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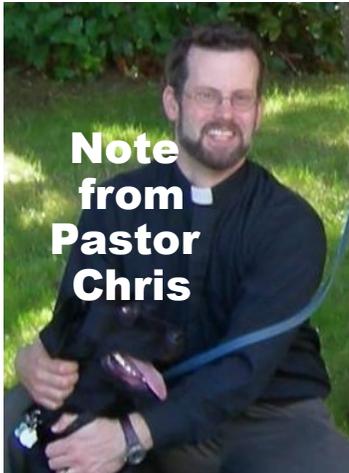
## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Bethel Lutheran Church

November 2017



October 31, 2017

Greetings and peace in the name of Christ!

As most of you are aware, we spent time this spring and summer exploring our congregation's future and what we can do to strengthen it going forward. While many options and approaches were discussed, one practical result that came from that process was the resolution to rethink our staffing structure with an emphasis on "staffing for growth." After researching options and exploring alternatives, the proposal was made to create a pair of new staff positions: a full-time "Director of Evangelism" (focused on coordinating outreach to and with our onsite partners and the surrounding community) and a part-time "Worship Curator" (responsible for working with the congregation on the development and implementation of worship opportunities – both existing and to be created).

On November 26, following worship, we will be holding our annual budget meeting. At that time, we will have the opportunity to vote on a budget which includes funding for these positions. I encourage each of you to take the time between now and then to prayerfully ponder the ways in which you may be able to help fund and implement that budget. Currently, our revenue from renting out space in the building offsets the cost of operating the physical plant itself (which is an amazing blessing!), but that still leaves the financial costs of ministry in the hands of the congregation. Given our current giving estimates, it is expected that the budget we will be voting on will include a deficit – but it is a deficit with a plan. Budgeting this way is a calculated risk – one with the potential to pay off dramatically in the life of the congregation. Candidly, our chances for a growing and more impactful presence in the community will be greatly increased with these staffing changes, and the risk of doing nothing is greater than the risk of tapping into our current reserves.

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

May Christ's blessings be upon you!  
Pastor Chris

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

**Semi-annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 26, 2017**  
**Following 9:30 AM church service**  
**Agenda: 2018 Budget**  
**Nominating Committee for 2018-2019 Church Council**

## Remember in prayer

### Daily Prayer List

- 1 - Karen Schoeld
- 2 - Rebecca Antonich
- 3 - Judy Bashaw
- 4 - Carol Hovick
- 5 - Lynlee Ritchie
- 6 - Alice Maxwell
- 7 - Joanne Brock
- 8 - Chris Ode
- 9 - Joe Himple
- 10 - Archer Ode
- 11 - Dan Ritchie
- 12 - Carla Salmon
- 13 - Anna Sjong
- 14 - Chuck Vollbrecht
- 15 - Karen Bauer
- 16 - Bruce Smith
- 17 - Lorna Neumann
- 18 - Lee Maxwell
- 19 - Riley Kimble
- 20 - Ed Anshell
- 21 - Sue Logen
- 22 - Carolyn Starrett
- 23 - Tavin Ode
- 24 - Lila Geiszler
- 25 - Norma Grigsby
- 26 - Phyllis Moll
- 27 - Stephanie Vollbrecht
- 28 - Judy Goulet
- 29 - Sarah Ode
- 30 - Elia Smith
- 31 - Liz Terrey

### Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Dick Hinea  
John Johns  
Olive Kohanik  
Irene Olsen  
Dick Scansen  
John Terrey  
Dela VanHoy

### Those who are coping with health problems

Vera Anderson  
Don Brown  
Donnamae Gfeller  
Joan Martinell  
Shirley Pishaw  
Donna Sjoquist  
Karen Schoeld  
Elia Smith  
Chris Tracy

## UPDATE FROM TOPM & MARY HOLMAN



October 12, 2017

Tom's mother, Evelyn, has been home for three weeks since her hospitalization for a fall. We have had a home care nurse, occupational therapist, and physical therapist coming to help her a couple times each week. She's doing great – she's able to cruise down the halls with her walker again!

Pray for me and Tom as we begin our second year of Hebrew study and online checking for the Waja team (Mary) and the Anufo team (Tom). We thank God for you and for your prayers. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Mary and Tom Holman

Mary  
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### CELEBRATE NOVEMBER



- 5 - Tavin Ode
- 16 - Donna Sjoquist



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 9 - Lynlee Ritchie
- 21 - Cary Magill  
Olive Kohanik
- 22 - Bev Baarstad
- 26 - Lillian Routledge

### POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Yes! It is that time again! Time to think about poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary. There will be sign up flyers in the bulletin beginning November 12. All orders need to be in by November 26



**2nd Sunday  
Breakfast**

November 12  
Menu undecided at  
this time but it will be  
good!

See  
you  
There!



**SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY**

**Presents  
Sacred Sounds of  
Christmas  
Sunday, November 26 at  
Benaroya Hall**



Featuring:  
The best of sacred music from  
around the world!  
Hundreds of Seattle Pacific Uni-  
versity vocalists and instrumen-  
talists perform in this major cele-  
bration.

**Tickets:** Start at \$22. Purchase  
online at [benaroyahall.org](http://benaroyahall.org); by  
phone at 206.215.4747 or in person at the  
\*Benaroya Hall Ticket Office. (\*No processing fee)



**THANKOFFERING  
SUNDAY  
November 19**

As we make our Thankofferings, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800s or even earlier. Then, when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would take action. Gathering in groups called "Cent" or "Mite" societies, each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year, in thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come together as we do today, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.

When Women of the ELCA was formed 30 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given us, and with hope for all that is to come, let us give our thankoffering.

**CHRISTMAS TAPROOT  
THEATER PRODUCTION  
"A Civil War Christmas"  
Nov. 22 - Dec. 30**

(It is bitterly cold Christmas Eve on the banks of the Potomac River where the lives of abolitionists, assassins, soldiers, enslaved and free are woven together in an American tapestry. In their darkest hour, when peace seems impossible, the promise of Christmas breaks through despair in this musical celebration of compassion and hope by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paula Vogel)



We will have two families this year. Our Christmas Giving Tree will be out the following Sunday's: November 12, 19 and 26. Need gifts returned no later than Sunday, December 3.

Thank you...  
Outreach Ministry

## ALERT!!!! THE QUILTERS ARE OUT OF FABRIC!

Our quilters are looking for 1 and 2 yard pieces of fabric (or bigger). If you can help, bring the fabric to the church office and it will be given to those who make quilt tops. Thank you!

## Community Choir Concert for North Helpline

Sun, Nov 5, 2017

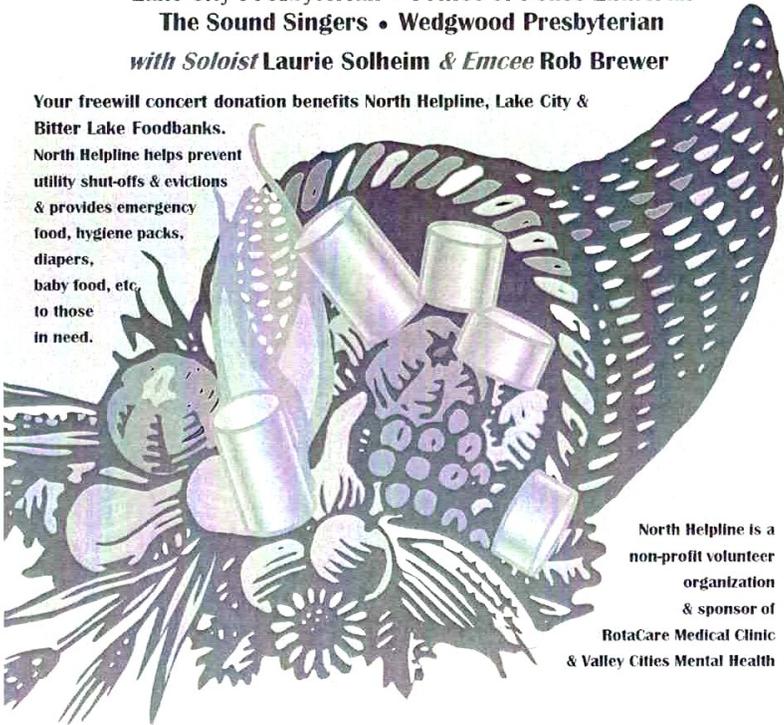
3:00 PM

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
Corner of NE 145<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Shoreline, WA

*Featuring Participating Choirs*

First Christian Reformed • Haller Lake United Methodist  
Lake City Presbyterian • Prince of Peace Lutheran  
The Sound Singers • Wedgwood Presbyterian  
*with Soloist Laurie Solheim & Emcee Rob Brewer*

Your freewill concert donation benefits North Helpline, Lake City & Bitter Lake Foodbanks. North Helpline helps prevent utility shut-offs & evictions & provides emergency food, hygiene packs, diapers, baby food, etc. to those in need.



North Helpline is a non-profit volunteer organization & sponsor of RotaCare Medical Clinic & Valley Cities Mental Health

## RECIPE REQUEST

### Overnight Blueberry French Toast

(Served 10/8)



#### Ingredients

- 12 slices bread, cut in cubes
- 2 (8oz) pkgs. Cream cheese (cubed)
- 1 c. fresh blueberries
- 12 eggs, beaten
- 2 c. milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/3 c. maple syrup
- 1 c. white sugar
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 c. water
- 1 c. fresh blueberries
- 1 tbsp. butter

#### Directions

1. Grease 9 x 13 pan.
2. Arrange half of bread cubes in dish and top with cream cheese cubes. Sprinkle 1 c. blueberries over the cream cheese and top with remaining bread cubes.
3. Mix eggs, milk, vanilla and syrup. Pour over the bread cubes. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
4. Remove bread mixture from the refrigerator about 30 minutes before baking. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.
5. Cover and bake 30 minutes. Uncover, and continue baking 25-30 minutes, until center is firm and surface is lightly browned.
6. In a medium saucepan, mix the sugar, cornstarch, and water. Bring to a boil. Stirring constantly, cook 3-4 minutes. Mix in the remaining 1 c. blueberries. Reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes until blueberries burst. Stir in the butter and pour over the baked French toast.

**RICK STEVES,  
COMPASS/IMAGINE,  
AND THE NATIONAL  
LUTHERAN CHOIR**

Apparently Rick Steves likes to round up. The final offering for the recent National Lutheran Choir concert -- all of which went to Compass Housing Alliance and Imagine Housing -- was \$15,299.42. However, Rick Steves chose to honor the entire amount of his challenge grant and sent \$20,000 to be split 50/50 with the two ministries. All told, from the generous offerings of those who attended and that of Rick Steves, Compass and Imagine each received \$17,649.71! Thank you to everyone who participated in this amazing event in any way.

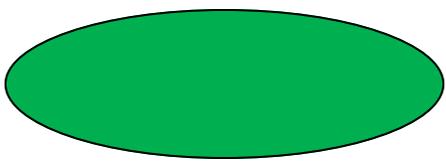


**HOLLY BERRY  
CELEBRATION  
DECEMBER 9TH  
11:30 AM.**

**Don't miss this!** It will be a great celebration! Our entertainer this year is **Christine Hansen**. Christine has loved to sing all her life. Being brought up with a deep faith in God she started displaying her gifts at an early age. At 16 she won a National Vocal Competition and after going to college toured and sang overseas. After raising her one son, she went back to school to become a high school music teacher and has just recently retired and renewed her singing once again. She is excited to share her gifts with you and hope you will go away from the experience with a song in your heart!



**TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE  
NOVEMBER 12TH.  
Adult \$10  
Child 5-10 - \$5.00**



*All Saints' Day*

**REMEMBERING THE  
COMMUNION OF SAINTS**

*Sunday, November 5*



## BECAUSE OF YOU

By the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop

For years I have been a regular reader of the Seattle Times Obituary pages. One Sunday in October, I recognized the name of a woman who was in elementary school when I was a member at Prince of Peace in Shoreline. I didn't know her well, but I did know her parents and siblings. My heart hurt for them. My heart was also filled with gratitude as I remembered how important her father, Dr. Andy Haug, had been in encouraging me as I was being formed for pastoral ministry. Dr. Haug was one of many at Prince of Peace that welcomed me as a young person and encouraged me to pursue God's call. When the time came for me to head off to Seminary, I did so knowing not only that Prince of Peace committed to paying a portion of my tuition, they were cheering me on. Seminary was not an easy journey for me and there were times when I seriously questioned whether I was fit for the calling. It made a huge difference for me to know that, in spite of my challenges, I had a company of people who continued to believe in me. I could always count on Dr. Haug's full-of-life smile and hearty handshake when I returned home during my breaks. I needed this encouragement to continue.

Who are the people who have cheered you on in your journey of faith? Who are the people that continued to believe in you and affirm you - even in times of uncertainty? Who are those faithful folks who saw to it that there was a church, a place for you to grow more deeply in your relationship with God? People whose own generosity of time and talent undergirded a congregation in which you learned about the power of God's grace, the joy of loving your neighbor, and the teaching of scripture that gifted you with a way to make sense of this complicated world?

These are the people - the Dr. Haugs of the world - that we want to express our gratitude to as we enter into our Capital Campaign titled, BECAUSE OF YOU! Because of you, Dr. Haug, I have had a rich and blessed ministry of serving the church you taught me to love. Because of you, Kim and I will be offering up a financial gift to be sure that the legacy of grace and love for neighbor continues. It is about giving because we have received far more from the church than we will ever be able to return. Kim's own story is shaped by the many faithful people at University Lutheran who encouraged her to become a leader. They were there for her when as a young person she began to do youth ministry. They made it possible for her to attend the Lutheran World Federation meeting in Dar es Salaam. They modeled for her what it meant to welcome refugee families from Southeast Asia, which later in life would inspire us to adopt a child.

BECAUSE OF YOU! is a wonderful way for those of us who love this church to offer a gift of gratitude in appreciation of those who have passed the faith on to us. It is a way for us to invest in the future. We hope to raise 3 million dollars which we, as a Synod, will leverage to continue to help support the cost of seminary education, just as Prince of Peace helped me. We will also use the monies for strengthening renewing congregations. Finally, we will support our new ministry starts who are focused on reaching people who otherwise would not know what it means to experience life through the lenses of our Lutheran faith.

In today's world we call this, "Pay it Forward." Because of you, we will.

## THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

	5	12	19	26	
Altar Guild	Carol & Judy	Sue & Joanne	Marlys & Lillian	Judy & Carol	
Worship Assistant	Liz Terrey	Craig Fjarlie	Joe Himple	Chuck Vollbrecht	
CHILDREN'S TIME	Pastor Chris	Marlys Pickrell	Pastor Chris	Kathy Carrow	
COMMUNION					
BREAD	Sue Logen	Elia Smith	Carol Hovick	Mary Himple	
WINE	Dorothy Brown	Bruce Smith	Judy Goulet	Lillian Routledge	
GLASSES	Joanne Brock	xxxxxxxxxxxxx	Jeremy DeLap	xxxxxxxxxxxxx	
FLOWERS	If you would like to give flowers, there is a chart on the bulletin board in the gathering room, please put your info in for the bulletin. Thank you. (It is your responsibility to bring the flowers)				
USHERS	Bruce Smith	Chuck Vollbrecht	Sue Logen		
Gospel	John 12:27-28	John 7:37-38	John 8:12	John 14:27	
Preaching Text	1 Kings 19:1-18	Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15; 21-24	Isaiah 9:1-7	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14	

**We honor our veterans - November 11 Veterans Day**

On Veterans Day we honor men and women who have served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services. The holiday is also meant to highlight America's quest for world peace and our nation's desire for justice and freedom throughout the world — our nation's higher goals.

Veterans Day is actually rooted in Armistice Day. On November 11, 1918, America and her allies met with German leaders to sign a truce ending World War I. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson decided that our nation should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor those who served in the military. He called the holiday, Armistice Day. Armistice means "truce."

In his proclamation the president wrote that Armistice Day was an "opportunity ... given to America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

The name Armistice Day was kept until 1954 when Congress changed the name to Veterans Day honoring veterans of every era. President Eisenhower called on all citizens to observe the day remembering the sacrifices of veterans and "the task of promoting an enduring peace."





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## A Letter from Tom and Mary Holman

*Helping the Church fulfill the Great Commission by making God's Word accessible for every people group and nation*

October 9, 2017

Shalom, Friends and Family,  
 “Jesus was here.” That’s what came to mind when we were in Nazareth Village, when we saw the archaeological digs of synagogues in Magdala and Capernaum, and when we sailed on Lake Galilee. We visited 39 separate biblical sites in nine days, most of them with Old Testament significance. The Bible’s history and geography came to life!



*The seven students (and one teacher) on our boat ride on Lake Galilee*

One of the things that we learned about was the strategic importance of the land of Israel. Because of its location between the Mediterranean Sea and the Arabian Desert,

it was a trade route from ancient times. We toured the ruins of many cities and fortresses, including Canaanite cities dating from 4000 BC, fortresses built by King Solomon in the 10<sup>th</sup> century BC, and fortresses built by King Herod the Great. These fortresses helped Israel control travel through the valleys. Israel has quite a varied terrain – from the Mediterranean coastal plain on the west, to the fertile valleys and lowlands in the middle, to the “mountains” and the wilderness on the east. The valleys in the mountains are really deep and were inhabited by robbers and wild animals. When shepherds took their sheep down into the valleys to find water, it might literally be the “valley of the shadow of death.”



*Mary on the 10<sup>th</sup> century BC Israelite fortress on Mt. Hazor,*



*Tom on the road from Jericho to Jerusalem, overlooking a deep valley.*

We also learned a lot more Hebrew.

Our classes were conducted in Hebrew, with actions, pictures, and props (a pomegranate, a huge sword, a paper crown, a toy horse and cow, cups, pictures, etc.). Most of the textbook was in Hebrew, too! During class, we used the Hebrew names we had chosen – Miriam and Jeremiah. Tom and I were the oldest, and we found it quite challenging. We had a rich learning experience, and we also had rich fellowship! Every Friday, we celebrated the evening meal that begins the Jewish Sabbath



day. Our hosts were Halvor and Miriam Ronning, who began the Jerusalem Center for Bible Translators, where we were studying and living. Miriam would light the candles, break the Shabbat bread and say the

blessing, and we would enjoy the special food.

On one of those Shabbat meals, we were joined by five colleagues from Ghana who are here studying Hebrew for eight months!



We came back with love for our fellow students and teachers and for the Land of Israel. Thank you for your prayers for us during this time



**For Shoreline School District Students Needing Support**



The Back to School Consortium would like to thank you for your support of the 2017 Back to School Event serving low income families in the Shoreline School District. We had a very successful event on August 26th thanks to our generous donors, community partners and volunteers.

- 1,032 students PreK-college received a backpack with age appropriate school supplies (952 day of the event, 50 students through the WORKS, 15 Family Advocates, 15 Center for Human Services)
  - 4,825 pairs of new socks and underwear and 409 hygiene packs were distributed
  - 65+ volunteers provided over 250 hours of service in support of the event
- Hairstylists from James Alan Salon and A Better Day Salon provided haircuts throughout the event
  - Lake Forest Park Rotary served hundreds of hot dogs and snacks
- The resource fair included the following organizations and agencies: *Shoreline Community Care, Center for Human Services, YMCA, Hopelink, Turning Point, Shoreline School District Free/Reduced Lunch Program, Shoreline School District Head Start Program, Children's Home Society Early Head Start Program, King County Library System, International Community Health Services, PCC Market, 211 Crisis Clinic, UW Center for Pediatric Dentistry, United Healthcare, Ronald Commons, Public Health/Seattle King County, Shoreline Community College, Literacy Source, Salvation Army, Annara Counseling Services, Amerigroup Washington, League of Women Voters*
- The community contributed \$10,368 in addition to our \$10,000 donor.

Thank you for supporting the Back to School Consortium and the 2017 event.  
We hope you will consider supporting our effort again next year!

[www.btsconsortium.org](http://www.btsconsortium.org)



**MEMBERS OF THE BACK TO SCHOOL CONSORTIUM:** *Center for Human Services; City of Shoreline; Dale Turner Family YMCA; Hopelink; Ronald United Methodist Church; Salvation Army; Shoreline Community Care; Shoreline School District; Turning Point; The Works of Shoreline PTA Council*

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**25** Our lives are fleeting and fragile. Give thanks to God for the life we have and the days we are blessed with, and pray we live each day mindful of and driven by our baptismal journey of faith, service, witness and compassion for our neighbor.

**26** We pray we treat one another, especially people living in the margins of society or in contexts removed from our daily experience of life, with the same love, concern and mercy God has shown us.

**27** Give thanks and praise to God for always being our strength and refuge, our hope and joy.

**28** Pray for God to deepen our faith and reveal to us daily the power, glory and love we have come to know in the risen Christ, Lord of the church, creation and universe.

**29** We remember in our prayers the Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities, a collaboration of the ELCA churchwide organization and our 26 colleges and universities dedicated to the freedom of inquiry and the development of the whole person in body, mind and spirit.

**30 Andrew, Apostle** Andrew dropped his fishing net and familiar livelihood to follow Jesus. Ask God to help us discern what we can drop or reprioritize for the sake of following Jesus as a disciple, servant and witness to the gospel that

**LUTHERWOOD'S ANNUAL AUCTION**

**Our Savior's  
Lutheran Church  
215 West Mukilteo Blvd  
Everett, WA  
Nov, 18th,**

The evening will begin at 4 pm with games and silent auction followed by dinner and live auction.

**Tickets**

\$40/person or \$250/table

To purchase tickets, call the office (360)734-7652 or visit [camplutherwood.org/auction](http://camplutherwood.org/auction)

## **ELCA Prayer Ventures for November 2017**

**1** *All Saints Day* Today we remember and honor saints, martyrs and loved ones who have gone before us and made an impact on our lives, the church and history. Pray for people who mourn the loss of someone they love or value that they find healing through the support given by friends, family and faith communities, and comfort from faith in Jesus' victory over death and the promise of eternal life.

**2** *National American Indian Heritage Month* We give thanks for the gifts and witness of American Indian and Alaska Native members of the ELCA, 30 native congregations, new ministries and the work of the American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association, all grounded in reconciliation and the mutual building up of the saints – people of all backgrounds, tribes, regions, communities, congregations and unique needs.

**3** Pray for relief and recovery from the widespread destruction caused by recent hurricanes and storms across the Gulf Coast and Southeastern states, Puerto Rico, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, the U.S. Virgin Islands and other locations in the Caribbean. Pray our concern translates into actions, gifts, support and empathy for people and communities engaged in the long, hard and sometimes discouraging work of rebuilding and recovery.

**4** Remember in prayer the young adults serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program in Australia and their coordinators, the Rev. Kim Crawford and the Rev. Henry Martinez, that God will bless and further their witness and service alongside leaders of the Lutheran Church of Australia.

**5** Ask God for clarity in discerning which leaders, teachers and prophets to trust and listen to, for the wisdom to know whom to follow and emulate as humble, disciples of Christ and to know that we have one teacher who is unfailing and trustworthy in leading us in God's ways and truth – the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

**6** Give thanks that our church believes that cultural, ethnic and racial differences should be seen and celebrated as what God intends them to be – blessings rather than means of oppression and discrimination – and pray for courage and self-reflection to face and change the uncomfortable things within ourselves, culture and society that selectively cause suffering and harm of others.

**7** On this day when elections are taking place across our country, we pray the Spirit of God will guide our church and members in defending human dignity, standing with poor and powerless people, advocating justice, working for peace and caring for the earth in the processes and structures of society.

**8** When we experience criticism or oppression for our faith and living from the gospel, pray for renewed faith and trust in God's light and truth that lifts our spirit and encourages us forward as bold disciples serving our neighbor and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

**9** We remember in our prayers leaders gathered for the ELCA Church Council, that they are inspired and led by the Spirit in all they do and in helping our church pursue and keep before us God's work in the world.

**10** Though our celebration of the Reformation may seem marked in time and history, we ask God to help our church to be always open to change, growth and reform centered in Scripture and the gospel for the sake of doing God's work in the world.

**11** *Veterans Day* While war and conflict between nations and people are unfortunate aspects of our human nature and weakness, we pray God will continue to reveal and shine a light on God's paths and ways of peace, justice, reconciliation and mutual concern. Give

thanks and recognition for the sacrifice of men, women and young adults who choose to serve – and have served in the past – our country in pursuit of global peace, justice and the well-being of all God's people.

**12** Pray that every aspect of our life in the present is influenced and guided by our faith and God's word, making us determined and equipped to serve our neighbor and share the gospel now.

**13** Pray for the people and communities recovering from the strong earthquakes in Mexico, and ask God to guide the work and partnerships of Lutheran Disaster Response and our ecumenical partners accompanying people during this time of loss and rebuilding.

**14** Remember and give thanks for the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997, and ask God to deepen our partnership and bless our work together sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

**15** In our striving for wisdom, we ask God to instill in us a lifelong desire and openness to studying God's word and learning and to help us become wise yet humble teachers, leaders and examples in our congregation and community.

**16** Pray for the members, congregations and leaders of the Caribbean and Florida-Bahamas synods facing the long-term process of rebuilding and caring for storm-ravaged communities and people who have experienced great loss and ongoing challenges. Ask God to strengthen and sustain them for supporting one another, reaching out to and caring for neighbors, sharing hope and witnessing to God's enduring love and presence.

**17** Pray the Spirit will stir in us a love of telling our children, grandchildren, family, friends, coworkers, strangers and the world stories of the wondrous things God has done.

**18** We remember in our prayers people who are homeless or on the verge of becoming homeless, praying they find safe shelter and that our congregations are caring communities assisting people with housing, food, employment and services necessary for daily life while respecting their dignity and desire to be self-sufficient.

**19** Pray we are not consumed with maintaining the status quo, defending institutions to preserve comfort or familiarity, or hiding the resources God has entrusted to us but that we freely use our blessings and assets and take risks for the sake of mission, service, witness and purposeful change.

**20** Give thanks for the faithful work and witness of ELCA missionaries Lucas Peters (Thailand), the Rev. Eric and the Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo (Malaysia), the Rev. Jeffrey Truscott (Singapore) and the Rev. Suk Yeon Lee (South Korea).

**21** The ELCA and The Episcopal Church are committed to prayer, fasting and advocacy addressing cuts to public programs that are vital to hungry people who are living in poverty. Remember to pray for these concerns, our leaders and people in need on the 21st of each month through December 2018.

**22** Ask God to deepen our understandings of abundance, generosity, stewardship, compassion and neighbor.

**23** *Thanksgiving Day* God is good, loving and generous, providing abundantly for humankind and all living things. Give thanks for the blessings that sustain us, and pray we are generous in sharing our resources, shelter, food, care and hospitality with our neighbor.

**24** Lift up in prayer people who serve a role in planting, tending, growing, harvesting, transporting and preparing the food that sustains us and gives us joy, and pray for renewed commitment to doing everything possible to eliminate hunger in the world.

# Bethel Beam



*President John F. Kennedy made this Thanksgiving Day proclamation in 1961.*

“Let us observe this day with reverence and with prayer that will rekindle in us the will and show us the way not only to preserve our blessings but also to extend them to the four corners of the earth. Let us by our example, as well as by our material aid, assist all peoples of all nations who are striving to achieve a better life in freedom.”

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