senior Services' Transportation program. Using either their own vehicles or agency vans (the Hyde Shuttles), volunteer drivers help ensure that older adults and folks with disabilities can get to life-giving and enriching activities. Unfortunately, the program does not have

enough drivers to meet the demand for transportation from vulnerable residents of our community. If you have the "drive" to help others, a clean driving record, and some daytime availability, call (206) 748-7588, email Hilary at [hilaryc@seniorservices.org](mailto:hilaryc@seniorservices.org), or visit <http://www.seniorservices.org/transportation> to find out more. You can also read stories about the program on its blog:

*We can do all the right things  
And be eloquent in what we say,  
But if we don't have love in our hearts,  
What we do and say is in vain*

## Baseball Fans - Check out the Mariners' Faith and Family Nights

This year's games are: Sunday, April 26th vs. Minnesota Twins - Stay after the game for our 1st ever Post-Game Movie! It is Salute to Kids Day and all kids 14 and under will receive a free Mariners T-Shirt. **AND** Friday, June 19th vs. Houston Astros - Stay after this game and enjoy a Post-Game Fireworks show! A discounted group ticket price of \$12 View Level seats will be offered. Some congregations use this game as a fundraiser (you get \$12 tickets and sell them for \$16- you keep the \$4 extra on every ticket sold.) Contact Brady at [bmiletich@mariners.com](mailto:bmiletich@mariners.com)



## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

You are invited to join with many other churches in Shoreline and Lake Forest park for a citywide prayer meeting on the Nation Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 7th at 7 PM at the Shoreline Room of the Shoreline Center (18560 1st Ave NE).

Extraordinary prayer has been part of the founding of this country. Many time sour leader have called us to prayer, from the earliest settlers, to the first continental congress, to every period of war. Eventually we settled on the first Thursday of May as our annual **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**.

## LIFE CHANGER AWARD (American Legion)

You likely know someone who has made life better for others. That someone might be a friend, a teacher, a doctor, a pastor or anyone. You can gain recognition for the deserving person by nominating him or her for an American Legion **Life Changer Award**. It's easy to nominate someone and a successful nomination will provide a wonderful reward for that deserving person.

Write up to 300 words describing how your nominee made life better. Include the full name, address and phone number of the nominee, as well as your full name, address and phone number. Then, before May 1, 2015, e-mail the nomination to: [P227al@yahoo.com](mailto:P227al@yahoo.com). If you don't have email, you can send it to American Legion Post 227, PO Box 55193, Shoreline, WA 98155-0193.

The Life Changer award is sponsored by the Starr Sutherland Jr. Post 227 of the American Legion. Post members will select the winner. The winner will receive a framed certificate plus a \$200 gift certificate for dining at the enchanting Sky City restaurant atop the Seattle space Needle.

## THANK YOU!

Dear Bethel Lutheran Church Women,  
Thank you for your donation of \$100. WE want to be there for anyone who needs us with the assistance they require. We greatly appreciate all that you do to keep programs like the Baby Cupboard running. WE couldn't do this without you.

North Helpline

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Dear Friends in Christ in Bethel,  
We are so amazed that you so faithfully include us in your mission's heart and gifts! Thank you so very much! We've entered our 32nd year in Japan, working through the "JELC" (Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church). How grateful we are for ministries that we love - Jim in Pastoral Care and Carol in "Pastoral Harp". We are aware that we are able to be here, engaged in these ministries, thanks to faith-filled support of people such as yourselves.

May the good Lord bless and keep you all, as you too become the arms and feet of the Lord Jesus Christ in Shoreline.

Jim and Carol Sack

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Dear Bethel Lutheran,  
Thank you very much for blessing us with the use of your church. All the kids had a wonderful time furthering their 4-H futures.  
Thank you,  
Puppy Power 4-H

(Puppy Power 4H enables children with special needs to participate in the 4H program. They use our building once a year for their "dog program" - showing their dogs, giving reports all in front of judges.)



## UPDATE FROM TOM AND MARY HOLMAN

March 13, 2015

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Thank you for your prayers. The Fali translators are now able to be in their home area of Mubi, and they're working on drafting and checking the Jesus film script. **Pray** that they would be able to complete it before we meet again in May. Tom's plans to work with the Sukur translator in March had to be adjusted, but they had four profitable days together. He and the Kamo team are making good progress on checking the Gospel of Mark.

Tom will arrive back in the US on March 22, a week before the first Nigerian elections, which are scheduled to take place March 28 and April 11. We thank God that the Nigerian military has been having more success in overcoming the Boko Haram in the area where they were entrenched. However, there have been more bombings in some major cities in the north (including Jos, but not near where we work). These seem to be an attempt to disrupt the elections. **Please pray** seriously for peaceful elections, and that the Boko Haram would be overcome.

Yours in Christ,

*Mary*

Mary (and Tom) Holman

**Dear Bethel Family,**  
**Thank you so much for your gift of \$30 in December and for BLCW's gift of \$50 in January. Your prayers and financial support are an encouragement to us.**

**We are also praying for you as you seek God's guidance for your future. We know HE has good plans for you!**

**Blessing in Christ,  
Mary Holman**



February 25, 2015

Dear friends of the Aults,

Please let me introduce myself. My name is Dan Whitehead, and I serve as the regional director in Latin America for Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

Just recently I was able to make a trip to Brazil, and there enjoyed a visit with Tim. As you know, the Aults are walking a particularly difficult path in regard to Roxanne's illness. As her primary caregiver, Tim is facing challenges and difficulties that I can only try to imagine. It is a heartbreaking situation. Yet as I talked with Tim, I was impressed by the depth of his faith and his ability to trust in God in the midst of the daily stresses of dealing with this particularly devastating disease.

In the midst of this, Tim is still contributing to the ministry of Asas de Socorro, the MAF affiliate organization in Brazil, where he and Roxanne have served faithfully for many, many years. On my recent visit I was again impressed with the diversity of the ministry of Asas de Socorro. The immense jungles and vast riverbanks of Brazil are home to thousands of people who are in need of physical and spiritual help. The programs of Asas de Socorro seek to provide that. Whether it is a medical team traveling by riverboat to bring healing and Good News to the thousands of small villages that line the huge Amazon River, or by using the airplane to support missionaries who live and work deep in the jungle with isolated indian tribes, Asas de Socorro works every day to show the love of Christ to isolated people in Brazil.

I asked Tim if I could write to you. MAF and the Aults are grateful for your faithful support of their ministry throughout the years. And honestly, they could use your support more than ever at this difficult time. Your prayers are needed, and your financial support as well.

Here are some specific requests from Tim.

Please pray:

- 1) That our Lord will give us wisdom about how best to care for Roxanne. (We continue to look for the right companion/caregiver for Roxanne.)
- 2) That I will be able to rest in our Lord, lean on Him, and draw my strength from Him.
- 3) For encouragement and energy in ministry, taking care of Roxanne, and communicating with my ministry team back home.

As Tim said to me, this situation is temporary. As Jesus followers, we know that we have much to look forward to. But living in this fallen world can be at times almost too much to bear. Thank you for standing with the Aults during this difficult season. May God bless you for your love and generosity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Whitehead'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan Whitehead  
Regional Director – Latin America

## A Letter from the Jim and Carol Sack

Dear Friends in Christ:

We wanted to wait until Sunday to send this newsletter out because we had a wonderful ordination of 4 new pastors on that day and we wanted to send their pictures along. The Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church has 119 churches throughout the country, but in the next decade over 30 pastors will retire. Therefore it was very special and exciting to have 4 new ministers ready to go proclaim the Good News throughout Japan. Their names are Rev. Tomoaki Kai, Rev. Mitsuchika Seki, Rev. Takanobu Watanabe and Rev. Katsuhiro Watanabe. Please remember them in your prayers.

Like many of you may have experienced this winter, in Japan we too have some very significant winter storms throughout the country. Luckily, so far Tokyo has not been too badly affected. We wanted to share with you a recent happening in our lives.

Carol and I have created a new class for seminary students as well as lay people from our various churches call "Sensible Spirituality." In Japanese the literal meaning of the course is "Experiencing Christian Spirituality Through our Five Senses." Our first class was attended by the 4 first year seminary students and 18 lay people. It was wonderful to have a project that Carol and I could do together again. We made use of a Taize worship service (picture) as well as an eleven circuit labyrinth (picture). Each week was a challenge as we set up the room in different ways each week. We also experienced a nature walk on a very cool rainy day. Throughout the semester we were able to make use of all five senses during each class. We used candles, darkness, rocks and sand, water, incense, and even food.



One of the main elements of the course was to make our own "Pearls of Life" bracelet (picture) developed by Martin Lonnebo, a retired bishop of the Sweden Lutheran Church. Each pearl on the bracelet represents some aspect of the Christian journey through life: God, silence, baptism, desert, love, resurrection, etc. We were so pleased to read feedback in regard to the course, that indicated almost everyone had personal encounters with God through their participation in the course. Starting next year we hope to take various aspects of what we presented in class, out to individual churches throughout Japan.

We have also included some pictures of our chapel at school. The stained glass windows were put in this last year. The theme is water and the window on the left represents the OT, while the one on the right symbolizes the NT. In a small room off to the right you can see a kneeler in front of a statue of Jesus. This quiet area can be used to both meditate and to confess to our Lord. ( 4 pictures) We have a very, very old organ and are currently having a campaign to be able to buy an organ. Sometimes the sound just stops in the middle of a hymn. That way we get good at A cappella singing. The plan is to about one more year and a half.



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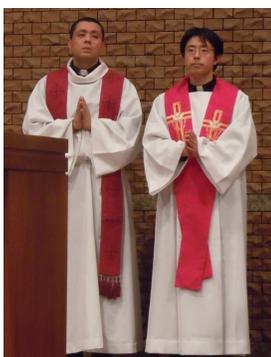
In March, five seminarians will graduate and begin serving churches throughout Japan on April 1. We give thanks to God that young people are still hearing the call to serve God as ordained pastors. We ask that the

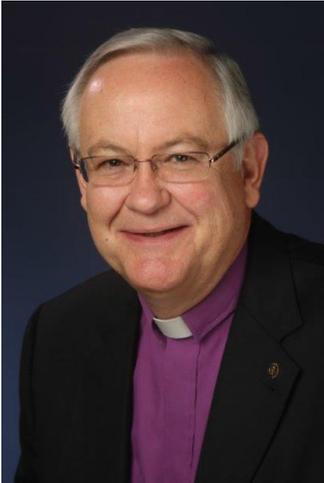
Lord will inspire each one of the graduates and guide them and give them wisdom as they go out to start their ministries. Please pray with us for these servants of God.

We are thankful for the partnership in Christ we have with you. May God's richest blessings be with you all.

In Christ, Jim and Carol Sack

Tokyo, Japan Grace and peace to you,  
Jim and Carol Sack, Tokyo





## Not a Winter Guy

By the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop

I am not a winter guy. I hate being cold, which I often am. Day after day of damp, wet weather cuts at me. The darkness weighs upon me. I resent waking to the dark and before my work day ends, it is dark already. I am prone to depression in the winter and have to up my self-care. No doubt I have at least a tinge of Seasonal Affective Disorder.

My fireplace is a wonderful friend. Life is good when I wake in the morning, put flame to the fire, grab the newspaper and savor two cups of freshly brewed coffee. I know the heat is just about right when the other family members exclaim, "Dad it is way too hot in here."

I am the guy who is aware of the shortest day of the year because following it I report to anyone who will listen: "We had a few more minutes of daylight, did you notice?" Winter is for me my time of endurance. It is my marathon. One of the gifts of serving in this office is I

find myself more frequently in Chicago. Chicago is God's way of reminding me how good I really have it. I might just die if I lived in Chicago year round.

Now that you know more about my love affair with winter you will understand why this past week my soul was revived and my spirit excited. Last week right at day-break I heard for the first time since early fall the birds singing in our back yard. I had to turn off the heater in the bathroom to confirm that in fact it was the birds singing that I was hearing

It was faint but delightful. A holy sound. Once I locked on to the sound I stood silent in it for several minutes. I know the birds sing the spring in. Their song is their prayer that the leaves will return and blossoms of new life will sprout. It is a beautiful processional song right up there with Lift High the Cross. The cross is lifted and I know daylight and warmth are on their way.

Easter for me is more than a single Sunday. Easter for me is when I know that life is good again and that it means me well. Easter is when my soul is restored and spirits rise. Easter is when the birds in the

back yard remind me after a time of my own darkness. He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

For so many of you, whom I know and love, who are going through your own time of darkness, listen for the song of Easter. May you know the power of Easter to heal and make us whole again. Rise early and listen to the birds sing.  
*My beloved speaks and says to me:*

*“Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.”*

Song of Solomon 2:10-12  
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Synod Assembly - May 15 & 16 - Lynnwood Convention Center  
Registration Opens April 1  
Check out the details at:  
[www.lutheransnw.org/2015-Synod-Assembly](http://www.lutheransnw.org/2015-Synod-Assembly)

## Get Ready for Synod Assembly Business

### **Nominations**

Nominations are being received for the following three roles. For additional information and to access the Nomination Form, please see the assembly webpage ([www.lutheransnw.org/2015-Synod-Assembly](http://www.lutheransnw.org/2015-Synod-Assembly))

**Questions?** Contact Nominating Committee Chairperson, Pastor Kevin Bates ([pastor@magnolialutheranchurch.com](mailto:pastor@magnolialutheranchurch.com)).

### **Synod Consultation Committee**

This committee does not meet on a regular basis. These members may be called upon to advise the bishop in cases of conflict or alleged misconduct by rostered leaders or congregations. We will elect 2 clergy, 1 lay female, and 1 lay male (allowed to serve one 6-year term).

### **Synod Committee on Discipline**

If charges are brought by the bishop against

a rostered leader or congregation, 6 members of this committee (and 6 members of the Churchwide Discipline Committee) will meet to consider the charges. Again, this committee does not meet on a regular basis, only as needed. We will elect 2 clergy, 1 lay female, and 1 lay male (allowed to serve one 6-year term).

### **Churchwide Assembly Voting Members**

Our synod will send ten voting members\* to the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to be held August 8-13 in New Orleans. The ELCA Churchwide Assembly is the primary decision-making body of the church and gathers every three years. Voting members are chosen locally from across the ELCA, representing the diverse communities, congregations, synods, perspectives and geographic contexts of our church.

Together with other leaders of the ELCA, and guided by the Holy Spirit, they discuss the

work of the church in the world and make decisions reflecting the challenges we face and the strengths we all bring to loving and serving our neighbors — locally and globally — in the name of Jesus Christ. Over the course of five days, voting members: hear reports and review the work of churchwide leaders; receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies; elect officers, board members and other leaders; establish ELCA churchwide policy; adopt a budget; and conduct other business.

The Assembly can be lively and challenging, yet it is respectful of the diverse nature of the church and the world we live in. It reflects how we participate in God's work in the world while embracing each other's questions, perspectives, complexities and strengths. It provides a time and place for growth and change while remaining rooted in Scripture, tradition, Lutheran confessions and the rich histories of our congregations and communities.

\*The synod bishop and vice president are automatically part of this total. Additionally, we will elect 3 more clergy members, 1 more lay female, 2 more lay males, 2 youth or young adults. Of these elected, 2 will be persons of color or whose primary language is other than English.

### **Resolutions**

One avenue for congregations, clusters, synod committees and voting members to address issues and propose a plan for action is "the resolution." Resolutions help organize the work of the assembly by clarifying important issues or concerns. Resolutions are first reviewed by the Reference & Counsel Committee which will make recommendations to the assembly to facilitate its work, but the resolutions belong to the assembly and may be amended, rejected, or adopted after consideration by the voting members.

### **How to Write a Resolution**

First, validate your idea. Do your research -

has a similar resolution been passed at a previous assembly? Will it conflict with the synod or churchwide constitution? Discuss your proposed resolution(s) with other people. Does this resolution address a major issue in the life and ministry of the synod? Is the issue addressed in this resolution worthy of the Assembly's consideration?

**Then, write the resolution.** There is a guide to help you on our synod website ([www.lutheransnw.org/2015-Synod-Assembly](http://www.lutheransnw.org/2015-Synod-Assembly))

**Once you have completed the form, send it to the synod office, as directed.** Next, the Reference & Counsel Committee will review the resolutions before they are posted to the synod website. As part of this process, they may edit or rewrite proposed resolutions, main motions, or other matters, or submit substitute resolutions or main motions.

**Resolution submission deadline is April 30, 2015. Resolutions received up to the cutoff time (usually 12noon on the first day of the Synod Assembly) will also be reviewed by the Reference & Counsel Committee. However, they will only be considered by the assembly if time allows and the assembly votes to address the resolution. (Synod Constitution S7.34.01)**

Finally, be prepared to speak to your resolution at the synod assembly May 15 & 16 at the Lynnwood Convention Center.

### **Questions?**

Contact Reference & Counsel Chairperson, Pastor Tor Berg ([tberg@flcbothell.org](mailto:tberg@flcbothell.org)).

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Tuesday - Wednesday  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Thursday  
8:00 AM - Noon

Lunch Hour  
12:30-1:30 PM

Regular Worship  
Schedule  
9:30 AM

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

Communion  
Every Sunday



# Bethel Beam

*Good morning... this is God.*

*I will be handling all of your problems today.  
I will not need your help. So, have a good day.*

A man's daughter had asked the local minister to come and pray with her father.

When the minister arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows.

An empty chair sat beside his bed.

The minister assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit.

"I guess you were expecting me, he said. 'No, who are you?'" said the father.

The minister told him his name and then remarked, "I saw the empty chair and I figured you knew I was going to show up,"

"Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man. "Would you mind closing the door?"

Puzzled, the minister shut the door.

"I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man.

"But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it went right over my head. I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day four years ago."

My best friend said to me, "Johnny, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus. Here is what I suggest. Sit down in a chair; place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because he promised, 'I will be with you

always.' Then just speak to him in the same way you're doing with me right now."

"So, I tried it and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful though, if my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

The minister was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old man to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil, and returned to the church.

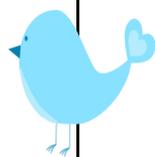
Two nights later the daughter called to tell the minister that her daddy had died that afternoon.

Did he die in peace?" he asked.

Yes, when I left the house about two o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him dead. But there was something strange about his death. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?"

The minister wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we could all go like that."

Prayer is one of the best free gifts we receive.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <b>6:30 PM</b> Soup Supper at Prince of Peace <b>7:00 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Service at Prince of Peace	2 <b>7:00 PM</b> Good Friday Service at Bethel	3	4 <b>9:30 AM</b> Anderson Plaza Worship  <b>7:00 PM</b> Easter Vigil Service
5 <b>7:00 AM</b> Easter Sunrise Service <b>7:45 AM</b> Easter Breakfast <b>9:30 AM</b> Easter Festival Service	6 <b>5:00 PM</b> BLCW Ldrs Mtng  	7 <b>10:45 AM</b> Membership Team	8 <b>6:30 PM</b> Worship team	9 <b>7:00 PM</b> Bethel Church Coun- cil	10  	11 <b>9:30 AM</b> Anderson Plaza Worship
12 <b>8:15 AM</b> Wired Word Study <b>9:30 AM</b> Bethel Worship Service <b>11:00 AM</b> Bible Study	13	14	15 <b>10:00 AM</b> Sarah Circle	16 <b>7:00 PM</b> Ruth Circle  	17	18 <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilters Breakfast  <b>9:30 AM</b> Anderson Plaza Worship)
19 <b>8:15 AM</b> Wired Word Study <b>9:30 AM</b> Bethel Worship Service <b>11:00 AM</b> Bible Study	20 <b>9:00 AM</b> Aaron's Place (LFR)  	21	22	23	24	25 <b>9:30 AM</b> Anderson Plaza Worship
26 <b>8:15 AM</b> Wired Word Study <b>9:30 AM</b> Bethel Worship Service <b>11:00 AM</b> Bible Study	27	28  	29	30	<h1>APRIL 2015</h1>	

# Those Who Serve

April 2015

29	5	12	19	26
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sue & Joanne	Judy & Carol	Karen & Diana	Ragnhild & Kelly
<b>Worship Assistants</b>	Liz Terrey	Joe Himple	Craig Fjarlie	Elia Smith
<b>Kids Time</b>	Pastor Chris	Marlys Pickrell	Pastor Chris	Kathy Carrow
<b>Communion</b>				
<b>Bread</b>	Sue Logen	Craig Fjarlie	Carol Hovick	Liz Terrey
<b>Wine</b>	Diana Holeman	Bruce Smith	Judy Goulet	Kathy Carrow
<b>Glasses</b>	Joanne Brock Beth Sundquist	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Mary Himple Dorothy Brown	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
<b>Flowers</b>			Karen Johnson in memory of Taylor Johnson	Walt & Mary Himple in honor of Joe's birthday
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce Smith Rance Urdahl	Chuck Vollbrecht Chris Pickrell Dick Scansen	Sue Logen	Dave Switzer
<b>Reading</b>	Psalm 118:19-24	Psalm 40:9-10	Marththew 9:36-37	Matthew 10:40-42
<b>Preaching Text</b>	Matthew 28:1-10	Matthew 28:16-20	Acts 10:1-17,34-35	Acts 13:1-3:14:8-18



<p><b>Craig Fjarlie</b>  <b>Lila Geiszler</b>  <b>Judy Goulet</b>  <b>Norma Grigsby</b>  <b>Mary Himple</b>  <b>Joe Himple</b>  <b>Diana Holeman</b>  <b>Carol Hovick</b></p>	<p><b>John &amp; Donna Johns</b>  <b>Karen Johnson</b>  <b>Leonard &amp; Tukwila Jones</b>  <b>Sue Logen</b>  <b>Cary Magill</b>  <b>Frank &amp; Phyllis Moll</b>  <b>Lorna Neumann</b>  <b>Chris &amp; Sarah Ode</b></p>
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