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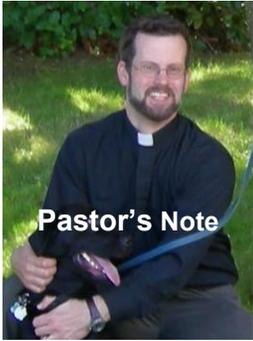
## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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February 2018



January 24, 2018

Greetings and peace in the name of Christ!

We're several weeks into our time with Sister Le Brandes – our Deacon intern – and I am pleased to report that it's been going quite well! A big focus for her at present is scheduling time to meet with as many congregants, tenant groups, and community neighbors as possible: she's working her way through the directory, but you can also feel free to reach out when you see her on a Sunday. I've already appreciated having her around, and I think it's going to be a positive year!

Speaking of new people... here's an update on the search for the Director of Community Engagement (the same position we've been discussing since last summer, but have since retitled): the position was posted online January 13 and we've already received several applications. I've been asked by the Council to take a first look at the applicants, then pass along preferred options to the entire Staffing Committee for review. From there, the decision will be made to interview a handful of standouts using a collection of questions drawn from the Congregation as well as the Committee. March is the target for bringing in the new hire (though our primary goal is to find the right person, not the right timeline). A request for questions for the candidates will be inserted in the bulletin and Beam within the next few weeks – keep an eye out for it!

Related to that, I've been in conversation with Judy and can now report that the final day for the current staffing structure – specifically, the transition from having a church secretary on staff to the new positions – will be March 1. After that date we'll be reassigning responsibilities and reworking how things flow in the office. Please know that your Council and I fully understand that this will be a big transition for all of us: nobody is taking it lightly. Ultimately, though, at this point restructuring our staffing model is something we've been discussing for nearly a year, and the time has come to follow through with those discussions. While Judy will no longer be serving in this capacity, she's made it clear that she's not leaving Bethel (and nobody would want her to!); she'll still be helping with things like the Altar Guild and visiting folks who are homebound. A celebration of Judy's service as church secretary will be organized at a day and time that works on her end: we'll send out details as soon as it is scheduled.

As always, I am open and available for conversation on these or other topics – please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

May Christ's blessings be upon you!  
Pastor Chris



## Remember in Prayer

### Daily Member Prayer List

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

### Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Vera Anderson  
Donnamae Gfeller  
Dick Hinea  
Irene Olsen  
Shirley Pishaw  
Dick Scansen  
Dela Van Hoy

### Those Coping with Health Problems

Don Brown  
John Johns  
Michael Klingensmith  
Olive Kohanik  
Joan Martinell  
Kelly Moll  
Irene Olsen  
Shirley Pishaw  
Dick Scansen  
Karen Schoeld  
Elia Smith  
Donna Sowler  
Chris Tracy

## YOU ARE INVITED

Please join with Bethel Seniors for our monthly "Second Tuesday" fellowship and lunch:  
10:45 AM  
Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center,  
18560 1st Ave. NE  
(South wing of Shoreline School District Center)  
Telephone (206) 365-1536  
10:45 AM -- Coffee & fellowship with  
Bethel-lites in Room G-133  
11:45 AM -- Full lunch with dessert for  
\$4.00 in dining room  
(You do not need to be a Senior Center member to attend or eat.)

## Happy Birthday

- 6 - Liz Terrey
- 11 - Dick Schwerdtfeger
- 21 - Phyllis Moll
- 22 - Sarah Ode
- 23 - John Vollbrecht

**CELEBRATE  
FEBRUARY**



- 1 - Liz Terrey
- 13 - Eleena Antonich

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS

By the time you read this, I will have been your Deacon Intern for one month. Your first impression of me might have been a little strange: I had a cold and wore a mask the first whole week. You welcomed this stranger with warmth and hospitality anyway. Thank you!

My first impressions of you are that you are a close-knit family with all of the joys and concerns that exist in a group of people who love each other and their community. You are sticking together, no matter what, and have deep concerns for the life of your church. There is also deep hope.

As we walk together over the next year, I hope to meet each of you, to know and be known by you, and to help you connect more fully with each other, our neighbors in the building and the extended North City community. How will we do this? One conversation at a time. In these conversations, I pray that we will discover what Frederick Buechner defines as, in his book *Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC*, the "... place God calls you to, [ ] the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Let's talk!  
Sister Le

**P.S. Author Anne Lamott will be speaking Sunday, April 8, at 7:30 at Benaroya Hall. If you are interested in attending, please contact me at [lkbrandes@outlook.com](mailto:lkbrandes@outlook.com) or leave a message at church by Sunday, February 4th.**



## UPDATE FROM TOM AND MARY HOLMAN

January 18, 2017  
Thank you for faithfully lifting us up to God in prayer in 2017! It was an eventful year:

making trips to Ghana to work with the Anufo team on Leviticus, to Israel to study geography and Hebrew, and to Dallas for a Bible translation conference, working with the F and S teams in Nigeria online to complete their first book of scripture, the Gospel of Luke, and dealing with health issues for Tom and his mother.

This year we hope to make trips to Ghana and Nigeria! Tom's prostate surgery will be on January 30. Please pray for a speedy recovery so that we can attend a staff retreat in Arizona from February 20-24. We're grateful for your love and prayers for us.

Mary  
Mary and Tom Holman

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from you.**

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## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On March 8, the ELCA will commemorate International Women's Day, a day dedicated to celebrating women's achievements throughout history and across nations, by supporting and lifting up the International Women Leaders initiative.

Women have the greatest  
potential to bring lasting change  
to their communities.



Yet, around the world, they are not afforded the same access to education due to social and political structures.

You can change that. Join us this International Women's Day, March 8, as we boldly invest in the education of women and the future of communities around the world through the ELCA's International Women Leaders initiative.

**Pray** for an awakening to the power and capacity our sisters have in transforming the world.

**Share** the difference education has made in your life on Facebook.com/Lutherans or Twitter.com/ELCA using #ELCAWomen.

**Give** to invest in the education of women.

**Give now:**

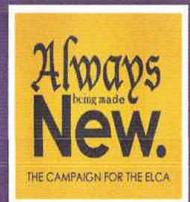
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## Those Who Serve February 2018

	4	11	18	25
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol & Judy	Sue & Joanne	Marlys & Lillian	Sue & Joanne
<b>Worship Asst</b>	Liz Terrey	Elia Smith	Craig Fjarlie	Joe Himple
<b>Kids Time</b>	Pastor Chris	Marlys Pickrell	Pastor Chris	Kathy Carrow
<b>Communion</b>				
<b>Bread</b>	Sue Logen	Mary Himple	Carol Hovick	Bruce Smith
<b>Wine</b>	Dorothy Brown	Lillian Routledge	Judy Goulet	Elia Smith
<b>Glasses</b>	Joanne Brock	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Nancy Phillips	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
<b>Scripture</b>	Psalm 42:1-3	Psalm 27:1-4	Psalm 104:27-30	Psalm 51:7-12
<b>Preaching Text</b>	John 4:1-42	John 9:1-41	John 11:1-44	John 13:1-17

### ELCA Advocacy Office, Washington, D.C. JANUARY UPDATE

*The Rev. Amy Reumann, director*

[ELCA.org/advocacy](http://ELCA.org/advocacy)

**#FOR SUCH A TIME:** The January day to #PrayFastAct is Sunday, Jan. 21! This month, we are mindful of major programs that help curb poverty, namely Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security, and the good they provide for those in the greatest need. People of faith have been champions and voices of support for anti-poverty programs for decades, which continue to serve as a backstop to ensure a minimum level quality of life and security. Be on the lookout for a shared statement from ELCA Advocacy and the Episcopal Church later this month!

**HUNGER AND THE FARM BILL:** Lutherans from across the country will travel to Washington, D.C., in January for the annual ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering to discuss and take action to address the impact of hunger in communities.. The event occurs as lawmakers begin to discuss reauthorizing the Farm Bill, legislation that sets critical agricultural, conservation, energy, rural and hunger policies. While hunger leaders meet with their lawmakers on January 23, ELCA Advocacy will encourage our national advocacy network to stand in solidarity with these advocates by contacting Congress via the Advocacy Action Center.

**RENEWING CHIP HEALTH CARE:** On Sept. 30, 2017, Congress failed to reauthorize funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which helps provide critical medical care for children in low-income families. With reserves running low, states are beginning to limit coverage to basic, quality health insurance coverage, putting some 9 million children across our country at risk. Shortly before Christmas, [ELCA Advocacy shared an action alert](#) encouraging lawmakers to renew the program and sustain health care for the many children who need essential care. As Congress continues to debate a final spending extension, this month is a critical time for advocates to reach out to their lawmakers.

**TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS:** The Administration ended Temporary Protected Status (TPS), an immigration status meant to protect citizens from other countries present in the U.S. when a tragedy strikes in their country, for Salvadorans in early January. This decision affects over 200,000 TPS holders, many with U.S. citizen children, who have lived legally in the U.S. for years. [ELCA Advocacy released a statement highlighting our deep disappointment](#) with the decision and calling on Congress to pass legislation to protect TPS holders. We are concerned that TPS for Honduran citizens will also be taken away in May.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# FEBRUARY

**1** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place\*  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool\*  
1:00 PM  
Bible Study

**2** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool  
9:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
Membership  
Team  
6:00 PM  
AA 6:00 PM  
Iglesia  
7:30 PM  
NA\*

**3** 9:00 AM  
AA4U  
8:00 PM AA



**4** 9:30 AM  
Bethel Worship  
3:00 PM  
Iglesia Evangelica  
6:00 PM  
AA4U Too\*

**5** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place\*  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool\*  
10:45 AM  
\*memberships  
Team  
7:00 PM  
CA\*



**6** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place\*  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool\*  
6:00 PM  
7:00 PM  
EACS  
MA\*

**7** 9:00 AM Aarons Place  
9:00 AM PreSchool  
6:00 PM Bible Study  
6:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica (S)

**8** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place\*  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool\*  
1:00 PM  
Bible Study  
7:00 PM  
Bethel Church  
Council

**9** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool  
9:30 AM  
AA  
6:00 PM  
AA\*  
6:00 PM  
Iglesia  
7:30 PM  
NA\*

**10** 9:00 AM  
AA4U  
8:00 PM  
AA

**11** 9:30 AM  
Bethel Worship  
3:00 PM  
Iglesia Evangelica  
6:00 PM  
AA4U Too\*  
6:30 PM  
Girl Scouts

**12** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool  
6:00 PM  
Totem Girl Scout  
Council  
7:00 PM  
CA\*

**13** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool  
10:45 AM  
Membership  
6:00 PM  
EACS  
7:00 PM  
MA\*

**14** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place\*  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool\*  
12:00 PM  
Ash Wed. Service  
6:00 PM  
Bible Study  
6:00 PM  
Iglesia Evangelica



**15** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place\*  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool\*  
1:00 PM Bible  
Study

**16** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool  
9:30 AM  
AA  
6:00 PM  
AA\*  
6:00 PM  
Iglesia  
7:30 PM  
NA\*

**17** 9:00 AM  
AA4U  
8:00 PM  
AA

**18** 9:30 AM  
Bethel Worship  
3:00 PM  
Iglesia Evangelica  
6:00 PM  
AA4U Too\*

**19** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place\*  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool\*  
7:00 PM  
CA\*



**20** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place\*  
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PreSchool\*  
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7:00 PM  
EACS  
MA\*

**21** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool  
12:00 PM  
Lenten service  
6:00 PM  
Bible Study  
6:00 PM  
Iglesia Evangelica  
7:00 PM  
Lenten Service

**22** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place\*  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool\*  
1:00 PM Bible  
Study

**23** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool  
9:30 AM  
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Iglesia  
7:30 PM  
NA\*

**24** 9:00 AM  
AA4U  
8:00 PM  
AA

**25** 9:30 AM  
Bethel Worship  
3:00 PM  
Iglesia Evangelica  
6:00 PM  
AA4U Too\*

**26** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place\*  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool\*  
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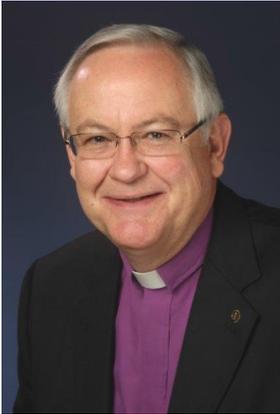
**28** 9:00 AM  
Aarons Place  
9:00 AM  
PreSchool  
12:00 PM  
Lenten Service  
6:00 PM  
Bible Study  
6:00 PM  
Iglesia Evangelica  
7:00 PM  
Lenten Service



**February 14**  
Ash Wednesday  
Services  
12 noon and 7:00 PM  
**Feb. 21, 28**  
Lenten Services  
12 noon & 7:00 PM

# The Spirit

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



The Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop, NWWA Synod

The Synod's Living Local movement invites us to be alert to where we see God acting beyond the four walls of the church. It is about developing the eyes to see and the ears to hear. It helps to have a few clues of where to look and listen. Here are two that have been helpful to me recently.

## Clue #1: Suffering

The scriptures encourage us to look for God wherever we see and hear people crying out because of oppression, suffering, and pain. We have all had experiences of being with people and groups who are hurting deeply. It is not always easy to be present in these situations. When we are, something power-filled often happens. We experience empathy, love, and compassion. We experience blessing. We experience God.

Recently, I was with a new friend from Peru who has spent a significant amount of time living amongst the poorest people of his country. While raised in a very wealthy family, as a teenager he felt a strong call to be with the poor. Much to the consternation of his father, he left home to spend a year with a peasant farmer's family. He fell deeply in love with this family and their neighbors. He said, "I was privileged to reach out and touch the wounds of Jesus." When he returned home, he completed his education and landed a very prestigious job in the banking industry. He excelled in this work and had all the resources to live the "good life." But he missed the people he had come to know and love.

It was a shock when he told his boss, who wanted to promote him, that instead he felt called to enter into the priesthood and become a Benedictine monk. He wanted to devote his life to living in pov-

erty and discovering God's love among the poor. It is the one place he knows he will see, hear, and experience the presence of God.

## Clue #2: New Life

There is another place that I have learned to see and hear God. I find God whenever I see new life happening - whether it is the first crocus erupting in the still-cold soil of winter, the first birdsong of an early spring morning, or being on stage in my role as Community College Trustee to shake the hand of a "first person in the family" to ever graduate from college. Each of these experiences speak of hope, promise and new life and bear the fingerprints of God.

For me, there is one experience of new life that tops all others. I know of no greater joy than to hold a baby in my arms, to stroke the child's soft hair, to hear the coos of wonder, and to smell the newness. I know I am holding a miracle: one so vulnerable, so innocent, so full of fragile life. To hold a baby is to experience the presence of God.

There is a category of people who revel in the opportunity to hold a child. They are called grandparents. Grandparents who are so touched by this encounter of new life that they are willing to pack up their belongings and move across the country just to be in the presence of their grandbaby. They take hundreds of photos, eager to show the latest, and relish being able to Facetime with their grandbaby. The child re-centers their lives and becomes the source of their greatest joy.

These two clues remind us that God is present all around us – all the time. In suffering and new life; in sorrow and in joy. Let us look and listen together for where we can join God in 2018.

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## Faith and Everyday Life Lutheran Counseling Network

Have you ever struggled with highly resisting doing what makes most sense for you to do because you either don't want to or believe that you can't do it. I know a lot about that. When I was about to head off to college, I had made one vocational decision, I would not become a pastor. Math was easy for me in school, so I would become an engineer or a math teacher. Eight years later, I was ordained as a Lutheran Pastor and eleven years after that I started what I believe was my real calling to be a Pastoral Counselor.

God's spirit who lives in me and in all of us kept leading me in other directions. This is very much like the struggle that Moses was having with God, when God met him in the Burning Bush. Moses had become well educated and trained in the best Egyptian schools and was the very best person to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt.

BUT, Moses was very resistant to God and came up with a reason that he simply was not capable of taking on such a huge assignment. He had an impediment in his speech that was so bad that he feared the people would not be able to understand him.

God reassured Moses at the very height of his anxiety by telling him that He would be with him and help him with his speech, tell him what to say and the ability to be understood. To me, the promise of God to Moses and the promise of Jesus to be with us always are the greatest reassurances that we can have. The fear of abandonment and the shame of our incompetence can be so strong. Knowing that we are not alone, that we are loved and that we are capable of what God has put before us can help us to go forward each day. We can be confident that we are moving in the direction that God is leading and helping us.

Written by a staff member of Lutheran Counseling Network

## BETHEL LENTEN/EASTER SCHEDULE

### Ash Wednesday

Services at noon and 7:00 PM

Wednesdays - 2/21,2/18,3/7,3/14,3/21

12 noon service and 7:00 PM service



HOLY WEEK

### Maundy Thursday

We will be joined by the Shoreline

Free Methodist Church

6:00 PM Soup Supper

7:00 PM Service

### Good Friday

7:00 PM Service



### Easter Sunday - April 1

Sunrise Service

7:00 AM

Breakfast

7:30 - 9:00 AM

Festival Service

9:30 AM



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**"Away in a meadow all covered with snow  
The little old groundhog looks for his shadow  
The clouds in the sky determine our fate  
If winter will leave us all early or late."**

- [Don Halley](#)



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Thursday  
8:00 AM to Noon

**Worship Service**  
9:30 AM

**Bible Study**  
Wednesday 6:00 PM  
Thursday 1:00 PM  
**Communion**  
Every Sunday

**Congregation of the  
Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in  
America**

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

### Humble Origins

When Luther first nailed his *95 Theses* to the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517, he never imagined he would spark a worldwide movement that carries on to this day. The stakes of his *Theses* were focused and geographically contained. But Luther's work quickly expanded, both in content and in location. He developed new doctrines and new liturgies. His ideas spread to places like Switzerland, Sweden, England, France and the Netherlands. This German monk, once troubled by the sale of indulgences, became the leader of an international movement and is now recognized as one of the most important figures in history.

Lutheran World Relief has an equally humble origin story. We were founded in 1945, in the wake of World War II, with the intention of sending food, quilts, blankets and clothes to European families struggling to face the devastation of war. Our founders didn't even plan for LWR to continue its work for more than a few years. But, just like Luther, Lutheran World Relief went global. We now operate in over 20 countries around the world, and the kinds of work we do expanded and changed, too. In addition to providing emergency relief in the wake of natural disasters, LWR also works to [lift farming families out of poverty](#) and to [become resilient in challenging climates](#). Like Luther's movement, our organization quickly grew and continues to have an international impact.

**Once a year our quilters send quilts out to LWR. Quilts are sent all over the world to help alleviate suffering by many. According to the LWR tracker our quilts from Bethel have gone to Georgia (USA), Angola, Mali, and Tanzania since January of 2016.**



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