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Bethel Lutheran Church

February 2020



Dear beloveds,

On the 18th of February, we are invited to commemorate Martin Luther, re-newer of the church. This is a good reminder to all of us that our church is a living church, always renewing, *semper reformanda est*.

In our effort to keep renewing we are facing a lot of challenges and opportunities, for example it takes willingness and energy to share our space with so many communities. We are reducing our "stuff" in our kitchen so that other communities can also use the space for the things they need. It is a challenge to sort out the things that we need and things that we don't need, especially when emotional attachment get in the way. Once we overcome the challenges, we are receiving new opportunities to share our space, God's space with others.

So, let us see the many other opportunities before us that need renewals.

We heard about the Corona virus, spreading quickly from China to our Pacific Northwest and along with it also comes fear. This is an opportunity for us to fight the fear with hope to mobilize our neighbors to talk about prevention, identifying the symptoms, and most of all to share the knowledge about the virus.

We also heard about the "Bush Fire" in Australia, killing more than a billion animals. This is an opportunity for us to talk to our neighbors about the climate change, reducing our consumption of fossil fuel and most of all, to talk to our lawmakers to create a path to clean energy. Perhaps, to create a clear and safe designated bicycle lanes in our city.

We cannot and will not be immune to the violence around us and in the spirit of church renewing always, we are called to stop violence from happening. We need to engage our neighbors to make sure that violence acts, whether in classrooms or in the street will never be tolerated.

I am looking forward to take some of these opportunities with you!

Blessings to all of you.

Bethel News

Church Library Open



Thanks to the hard work of Phyllis Moll who brought many books out of storage, our Bethel library is officially open! Come by the church office to see the books we have. There is fiction and non-fiction, inspirational texts and biographical. To check out a book simply take the check-out card fill it out and place it in the box. Books can be checked out for a one month! Happy Reading!

Our little free library out front is also open for business and always in need of gently used and loved books. Bring books by the office or put them directly in the little free library.

Membership Committee Update

Join the membership committee for movies throughout February! Movies are played on Thursday after our community lunch beginning around 12:45pm.

Do you have a suggestion for a film? Contact the office or Nancy Phillips with your recommendation!

Also visit the shoreline senior center to join Pastor Diakonda and Bethel members when they visit La Conner.

February Movies:

Feb 6— *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*

Feb 13— *The Bucket List*

Feb 20— *The Help*

Feb 27—TBD



Bethel News Continued

Relay for Life

For the last several years Joe Himple has served as a Relay for Life team leader. Relay for Life is a community-based fundraising event for the American Cancer Society and other related institutions. Thousands of events take place in dozens of countries every year including here in our own community.

This year's Relay for Life event in Shoreline will take place Saturday June 6 from 2:00pm to 8:00am Sunday June 7. Teams will walk the track at Kings High School throughout the night to symbolize the ongoing fight against cancer.

Are you interested in being a Bethel's Relay for Life team? Contact Pastor Diakonda or get in touch with Joe Himple if you have questions about the event!



Join Us on Thursday Feb. 6th at the Marriott Courtyard in Everett
(3003 Colby Avenue, Everett, WA 98201).

Doors open at 6:30 for a delicious Taco Bar, amazing raffles & no-host bar. Our program will begin at 7p.m. and feature four amazing speakers through their cancer journeys and time with ACS. We'll provide you with everything you need to know for the upcoming season, and a great time with your neighboring events!

Update from Tom & Mary Holman

January 20, 2020

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thess. 5:16-18 NIV) Your faithful prayer support gives us joy! Please pray for Baba Doka Yerima. He is the oldest member of the Waja translation team in Nigeria. He probably has cancer of the prostate, and he is going to have surgery the week of January 20 to remove his prostate. Pray that he would have a good recovery from the surgery and any follow-up procedures that are necessary.



We give thanks to God for you!

Mary

Mary and Tom Holman

SAVE THE DATE

Tom and Mary Holman will be in Washington and they plan to visit Bethel on Sunday, March 15, to talk about their work!

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Taproot Church Newsletter

BOOM! Drum fires another shot into the magnolia trees giving Ouiser's dog a nervous breakdown. Truvy's salon is buzzing as gossip and zingers fly between baby's breath and bouffants. Annelle is new and nervous which means things are getting a little poofy. Welcome to Chinquapin, Louisiana. Hold onto your rollers and grab your tissues for this hilariously heartwarming American classic.

Steel Magnolias is recommended for ages 12+.
Children under 5 are never permitted.



Just As You Are by Sonja Lowe
Grant Writer and Resident Dramaturg
Taproot Theatre Company

“Just as I am, without one plea...”

Did you ever sing that hymn in church? In the church that I grew up in it was always the invitational directly following the sermon. For me, it encapsulates the deep and profound truth that all are welcome; all are loved by Christ, even me, “just as I am.”

I don’t know about you, but I find that a lot of church services don’t put this truth to the test. All too often we bring a carefully edited version of ourselves to Sunday morning. Pleasantly cheerful, but never disruptively exuberant. Revealing slight troubles and worries in carefully phrased prayer requests—but never anything too extreme.

It makes me wonder sometimes, what if we didn’t

edit ourselves on Sundays? What if church felt like Truvy’s Hair Salon in *Steel Magnolias*?

When you come see *Steel*

Magnolias at Taproot Theatre Company, notice the fact that all of the women in *Steel Magnolias* enter Truvy’s “just as they are”. There is never any pretense because that’s not the point of Truvy’s. They walk through her doors spitting mad, deliriously happy, terrified about the future or broken with grief. They let it all out at Truvy’s...and in the process they find healing in community.

It strikes me that Truvy’s salon is able to be a healing space precisely *because* each of these women are real with each other. They bring all of their lives and all of their messiness into that salon and they are accepted. That acceptance builds a trust between them that allows them to be equally real about the next crisis.

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The Spirit

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Grace Grants

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I am excited to announce that the application process for Northwest

Washington Synod

Grace Grants is open.

Thanks to the vision

and desire for continued ministry, Grace

Lutheran, Bellevue gave the synod council a percentage of their proceeds when they closed their ministry. The synod council, in turn, wants to invest this money in congregations and ministry sites who are doing faithful innovation. In that spirit, Grace Grants were born.

For each of the next three years, \$100,000 will be made available for congregations and ministry sites to apply for Grace Grants. If other congregations, institutions or individuals would like to contribute to this-fund, the synod council will continue Grace grants beyond these initial three years.

Congregations and ministry sites are welcome to apply for grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000. The council welcomes all applications. In particular, the Grace Grant Committee and synod council are looking for congregations who are faithfully looking into the future, trusting God, and seeing new possibilities in sharing the story of Jesus.



As you consider these grants, these questions might help you discern what God is up to in your area of the synod:

- What is happening in your church's neighborhood? Where do you see possibilities for partnership or collaboration?
- What is our unique ELCA identity and witness?
- Are there avenues to talk with and listen to those outside the walls of the church?
- How can we equip disciples and our own community of faith?
- How can we foster a spirit of connection across the synod?
- What are the resources needed to develop new leaders?
- How can we partner with young adults, listening and collaborating?
- Where are the places we can be more eco-friendly in our church buildings?
- Who are those marginalized?
- Who are those discriminated against?

Of course, there are other areas to consider for ministry through these Grace Grants. These are just a few ideas that might help.

As you prepare, here are some important dates:

- February 1 - Grant Application Period open, find form on synod website.
- May 1 - Applications due. No late applications

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will be accepted.

- May - Grant committee review will take place.
- June 5 - Final approval of Grants by Synod Council.
- June 6 - Notification of grants awarded at Synod Assembly.
- July 1 - Grants to be funded

Grants need to be used between July 1, 2020 & April 1, 2021. Grants are potentially renewable.

I hope you find this opportunity as exciting as the Northwest Washington Synod Council. We are excited to continue vitalizing our congregations and ministry sites into the future – as we trust God is walking with us, leading us and guiding us.

Grace & Peace,
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

Taproot Newsletter Continued:

These women are walking alongside each other through the ups and downs of life. That kind of support system is an amazing gift. And churches, as the body of Christ, are uniquely designed to offer that gift. So, is Truvy's Hair Salon a church? No. But I don't think it's a stretch to say that it's a sacred space; a space set apart from the outside world where both mourning and dancing are encouraged. Just imagine, if every Sunday morning, everyone came to your church "just as they are".

Bethel Lutheran Church Council

President: Lynlee Ritchie

Treasurer: Marlys Pickrell

At Large: Elia Smith, Carol Hovick, Judy Goulet, David Salmon and Phyllis Moll

The Bethel Lutheran Church council meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the gathering space. Unless noted, all meetings are open for members to attend. After the meeting, the meeting's minutes and other related documents or materials are posted on the bulletin board for members to peruse.

Those Who Serve - February 2020

	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
Altar Guild	Marlys & Lillian	Sue & Gwen	Carol & Judy	Marlys & Lillian
Worship Asst.	Judy Goulet	Joe Himple	Chuck Vollbrecht	Judy Goulet
Communion				
Bread	Carol Hovick		Carol Hovick	
Wine	Lillian Routledge			
Glasses	Nancy Phillips		Nancy Phillips	

If you are interested in helping serve there are sign up sheets on the Bethel bulletin board located in the gathering space. You can also inquire about other ways to get involved by emailing info@bethel4all.org or by calling our office at (206) 362-4334.

Remember in Prayer



February

6—Liz Terrey

11—Beth Rudnick

15—Richard Schwerdtfger

21—Phyllis Moll

23—John Vollbrecht

Those Coping with Health Problems

Don Brown

Walt Himple

Michael Klingensmith

Tom Logen

Kelly Moll

Joan Martinell

Shirley Pishaw

Karen Schoeld

Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Vera Anderson

Lila Geisler

Dick Hinea

Shirley Pishaw

Dick Scansen

Donna Sjoquist

Daily Prayer List

1. Vera Anderson
2. Karen Bauer
3. Douglas Bauer
4. Joanne Brock
5. Don Brown
6. Dorothy Brown
7. Starla DeLap
8. Schott DeLap
9. Craig Fjarlie
10. Lila Geiszler

11. Judy Goulet
12. Norma Grigsby
13. Roger Hilling
14. Darlene Hilling
15. Mary Himple
16. Walt Himple
17. Joe Himple
18. Richard Hinea
19. Carol Hovick
20. John Johns
21. Donna Johns
22. Our Congregation
23. Bethel Staff and volunteers
24. The Korean Covenant
25. Iglesias Evangelical
26. The Lutheran Counseling Network
27. Aaron's Place
28. Prechool Co-op
29. Recovery meetings at Bethel

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship 9:30	3	4 Retired Pastor Luncheon	5 11:00 am bible study	6 Lunch 12pm Membership Movie	7	8
9 Worship 9:30	10	11	12 11:00 am bible study	13 Lunch 12pm Membership Movie Council Meeting 7pm	14	15
16 Worship 9:30	17	18	19 11:00 am bible study	20 Lunch 12pm Membership Movie	21	22
23 Worship 9:30	24	25	26 11:00 am bible study	27 Lunch 12pm Membership Movie	28	29

*Council Meetings are the second Thursday of the month and they are open meetings meaning anyone can attend. If you cannot attend you can always read the minutes on the Bethel bulletin board in the gathering space.

For other events and updates be sure to follow the Bethel Lutheran Church facebook page at Facebook.com/BethelShoreline/ or visit our website at Bethel4all.org



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Pastor

Diakonda Gurning

Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

9:00 AM to Noon

Worship Service

Sunday

9:30 AM

Bible Study

Wednesday 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Community Lunch

Thursday 12:00– 1:00 PM

Communion

Every Sunday

Congregation of the



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.