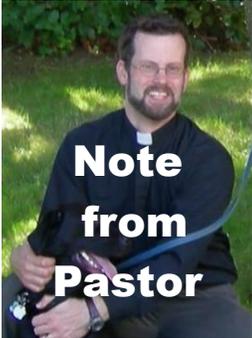


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Bethel Lutheran Church

September 2015



August 19, 2015

To my brothers and sisters in Christ at Bethel Lutheran Church,

I write to you with an update on our transition as a congregation, specifically in regards to our decision to relocate and re-

form our ministry.

As you may recall, during a special meeting held on March 15 of this year, we unanimously voted as a congregation to “empower the church council to take the necessary steps to sell the existing Bethel Lutheran Church property with the goal of using obtained proceeds from this sale to restart the congregation in a different form and/or location.” This vote took place following a series of house meetings, small group discussions, one-to-one conversations, and other opportunities for prayer and discernment as a community. The meeting itself was announced and organized in keeping with the policies for special meetings set forth in our congregational constitution (Section C10.02-C10.07) as well as the relevant sections of the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act (RCW 24.03.075, 24.03.080, 24.03.085, 24.03.090).

In keeping with the congregationally-determined mandate set out in that special meeting, since then your council and I have engaged in significant efforts to (1) ascertain the preferred congregational route for its future location needs (e.g. renting space, buying space, building space) and (2) research options for the sale of the current site.

From the responses given by its members, it became clear early on that the preferred option for

Bethel’s future included the purchasing of a new location from which we could operate (and thus continue to develop our relationships with our on-site ministry partners). On June 28 we took a congregational tour of a potential new site for us in the North City Business District, and the overwhelming response to that experience was favorable towards a purchase. After negotiating on the price and conducting a third-party inspection of the site, we were able to settle on an agreement to purchase this space for Bethel’s future use with a hoped-for closing in late August.

However, as promising as this new site is, there is no scenario in which we can close on the sale of our current site prior to closing on this transaction – and without that sale, we do not have the financial resources to purchase the new site. With this problem in place, your council and I have approached the ELCA’s Mission Investment Fund concerning a “bridge loan” to aid us in spanning the gap between the sale of our current site and the purchase of a new one. This loan would allow us to close on the North City site and begin a transition without waiting for the full closing on our own sale. Any bridge loan would be procured with the intention to pay it off in full following the closing on the sale of our current site. Payments on the loan would be funded through a combination of (1) taking out a loan slightly larger than the sale price for the North City option (which would leave funding available to finance those monthly loan payments) and (2) structuring the sale of our current site such that we would receive monthly payments from the buyer up until the final closing on our site. In this way, we would have more than sufficient coverage to deal with a short-term (i.e. less than two years) gap between closing on the purchase of the North

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Remember in prayer

Daily Member Prayer List

- 1 - Karen Schoeld
- 2 - Kristi Schwerdtfeger
- 3 - Phyllis Moll
- 4 - Cary Magill
- 5 - Killian Rayborn
- 6 - Nicole Anshell
- 7 - Lillian Routledge
- 8 - Nancy Phillips
- 9 - Diana Holeman
- 10 - Josh DeLap
- 11 - Judy Goulet
- 12 - Carla Salmon
- 13 - Anna Sjong
- 14 - Chuck Vollbrecht
- 15 - Karen Bauer
- 16 - Janet Jurgensen
- 17 - Richard Hinea
- 18 - Karen Johnson
- 19 - Joe Himple
- 20 - Ed Anshell
- 21 - Sue Logen
- 22 - Judy Goulet
- 23 - Elia Smith
- 24 - Archer Ode
- 25 - Craig Fjarlie
- 26 - Tekla Woldegiorgis
- 27 - Stephanie Vollbrecht
- 28 - Paul Grigsby
- 29 - Mona Quammen
- 30 - Dorothy Brown

Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

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

Those who are coping with health problems

- Don Brown
Harold Crawford
Mona Drake
Craig Fjarlie
John Johns
Olive Kohanik
Harold Martinell
Joan Martinell
Shirley Pishaw
Dan Ritchie
Jim Schoeld
Karen Schoeld

Celebrate September Anniversaries

29 - Don & Dorothy Brown



- 2 - Ellen Hansen
10 - Stephanie Vollbrecht
12 - Jayne Rudnick
17 - Ruth Vollbrecht
30 - Mona Quammen

CELEBRATE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 5 - Don Brown | 11 - Beth Sundquist |
| Donna Johns | 13 - Tavin Ode |
| Lorna Neuman | Lizzie Peters |
| 6 - Daniel Schwerdtfeger | 17 - Harold Martinell |
| 7 - John Johns | Judy Bashaw |
| 9 - Chuck Vollbrecht | 20 - Liz Rayborn |
| 10 - Ruth Locke | 30 - Mike Vollbrecht |
| Donna Sjoquist | |

TREASURERS WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 24, 8:30am-12 noon at Prince of Peace, Shoreline

All Financial leaders of your congregation are invited to participate at a workshop presented by the Synod Finance Committee. Treasurers, Financial Secretaries, Bookkeepers, Finance Committee Members and Rostered Leaders are encouraged to attend. The program will include presentations and discussions on financial policies, controls, audits, financial reporting, budgets, payroll and taxes as they relate to congregations. To register, go to: www.lutheransnw.org/calendar.

BETHEL QUILTERS MEET SEPTEMBER 9TH



Bethel's "Pass it on" quilters are ready to start another year of good work and fellowship. We meet on the first and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 9 am to noon in the fellowship hall. Our finished quilts go to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and Lutheran Compass Alliance. We are always looking for more people who would enjoy coming out and joining us. If you can stick a pin through 3 layers of cloth, tie a knot or drink coffee, come and enjoy this great fellowship in a casual atmosphere that leaves you feeling good.

City option and closing on our own sale. At this time, it still remains to be seen whether or not we can procure the loan in time to secure the North City option – we will know more about the potential for that location within the next few weeks. If for some reason we are unable to acquire the North City site, then we will proceed to look for other options for the congregation.

Efforts surrounding the sale of our current site have been complicated, but a promising opportunity has emerged. Please understand that your council and I have made every effort possible to explore options in which the site would be sold to another congregation and maintained as a house of worship; unfortunately, the fiscal realities involved have made this quite difficult to achieve. Candidly, most congregations are not able to compete with the offers we have received from developers. More importantly, though, the physical status of our current building makes a sale to another church problematic. Unless that church arrives with cash in-hand, any potential buyer must face the gauntlet of a lender's appraisal of the building and whatever price that lender is willing to determine for it. If we are honest with ourselves, we know the condition of the building, and we can imagine the impact that will have on a lender's assessment of value. In other words, even if we find a church willing to pay a "market rate" for the location, their ability to find a lender willing to work with them at that price will be difficult – and probably deal-breaking. Over the past 5 months we have had multiple conversations with other churches that have bore witness to this exact scenario, and the result has been no sale. Despite the setbacks with potential church buyers, an interested developer has emerged who we believe presents the best available combination of financing, feasibility, and expediency. This afternoon, after several months of discernment as a council and with feedback from our Realtors, our attorney, the Synod Office, a special consultant (the retired Director of Compass Alliance), and the congregation, we signed the paperwork agreeing to sell the current site to a local, Seattle-based developer who specializes in townhouses. Assuming things go "according to plan," we should see the deal close sometime in the fall of 2016 – if not earlier.

I recognize that this news – while not surprising in some ways – is still difficult for many of us to hear. Hopes for an outside church to swoop in and "save the building" have always lingered under the surface of our conversations about a sale, and admitting that that is no longer an option isn't easy. Please know that I am with you in that sadness: I did not come to this congregation expecting this to be part of our journey together. However, I find strength and comfort in looking towards our future and recognizing the tremendous possibilities which await us. Candidly, our current building is expensive to maintain – let alone improve – and the financial health of the congregation will improve dramatically once freed from those commitments (and that's without accounting for the proceeds from a sale). The site we are hoping to purchase places us squarely in the middle of an up-and-coming local neighborhood flush with opportunities for outreach. Most of our current ministry partner organizations have committed to following us to a new location. The future of Bethel's ministry is still strong – stronger than it has been in years!

As we have continued to remind ourselves over and over throughout this process: "Be not afraid." God is with us in this transition, and while the process itself can be grueling at times, the final results will be a new form for Bethel capable of reaching people with God's grace in ways we can only barely imagine. As always, your church council and I are available if there are details you would like to discuss further.

Blessings to you in Christ,
Pastor Chris Ode



OFFICIAL GROUNDBREAKING FOR SHORELINE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

On Monday, July, 20, members of the Shoreline Veterans Association and their families and friends joined Shoreline City Councilmembers in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Shoreline Veterans Recognition Plaza being built at City Hall. When completed later this summer, the Plaza will honor all veterans who have served, are serving, and will serve the country.



Memorial committee members: far left, Lynn Cheeney, **center in white shirt is Phyllis Moll, widow of Frank Moll**, then Dwight Stevens. Shoreline city councilmembers from left, Keith McGlashan, Jesse Salomon, Will Hall, then Shari Winstead, Doris McConnell, Chris Eggen, and Chris Roberts

BETHEL FOOD ROOM

Our food room desperately needs your help with more food in order to remain open.

Below are the items we need. **PLEASE NO CHECKS/ MONEY - food only. Your offerings need to go directly to the general fund and food only to the food room.**

Peanut butter	Canned stew
Canned beans and corn	Canned chili
Canned peaches and pears	Boxed cereal
Spaghetti	Macaroni and cheese
Canned spaghetti sauce	Tuna
	Fruit cups

Please bring any Sunday.

Please check the expiration date to be sure that it is 3 months forward or later. We cannot give out food with expired expiration dates.

Thank you, Outreach Ministry

Update from Tom & Mary Holman



The last month was full of events with family and friends –I attended two family reunions and spent a weekend with sev-

en Spring Grove High School girlfriends. It was so special to renew these relationships. Tom and his mom will be going to a reunion on the Holman side on Labor Day weekend.

I will be in Nigeria by then, working with the Wa-ja team for a week to check Acts. They've had a lot of problems with computer and network issues, but they're dedicated to the work. **Please pray** that these issues would be resolved and that our week together would be very productive. Following that the F* team will come for three weeks. They've been going full speed ahead on the Jesus film, so **pray that I can catch up with them, and that we'll finish the consultant checking on the Jesus Film script.**

Thanks so much for your prayer and financial support. We couldn't do this without you!

Your partners in Christ,

Mary

Mary (and Tom) Holman

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A reply to the question "What are the beautiful things in your life?" After reading this, think about what are the beautiful things in your life.

Beauty is the fact that I am alive and able to enjoy love and life and nature. Beauty is my two children, their smiles, their smell, their love. Beauty is my three dogs and their unconditional happiness whenever they see me. Beauty is knowing no matter what I am like, God loves me.

SAVE THE DATES - COMMUNITY EVENTS



Soaring into **New Tomorrows**

Join us for good food, fellowship and show your support for the life-changing programs of LCSNW in the North Puget Sound area:

- Adoption & Foster Care
- Immigrant & Refugee Services
- International Counseling & Community Services
- Family Support Centers

Sunday, September 27, 2015

Social Hour: 12:30 p.m.

Brunch & Program: 1:30 to 3 p.m.

DoubleTree Suites Southcenter

16500 Southcenter Parkway, Tukwila, Washington

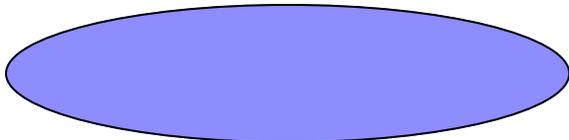
Program includes:

- A story of hope
 - Presentation of the Ruben Spannaus Award to an outstanding individual or organization for their contributions to LCSNW
 - Invocation by Bishop Kirby Unti
- Remarks by LCSNW President & CEO David Duea

For information contact:

Julie Kissick Malloy 253-298-9170 jmalloy@lcsnw.org

Lutheran Community Services Northwest



Building Communities of *Hope* Luncheon

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

Luncheon 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Xfinity Arena, Edward D. Hansen Conference Center
2000 Hewitt Ave. Everett, WA 98201

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LAUGH FOR TODAY

Customer Service:
"Is it plugged in?"



Customer:
"DUH...YES! Do you think I'm a idiot?"

Community Event! ...Joy & Laughter...

Hosted by

Bethany Lutheran Church at Green Lake
7400 Woodlawn Avenue N.E.
Seattle WA 98115

Corner of Woodlawn and Latona,
Bus Stop #16 and #316

Saturday, September 19th, 2015
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Join us for inspirational speakers, laughter and
delicious lunch!

Featuring: Donna Oiland,
Northwest Christian Speaker/Author.

Joined by JeanAnn O'Brien
Comedienne,

Certified: Laugh Leader with the World Laughter
Tour

PLEASE RSVP By: September 15th,
(206) 523-4454 \$15.00 per person

NW WA Synod Women of the ELCA Convention & Gathering

October 3, 8am - 4:30pm
at Holy Trinity, Mercer Island

"God's Grace-Justice in Action" is the
theme.

**Cost is: \$ 45 (includes continental breakfast &
lunch) before Sept. 15.**

**\$ 50 if registration received after Sept. 15
or on site day of convention.**

Keynote Speaker - Leslie Urie speaking about
two organizations: one is international and helps
Nepal girls that have been trafficked (or at risk of
being trafficked) known as Peace Rehabilitation
Center, the other is a local organization that
works with prostitutes in the Seattle area known
as R.E.S.T (Real Escape from the Sex Trade).

Interest Groups - The two sessions will be re-
peated so you will be able to attend each one.
Business meeting - Election of officers and board
members and adoption of budget. Election of vot-
ing members to 10th Triennial Convention in Min-
neapolis, MN.

Bible Study - Led by Pastor Heidi Fish; Worship
Service - Led by Pastor Deanna Wildermuth, Holy
Trinity. More information and registration form
available HERE in the August ECHO newslet-





Grace Rock by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop

I have a rock in my office with the word grace etched into its hard face. I received it as a gift from a friend who knows my only hope is the pervasiveness of God's grace. The rock isn't big - but it's big enough that if you hold it in your hand or stuff it in your pocket you will know that it is there. I made a habit of sharing my grace rock with people who were struggling to forgive themselves. One dear friend allowed a poor choice in her past to rob her from fully embracing life. She truly believed she didn't deserve to be happy. She was able to manage her blues when she was single but then when she married and had children, she became more keenly aware of how the guilt was robbing her husband and children as well. She was one of the most gracious and forgiving people that I have ever known. She comes from a family that extends acceptance to everyone they meet. In fact, it is hard to tell when you hang with her family who is blood and who is not. Everyone is family.

Forgiving others came easily to my friend, but allowing herself to be forgiven was a corner she was struggling mightily to turn.

One day I asked if she thought she was more powerful than God. This set her back as she looked at me askew. "What do you mean? Do I think I am more powerful than God?" I answered her by saying, "It seems as though you believe you have done something so

wrong that it is beyond God's capacity to forgive." I knew she would have to stew on this idea for a while. It was at this point that the grace rock appeared out of the corner of my eye. Without thinking, I picked it up and pointed out the word grace to her. She began to tear up. She had spent so many years keeping her secrets hidden that exposing them to the light of grace was rocking her world. (No pun intended.) I made her an offer. I said, "I want to share my grace rock with you. But, here is the deal: you have to keep it with you twenty-four/seven for a whole week. I would rather you carried around the weight of grace than the weight of shame." Her tears gave way to a giant smile as I placed the rock in her hand. She returned a week later. I knew she had made progress just by the way she carried herself: her shoulders more upright, her face lifted. We both knew there was absolutely no magic in the rock.

We also knew that it wouldn't put an end to her struggle to forgive herself. However, the grace rock gave her a new way to embrace her pain. Her story is in no way unique. Forgiveness is hard, hard work, especially when you have to own it for yourself.

Thanks be to God that God etches grace into the hard rock of life!

Let me know if you want to carry the rock for a week.

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Overheard!

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes.'



WORLD MISSION PRAYER LEAGUE TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH PRAYER



Dear Friends at Bethel

We are a voice from the past. Lois and I were members of Bethel while we attended the Lutheran Bible Institute and then went as missionaries to Mexico with the World Mission Prayer League. Bethel Church provided some of our support. Now in our retirement we are again connecting with WMPL. I attach a newsletter to tell you about our plans. - the Petersons

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Lois and I served in México with the World Mission Prayer League (wmpl.org) from 1976-90. Since then we have served churches in Superior, WI; Des Moines, IA; and Milwaukee, WI. Now, having retired from pastoral ministry in the USA, we have renewed our relationship with WMPL and plan to go to places in Spanish speaking Latin America where there is a need to train and mentor leaders in the church. We are presently planning several trips to Mazatlán, Sinaloa, México and elsewhere in Latin America. As opportunities present themselves we will be planning other trips. Our three children, Georgia, Andrew and Abby, are married and have families of their own. We now have seven grandchildren and we very much want to be a part of their lives and share our love for Christ with them. We presently live in Milwaukee, WI where we own a home. As ministry develops we may sell our home and move elsewhere.

We ask your prayers for us. Perhaps you might remember us in the prayers of the church at worship services. You will be able to follow us at the web site above. There *you* may sign up to pray for us or just contact us and we will send you a **PRAYER CARD and keep you informed.** Our prayer requests for now are as follows;

- *That our Lord continue to open doors for training and teaching in Latin America.
- *For travel safety.
- *For travel and work funds. As retired people we do not need missionary support, but we do need funds for traveling and other aspects of the work we will be doing.

You may contact us through email at

richardandlois@wmpl.org

5061 S. Stonehedge Dr.

Milwaukee, WI 53220

phone # 414-324-8296, or through the World Mission Prayer League.

Thank you,

In Christ, Richard and Lois Peterson

PS. We would love to be able to come to you church to meet with you to present the exciting work of World Mission Prayer League and what we are about.

THOSE WHO SERVE IN SEPTEMBER

	6	13	20	27
Altar Guild	Karen & Diana	Ragnhild & Kelly	Marlys	Sue & Joanne
Worship Assistant	Elia Smith	Stephanie Bertges	Karen Anschell	Liz Terrey
CHILDREN'S TIME	Pastor Chris	Marlys	Pastor Chris	Kathy
	COMMUNION			
BREAD SERVER	Sue Logen	Mary Himple	Carol Hovick	Elia Smith
WINE SERVER	Diana Holeman	Kathy Carrow	Judy Goulet	Bruce Smith
GLASSES	Liz Terrey Joanne Brock	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Joanne Brock Mary Himple	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
FLOWERS			Don & Dorothy Brown in honor of 59th anniversary on 9/29	Irene Olsen in honor of daughter Elise's birthday
USHERS	Bruce Smith Rance Urdahl	Chuck Vollbrecht Chris Pickrell Dick Scansen	Sue Logen	Dave Switzer
Gospel	Matthew 21:21-22	Mark 1:16-20	Mark 10:27	Mark 14:32-36
Preaching Text	Hebrews 11:1-12:2	Genesis 2:4b-25	Genesis 18:1-15;21:1-7	Genesis 32:22-30

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 and let us know if you are able. Thank you.

Sanctuary Caretaker: Liz Terrey

ON CALL LIST



Norma Grigsby	Sue Logen	Lizzie Peters
Paul Grigsby	Cary Magill	Nancy Phillips
Mary Himple	Phyllis Moll	Chris/Marlys Pickrell
John/Donna Johns	Lorna Neumann	Shirley Pishaw
Karen Johnson	Chris/Sarah Ode	Jordan/Liz Rayborn
Leonard/Tukwila Jones	Irene Olsen	Lynlee Ritchie

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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September Bethel Calendar

		1	2	3	4 	5 <p>9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship</p>
6 <p>8:15 AM Wired Word</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service</p>	7 <p>LABOR DAY</p> 	8	9 <p>6:30 PM Worship Team</p>	10 <p>7:00 PM Bethel Church Council</p>	11	12 <p>9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship</p>
13 <p>8:15 AM Wired Word</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service</p> <p>10:45 AM Breakfast</p>	14	15 	16 <p>10:00 AM Sarah Circle</p>	17 <p>7:00 PM Ruth Circle</p>	18	19 <p>9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship</p>
20 <p>8:15 AM Wired Word</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service</p> <p>11:00 AM Adult Forum</p>	21	22 	23 <p>9:00 AM Bethel Quilters</p>	24	25	26 <p>9:30 AM Anderson Plaza Worship</p>
27 <p>8:15 AM Wired Word</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service</p> <p>11:00 AM Adult Forum</p>	28 	29	30 			

ELCA RECEIVES FEDERAL CHARTER TO OPEN CREDIT UNION

CHICAGO (ELCA) – The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) was granted a federal charter July 7 to create the ELCA Federal Credit Union. The new credit union will provide products and services to the denomination's 3.8 million members in nearly 10,000 congregations and employees of the ELCA's 65 synods and churchwide organization. The credit union joins the three existing financial services ministries of the ELCA.

The charter was granted to the ELCA through the Office of Consumer Protection of the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) – an independent federal agency created by Congress to regulate, charter and supervise federal credit unions.

"This new credit union is a very practical example of 'We Are Church Together,'" said the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA presiding bishop. "The services provided by the credit union will be a great support to individual members, congregations and synods."

The ELCA Federal Credit Union is expected to open in the first quarter of 2016. During its first year of operations, the credit union plans to offer the following products and services:

"I'm excited to be a charter member of an ELCA credit union that will serve our members and ministries across the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands," said the Rev. Linda Norman, ELCA treasurer.

- regular shares
- share drafts
- share certificates
- money market shares
- IRA/Keogh accounts
- credit cards
- auto loans
- unsecured loans
- online banking
- online bill payment
- mobile banking
- ATM access
- direct deposit

"The launch of the ELCA Federal Credit Union is a sign of both the newness and the potential in our life together as church."

"One of the most satisfying things that NCUA does is to charter new credit unions," said Debbie Matz, chair of NCUA's board. "It's even more satisfying when the new credit union has the potential to provide access to affordable financial products and services to 4 million Americans. I want to congratulate everyone involved for their hard work in establishing the ELCA Federal Credit Union. NCUA stands ready to work with other religious groups interested in chartering new credit unions."

The NCUA's release about the ELCA Federal Credit Union is available at <http://www.ncua.gov/News/Pages/NW20150707Charter.aspx>.

lutheran UW CAMPUS MINISTRY

A ministry of the ELCA to the University of Washington, we are a community rooted in Jesus Christ, working together to figure out how to live out our faith in the world and what it looks like to love God with all our heart, soul and mind and love our neighbor as ourselves.

The Well

We gather Sunday nights at 7 for worship. Our worship is distinctly Lutheran with some modern twists — taking the beauty and ritual from history combined with modern music and communal activity. It's interactive, meditative, fun, and created for and by students.

Common Table

Wednesday nights at 7 we gather with students from all over campus to create community through the sharing of a meal and stories; stories from faith traditions, pop culture and our own lives.

We do lots of other stuff too — movie nights, game nights, Bible study, service, alternative spring break and much more!



For more information on who we are, what we do, and how you can get involved, visit www.uwlutherans.org

"Senility Prayer" ...God grant me...

**The senility to forget the people I never liked
The good fortune to run into the ones that I do
And the eyesight to tell the difference."
Have a great week!!!!!!=20**

Bethel Beam

A Prayer for Our Teachers

As school once again begins, help our teachers always to remember that they work with the most precious material in the world, the mind of a child. Help them always to remember that they are making marks upon that mind which time will never erase. Give them patience with those who are slow to learn, and even with those who refuse to learn. When they have to exercise discipline, help them to do so firmly and yet with love. Keep them from sarcasm and biting tongue, and help them always to encourage and never to discourage those who are doing their best. And amidst all the worries and the irritations and the frustrations of their ministry, help them to remember that the future of the nation and of the world is in their hands.



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Office Hours
Tuesday - Wednesday
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday
8:00 AM - Noon

Worship Schedule
9:30 AM

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

Communion
Every Sunday

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY



On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

Happy Labor Day



We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name.

We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere.

May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity.



May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.