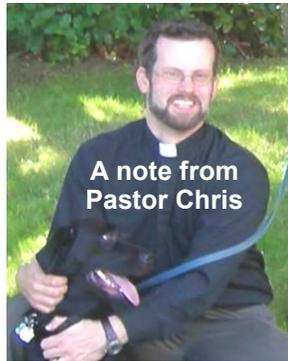


the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

April 2016



March 16, 2016

Easter greetings!

As you are likely aware by now, on February 21 we held a final blessing and celebration of the ministry of our former home on 8th Ave & 175th St. It was a well-attended and moving service with special involvement by Pastor Jim Schoeld (former Bethel lead pastor), Pastor Dick Wendt (former Bethel interim pastor), Pastor Malcolm Brown (former Bethel youth and family minister), and Pastor Kathryn Buffum (assistant to the bishop of Northwest Washington). It was a time to remember, reflect, and regroup as we turned the page from one chapter of Bethel's ministry to the next one.

Elements within the service were drawn from the original dedication services for "The Little Brown Church" and the site expansion from the late 50s: examples of bulletins from those services were on hand along with other pieces of Bethel history. Several of those pieces are available for your perusal at the new North City location (17529 15th Ave NE), and digital versions will eventually be posted to the church website (www.bethel4all.org).

The weeks since that service have witnessed a great deal of activity at our new home: as I write this, the first phase of remodeling is nearly finished and only the sanctuary flooring remains as a "large" item awaiting completion (various examples of touch-up paint are also in progress). Our various partner organizations have frequently expressed their appreciation for being invited to come along with us, and their continued presence provides us with extended opportunities/resources for outreach as well as a solid financial foundation for the operation of the site itself.

God is good!

As we approach Holy Week and Easter (March 27), I am excited to see the bulk of my responsibilities slowly beginning to shift away from building-related matters back towards pastoral ones. I cannot deny that this whole process of transition has been stressful, and it is with a deep sense of accomplishment and relief that I look forward to beginning a "mini-sabbatical" on March 28. Starting that day, and for the next 4 weeks afterward, I will be unavailable as I take time away for vacation, continuing education, and deliberate recharging. Pastor Elizabeth Rawlings (UW Campus Ministry) and Pastor Chris Hogstad (formerly of Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Bothell) will be filling in for me during that time, with the latter also available for pastoral care emergencies. Upon my return (and amongst other things) I will be working with the church council to make some careful decisions concerning the next phase of our remodel as well as preparing a revised budget to be presented at our next congregational meeting.

I want to thank you all for your continued support and prayers throughout this past year: making it this far was only possible because of God's grace and your goodwill. We still have a great deal ahead of us, but I firmly believe that our new home brings with it a tremendous amount of potential for outreach and growth, and I am excited to see what God can do through us here.

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!

Blessings in the name of the risen Christ!
Pastor Chris

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Daily Member Prayer List

- 1 - Kelly Urdahl
- 2 - Bruce Smith
- 3 - Craig Fjarlie
- 4 - Riley Kimble
- 5 - Sue Logen
- 6 - Ruby Hoff
- 7 - Dela VanHoy
- 8 - Elia Smith
- 9 - Paul Grigsby
- 10 - Carolyn Starrett
- 11 - Karen Bauer
- 12 - Roger Hilling
- 13 - Jeremy DeLap
- 14 - David Salmon
- 15 - Ruth Vollbrecht
- 16 - Irene Olsen
- 17 - Archer Ode
- 18 - Gloria Dawson
- 19 - Mona Drake
- 20 - Darlene Hilling
- 21 - Jayne Rudnick
- 22 - Kari Pickrell
- 23 - Norma Grigsby
- 24 - Rachel Miller
- 25 - Lila Geiszler
- 26 - Rance Urdahl
- 27 - Don Brown
- 28 - Donna Johns
- 29 - Lorna Neumann
- 30 - Daniel Schwerdtfeger

Those coping with health problems

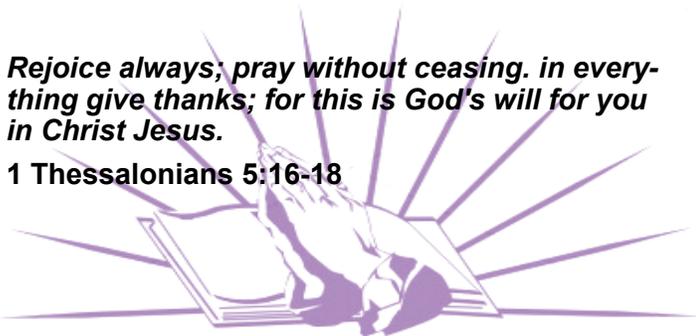
- Don Brown
Harold Crawford
Mona Drake
John Johns
Olive Kohanik
Harold Martinell
Joan Martinell
Kathy Moll
Jim Schoeld
Karen Schoeld

Those in Assisted Living or Care Facilities

- Vera Anderson
Ellen Hansen
Dick Hinea
Dick Scansen
Donna Sjoquist
Mary Smith
Dela Van Hoy

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing. in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



THANK YOU

Dear Ms. Goulet,
Thank you so much for the piano. I really enjoy playing on it. I appreciate your generosity and I'll take good care of it.

Thanks again,
Macy

(this is the girl, one of Nancy Phillips piano students, that we gave the piano in the chapel to)

SPRING LUNCHEON



Spring is here once again!

Tickets go on sale
for our Spring Luncheon
April 10.

Date: May 7
Time: 11:30 AM

\$10 per adult
\$5 per child 5-10

No charge for children under 5

Entertainment will be announced at a later date.

TOWELS FOR COMPASS CENTER

During the season of Lent as we pondered the cross and our brokenness we were reminded that we are loved. Jesus showed his disciples the kind of love that he desired in the washing of their feet, in the gathering of community, and in the breaking of his body. Year-round can be a Lenten darkness for those living on the streets and in the shelters but the Lenten discipline of "acts of love" helps to make the journey less arduous for so many.

Please remember our sisters and brothers and donate towels to Compass Housing Alliance. We take used and new towels for the hundreds of people who use the hygiene services every week, and we bless you for your generosity.

If you would like to participate in this cause, you may bring your towels to Bethel and our Outreach Team will see that Compass Housing Alliance gets them.

Outreach Team



UPDATE FROM TOM AND MARY HOLMAN

Dear Family and friends of Tim & March 16, 2016

Thank you for your prayers for Tom's mother. We recently learned that she has a rare disease called amyloidosis. An amyloid is an abnormal protein produced in the bone marrow, which can be deposited in any tissue or organ. Mom had it in her bladder. It has no cure. It doesn't seem to be affecting her much at this point, and as the doctors said, she won't die **from** it, she'll die **with** it! She has appointments for some tests on April 6 and 7 at Mayo Clinic. **Please pray** for a positive outcome. Also **please continue to pray** that her blood pressure would stabilize.

Tom and I are making good progress on Genesis in Anufo. The consultant's check is planned for June, but we don't need to be there. Instead, we hope to go together to Nigeria for a Luke Partnership workshop in May. I plan to work with the F team for three weeks, and Tom will work with the S translator for two weeks and then go to Ghana for one week to do some work with the Anufo. We'll then fly home together. **Pray** that Tom and his siblings could work out the best place for Mom to stay while we're gone. Meanwhile I'm looking forward to checking Acts by internet with the Waja team after Easter. **Pray** that we would make great progress.

Happy Spring!

Mary

Mary and Tom Holman

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MAF Newsletter

Roxanne Ault,

As the summer of 2014 approached, following discussions with Tim, MAF arrived at the decision to allow the Aults to return to Brazil. This decision was not taken lightly as both Tim and Roxanne realized that there were multiple factors at play.

Now, with time to reflect, I truly believe that their return to Brazil was the best option, particularly for Roxanne. Physically, Roxanne is doing well, and it seems she is no longer aware that she is no longer aware that she has any health problem. She is eating and sleeping well and has only an occasional, lo-level of agitation. This has been a blessing to Tim and the family. However, due to her Alzheimers, it is apparent to the family that Roxanne's cognitive abilities continue to diminish.

Tim is very pleased with Rosanne's Brazilian caregiver, Heysa, who lovingly attends to her and helps her throughout the day. This care allows Tim to head off to the hangar knowing that Roxanne is well-cared for in Tim's words, "We have a keeper!"

Due to Roxanne's health, Tim has had to give up flying for now. Getting stuck in the jungle overnight is not an option. Tim writes, *"I am truly blessed to be able to continue to be a significant part of the ministry here in Brazil. I LIKE my work as the manager of the parts department for the Manaus base. It is not the type of work that is interesting to talk about, and not people would equate it with the job of proof reading to make sure all the 'I's' have been dotted and the 't's' crossed. But, if we are going to keep the airplanes that enable our ministry in the air so that they can continue to meet the needs of the folks we serve, my job is worth my effort. I am still an integral part of multiplying the effort to share the Gospel with those who have never heard. I thank God for the people that were providing parts for me all the years I enjoyed serving as a pilot!"*

As you can imagine, Tim has been physically tired and emotionally drained in balancing his care for Roxanne with his ministry responsibilities. *"I am hanging in there. I am able to handle the routing of work and home life, yet I battle against impatience and anger which seem to rear their ugly heads from time to time. Please pray for me that I might greatly demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit."*

Tim and Roxanne go on to say, "The prayers of all those who remember us before our God are an extreme blessing and encouragement to us, and we appreciate them immensely! Prayer is what you can do for us. We want to give glory to God with our lives. That is all that really matters! The only way to do this is the power of God's Spirit working in and through us."

For all of you who know Tim, you know how lovingly and tenderly he cares for Roxanne. Without a doubt, he honors God, his wife, his family, his co-workers, and those who are watching him, in the way he loves Roxanne.

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Dear Sponsoring Congregations:

We wanted to fill you in a little about our current ministries in Japan. We have mentioned before how our academic year begins in April. Beginning in April Jim will become the Department Head of the Theology department as well as head of one of five courses called "Christian Studies." He will continue his teaching and responsibilities for the seminary as well as working with graduate students in the Clinical Psychology Department. Carol remains director of Lyra Precaria, the 2 year training program for using voice and harp at the bedside of the dying. April will mark the beginning of the 6th group of students taking this program. They just had their graduation of the 5th group of seven students in March. 35 individuals have now finished completed training.

Please pray for:

- 1) our ministries in Japan
- 2) Jun Akihisa, the newest graduate of the seminary
- 3) the schools and organizations for which we work, including The Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, Japan Lutheran College, Japan Lutheran Theological Seminary, Japan Evangelical Lutheran Association
- 4) the Japanese pastors who faithfully minister to the members of their churches
- 5) the four new seminary students who will start at the seminary in April



An experience from Carol: Filling the Hole

Jim and I both visit one of Japan's largest prisons once a month to offer a listening ear to prisoners. Though our normal involvement is done on a one-to-one basis, twice I have been asked to bring my harp to a rehabilitation group for sexual offenders. Although the prison atmosphere appears extremely harsh for the most part, I have been impressed with this program, which meets for 90 minutes, a total of 70 times with the same four or five men. Some people have criticized me for offering prayerful presence in voice and harp for such offenders of society, but my own conviction is that there has been for these individuals some fundamental injury of identity, some tragic demolition of dignity which leads to societal harm, and if that foundational hole can be filled, the source of the violence can be touched and transformed. I realize that my conviction may be naïve and simplistic, but only God knows that, and I feel there is nothing to lose by trying. Thus I accepted these invitations with honor.

As last year, I was told that these men are generally afraid of people they do not know, especially women. Four staff persons and four inmates were present. I introduced myself and briefly explained what I do, visiting patients one-on-one, offering voice and harp at the bedside. I invited all to close their eyes. Without explanation I began to play our simple music, a combination of Gregorian chant, Latin Taize chants and lullabies in various languages. I purposely use unfamiliar music sung in non-vernacular, so as to offer the listener freedom to take whatever heart-journey is necessary. I sense the presence of the Holy Spirit leading them wherever they need to go. In this instance, I particularly felt the effect of the lullabies, and prayed that whatever might have been bereft in their maternal relationships might be offered through God's grace in these moments. After about 30 minutes, the music came to a quiet close and the leader asked staff and inmates alike to share their thoughts.

I was awed by God's movement in their hearts. Our music is so simple, it is clear that this is not a result of musical prowess, rather the sheer grace of God at work. Let me share the response of one of the inmates. Please recall that these were all Japanese men, and that Japan is a country where the Christian population is less than 1%. Also please note that I had explained nothing, and sang in foreign tongues.

The gentleman to my right said, "Before I committed crimes, I used to go into churches from time to time and listen to the music. This music reminded me of those times. I felt like I was back in a church pew. I realized that I need to be in that kind of place. I need to return there. If I were listening to this kind of music and were in the church, I could not commit crimes. I want to start reading my Bible again. We need the love of Christ..."

I sat back, stunned. He went on and on, proclaiming that the church, the Bible and the love of Christ was not only his, but their hope. I felt I was in the presence of an authentic missionary, one who had earned a right to speak with power and with the word of authority. Fortunately I had the restraint not to add my two-cents' worth, but just to let this man, **one of them**, be my spokesperson.

I was thankful that this man confirmed my original conviction ~ that there is transformative power not only to an individual but to society, when Christ's love is offered right into the hole of any human condition. At least it seemed to be true for this one man. If Jesus leaves the 99 for just the one, it is enough.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

**“Empowering Women by Grace through Faith”
Region 1 Women’s Gathering
Lynnwood, Washington June 24 – 26, 2016.
Embassy Suites in Lynnwood**

**Featuring: Susan Briehl,
Hymn Writer Jan Cherry -
Diaconal Minister Bishop Jessica Crist
Of Montana
Sister Clare Josef-Meier**

**The Reverend Susan Kintner - Assistant to the Bishop of Oregon
The Reverend Nancy Winder - Assistant to the Bishop for Candidacy of NW WA
Bishop Shelley Wickstrom of Alaska**

**For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.
2 Timothy 1:7**

More information can be found under women’s ministries at www.lutheransnw.org.

Save these dates on your calendar and plan to attend a rewarding weekend with Region 1 women and guests from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. The Northwest Washington Synodical Women’s Organization (NW WA SWO) and leaders from Region 1 are finalizing plans for the Gathering. What an empowering gift attending this event could be for yourself and a friend, or add to a wish list for birthdays, etc. or combine with an extended trip to the beautiful Seattle area.

Embassy Suites is helping us make this Gathering an experience to remember. Information for room reservations can be obtained on the women ministries page at <http://lutheransnw.org/synod-women>. All meeting rooms and dining needs are contained within the Embassy Suites facility.

Embassy Suites - North/Lynnwood Hotel Description With a stay at Embassy Suites Seattle - North/Lynnwood, Washington. This family-friendly hotel is within close proximity of mall shopping and a Municipal Golf Course. Rec, Spa, Premium Amenities offered, including an indoor pool, a spa tub, and a fitness center. Enjoy a satisfying meal at a restaurant serving guests of Embassy Suites and a complimentary daily reception.

**Guest Room Rates: The hotel is pleased to offer the following special 2016 rates for this event:
| Single: \$179.00 - Double: \$179.00 - Triple: \$204.00— Quad: \$229.00**

The room block has been set up and confirmed. Guests can call in their reservations to (425) 775-2500 or (800) 628-0611 and reserve their rooms under The WELCA REGION ONE GATHERING BLOCK. You can also make reservations through the link on the lutheransnw.org web site. Book hotel reservations by June 4, 2016.

In-Room Amenities Two-room suite, microwave oven, coffee maker, and refrigerator High-speed Internet access Two televisions with cable featuring HBO® Iron and ironing board Non-smoking rooms Complimentary Amenities Complimentary full cooked-to-order breakfast every morning Complimentary Evening Reception featuring cocktails and snacks every evening Free parking Room service Access to on-site Precor® Fitness Center, whirlpool

**Cost: \$195 (includes all meals and events)
(This notice is too late for the early registration)
(Registration forms are available in our church office)**

(Aren’t we lucky! It’s right here in our home town! We can stay in our homes for free and travel there daily. But, it might be fun to stay at the hotel!)



THRIVENT NEWS

GUIDE OTHERS TO BE WISE WITH MONEY AND LIVE GENEROUSLY

Thrivent is a membership organization of nearly 2.4 million Christians that offers a unique blend of faith, finances and generosity to help strengthen families and communities. We're looking for men and women representatives who have a passion for building long-term relationships and helping others make the most of their time, talent and treasures, knowing their financial strategies are solid and on track.

Our ideal candidates are caring, self-motivated, trustworthy and have a passion for helping others. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our financial representative opportunities, please contact Tim Barth at 916-759-9498.

TAPROOT THEATER PRODUCTION



Cotton Patch Gospel

By Tom Key
& Russell Treyz
Music & Lyrics
by Harry Chapin

Bring your whole family! It's a rare play that can boast favorable reviews from both *Rolling Stone* and *Christianity*

Today. That's why we've revamped this bluegrass musical, based on the story of Jesus' birth, and put it back on Taproot's stage. Experience the soul-stirring power of excellent storytelling and inspiring music.

The same old song

Meeting a parishioner on the street, a pastor asked why he had not seen the fellow at worship very often. "Well," the man complained, "it seems like every time I go to church you sing the same old hymns."

"Oh," replied the preacher. "What hymns are those?"

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

FOSS HOME AND VILLAGE

Discover the Foss Difference
Building Bridges

Please join us for a breakfast with Paul Hoffman

No one builds better bridges than God, who built the biggest one yet, spanning the distance from heaven to earth. By going the distance, God has made great love known for all people and for all creation. As children of God, we're called to build bridges to one another. Every day the ministry of Foss answers that call by building a bridge between seniors in need of residential health care and long-term assisted living. Those bridges extend to our residents' families as well as to the congregations whom we serve.



Pastor Paul Hoffman, called as a writer and teacher by the NWWA Synod, is a long-time friend of Foss and himself a bridge builder. As

our speaker, he will help us see the important connections, that all of us have the opportunity to make, in the life of Foss, its residents, and the world around us. Paul is a nationally-known author and speaker. Paul was most recently pastor at Phinney Ridge Lutheran in Seattle.

Please be our guest

Saturday April 9, 2016

Check-in 9am

Program begins at 9:30am

Light breakfast will be served

Shoreline Community College

16101 Greenwood Avenue North

Limited Space Reservations are Required

To reserve a place, please: Call Kim Hardwick 206-834-2581 or email: khardwick@fosscares.org

All guests will be invited to make a gift to support the Foss mission



A PRAYERFUL LIFE



John Piper once shared that the way he prays for his soul constitutes the "meat and potatoes" of his prayer life. The way he prays is consistent with the way he believes God acts. When Piper prays for his soul (or the soul of his family, friends and church members), he uses a pattern he discovered in the Bible. The acronym – I O U S – helps him to focus his thoughts and direct his prayers. I am grateful to John Piper for this insight and I want to share it with you.

Incline

"I" stands for *incline*. The first thing our soul needs is an inclination toward God and his word. Our inclination toward God shows that we value him above all else. Nothing is more important than inclining our heart to God. When I want to know God I turn to his word. This "want to" comes from God himself.

Incline my heart to Your testimonies and not to selfish gain. Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things, and give me life in your ways (Psalm 119:36-37). As the old chorus goes, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace."

Open

"O" stands for *open*. When I am inclined to read God's word I need to have the eyes of my heart opened. I need my eyes to be enlightened so that I see God, myself, and others from his point of view. Only God has the power to open the eyes of my heart. *Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law* (Psalm 119:18).

Unite

"U" stands for *unite*. My soul often feels fragmented and divided. Sometimes we are all preoccupied with things that are distracting at best or dark at worst. I need God to unite all the desires of my heart around him. Where does this wholeness and unity come from? God himself. *Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name* (Psalm 86:18).

Satisfy

"S" stands for *satisfy*. The ultimate desire is to be satisfied with God. I want to be more satisfied with God than anything that the world may offer. This satisfaction comes from God himself. *Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love that we may rejoice and be glad all our days* (Psalm 90:14). As my joy in the Lord becomes stronger it spreads. Other will see that my satisfaction is not based on circumstances. I want others to see how Jesus can satisfy and be drawn to him.

I encourage you to use this acronym in your own prayer life. Use it when you pray for yourself and others. Ask God to give you an inclination to him and his word, to open your eyes to wonderful things in his word, to have your hearts united in the fear of God, and to be satisfied with his steadfast love.

Ask boldly for the scripture promises that, *He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?* (Romans 8:32).

From: "Paul and Peggy Schlieker" paul@bible-study-lesson-plans.com

(Thank you Kelly for sending this)



APRIL 2016

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Those Who Serve

April 2016

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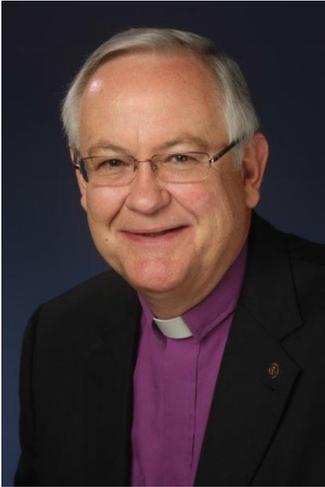
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Worship Assistants	Liz Terrey	Joe Himple	Chuck Vollbrecht	Elia Smith
Kids Time	Pastor Chris	Marlys Pickrell	Pastor Chris	Kathy Carrow
Communion				
Bread	Sue Logen	Joanne Brock	Carol Hovick	Craig Fjarlie
Wine	Dorothy Brown	Mary Himple	Judy Goulet	Kathy Carrow
Glasses	Judy Goulet Carol Hovick	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Bruce Smith Elia Smith	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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Ushers	Bruce Smith	Chuck Vollbrecht	Sue Logen	
	<p>We are in need of ushers. If you would like to help us out here, talk to one of the ushers.</p>			
Reading	Mark 6:7-13	Mark 6:53-56	Mark 13:9-11	
Preaching Text	Acts 1:1-14	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 17:1-9 1 Thess. 1:1-10	Acts 18:1-4 1 Cor. 1:10-18



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Surprised by Grace by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop

Your Synod Staff has been engaged in a robust conversation about what is the role of the Synod in the midst of all that is changing. It is critical for us to be clearer about who we are because like many of you we are relying on fewer and fewer resources

to do the work. This is true both in terms of dollars and people power. Our Staff has graciously agreed to take a 2.5% salary cut to make ends meet. Being clearer about who we are will help us to know to what we can say YES, and to what we will need to say NO.

One of my dear friends in the Renton business community was Pat Newbury. Pat owned four McDonald's restaurants. He put the identity question this way, "You have to know what business you are in?" He then went on to clarify that McDonald's is NOT in the hamburger business. There are lots of people in the hamburger business - but what has made McDonalds successful is that they are in the Three C's Business: Convenience, Consistency, & Cleanliness. You should be able to go into any restaurant in the world and order a Big Mac quickly, that taste like a Big Mac and enjoy it in a clean surrounding. This is pretty true of McDonald's. Howard Schultz has a similar story to tell. Starbucks is more than coffee. It is community. It is a "third place."

Do you know what your identity is as a congregation or ministry site?

Do you know what business you are in?

I left for Chicago this year to attend the March Conference of Bishops with this question of identity hanging over me. I found myself thinking about it on the airplane, during break times, and when my mind would wander from the presentation at hand. (This happened frequently!) It dawned on me: I know what business Lutherans are called to be in. We are called to constantly be discerning where we can surprise the world with God's grace. I believe this is the best gift we have to offer the world.

We Lutherans have no monopoly on it. I think of the wonderful people of Mother Emanuel (Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC) who surprised the world with God's grace when they refused to respond with hate to a young Lutheran man who murdered blood of their own blood. I think of the growing attention that Pope Francis is gaining as he continues to surprise the world with God's grace as he responds with compassion rather than condemnation – when he reaches out to touch and kiss the poor and forgotten.

This is who Jesus is for me. The one who over and over again responds in ways no one would predict – turning the cheek, forgiving his enemies, and dying on a cross.

The surprise of the gospel is the very reason I cannot turn my back on it. It just continues to intrigue me and disrupt the normal tendencies of my life.

So what does this mean for the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA? What does it mean for us to be in the business of surprising the world with God's grace? I can promise you this will be pre-occupying my heart and mind as I go about the business of serving this office.

**NW Washington Synod of the
ELCA -- 2016 Synod Assembly --
May 20 & 21
Xfinity Arena Conference Center,
Everett**

**Our Assembly Theme: Local + Global = GLOCAL:
What Is God Up To?**

Today we can walk through the neighborhoods surrounding our congregations, homes and workplaces and see people from many different cultures. Years ago the only way to have the same experience was to travel to a distant land. While language, cooking, and clothing styles are readily apparent and often inter-

esting, it is common to struggle with customs and philosophies that may counter those that we hold. GLOCAL takes the best of what we have learned from our Global Missions ministries and applies those same principles of companionship and accompaniment to our local ministries.

Throughout the books of Luke and Acts, the scriptures show us how Jesus and the disciples engaged those outside the church. At this year's assembly we will explore how to move out of our comfort zone and engage our neighbors in grace-filled ways that respect other cultures and allow us to learn from them. We will consider how to focus on the gifts that all bring to the table and not demand unity by asking those who are different to 'be just like me'.

Our keynote speaker (and Churchwide Representative) will be **Sunitha Mortha**, Mission Formation Director from the ELCA Global Mission Unit. Through her presentations and a variety of workshops led by members of her GLOCAL Team and local leaders, we will ponder how we engage those around us. The workshops will provide concrete examples of how our congregations can meet our neighbors and join in God's work already taking place in the neighborhood.

We will also tend to the business of the synod: receive reports, elect new synod council members, vote on constitutional changes and proposed resolutions, celebrate ministry anniversaries – and join in vibrant worship together.

**LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**

Investing in the Common Table - RSVP by April

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The board of [Lutheran Campus Ministry](#) at the University of Washington invites you to a complimentary brunch fundraiser catered by FareStart. Learn about how your financial support helps reach students through our Common Table dinners, Sunday evening worship and much more. We will gather to celebrate the moments that shaped us, meet current UW students, and visit with members of the Northwest Washington Synod's ministry to Chinese scholars to hear what's going on at Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Washington in 2016. For more info or to RSVP, email: [UWLutheranCampusMinis-](#)

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I'd like to thank all of you who care for the Aults as they continue to minister in Brazil. Time will update you on what God is doing in Brazil through the work of Asas de Socorro. Thank you so very much for your prayers and your continued financial support I carry a high respect for Tim and Roxanne as they serve in Brazil even as they are faced with these earthly challenges. They truly reflect God in their lives.

Gratefully in Christ,
Gene Jordan
VP Personnel
Mission Aviation Fellowship

I Found God Today

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I found God today through the eyes of a child.
He looked up at me and he gave me a smile.
He brought me such comfort for which I have longed.
Through the eyes of a child, I realized I belonged.

I found God today in an old woman's face.
As she held my hands, I felt God's embrace.
From problems in life, I knew I would prevail.
Which I felt through her hands so old and so frail.

I found God today in the warmth of a friend.
Who has given me strength for which I can depend?
When life had me down and I felt so depressed.
I realized through my friend just how much I was blessed.

I found God today when I searched for so long.
And it's now I realize, he's been there all along.
In family and friends and in all who I see.
Each day I find God and now I have found him in me.

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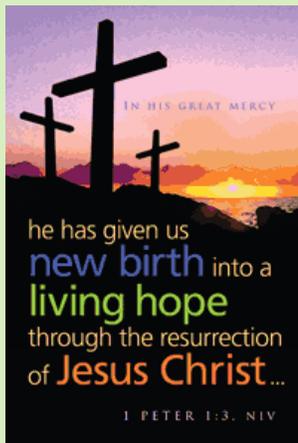
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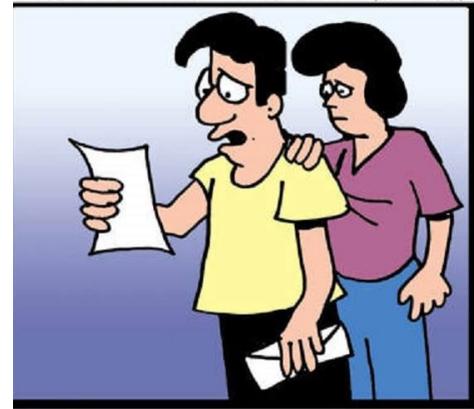
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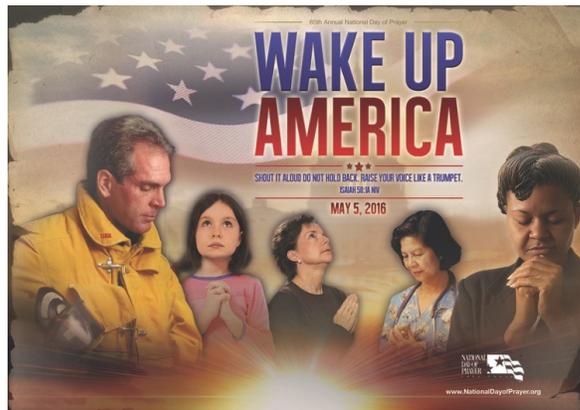
Communion
Every Sunday



Have a great
day, Feed your
faith and your
doubts will starve
to death...



"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."



The 65th annual National Day of Prayer, May 5, 2016, will have profound significance for our country. It is an unprecedented opportunity to see the Lord's healing and renewing power made manifest as we call on citizens to humbly come before His throne.

Our theme for 2016 is **Wake Up America**, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to return to the God of Fathers in reverence for His Holy Name. To further highlight our theme, we've chosen Isaiah 58:1a as our Scripture for this year: "*Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.*"

SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE GYMNASIUM
16101 Greenwood Ave N.
Shoreline, WA

Plenty of free parking near the gym (Look for our attendants)
Join with us to pray for our community and nation.

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. The unanimous passage of the bill establishing the National Day of Prayer as an annual event, signifies that prayer is as important to our nation today as it was in the beginning.

Like Thanksgiving or Christmas, this day has become a national observance placed on all Hallmark calendars and observed annually across the nation and in Washington, D.C. Every year, local, state, and federal observances were held from sunrise in Maine to sunset in Hawaii, uniting Americans from all socio-economic, political and ethnic backgrounds in prayer for our nation. It is estimated that over two million people attended more than 30,000 observances – organized by approximately 40,000 volunteers. At state capitals, county court houses, on the steps of city halls, and in schools, businesses, churches and homes, people stopped their activities and gathered for prayer.

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