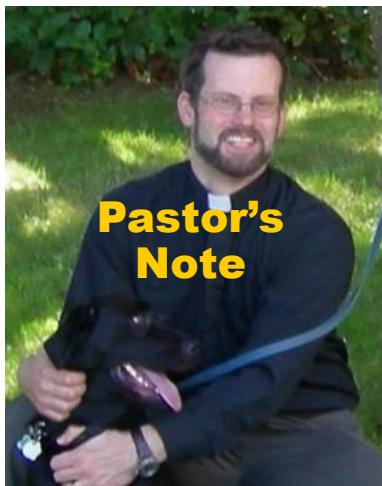


the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

May 2016



April 28, 2016

It is good to be back!

As most of you are aware, I was away for most of the month of April on a “mini-sabbatical”—a chance to reflect and recharge following the stresses of the past year. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to take this time for self-care: as I observed to a few people before leaving, “at this point, ‘running on fumes’ would be an improvement.” Thankfully, that is no longer the case! From speaking with a few people, it sounds like things went well with Pastors Elizabeth Rawlings and Chris Hogstad in my absence: thank you for welcoming them so whole-heartedly!

For the last few years, we have used Pentecost Sunday (May 15 this year) as a chance to hear from our brothers and sisters about their experiences of God’s work in the world. “Where/How have you seen God’s Spirit at work?” is the question we used to prompt the various speakers. This year, as we begin our transition into Bethel’s new life in North City (and beyond), we will be tweaking that format a bit: rather than asking a few people to prepare ahead of time with their experiences of God’s faithfulness in the past, we will be asking the entire congregation to ponder the ways in which we hope (or even expect!) to see God’s faithfulness in the future.

We are asking everyone to take some time to ponder the questions: “What are your hopes and dreams for Bethel’s future ministry? Where/How do you see God using Bethel for the purposes of the gospel?” We have a new home and new resources. We have new opportunities and new relationships. How can this amalgamation of assets be used for the glory of God? We are challenged to bridge the experience and wisdom of “what has been” with the hope and potential of “what will be” – all while living in the here and now.

But we are capable of doing this: God’s blessings and guidance have led us to this point, and God’s faithfulness will lead us forward.

Blessings in the name of the risen Christ!
Pastor Chris

“For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.” – Habakkuk 2:3

OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Daily Member Prayer List

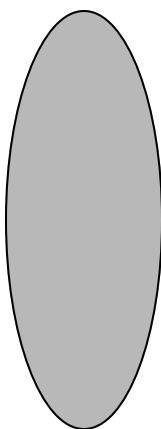
- 1 - Rachel Miller
- 2 - Evie Nanninga
- 3 - John Johns
- 4 - Chuck Vollbrecht
- 5 - Ruth Locke
- 6 - Donna Sjoquist
- 7 - Anna Sjong
- 8 - Tavin Ode
- 9 - Lizzie Peters
- 10 - Judy Bashaw
- 11 - Harold Martinell
- 12 - Diana Holeman
- 13 - Michael Vollbrecht
- 14 - Harold Crawford
- 15 - Lorna Neumann
- 16 - Virgil Baarstad
- 17 - Elizabeth Pickrell
- 18 - Rance Urdahl
- 19 - Bruce Smith
- 20 - Rick Rudnick
- 21 - Jayne Rudnick
- 22 - David Salmon
- 23 - Kelly Urdahl
- 24 - Joan Martinell
- 25 - Josh Rudnick
- 26 - Norma Grigsby
- 27 - Lynlee Ritchie
- 28 - Frank Moll
- 29 - Colin Rudnick
- 30 - Chris Ode
- 31 - Olive Kohanik

Those coping with health problems

- Don Brown
- Mona Drake
- John Johns
- Olive Kohanik
- Harold & Joan Martinell
- Shirley Pishaw
- Elia Smith
- John Terrey

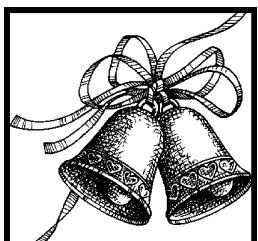
Those in Assisted Living or Care Facilities

- Vera Anderson
- Donnanae Gfeller
- Dick Scansen
- Karen Schoeld
- Mary Smith
- Dela VanHoy



Celebrate May Anniversaries

- 2 - Diana Holeman & Dave Switzer
- 21 - Bruce & Elia Smith
- 22 - John & Liz Terrey
- 29 - Chris & Sarah Ode



- 6 - Joshua DeLap
- 18 - Ellen Bergesen
- 24 - Nick Rudnick



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dream BIG at Mary's Place Annual Spring Benefit Luncheon

We hope you'll join us to Dream BIG and be inspired by the stories of our families and their courageous journeys to housing and stability!

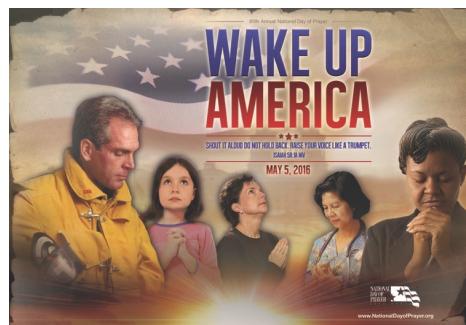


TUESDAY, May 3, 2016
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Seattle Center Exhibition Hall
301 Mercer Street, Seattle

Reserve your seat here, or
email abbey@marysplaceseattle.org to bring a group of friends!

May 3rd is the Seattle Foundations GiveBIG, a one-day online charitable giving event. All donations to Mary's Place made through the GiveBIG website on the day of the luncheon will receive a percentage of the matching funds pool raised during the event. The Seattle Foundation will "stretch" all donations up to \$2,500.



National Day of Prayer Service May 5 7:00 PM

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)

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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

YOU ARE INVITED

Please join with Bethel Seniors for our monthly "First Tuesday" fellowship and lunch.

Tuesday, May 3
Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center
18560 1st Ave NE
(South wing of Shoreline School District Center)
(206) 365-1536
10:45 AM - Coffee/fellowship with Bethel-lites in Room G-133
11:45 AM - Full lunch with dessert for \$3

Mother's Day May 13

A mother's prayer

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life. Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf between my generation and that of my children.



Let me not be too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises. Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them. Let me refrain from preaching with words; let me show by example instead.

Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me. Make me humble. Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us. And let Thy light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive Thy glory. Amen

A LITTLE HUMOR

There's no reason to tailgate me when I'm doing 50 in a 35 mile zone.



And those flashing lights on top of your car look ridiculous!



Let's Do Lunch!

Our annual spring luncheon is coming up on Saturday, May 7. If you have not been able to sign up on our Sunday morning sign-ups and would like to come, we would love to have you. Please call the church office right away at 206/362-4334 to reserve your spot. (We need to know the number of people by May 4 for food)

Cost: Adult \$10
Child (5-10) \$5
Child (under 5) free

Program
Confetti

A group from Sweet Adelines

A program for all - men, women, children

THANK YOU!

When we closed our food room at our old location, we took the food to North Helpline. This past week we received a thank you from them for 285# of food.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE



Hello again dear friends and family! I'm proud to say the Green Bafoons will be back on the track this year, doing their part in continuing the fight against cancer. This is our fifth year going strong as a team and I'm excited to head this up

again. I'm so proud of my team and all we've accomplished over the last 4 years. We couldn't have done it without your support though. That support has allowed us to contribute over \$10,000 to the American Cancer Society. This money goes to a wide variety of things- from providing a 24 hour hotline, to helping cover costs incurred by the patient, to giving rides to treatments, and of course to cancer research.

It just seems like more and more people are tied to cancer - whether you know someone who's a survivor, who is currently battling, or remembering a loved one. I know I walk for many, including in memory of my sister Julie, uncle Paul, and aunt Donna.



If you're up for donating, it's always appreciated. Here's the link to my page.



Feel free to ask if you have any questions. The Relay itself is on June 4th and you're always welcome to come or join the team if you'd like.

Sincerely,
Joe Himple

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY16GW?px=26130678&pg=personal&fr_id=75513

**Supporting the
Fighters,
Admiring the
Survivors,
Honoring the
Taken,
AND NEVER, EVER
GIVING UP HOPE.**



UPDATE FROM TOM AND MARY HOLMAN

April 15, 2016

Your prayers are such a blessing to us, and here are the answers:

The checking with the Waja team went well – we finished five chapters in four days.

On April 28 Tom and I will travel together to Nigeria for three weeks. Also, Tom will go to Ghana for the last week to help the Anufo team do the final preparations on Genesis before the consultant check in June. Tom's sister Cathy is happy to have Mom come and stay with her the whole time we're away. **Pray** that all would go well for these upcoming activities – good health, safe travel, and productive work.

The tests that Mom had at Mayo Clinic for amyloidosis went well, but they were tiring for her. We're still awaiting the results. **Please continue to pray** for a positive outcome, and that they would be able to stabilize her high blood pressure also.

Thank you for your prayers!

Mary

Mary and Tom Holman

Please note LBT's new mailing address: PO Box 789, Concordia, MO 64020

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CLEAN SWEEP RECYCLING EVENT - ELECTRONICS, METAL & STYROFOAM

Saturday, April 30,

9am-3pm

parking lot at **Our Redeemer's**, Seattle

Recycle electronics, metals, styrofoam, used clothing... Make a Clean Sweep with this spring recycling and donation event. Clean out your basement and garage and get rid of all those unwanted items! Our Redeemer's is partnering with SBK | Green Century Electronic Recycle for an E-recycling event. More details here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1582532458732285/>

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Today, 1 in 9 people live in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.90 a day. In the US, 46.7 million Americans live in poverty and 795 million people around the world do not know where their next meal is coming from?. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger help our church creatively and courageously work toward a world of justice in which all are fed.

ELCA World Hunger has been working to address hunger and poverty through education, advocacy, relief and development for 42 years. From microloans to health clinics, water wells to animal husbandry, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that get at the root causes of hunger. And they don't stop there. We engage Lutherans in advocacy and hunger education to act and speak in ways that can make a difference. Through this comprehensive approach, we address hunger from all angles, locally and around the world.

HOW YOUR GIFTS ARE USED

70% international relief and development
10.5 % domestic relief and development
6 % advocacy
5% hunger education
8.5% administration and fundraising

HOW TO GIVE

- Checks to ELCA World Hunger
PO Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009
- Online
ELCA.org/hunger/donate

GOAL FOR 2016 is to raise \$24 million

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is seeking a Volunteer to deliver meals to homebound seniors in Shoreline on Thursdays, when the regular driver will be away. Drivers typically arrive at the center around 8:30a, load up the meals, and are done by 10:30am. A Volunteer is also needed to call for orders on Tuesdays 9am-12pm, when the regular caller will be away. Volunteering with Meals on Wheels means you belong to a team that is committed to helping homebound seniors maintain their health and independence with nutritious food, personal contact, and caring service. **Information is available online at <http://www.seniorservices.org/foodassistance/MealsonWheels/MOWVolunteer.aspx>; by email, mealsonwheels@soundgenerations.org; or phone: (206) 448-5767.**

Thank you so much for your consideration!

Marie Higinbotham

Enrollment and Volunteer Recruitment Specialist

AmeriCorps Member

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Senior Services is now Sound Generations

At Sound Generations we embrace the belief that racial and other social identities should be respected and affirmed. In support of this belief, we are building an equitable and inclusive organization and providing our team of staff, volunteers and board members with the tools to address institutionalized racism and other forms of oppression. All members of our team are responsible for providing and supporting an equitable and inclusive work environment that will enrich our interactions with each other and our products and services. This responsibility provides the foundation for empowering our customers (primarily those who are aging and giving care to others) so their needs are justly represented and their desires amply fulfilled.

Okay! Now I've got it worked out....



"My memory really sucks Mildred, so I changed my password to "incorrect." That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me... "Your password is incorrect"

SYNOD UPDATE (News of happenings in our Synod))

BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, May 1 at Benaroya Hall, Seattle
Street Requiem, a community benefit concert for those living & dying on the streets, helps raise money for local nonprofits to build tiny homes, provide medical & mental health services, offer food assistance, temporary housing in a shelter, and life skills classes so that homelessness is brief and a one-time event for individuals. Come experience for one night only a stage full of volunteer singers & musicians from the Pacific Northwest as they share their passion for music to help the homeless with the Seattle premier of **Street Requiem**, a choral benefit concert for those living and dying on the streets! Street Requiem gives these souls a voice. This is a multi-movement cantata, scored for choirs, soloists and chamber orchestras. The work is neither secular nor religious, is intended to be spiritual and includes English, Latin and African lyrics. It aims to bring a sense of peace, remembrance, action and hope to communities struggling with homelessness, poverty, hate-crime and street violence. This event is sponsored by The Starbucks Chorus Global Month of Service Project and includes over 25 local choral groups from the Puget Sound area. **Reserved seating - info here.**

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF IN-GATHERING

Friday, May 6, 8am-3pm AND Saturday, May 7, 8am-12noon at Our Redeemer's, Seattle
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. 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. Traffic directors get to wear bright yellow vests, and talk with everyone who comes into the parking lot. Please call Rich Mathes (206-384-1183) or email lwrmathes@aol.com for more info!

BELLS OF THE SOUND

Saturday, May 7, 7pm at Trinity, Lynnwood

Now presenting the music of Stage and Screen, a Bells of the Sound production. Lights, camera, action! Whether we're at the movies, catching a show on the stage, or curled up on the sofa watching TV, the music of our favorite productions can be as important a character as the leading actors. It sets the mood and creates memorable moments. Join Bells of the Sound as we explore music from Star Wars, Chicago, The Big Bank Theory, and more! A suggested donation of \$10/adults, \$8/youth and seniors will be collected at the door. Children under 8 are free.

ARTISTS AT THE ORGAN

Sunday, May 15, 7pm at Trinity, Lynnwood

Michael Kleinschmidt will close the season with a mixed program. Dr. Kleinschmidt was recently appointed Canon Musician and Organist at St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle. He previously served as canon for cathedral music at Trinity Cathedral in Portland, Oregon, Trinity Church, Copley Square in Boston, All Saint's Parish in Boston and St. Thomas Fifth Avenue in New York.

FROM THE HEIGHTS OF NEW CREATION

HYMN FESTIVAL May 22, 4pm at Queen Anne Lutheran, Seattle

From the Heights of New Creation Hymn Festival with Dr. Karen Black, Professor of Organ and Church Music at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. Freewill Offering will be received. A Reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the Hymn Festival. We will sing several of Dr. Black's compositions, one of which was written to a text by Pastor Paul Hoffman. Come and enjoy singing in this beautiful acoustic space with a fabulous pipe organ and a wonderful worship leader.

*Living without faith
is like driving in a
fog.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>9:30 AM</u> Worship <u>3:00 PM</u> Iglesia Evangelica	2 <u>9:00 AM</u> Aaron's Place * <u>9:00 AM</u> Preschool *	3 <u>9:00 AM</u> Aaron's Place * <u>9:00 AM</u> Preschool 10:45 AM Sr. Fellowship <u>6:00 PM</u> (EECS)	4 <u>9:00 AM</u> Bethel Quilters <u>9:00 AM</u> Aaron's Place * <u>9:00 AM</u> Preschool * <u>6:00 PM</u> Iglesia Church	5 <u>9:00 AM</u> Aaron's Place * <u>9:00 AM</u> Preschool * 1:15 PM Bible Study 	6 <u>9:00 AM</u> Aaron's Place <u>9:30 AM</u> AA <u>6:00 PM</u> Iglesia Evangelica	7 <u>8:00 PM</u> AA (Jaywalkers)
8 <u>9:30 AM</u> Worship <u>3:00 PM</u> Iglesia Evangelica 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	9 <u>9:00 AM</u> Aaron's Place * <u>9:00 AM</u> Preschool *	10 <u>9:00 AM</u> Aaron's Place * <u>9:00 AM</u> Preschool * <u>6:00 PM</u> (EECS)	11 <u>9:00 AM</u> Aaron's Place * <u>9:00 AM</u> Preschool * <u>6:00 PM</u> Iglesia Church <u>6:30 PM</u> Worship team	12 <u>9:00 AM</u> Aaron's Place <u>9:00 AM</u> Preschool * 1:15 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bethel Church Council	13 <u>9:00 AM</u> Aaron's Place <u>9:30 AM</u> AA <u>6:00 PM</u> Iglesia Evangelica	14 <u>8:00 PM</u> AA (Jaywalkers)
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THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH
(Please call the church if the date you are unable to serve
on the date listed)

	1	8	15	22	29
Altar Guild	Judy & Carol	Sue & Joanne	Marlys & Ragnhild	Sue	Judy & Carol
Worship Assistants	Liz Terrey	Chuck Vollbrecht	Doug Bauer	Craig Fjarlie	Joe Himple
Kids Time	Pastor Chris	Marlys Pickrell	Pastor Chris	Kathy Carrow	xxxxxxxxxx
Communion					
Bread	Sue Logen	Mary Himple	Carol Hovick	Sue Logen	Liz Terrey
Wine	Mary Himple	Marlys Pickrell	Judy Goulet	Mary Himple	Craig Fjarlie
Glasses	Judy Goulet Carol Hovick	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Bruce Smith Elia Smith	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Flowers		Don & Dorothy Brown in memory of Lillie Roth & Margaret Brown		John & Liz Terrey in honor of Wedding Anniversary	
Ushers	Bruce Smith	Chuck Vollbrecht	Sue Logen		
Reading	Mark 12:28-31	Mark 12:25-27a	Mark 1:4-8		
Preaching Text	1 Cor. 13:1-3	1 Cor. 15:1-26,51-57	Acts 2:1-4	2 Cor 1:1-11	2 Cor 2:1-10

ON CALL LIST



Lorna Neumann
 Chris & Sarah Ode
 Irene Olsen
 Nancy Phillips
 Marlys Pickrell
 Shirley Pishaw
 Dan & Lynlee Ritchie
 David Robbins
 Lillian Routledge

Rick & Beth Rudnick
 David & Carla Salmon
 Anna Sjong
 Bruce & Elia Smith
 John & Liz Terrey
 Chuck & Ruth Vollbrecht
 John Vollbrecht/Kathy Carrow
 Doug & Karen Bauer



The Spirit

May 2016



One of the questions that I assume many pastors are asked is, "Do you believe in life after death?" I just recently had this conversation with a woman whose husband, Andy, I buried at age 50.

It has always been important for me as both person and pastor to be honest about what I believe and not to give out "pat" pastoral responses. The truth is I don't know if there is life after death and I won't know until I die. All I can go on are some clues that I have observed while living on this side of death.

Death has been one of my greatest teachers, as I have been privileged to be with many people as they are dying and breathing their last breath. It has often amazed me how many people go through a stage of dying where they are talking out loud to relatives that have gone before them. I experienced this with both my father and my mother. It appeared as if my father was working overtime to wrap up some unfinished business before he died. On several occasions he would say, "I am not done yet." Such occasions may well be a clue that a person has one foot in this life and one foot in whatever is to come.

Likewise, I have had several occasions to talk to people who have had near-death experiences. Their stories are indeed quite compelling. What has amazed me the most is the reassurance such folk have in facing death when it comes. Perhaps the greatest clue for me about life after death is the joy of holding a

new born baby in my arms.

I know of no experience that equals this in magnitude. Holding one who has spent nine months being molded into a breathing, living, crying, and gurgling human beings speaks to me of a creative force that is beyond my imagination. I remember how wowed I was in kindergarten when the seed that I planted in a Styrofoam cup of dirt turned into a bean sprout. Bean sprouts are pretty impressive - but come on - a baby?

My reasoning goes like this, "Whatever force is behind the creation of a baby surely has the capacity to create new life when death comes. to create new life." The force for me is the God I have come to know as the Life Giver in so many facets of my life. I must add that May is my month to believe in the power of life. It is the month that restores my soul after a long, dark, cold and very wet winter. Winter is when everything dies for me and I have to fight extra hard against the darkness. May is life in full bloom. The yard is still green, the rhododendrons are in all of their glory and the trees are thick in leaves, needles and green. Death and life are baked into all of the creation giving me great cause to believe that, when death comes, be prepared for the likelihood that life will follow. I loved Andy in life and there is nothing more that I want for my friend Cheryl than to see him again. Will it happen? I don't know. This is what faith is all about for me - trusting the clues that God provides along the way. I do know this about the death of my own parents – If I never see them again I will not mourn because they gave to me in this life time enough blessing to last the all of my life.

Synod Assembly May 20 & 21

Theme: Local+Global- GLOCAL : What Is God Up To? is our theme for this year's assembly. 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 context. 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 zones 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.

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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 look forward to hearing from these partners and centering ourselves in vibrant global worship led by the GLOCAL team and local leaders.

BONUS Workshop!

Music: A Language that Speaks to Others is a bonus global music and worship event for those folks not already attending the assembly. Please encourage your worship planning team and musicians to attend this parallel gathering opportunity to be held at **Trinity Lutheran College's Chapel Saturday May 21, 9am-12noon**. This is an excellent opportunity to incorporate the "GLOCAL" theme of the assembly into your local context. This gathering, led by our visiting GLOCAL Team will focus on using creative liturgy and global music to communicate mission in your congregation. Cost is \$15 per person. See the assembly webpage for online registration link.

Displays & Bookstore

Many of our ministry partners and synod committees will be on hand for conversation. They will be stationed at display tables in the hallways outside of the ballroom. Be sure to stop by and find out what God is up to in these important areas of our life together. We are delighted to welcome our friends from the Episcopal Bookstore back to our assembly. They bring a delightful array of books & gift items. They will be at one end of the hallway near the concessions cart!

Assembly Business

Gathering at the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center at the Xfinity Arena in Everett, we will also tend to the business of the synod: receive reports, elect new synod council members, vote on constitutional changes and proposed resolutions, and celebrate ministry anniversaries. Please check the assembly webpage for updates as the event approaches: www.lutheransnw.org/2016-Synod-Assembly

Resolutions

One avenue for congregations, clusters, synod committees and voting members to address issues and propose a plan for action is "the resolution." Resolutions help organize the work of the assembly by clarifying important issues or concerns. Resolutions are first reviewed by the Reference & Counsel Committee which will make recommendations to the assembly to facilitate its work, but the resolutions belong to the assembly and may be amended, rejected, or adopted after consideration by the voting members. For all of the details on HOW to write a resolution, see the assembly webpage. The resolution submission deadline is April 30, 2016.

Nominations

We will elect twelve synod council members: one Youth, multiple Clergy, multiple Lay Male & multiple Lay Female. If YOU are interested in serving, please complete the nomination form found on the assembly webpage or here: lutheransnw.org/files/assemblies/2016/nominating_form_2016.pdf Synod Council meetings are generally held on the third Saturday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. The council is the legislative authority of the assembly in between synod assembly meetings. Amongst their duties, they recommend program goals and budgets, and carry out the resolutions of the Synod Assembly. For all of the details on how to make a nomination, see the synod assembly webpage. The nomination submission deadline is April 30, 2016.



A Fresh Look at Pentecost

(May 15 is Pentecost Sunday)

Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, on a day called Pentecost, the Christian church was born. Because Pentecost was a holiday celebrating the harvest (a bit like our Thanksgiving), the apostles and a large crowd had gathered to celebrate in Jerusalem. Many people had assembled near Peter and the other followers of Christ when "[From heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind ...]" (Acts 2:2 ff, NRSV). Then tongues of fire descended on everyone in the crowd.

After the wind and fire descended, all sorts of languages, known and unknown, came out of the crowd. Each person spoke "about God's deeds of power" (verse 11). No wonder Luke wrote, "All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'" (verse 12).

The whole affair was mind-boggling and life-changing. The Holy Spirit had come upon many people; they knew God was powerfully at work in their midst.

On Pentecost many years ago, some 3,000 people came to believe in Christ. That's why today Christians remember this powerful event as the birthday of the church.

MISSIONARY NEWS FROM THE PETERSONS MARCH/APRIL 2016

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Pastor Richard and Lois Peterson work in Latin America with the World Mission Prayer League training and mentoring church leaders. To become a Prayer Partner with the Peterson contact them at richardandlois@wmpl.org



Dear Friends in Christ;

Greetings to all of you from Milwaukee, WI in the name of our Lord Jesus. We left Mazatlán, Mexico the middle of March and arrived in Milwaukee the 10th of April. **Thank you all for your ongoing prayers** for us and the Ministry of the church in Mexico.

As we look back on our time in Mazatlán as mentor-trainers there were several things we were able to accomplish.

- First of all we were able to renew past friendships and get to know new friends. It is so important to create relationships.
- Second, 8 students completed the study of the book of Acts. We met for 15, 3 hour sessions plus there were homework assignments to complete each week. The picture below shows the presentation of Certificates to five of the students who



participated in the study at the last worship service we attended at Cristo Redentor. Deacon Richard Jackson on the right is officiating.

- Third, we did weekly home visits with the purpose of encouraging and preparing people for church membership through Confirmation instruction. We visited with a catechism lesson in hand. I modeled the teaching and the deacons were able to take over. This picture shows the Confirmation of members of the Rojas family.



- Further, we helped shape worship practice through encouraging the use of the Lectionary of weekly Bible readings and regular Holy Communion.

Beyond these items Lois held music classes and English classes as an outreach. People regularly stopped by the church seeking council or simply to greet us. All in all we enjoyed our time there and felt that the Lord helped to accomplish the above goals. You were participants in this work of the Gospel through your prayers. We have said that we will return next year if the church invites us and has work for us.

On our way back to Milwaukee we stopped by the WMPL Camp Okoboji Missionary Extravaganza near Milford, IA. There we told the attendees what the Lord had done with us during our time in Mexico.

We'd love to come to your church and tell of the work in Mexico. Please let us know.

In Christ, Pastor Richard and Lois Peterson

Contact us at richardandlois@wmpl.org.
Phone # 414-324-8296, or through the World Mission Prayer League.

Bethel Beam

Special dates in May

National Day of Prayer	5
Spring Luncheon	7
Mothers Day	8
Day of Pentecost	15
Armed Forces Day	21
Memorial Day	30

“There never was a good war or a bad peace.”
- Benjamin Franklin



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Thursday
8:00 AM - noon

Worship Schedule
9:30 AM

Adult Education
11:00 AM Sunday
1:15 PM Wednesday

Communion
Every Sunday

**Memorial Day May 30
Peace will come when.....**

*Peace will come when people live
In friendship, side by side,
And cherish understanding
More than hatred, greed and pride.*

*Peace will come when people see
All people as the same,
And no one has to live in fear,
In ignorance, or shame.*

*Peace will come when people
Who are needy can reach out
For shelter, food, or love,
And no has to do without.*

*Peace will come when people
Learn to listen and to care
About the rights and dignity
Of people everywhere.*

*Peace will come when love and trust
And kindness know rebirth,
And on that day all people
Will rejoice in peace on earth.*

**Thank you to those men and women who have
served and are currently serving in the armed forces
so we can live in freedom.**