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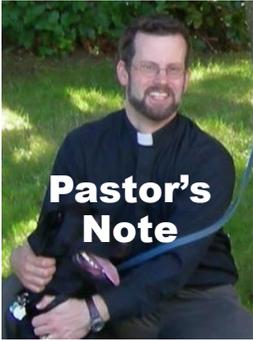
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Bethel Lutheran Church

February 2017



Pastor's Note

January 31, 2017

Recently, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton of the ELCA (the larger church of which Bethel is a part), [released an official statement](#) reinforcing the [ELCA's commitment to providing care and protection](#) for the world's most vulnerable populations – including refugees. You can probably see where this is going...

On Sunday, January 29, I spoke the following words from the pulpit: *"I do not know how to authentically lead you as a pastor while ignoring the clear words of Christ. I do not know how to set aside the Gospel when it is inconvenient or uncomfortable and then truthfully claim to be follower of Jesus. This isn't about politics, it's about Gospel. Or rather, it is about politics because it's about Gospel."*

To claim a Christian identity is to recognize that our existence begins and ends with something more powerful, more purposeful, and more permanent than any political ideology. It is to recognize that we are citizens of the Kingdom of God first – any other allegiance comes second.

It is my promise to you that – regardless of how you vote or how you think – I will always strive to be a pastoral presence and gospel-driven leader for each of you. But it is also my promise that I will – to the best of my ability – put the Word of Christ and our identity as Christians above any other identity any of us – myself included – might align with. Because that's what the Gospel expects.

Peace to you as we follow together in Christ's path,

Pastor Chris

"When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God."

- Leviticus 19:33-34 (NIV)

"Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'"

-Matthew 25:44-45 (NRSV)

Remember in Prayer

Daily Member Prayer List

- 1 - Irene Olsen
- 2 - Donna Johns
- 3 - Daniel Schwerdtfeger
- 4 - Sarah Ode
- 5 - Olive Kohanik
- 6 - Bev Baarstad
- 7 - John Terrey
- 8 - Tavin Ode
- 9 - Donnamae Gfeller
- 10 - Kathy Carrow
- 11 - Anna Sjong
- 12 - Carla Salmon
- 13 - Marlys Pickrell
- 14 - Dick Scansen
- 15 - Bev Werts
- 16 - Doug Bauer
- 17 - Carol Hovick
- 18 - Vera Anderson
- 19 - Audrey Anderson
- 20 - Joanne Brock
- 21 - Evie Nanninga
- 22 - Aaron Salmon
- 23 - Joe Himple
- 24 - Archer Ode
- 25 - Mary Himple
- 26 - Nicole Swenson
- 27 - Shirley Pishaw
- 28 - Frank Nyland

Those Coping with Health Problems

- Don Brown
- John Johns
- Olive Kohanik
- Kathy Moll
- Elia Smith



Liz Terrey

Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

- Vera Anderson
- Donnamae Gfeller
- Dick Hinea
- Joan Martinell
- Shirley Pishaw
- Dick Scansen
- Karen Schoeld
- Donna Sjoquist
- Dela Van Hoy

Clothing Drive Month of February for Compass Housing Alliance



During the month of February we will be collecting **men's** large and x-large gloves

and large, x-large and xxl sweatpants.



Thank you...
Outreach Ministry

February Monthly Breakfast & Cookie Sunday



Our monthly breakfast in February will be on February 12 following the worship service. Please come and join us. Cost is \$3 per person with kids under 5 free.

Cookie Sunday will be on February 19. Cookie Schedule for February

- Carol Hovick
- Joe Himple
- Walt & Mary Himple
- John & Donna Johns
- Leonard & Tukwila Jones
- Michael & Caryl Klingensmith
- Sue Logen
- Cary Magill
- Phyllis Moll
- Evie Nanninga
- Lorna Neumann



When president-elect Abraham Lincoln headed to Washington, D.C., he called himself a "humble instrument in the hands of the Almighty." He spoke of America's citizenry as God's "almost chosen people."

Wasn't that a lovely compliment? One suspects Lincoln was speaking as a good father speaks to children, wanting them to live up to their full potential. He surely wanted the "almost chosen people" to be servants of the living God.

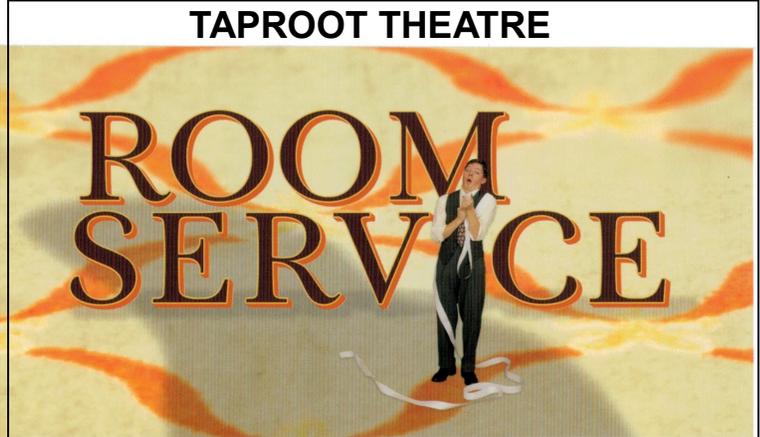
As God's chosen people, as well as Americans who have a new leader, how can we live up to God's expectations for us? What can we each do to make our country a better place? And how can we share the good news with others that God has chosen us to live with him forever?



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

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1240 NE 127th St

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Please join us February 6 as we open the doors to a new approach to helping build a stronger, more vibrant Shoreline. The grand opening of Ronald Commons culminates a 14-month project brought to fruition by a unique partnership committed to serving Shoreline's low-income community.

Lutherans across the world commit themselves to follow Christ by promoting:

Dignity and justice

Each and every person is created in God's image, is gifted with talents and capacities, and has dignity, irrespective of social status, gender, ethnicity, age, ability, or other differences. Across the world Lutherans have a commitment to human rights and justice, meaning that we work on the underlying causes of poverty and exclusion and for a more equitable distribution of power, resources, and opportunities.

Compassion and commitment

Inspired by God's love for humanity, we seek to show care and compassion toward people who are suffering—the poor, the vulnerable and marginalized, and minority populations and faiths, who experience discrimination, violence, and hardship in different contexts.

Respect for diversity

Differences among us express the richness of God's creation. As a global communion of churches we value and seek to understand our differences in culture, history, and context. We also cherish the way in which these have shaped our theological understandings, our perspectives on moral and ethical questions, and our practice of ministry, mission, and service.

UPDATE FROM TOM AND MARY HOLMAN



January 19, 2017

We thank God for your prayers. Tom and the S team have finished all the materials for publishing the Gospel of Luke and dubbing the Jesus Film. We also thank God for making it possible for Tom and me to have a two-week vacation in northern Minnesota! It almost didn't happen, because a few days before we were to leave Tom's mother had an eye problem that looked like it was serious. Thankfully, she was able to get appointments immediately, and the diagnosis wasn't as serious as we had feared.

Mom is staying at an assisted living place for one week, and for the second week Tom's sister Pat will come and stay with her at our apartment until we get back. Pray that Mom and Pat would have a good time, and that Tom and I would be refreshed spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

Mary

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Faith and Everyday Life February 2017

"Too Uncomfortable"



Here's the truth, some things are just plain hard. Using our last meaning of "too," we could say relationships are often *very* uncomfortable whether the relationship is with people or with God. We can push the discomfort away, block it out, try to ignore it, but eventually we have to face it. Relationships can be too (*very*) uncomfortable.

Often the human way to deal with this discomfort is to get angry at the other person for making us so uncomfortable that getting angry may work, but it is not healthy for the relationship. Relationships can bring up past hurts which is a cue it needs to be dealt with and not ignored. Relationships are complicated and messy. Learning to deal with past pain can give freedom to be in the present with our relationships.

We can feel this way with God too. Sometimes, like Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, we wish that God had better things to do than allow troubles into our lives. But, really, troubles come to us because we are human and live in a fallen world. Our choices can be selfish which can bring breaks in relationships. God allows us to have free will and is always available to forgive us.

Perhaps we could move to a cave and give relationships up, but that is a bit extreme and we'd still have to live with ourselves anyway. So rather than giving up on relationships, maybe we can just remember that they can be "too uncomfortable" and embrace them anyway.

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As a reminder, 2016 Choice Dollars expire on March 31.



RETURNING HOME WITH A MESSAGE OF HOPE

“The Lutheran church is growing here”, said Mawien Ariik, and ELCA missionary serving in South Sudan.

As ethnic conflict abates in the country, ELCA missionaries Ariik and Reat are finding new opportunities to proclaim the gospel.

Getting from place to place is still tough for Reat as he evangelizes in the refugee camps where 1.5 million displaced Sudanese live. Ariik, who facilitates outreach and proclamation in the emerging Lutheran church, encounters many who were wounded by inter-ethnic violence.

“It is not bad to have different tribes, but to love others as one body of Christ—it is a big challenge for us to convey that,” he said.

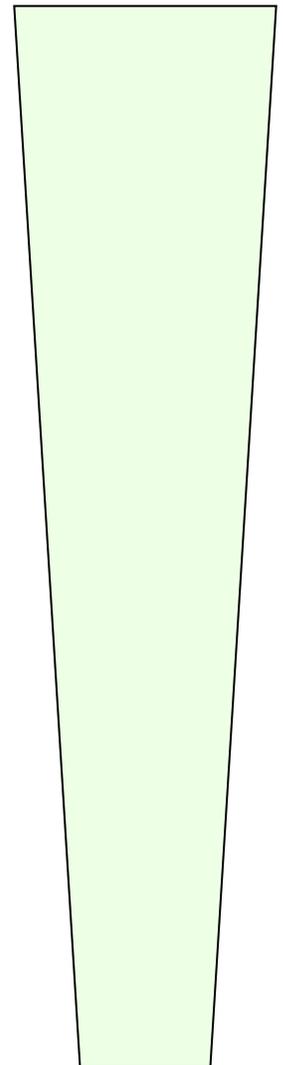
Civil war drove both men to seek asylum in the U.S., where they attended seminary and were ordained as ELCA pastors. After several years pastoring Sudanese congregations in Minnesota, they wanted to share god’s message of grace and forgiveness in their native country. The ELCA called Ariik as a missionary in 2012 and Reat in 2015.

With no worries about their daily living expenses—because ELCA Mission Support covers the majority of their support costs— they can focus more on responding to the gifts and challenges around them

It is very difficult (Work), but I know that the ELCA is my backbone-my prayer

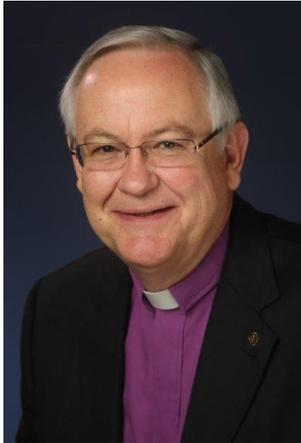


A portion of your offering is used by the ELCA churchwide organization to support the work of the 240 ELCA missionaries like Ariik and Reat serving in more than 40 countries around the world.



The Spirit

News for the congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Companionship

By the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop

What is it about eating together that draws people into deeper relationship? It is true for meals of romance, friendship and even business. Sitting across the table, face to face, enjoying good food and beverage has its own magic. It works whether you start out as

complete strangers or you are lifelong friends. Meal is part of the glue that holds friendships together.

When I traveled to Ethiopia I learned how important sharing a meal is the world around. The villagers that we visited spent the entire day - from before sunrise until dinner - working on behalf of the meal. It began with the women walking for miles to find sticks for the fire. The younger women were sent out to get clean water. Then there was the preparation of the "tef" which is what they call the grain out of which they make their bread. It was back breaking work to grow which the men did on the hills that they first had to terrace with rocks. Tef has to be separated and pounded and sifted before it can be cooked. Goat meat was an added treat. The young boys of the village raised the goats by tending to them all day long. A life spent preparing for daily meal made the words of the Lord's Prayer come to life, "Give us this day our daily bread."

It was such an honor and a joy to be the guest knowing full well that we were receiving a portion of the meal that they themselves were sacrificing. Meal is how we honor guest the world around. It is how we build lasting friendship.

The English "companion", the Spanish "compañero", the Italian "compagno", and the French "copain" all come from the Latin meaning "with whom one eats bread."

It is no wonder that the Bible is filled with meal stories, breaking bread, sharing fish, feasting, celebrating and huddling around fires.

This past year many of us in the Synod who are a part of the Living Local movement have been dwelling in the story of the, "Sending of the Seventy." In the story Jesus encourages the seventy, on more than one occasion, to enter the home of strangers and to eat whatever is set before them. This is what radical hospitality is about. It is one thing to set table for another. It is something else to sit as guest and to receive what is offered.

Living Local is a movement within our Synod that is based upon an accompaniment model. Accompaniment is how we discover God together with our neighbors by breaking bread with them. We have living examples of where this is happening through block parties, barbecues, in-home meals and often at place like Luther's Table.

It is one of the hoped for outcomes of our Neighbors in Faith movement – breaking bread together with our Muslim and Jewish neighbors.

Jesus was on to something on the night in which he was betrayed, when he took bread and broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you."

Friends, companions, I continue to believe at my deepest level that this is precisely what the world is hungering for – Companionship!

Stay in touch and in the know!
Synod Website Calendar - www.lutheransnw.org/calendar



Northwest Washington Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Yesterday, we heard these words in the Gospel reading from Matthew 5:1-12, the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. In the Beatitudes, Jesus lays out a vision for life in God's realm, characterized by seeing those who are often most disregarded, including the meek, the mourning and the peacemaker, as bearers of God's blessing. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to hear this Gospel, including Jesus' call for his disciples to be carriers of God's light and hope and reconciliation to a world deeply in need of them.

In this spirit, earlier last week I communicated with the Trump administration asking that it not stop the U.S. refugee admissions program or stop resettlement from any country for any period of time. The Bible calls us to welcome the stranger and treat the sojourner as we would our own citizens. I agree with the importance of keeping our country secure as the administration stated in its executive order last Friday, but I am convinced that temporarily banning vulnerable refugees will not enhance our safety nor does it reflect our values as Christians. Instead, it will cause immediate harm by separating families, disrupting lives, and denying safety and hope to brothers and sisters who are already suffering.

Refugees being resettled in the United States have fled persecution because of their race, religion, nationality, political views and/or associations. They wait for years for the chance to go home. But sometimes, there is no home for them to go back to. We know from our partners at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) that only 1 percent of all refugees are chosen for resettlement.

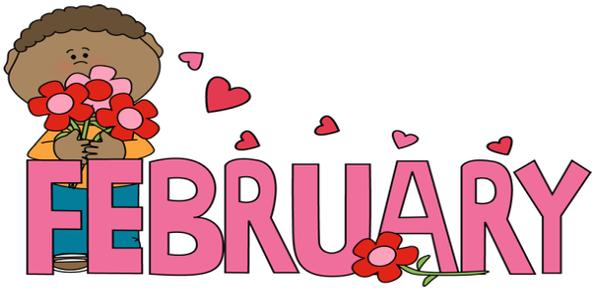
People of faith helped start and still sustain the refugee resettlement program in the United States following World War II. As Lutherans, many of our ancestors faced the pain of having to flee their homes and the joy of being welcomed in new communities across the United States. As we have done throughout history, millions of Lutherans across the country honor our shared biblical values as well as the best of our nation's traditions by offering refuge to those most in need. We are committed to continuing ministries of welcome that support and build communities around the country and stand firmly against any policies that result in scaling back the refugee resettlement program.

We must offer safety to people fleeing religious persecution regardless of their faith tradition. Christians and other religious minorities suffer persecution and rightly deserve protection, but including additional criteria based on religion could have discriminatory effects that would go against our nation's fundamental values related to freedom of religion.

I invite ELCA congregations into learning, prayer and action on behalf of those who seek refuge on our shores. The ELCA "Social Message on Immigration," AMMPARO strategy and LIRS resources are good places to start. You can also make a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response. Those who have been part of resettling refugees or have their own immigration experience have important stories to share with their communities and testimony to make. I also encourage you to consider adding your voice by calling your members of Congress to share your support for refugees and using online advocacy opportunities through current alerts at ELCA Advocacy and LIRS.

In Matthew 25:35, Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Our Lord not only commanded us to welcome the stranger, Jesus made it clear that when we welcome the stranger into our homes and our hearts – we welcome him.

God's peace,
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			<p>1 9:00 AM Aaron's Place 9:00 AM Bethel Quilters 9:00 AM Preschool 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Iglesia Church</p>	<p>2 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Makers Lab* NW</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 9:30 AM AA 6:00 PM AA* 6:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica (S)</p>	<p>4 9:00 AM AA4U* 6:00 PM Makers Lab NW* 8:00 PM AA (Jaywalkers)</p>	
<p>5 9:30 AM Bethel Worship 10:45 AM Reborn Church Worship 10:45 AM Confirmation 11:00 AM Bible Study/Sunday School 3:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica</p>	<p>6 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 7:00 PM (CA)*</p> 	<p>7 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 6:00 PM EECS 7:00 PM MA*</p>	<p>8 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Iglesia Church 7:00 PM Worship Team</p>	<p>9 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bethel Church Council</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 9:30 AM AA 6:00 PM AA * 6:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica</p>	<p>11 9:00 AM AA4U* 8:00 PM AA* (Jaywalkers)</p> 	
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* Designates Lower Level

Those Who Serve This Month

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ALTAR GUILD	Judy & Carol	Marlys	Sue	Judy & Carol
WORSHIP ASST.	Liz Terrey	Joe Himple	Craig Fjarlie	Elia Smith
CHILDREN'S TIME	Pastor Chris	Marlys Pickrell	Pastor Chris	Kathy Carrow
BREAD SERVER	Sue Logen	Mary Himple	Carol Hovick	Dorothy Brown
WINE SERVER	Dorothy Brown	Joanne Brock	Judy Goulet	Bruce Smith
GLASSES	Joanne Brock	xxxxxxxxxxxxx	Josh DeLap	xxxxxxxxxxxxx
FLOWERS		Marlys Pickrell in memory of Chris		
USHERS	Bruce Smith	Chuck Vollbrecht	Sue Logen	USHERS NEEDED
READING	Psalm 119:105-107	Psalm 146:5-10	Psalm 130:3-6	Psalm 36:5-10
PREACHING TEXT	Luke 7:1-17	Luke 7:18-35	Luke 7:36-50	Luke 9:28-45

Written by Any Rooney- Rooney used to be on 60 Minutes TV show.

I've learned

- That being kind is more important than being right.
- That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.
- That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- That life is like a roll of toilet paper....The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.
- That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
- That love, not time, heals all wounds.
- That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
- That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
- That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
- That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
- That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you're hooked for life.

**Excerpts from a letter from Tim & Vivian Stime
(The letter is available on the ledge outside the office if you would like to read the whole thing)**



Dear family and friends,

Christmastime

December 2016

Dear friends at Bethel Lutheran,

As that most significant commemoration of Emmanuel, God-with-us, fast approaches we wanted to get some news out to you. First we want to give honor and praise to the One who helps us know what Creator-God is like, for Jesus is God in human flesh. What would we do without the knowledge and trust that Creator cares intimately for all of creation, including the human species.

We've been richly blessed again this fall-winter (September to January) to house-sit a most comfortable home in Burnaby, close to Vancouver, belonging to Evelyn's parents, (the other grandparents of Jubilee and Kenai), on mission in Africa. The major advantage for us to live and work out west is the close proximity to the family. It has been awesome living nearer to them. We find that grand parenting is certainly part of why we were created...in other words, we are loving it!! Jubilee, 2 ½ years old and now Kenai, at 3 months, are delightful creatures and, of course, so smart, responsive and cuddly. We plan to have a good share of the family around us for some of the Christmas season, sharing great food, wild stories and, hopefully, some adventures.

We've been enjoying worshipping with Bjorn and Evelyn (and kids) at the Baptist Church they attend in Vancouver. The vast majority of the folks there are under 40 with lots of babies and toddlers. This congregation hosted our latest Nestooak workshop (a Friday evening and all day Saturday) this fall. Participation and response was excellent...people are very aware of the sizeable Aboriginal community in BC and eager to work on building strong and just relationships with First Peoples. It's our desire to encourage the churches and followers of Jesus to that end.



Some work plans for 2017: Nestooak Capacity Building workshops on Vancouver Island (winter) and in Edmonton (spring); IP staff meeting in February; planning for Kids Culture Camp through the year for the August event.

We are planning on visiting our Malaysian family again this winter; then, during the end of spring and most of summer to center our work in Nanaimo near where Bjorn and Evelyn will be living, to be able to help some with child care. Evelyn will work for 6 months at the local hospital (OB/GYN) while Bjorn continues his PhD program in public health.

The rest of the family? All are doing well in their studies and work projects and our general health has been great....very thankful for that. Hope we can include some more complete family pictures in the next newsletter.

Once again, we cherish your prayers for the sale of our house in Alberta to free us up for a full move out west. And once again, so much to thank God for: precious time with our family, awesome and supporting friends like you, wonderful co-workers, freezer full of deer meat and berries, **and** the fact Creator showed such special love for us all by sending Jesus. We thank you for being an essential part of this ministry through your many encouragements.

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Many thanks to our Bethel friends for the faithful support for this ministry over the years & miles. May Bethel continue to be a great blessing to the community locally as well as further out.



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February Dates to remember

Quilters Meet	1, 22
Worship Team	8
Church Council	9
Bible Study	Every Wednesday evening
Bible Study	Every Thursday afternoon
Bible Study	Every Sunday morning
Sunday School	Every Sunday morning
Confirmation	5, 19
Presidents Day	20
E. Routledge Memorial Service	25 at Edmonds Lutheran

(See calendar for times)

EMAIL: bethel@bethellutheranchurch.org

Motivated From The Heart

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

We can give everything to those in need,
Even sacrifice all our time,
But if we don't have God's love inside,
It's as if our faith is blind

The only motivation we should have
Is God's compassionate heart,
To really have God's mercy and grace
For the many lost in the dark

Touch us again with your love
And a desire for the lost
To show them there is a better way
To lead them to Jesus' cross

So they, too, may be deeply touched
With your saving grace, O Lord
And know the missing link is you,
The key that unlocks the door

For you have reconciled us, Lord,
Back to our Father above,
To have meaningful relationship
And receive His eternal love

So may our walk be blameless, Lord,
Reflecting who you are
Let nothing we do be in vain,
But be motivated from the heart.

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