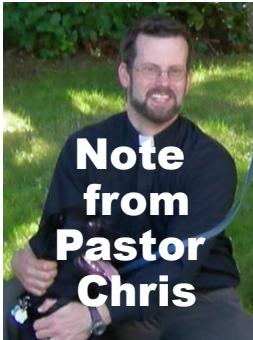


the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

October 2015



**Note
from
Pastor
Chris**

September 30, 2015

"We plan. God laughs."

It's an old Yiddish expression – one you've probably heard before in one format or another – and it's been on my mind recently.

To cut to the chase: while the intention still remains to sell the current Bethel site and use the proceeds to revitalize our ministry, it remains to be seen how exactly the sale of our site will play out. We received news last week that the deal we had signed to sell to a local developer was off the table (please see the prior edition of the *Bethel Beam* for details about that deal). On Sunday, I talked about this change of plans in my sermon and on Tuesday I wrote the first draft of this *Beam* article with that news as its focus. However, this morning (Wednesday) things changed yet again and we've now learned that the deal may still be happening after all. One way or another, we should know more about their plans near the end of October when the first deadline for them to act is reached – but I am hesitant to make any predictions at this point as to what they will decide. "Ministerial whiplash" comes to mind as a description of the situation...

In the event that that deal doesn't happen, rest assured that we still have several other options to choose from. It would be great if we already knew exactly how this was going to play out, but it's increasingly becoming apparent that we are in a classic "let go and let God" situation.

In the face of this uncertainty, we need to let ourselves embrace that which we know: God is still present with us, God is still working through Bethel, and God will strengthen our ministry through this process. While we might wish for a faster process, or one with fewer hurdles, we will faithfully walk down the pathway before us and trust in the ultimate outcome.

Personally, I'm becoming increasingly comfortable with this ambiguity. We've learned a LOT in the time since we first began to explore a new vision for Bethel's future, and much of that learning has come about as we have explored various options to sell. And while the route we might be taking is a viable option, we are completely capable of finding other ones. Your council and I will be meeting in early October for our annual retreat, and the focus of that meeting will be on exploring our various possibilities. Additionally, we'll be looking to set up more opportunities for similar forms of conversation with the general congregation. I've been in touch with the synod, and they are also available for consultation as we continue to discern "where are we being called now?"

Here's the thing about that proverb I referenced at the start of this: it's wrong. Or, at least, it can be read the wrong way. God doesn't scramble up our plans for amusement's sake: that's not a healthy way to hear those words. Rather, God is with us as plans are changed and challenges are overcome. And God is with us now as we respond to these latest developments and move forward.

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!

"The mind of man plans the way, but the LORD directs our steps." Proverbs 16:9

Blessings to you in Christ,
Pastor Chris



Worship Update

Those of you who have been at church in the past few weeks are already aware of this, but I wanted to pass along a couple of items about worship at Bethel.

- 1) Inclement weather prompted us to move our “outdoor service at the park” on August 30 to an indoor one back at Bethel. In an effort to maintain the “changing it up” idea of the outdoor service, we worshiped in the Chapel for that Sunday. The response to that move was quite positive, and after evaluating our attendance for the past several months, the Worship Committee unanimously decided to experiment with regularly using the Chapel. This is not necessarily a permanent change – just something we wanted to try. Thus far, feedback has been largely positive, though there are some concerns. Those who like the change have emphasized the improvement to our communal singing and a greater sense of intimacy; those who don’t like it have talked about feeling cramped or preferring the screen to a bulletin. With the obvious caveat that we’ll never settle on a solution that will make everyone happy, we’re going to try modifying the arrangement so that we use the Sanctuary on the first Sunday of the month, then rotate back to the Chapel on the other days. Again, this is an experiment – PLEASE be patient, but also PLEASE let us know if you have questions, concerns, ideas, or joys to share.
- 2) We’ll be continuing to use the same rotation of worship settings for the next two months (up until Advent begins at the end of November). The four week cycle is:
 - a. Healing Service
 - b. Now the Feast and Celebration
 - c. Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting #8
 - d. Holden Morning Prayer
- 3) With the arrival of Advent, I am excited to pass along that we’ll be premiering a new setting composed by our accompanist, Ben Dobyns!

As always, blessings to you in the name of Christ,
Pastor Chris

Second Sunday Breakfasts



Next Sunday begins our new season of 2nd Sunday breakfasts. Every 2nd Sunday following the morning worship you are invited to the Fellowship Hall for breakfast. We ask for a donation of \$3.00 (if you are able) to cover the cost of the breakfast. We try to provide a variety of food throughout the year. Breakfast includes a main dish, fruit, rolls or muffins and drinks.



Remember in prayer

Daily Member Prayer List

- 1 - Karen Schoeld
- 2 - Ellen Bergesen
- 3 - Nicole Swenson
- 4 - Kirk Swenson
- 5 - Dick Scansen
- 6 - Nicole Anschell
- 7 - Joanne Brock
- 8 - Nick Rudnick
- 9 - Joe Himple
- 10 - Archer Ode
- 11 - Karen Anschell
- 12 - Carla Salmon
- 13 - Anna Sjong
- 14 - Chuck Vollbrecht
- 15 - Karen Bauer
- 16 - Bruce Smith
- 17 - Elia Smith
- 18 - Karen Johnson
- 19 - Riley Kimble
- 20 - Ed Anschell
- 21 - Sue Logen
- 22 - Carolyn Starrett
- 23 - Jayne Rudnick
- 24 - Lila Geiszler
- 25 - Norma Grigsby
- 26 - Phyllis Moll
- 27 - Stephanie Vollbrecht
- 28 - Stephanie Bertges
- 29 - Daniel Schwerdtfeger
- 30 - Lorna Neumann

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
- Jim Schoeld
- Karen Schoeld
- Elia Smith

CELEBRATE OCTOBER



20 - AUDREY ANDERSON

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 - Harold Crawford
- 10 - Chris Pickrell
- 12 - Elizabeth Pickrell
- 13 - Leukos Jones
- 15 - Elias Rayborn
- 16 - Jordan Rayborn
- 23 - Judy Goulet
- 25 - Dorothy Storseth
- 27 - Joan Martinell
- Rance Urdahl



Dear Friends at Bethel Lutheran,

We want to express our thanks for the many years you have sent us the Bethel Beam. It is appreciated. We have continued to remember Bethel in our thoughts and prayers. It is the church where Marty served the first 3 years of his ministry. (1962-1965) as Assistant Pastor to Dr. Peterson. We still recognize a few names in the newsletter from those years.

We are surprised at how the ministry of Bethel has changed. We commend you on your decision to focus on "building ministry", as difficult as this move may be. Our prayers continue with - and for - you. You can count our ministry in Michigan and North Dakota as part of your accomplishment in "building ministry" - even in places of which you are unaware.

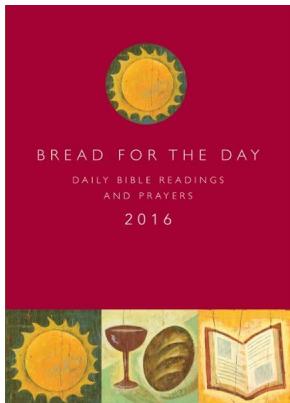
May God continue to bless Bethel Lutheran of Shoreline congregation.

Pastor Mary (retired) and Lois Simmons



THANK
YOU

DAILY DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE



Bread for the Day is a daily-use devotional resource filled with rich treasures:

A brief scripture reading (NRSV texts) for each day following the daily lectionary developed by the Consultation on Common Texts and presented in [Evangelical Lutheran Worship](#)

- The devotions begin January 1, 2016
- A prayer and hymn for each day
- Brief yet helpful introductions to the seasons
- Table graces/meal prayers for the holidays and seasons
- Household blessings for special times throughout the year (for example: Blessing for the New Year, Blessing of the Home at Epiphany, Prayer for Placing Palms in the Home, Blessing of the Easter Meal, Blessings for Mother's and Father's Day, Remembering Those Who Have Died, Lighting the Advent Wreath, Blessing of the Christmas Tree)

- Monthly pages for recording prayer requests
- Notes on festivals and commemorations
- Simplified forms for morning and evening prayer
- Waking prayers and bedtime prayers, including prayers with children

If you would like to order this book: Call - 800/328-4648

AN INVITATION FOR THE LADIES OF BETHEL

The Martha Circle Women members at Bethany Lutheran invite the WELCA circle members from your church to come and meet and share ideas! **Please come to our November 9th circle meeting.** We meet from 10 AM tp 12 Noon. Generally we bring our own food and share cookies and coffee. Very informal. **Our November meeting meets on the 9th in our Augustana Room, up the stairs from the back parking lot.**

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.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD SUNDAY

Bread for the World Sunday - October 18 - is an opportunity for your church or community of faith to join with others — in thousands of churches across the country — in living out God's vision of a world without hunger through our prayers for an end to hunger, and letters, and phone calls to our nation's leaders.

Join Craig Fjarlie and Diana Holeman after the Sunday service on October 18 to write a letter to your Senator and Representative.

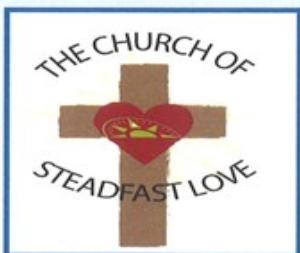
Paper, pens, and a letter template will be available.

**What can you do?
Tell congress to feed our children.
This is your opportunity!**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

"To All the World"

fall fundraiser



Please join us as we celebrate becoming a recognized congregation of the ELCA!

October 3, 2015

Church of Steadfast Love Celebration & Fundraiser

October 3, 5pm - 8pm at **Phinney Ridge, Seattle**

Please join us as we celebrate becoming a recognized congregation of the ELCA!

Featuring

- Spaghetti Dinner- Vegetarian, gluten free, dairy free, sugar free options available.
- A Wonderful Raffle! Including a quilt by Margaret Spatafore, food baskets, etc.
- Live Music- Performed by The Uncle Pens; Suggested Donation: \$25. RSVP by Sept. 25th.

Need More Information? 206-474-1007 or
PastorKristy@compasshousingalliance.org
www.compasshousingalliance.org/who-we-are-top/church-of-steadfast-love

We are a Lutheran ministry located at Compass Housing Alliance in Pioneer Square. Our congregation welcomes our neighbors, who are people from all walks of life and from all over the world. We are a congregation of the ELCA with doors open Tuesday to Sundays for comfort and sharing. We celebrate special occasions, worship together go on mission trips and share God's gifts with others. Our members are always changing, but we are steadfast in our mission: We are a safe place for people to gather and hear the life-giving Word of God, to share in the sacrament and to be sent to share the good news in both word and deed. Please pray with us,

Update from Tom & Mary Holman

September 16, 2015



Blankets in Africa?
You wouldn't think that you would need them, but I've had to use a blanket several times since I've been in Jos. It's rainy season here and Jos is at 4,000 feet, so it can become quite cool when there's a heavy rain. **Please pray** that the rains would help bring good harvest for all the translators Tom and I work with here and in Ghana.

Thanks for your prayers for the Waja computer issues. We were able to work out the problems so that they can now share the work they're doing with me directly by internet again, and I can send them my feedback. Pray that they would continue to make good progress on Acts and be able to share their work with me while they're back at home.

We're grateful for your prayers, and we pray for you, too.

Your partners in Christ,

Mary

Mary (and Tom) Holman

Make a Difference Day

Saturday, October 24, 9 am - 4 pm
At Camp Lutherwood

We have lots of projects that need to be worked on, including gardening, repairs, rewiring the office phones and internet lines, building projects and much more! Make a Difference Day makes for a great service-oriented youth outing that isn't a lot of work to plan! With your help, we could make Lutherwood a better and safer experience for everyone! Please RSVP how many are coming from your church to Ron at facility@camplutherwood.org. Lunch is provided.

SAVE THE DATES - COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ronald Commons

A New Shoreline Community



Join us for a groundbreaking ceremony at Ronald Commons, a project of Compass Housing Alliance, Hopelink, and Ronald United Methodist Church.

WHEN

Monday - October 12
4:30 - 6:00 PM
Program at 5:00 PM

Groundbreaking

Monday, October 12
4:30-6:00pm

hopelink
Helping People. Changing Lives.



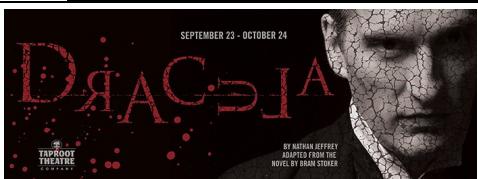
WHERE

Ronald Commons
17839 Aurora Ave N
Shoreline

Ronald Commons will feature:

- 60 affordable apartments, including 12 for veterans and their families, owned and operated by Compass Housing Alliance
- A 12,000 square foot integrated service center with support programs and a food bank, owned and operated by Hopelink,
- A remodeled Ronald United Methodist Church, offering an expanded presence and a wider range of resources to the community.

TAPROOT THEATER PRODUCTION



by Nathan Jeffrey
Adapted from the novel by Bram Stoker

Sept. 25 – Oct. 24 |
Previews Sept. 23 &

24

"In darkness he is powerful, but his power wanes, as does that of all evil things, at the coming of the day." —Abraham Van Helsing

The battle between light and dark erupts in a brand new adaptation of this classic thriller. Far from the romanticized vampires of recent years, this monster is a dire threat to humanity. Dracula lurks in the shadows, plotting to prey on the people of England. As night falls over London, intrepid heroes join forces to defeat him with the only weapon he fears — **a heart willing to sacrifice everything.**

hopelink

Monday, October 12
4:30-6:00pm

**Support
Camp Lutherwood
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Nourish your bodies and campers' hearts

November 21, 2015, 5-8pm
Trinity Lutheran College, Everett

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Oktoberfest Music Festival

OCTOBER 17TH

(5:00 pm to 7:30 pm)
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
10420 SE 11th Street
Bellevue, WA 98004
425-454-1162



Featuring Music From
Mach One Jazz Orchestra

"Royal Praise"

King of Kings Lutheran church of Renton
Musical Team

Trumpet, Drum and Bass Group
(All Saints, Bellevue)

Piano Solo

Rebecca Cheng of Pilgrim, Bellevue

Seattle Student Chimes Group
Concordia Lutheran School

Dinner provided by Lutheran Ministry Services
German Bratwurst - Potatoe Salad- Sauerkraut -
Cookies & Refreshments

6:00 - 7:00 PM
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
(address above)

RSVP to Pilgrim L.C. 425-454-1162
by October 13

MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 repeated so you will be able to attend each one. Business meeting - Election of officers and board members and adoption of budget. Election of voting members to 10th Triennial Convention in Minneapolis, 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 newsletter.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) needs a few more willing people – anyone who can lift 30 pound boxes – to help with the twice-a-year Seattle LWR quilt and kit collection on Friday Oct 30th from 8am to 3pm, and Saturday Oct 31st from 8am to noon. If you cannot lift, or do not want to lift boxes, we also need traffic directors to manage the incoming loads, and help with checking cars in.

Volunteers work two-hour shifts, if possible – with time off between incoming vehicles for conversation and snacks. This is a physical Tetris game – we stack the boxes 9.5 feet high and 8 feet across in 53-foot long containers. The boxes range from banana and apple boxes to various packing boxes, so loading can be challenging.



This event takes place in the parking lot west of Our Redeemers' Lutheran Church (2500 85th Ave NW). We have two loadings a year – first week in May, and late October/early November.

Please call Rich Mathes (206-384-1183) or Email lwrmathes@aol.com if interested in the loading, or just have questions.



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

When All Hail Breaks Loose

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop



Be merciful to me, O God,
be merciful to me, for in
you my soul takes refuge;
in the shadow of your
wings I will take refuge,
until the destroying storms
pass by. -Psalm 57:1

It was a first for me. I encountered a significant hail storm while plying the waters of Puget Sound. I was on board our boat, Gratitude, with my dear friend Joe Johns. The rains had returned for the first

time this summer. We awoke to a beautiful morning after a stormy night on the anchor. The water was mirror-like as the Northwest fog was clinging to the trees.

We set off slowly to go around Herron Island, eventually hoping to spend some time off Eagle Island to enjoy a seal colony of mothers and young pups. The winds began to gather and the sea took on a bit of chop - but nothing to be alarmed about. The steady rumble of the diesel motor was reassuring as we crossed over the north end of the island and headed back south.

Heading south we could see a storm forming as the clouds filled with blackness. Just as we were about to point the bow of the boat past Devil's Head, five bolts of lightning jagged down from the darkest cloud. I said to Joe, "It must be pretty far away I don't hear any thunder." Just as I got those words out of my mouth the lightening turned into a concussion that literally shook the boat. This meant a whole lot

of water beneath us was absorbing the shock. I could see on my radar that it was raining to the east of us. The dark cloud was moving much faster than my six knots and I figured it would pass by us before we caught up with it. Meanwhile I was hugging the shoreline because you don't really want to be on the water when lightening is striking.

We made it past Devil's Head and into the open water when all hail broke loose. Pea size pellets of ice bombarded the boat. Visually I could no longer see the land on my port side. Visibility was reduced to a few feet. The radar screen turned a total magenta color. All it was seeing was the hail. The pellets were relentless. The storm had still more to offer. Joe looked at me as if to say, "I hope you know what you are doing?" All I could think was, "Thank God for GPS, radar and my depth finder." A person gets completely disoriented on the water when you lose your ability to set your eye on a fixed object. Boaters have been known to head in the exact opposite direction of their intent.

Using the GPS, I relied upon my electronic charts to keep me as close to Devil's Head as I could while at the same time watching my depth finder so that I did not run aground. Off a point you can encounter shallow water for several hundred feet. It is also common to find large rocks in such places.

My other fear, of course, was running into another boat. Fortunately, I was able to fine tune the radar so that I could eliminate the hail detection while at the same time being able to get an image of the boats in the area.

Stay in touch and in the know!

Synod Website Calendar - www.lutheransnw.org/calendar

Do you receive the Weekly Update eNews? www.lutheransnw.org/subscribe

THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

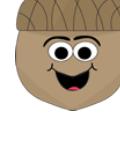
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| Altar Guild | Ragnhild & Marlys | Karen & Diana | Sue & Joanne | Judy & Carol |
| Worship Assistant | Elia Smith | Stephanie Bertges | Joe Himple | Liz Terrey |
| CHILDREN'S TIME | Pastor Chris | Marlys Pickrell | Pastor Chris | Kathy Carrow |
| | | COMMUNION | | |
| GLASSES | Joanne Brock | xxxxxxxxxxxxxx | Mary Himple | xxxxxxxxxxxxxx |
| FLOWERS | Scott & Starla Delap in honor of their anniversary | | | |
| USHERS | Bruce Smith | Chuck Vollbrecht Chris Pickrell Dick Scansen | Sue Logen | |
| Gospel | Mark 12:26-27a | Mark 12:28-31 | Mark 3:33-35 | Mark 11:8-10 |
| Preaching Text | Exodus 1:8-2:10; 3:1-15 | Deuteronomy 5:1-21:6:4-9 | Ruth 1:1-17 | 2 Samuel 5:1-5 6:1-5; Psalm 150 |

Sanctuary Caretaker: Chris Pickrell

ON CALL LIST



| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Lillian Routledge | Carolyn Starrett |
| Rick & Beth Rudnick | Beth Sundquist |
| David & Carla Salmon | John & Liz Terrey |
| Dick Scansen | Rance & Kelly Urdahl |
| Dick & Kristi Schwerdtfeger | Chuck & Ruth Vollbrecht |
| Bruce & Elia Smith | John & Kathy (Carrow) Vollbrecht |

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <i>October Bethel Calendar</i> | | | | | | |
| |  |  | | | | |
| 4 <u>8:15 AM</u> Wired Word <u>9:30 AM</u> Worship Service | 5 | 6 | 9 <u>6:30 PM</u> Worship Team | 8 <u>7:00 PM</u> Bethel Church Council | 9  | 10 <u>9:30 AM</u> Anderson Plaza Worship |
| 11 <u>8:15 AM</u> Wired Word <u>9:30 AM</u> Worship Service <u>10:45 AM</u> Breakfast | 12 | 13 | 14 <u>10:00 AM</u> Sarah Circle | 15 <u>7:00 PM</u> Ruth Circle | 16 | 17 <u>9:30 AM</u> Anderson Plaza Worship |
| 18 <u>8:15 AM</u> Wired Word <u>9:30 AM</u> Worship Service <u>11:00 AM</u> Adult Forum | 19 | 20 | 21 <u>9:00 AM</u> Bethel Quilters | 22  | 23 | 24 <u>9:30 AM</u> Anderson Plaza Worship |
| 25 <u>8:15 AM</u> Wired Word <u>9:30 AM</u> Worship Service <u>11:00 AM</u> Adult Forum | 26  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31  |



Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Lutheran Disaster Response e-Alert

Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:1-2).
This is Nargis. She is 2 and has been traveling with her mother and father for two months. Because of security reasons, they fled their home country and have been traveling by foot and truck ever since. They've arrived in Hungary safely but with little resources left.

As a church, we are called to respond and help individuals, families and children like Nargis. Her family is among the record number of refugees and migrants fleeing war and poverty in the Middle East. Many who have fled only have the clothes on their backs. As temperatures drop in the coming weeks and months ahead, the already difficult situation will become life-threatening. Through Lutheran Disaster Response, your gifts will be used to provide basic but essential items for refugees as they endure the long journey ahead. Gifts will be used to provide food, diapers, blankets, water, health kits, hygiene kits and psychosocial services to assist those who have fled their homes.

From Jordan to Germany, Serbia to Hungary – we have been and will continue to work with our Lutheran companion churches and partners. As resources run out and conditions become more harsh, your gifts will help provide warmth, healing and hope for the future. **Gifts designated for the Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis will be used in full (100 percent) to assist those directly impacted by this crisis.** Your prayers and partnership are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

In service,

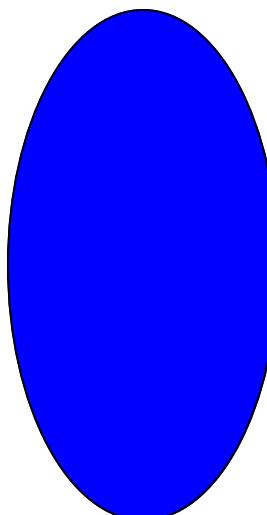
The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal



Daniel Fekete/HIA/ACT



This is for those of my older generation who do not really comprehend **why** Facebook exists. Presently, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I go down on the street and tell the passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before and what I will do tomorrow night. Then I give them pictures of my family, my dog and me gardening and spending time in my pool. I also listen to their conversations and I tell them I love them. And it works. I already have 3 people following me: 2 police officers and a psychiatrist.



Ways to Give

Checks or money orders should be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis" on your check memo line.

Give by phone at 800-638-3522 or online.

Lutheranism 101

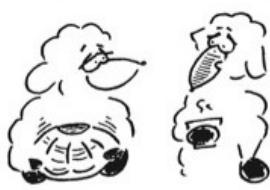
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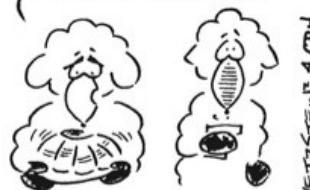
IS IT TRUE THAT
THERE ARE
LUTHERANS
AROUND THE
WORLD?



YES, IN FACT, SOME
OF THE LARGEST
LUTHERAN GROUPS
ARE IN AFRICA
AND ASIA.



HUH — WHAT
DO YOU THINK
THEY PUT IN THEIR
JELLO SALAD?



WEBSITE: CPH.org

WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

Bethel Beam



Reformation Sunday - Oct. 25th
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

Accompanist
Ben Dobyns

Bookkeeper
Kathy Carrow

Security
Bruce Lemmon

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

Worship Schedule
9:30 AM

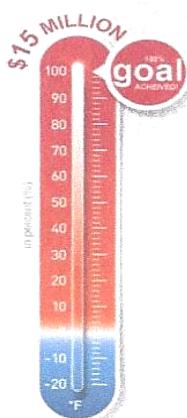
Education/Bible Study
8:15 AM Sunday
9:45 AM Sunday
11:00 AM Sunday

Communion
Every Sunday

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ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN: WE DID IT! SEPTEMBER 2015

www.ELCA.org/malaria



We have incredible news! The ELCA Malaria Campaign Just reached its fundraising goal of \$15 million! Thank you for being a part of this monumental milestone and helping us protect countless lives from this preventable, treatable disease. We couldn't have done it without you!

Five years ago ELCA members, congregations and synods came together, dreamed big with our Lutheran companion churches and partners, and set out to raise \$15 million for malaria programming. Today we celebrate all that we have accomplished together.

Working with our Lutheran companions and partners in 13 African countries, we have brought about lasting change. But our work is not over. While the ELCA Malaria Campaign will come to an end on Jan. 31, 2016, our commitment to ending deaths from this disease will not. In the coming years, support to our companions and partners to address malaria will come through gifts to ELCA World Hunger, which has a long history of supporting health-related work.

Without you, none of this would have been possible. Thank you for your prayers, your partnership and your generosity.

Together we have made a great impact!

Our gifts have helped educate more than 2 million people, distribute 50,000 nets, test 160,000 people and treat if positive, empower 12,000 households economically, provide 32,000 pregnant women prevention medication and so much more. Thank you!



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