

# the Bethel Beam

Bethel Lutheran Church

May 2012



April 22, 2014

Why do we worship?

This isn't a test. This isn't a joke. I'm honestly curious: why do you think we gather for worship?

Recently a friend of mine accepted a new call closer to their hometown. Until now, they've served a wealthy congregation in a decently-sized suburb several states away. I actually worshiped at that site once, and was struck by the blatant words of the senior pastor's sermon: "We gather for worship knowing that God will bless us with good things in return for our praise!" The whole message of the day centered on how God would bring prosperity to the people in exchange for their devotion. Is that why we worship?

Another friend—a first generation immigrant to this country—once told me that their congregation worships in a boisterous manner "because worship is our chance to forget the hardness of life." Is that why we worship?

I have friends who complain about how their parents "made" them go to worship as a kid, and that that is their excuse for not going as an adult. "I did my time: I earned my checkmark," is the unspoken attitude. Is that why we worship?

I have friends who attend a church whose theology they disagree with, but they have other friends who attend and this is an easy way to stay in touch. Is that why we worship?

I cannot speak for everyone, but if I take a moment to ponder my own reasons for worship they boil down to something simple: for me, worship is a chance to tap into something bigger, more powerful, and more lasting than myself. Worship is a chance to celebrate God's love poured out in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Worship is a chance to ponder life's meaning and how I can help people live lives of purpose. I don't worship to forget. I don't worship in order to appease or bribe or change God. I worship in order that God might change me.

*"[We] can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word 'darkness' on the walls of his cell."*

C.S. Lewis

Blessings to you in Christ,  
Pastor Chris



Our sign is now lit! Thank you David Salmon for all the work you did to make this happen!

# OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

## Daily Member Prayer List

- 1 - Rachel Miller
- 2 - Bev Werts
- 3 - John Johns
- 4 - Chuck Vollbrecht
- 5 - Ruth Locke
- 6 - Donna Sjoquist
- 7 - Beth Sundquist
- 8 - Tavin Ode
- 9 - Lizzie Peters
- 10 - Judy Bashaw
- 11 - Harold Martinell
- 12 - Liz Rayborn
- 13 - Michael Vollbrecht
- 14 - Harold Crawford
- 15 - Chris Pickrell
- 16 - Virgil Baarstad
- 17 - Betsy Pickrell
- 18 - Rance Urdahl
- 19 - Elias Rayborn
- 20 - Rick Rudnick
- 21 - Judy Goulet
- 22 - Dorothy Storseth
- 23 - Jordan Rayborn
- 24 - Joan Martinell
- 25 - Josh Rudnick
- 26 - Wally Goulet
- 27 - Lynlee Ritchie
- 28 - Frank Moll
- 29 - Colin Rudnick
- 30 - Chris Ode
- 31 - Olive Kohanik

## Those coping with health problems

- Don Brown  
 Harold Crawford  
 Mona Drake  
 John Johns  
 Olive Kohanik  
 Harold Martinell  
 Joan Martinell  
 Kathy Moll  
 Robert Pearson  
 Dona Pederson  
 Lynlee Ritchie  
 Jim Schoeld  
 Karen Schoeld  
 Alice Urdahl

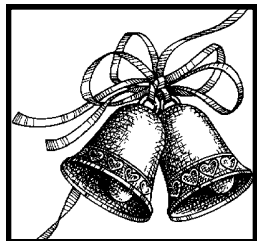
## Those in Assisted Living or Care Facilities

- Vera Anderson  
 Ellen Hansen  
 Dick Hinea  
 Iva Kjosnes  
 Donna Sjoquist  
 Dorothy Storseth  
 Mary Smith  
 Dela Van Hoy  
 Bev Werts



## **Celebrate May Anniversaries**

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



- 4 - Marlys Pickrell  
 6 - Joshua DeLap  
 18 - Ellen Bergesen  
 24 - Nick Rudnick



## SPRING LUNCHEON

We are happy to announce that our program this year will be the Bell Choir from First



Lutheran of Richmond Beach! Come out and hear some beautiful music and enjoy a nice lunch! Men, women and children are all invited!

**May 3 - 11:30 AM**

**Tickets have been sold! If you have not purchased one and would like to attend, call the church office (206/362-4334).**

## Meet Our Members

### Beth Sundquist

I (Leona Elizabeth Altmiller) was born on September 11, 1934, my mother's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, on a farm near Orofino, Idaho to Edward W. and Leona Mooers Altmiller. I have 2 sisters, Regina Pearl who was born in December 1932 and Edwilla Myrtle born in August 1939.

We lived in Orofino area until age 5 and when I was old enough to start school we moved to Lewiston, Idaho. Grades 1-9 were at Beacon Hill in Lewiston. My 10 – 12 were at Upper Columbia Academy, Spangle, Washington. I graduated high school in May of 1952. I spent 3 years at Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington. In 1980 I received my B.S. Degree in Human Services from Seattle City University.

I had a son Stewart Rodney Ragan on September 11, 1954 and a daughter Gwendolyn Sue Ragan Loeffler on August 15, 1959. We lived in Portland, Oregon for about sixteen years and then we moved to Seattle in January 1968.

On June 25, 1978 Gordon Sundquist and I were married in Volunteer Park SDA Church. We purchased a home in Shoreline, WA in 1978. Gordon was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church of Shoreline. Gordon passed away on October 20, 2003. I have lived in the same house ever since.

I retired from Stimpson Lane Ltd, in March 1995.

Stewart Ragan passed away in June, 1995.

I have been blessed with four grandchildren (Brandon & Derrick Ragan and Karla & Kasey (Katy) Loeffler) and four great-grandchildren (Anthony, Alex & Aiden Ragan and Bennett Loeffler).

I became a member of Bethel Lutheran Church of Shoreline in December of 2013.

My life hobby has been sewing. I also enjoy painting and drawing at the Senior Center.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING!



## JOIN US!

All welcome!  
May 1 at the church.

Discussing in May

**Die Free: A Heroic Family History**  
By Cheryl Wills

To read in May -  
to discuss in June

**Red Velvet Revenge**  
**Jenn McKinley (Author)**

It may be summertime, but sales at Fairy Tale Cupcakes are below zero--and owners Melanie Cooper and Angie DeLaura are willing to try anything to heat things up. So when local legend Slim Hazard offers them the chance to sell cupcakes at the annual Juniper Pass rodeo, they're determined to rope in a pretty pay-day!

But not everyone at the Juniper Pass is as sweet for Fairy Tale Cupcakes as Slim--including star bull-rider Ty Stokes. Mel and Angie try to steer clear of the cowboy's short fuse, but when his dead body is found face down in the hay, it's a whole different rodeo.

With a vengeful murderer on the loose, the ladies are quickly realizing that while they came to save their business, they may have to save themselves--and that's no bull.

INCLUDES SCRUMPTIOUS RECIPES

## Mother's Day May 13

### A mother's prayer

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

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

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



**BELLS AND STRINGS!**  
**A CONCERT FOR SPRING**

International Artists Carillon

**Sunday, May 18th 7PM**  
13th Church of Christ, Scientist

**3500 NE 125th Street, Seattle (Lake City)**  
Open to the public, Admission is Free - Donations Accepted  
Free Parking - A **Benefit for North Helpline Food Bank**

**For Information call (425) 922-6810**

www.seattlecarillon.org

## SOUP NIGHT AND DESSERT AUCTION BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE (CANCER SOCIETY)



**Bethel Lutheran Church**  
**May 4 - 5:00 PM**

It's a Soup Night and Dessert Auction for Joe Himple's Relay for Life Team Fundraiser. Come enjoy a fun evening and learn more about the American Cancer Society and where the money that's fundraised goes to. Price is \$15 a person, or \$25 a family. We would like

to have an idea of numbers for the food so if you were unable to sign up at church it would be great if you could call the church office or Joe Himple to let us know if you are coming. Any questions, call Joe Himple at (425)218-5648 or email

[jhimple@hotmail.com](mailto:jhimple@hotmail.com)

Thanks and hope to see you there!



# SOME LENT AND EASTER PICTURES



**UPDATE**  
**FROM**  
**TOM AND**  
**MARY**  
**HOLMAN**



April 18, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your worship and Bible study last month. What can we say about our time with you other than "Thank you"? We were blessed by the interactions we had with many of you and the opportunity to get to know you better. You have an important part in the ministry of Bible translation among the Anufo people in Ghana and the Waja, Lewami, Sukur, and Fali people of Nigeria.

The next Luke Partnership workshop in Nigeria starts on May 12. The translators are counting on us to come, and we're counting on you to pray that we'll be able to go!

Love,  
Mary  
Mary and Tom Holman



It was such a joy to visit with the Holmans at Bethel the last weekend in March and hear of the wonderful work being done in Bible translation!



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



1  
97:00 PM  
Bethel Book Club

3  
9:30 AM  
Anderson Plaza  
Worship  
11:30 AM  
Spring Luncheon  
(FH)

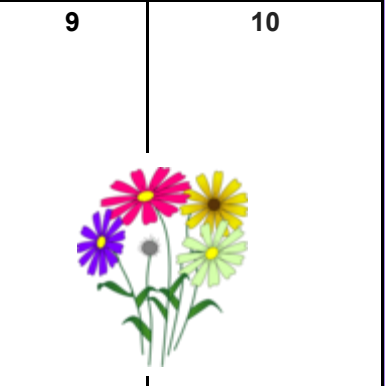
4  
8:15 AM  
Wired Word  
9:30 AM  
Bethel Worship  
Service  
11:00 AM  
Adult Forum  
4:00 PM  
Joe Himple Event



6  
10:45 AM  
Membership  
Team

7  
9:00 AM  
Pass It On  
Quilters  
1:00 PM  
Midday  
Meditation  
6:30 PM  
Worship Team

8  
7:00 PM  
Bethel Church  
Council



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11  
8:15 AM Wired  
Word  
9:30 AM  
Bethel Worship  
Service  
10:45 AM Breakfast

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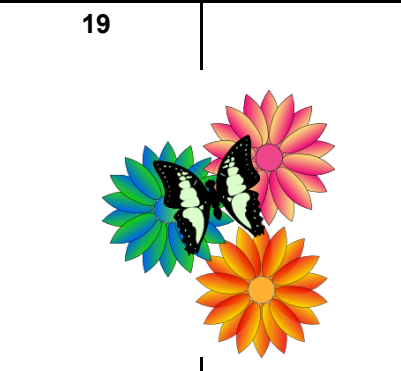
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1:00 PM  
Midday  
Meditation

15  
7:00 PM  
Ruth Circle

16  
Synod  
Assembly  
(Comcast  
Arena)

17  
Synod Assembly  
(Comcast Arena)  
9:30 AM  
Anderson Plaza  
Worship

18  
8:15 AM  
Wired Word  
9:30 AM  
Bethel Worship  
Service  
11:00 AM  
Adult Forum



21  
10:00 AM  
Sarah Circle  
1:00 PM  
Midday  
Meditation  
1:00 PM  
Rebecca Pebbles  
Circle

22

23

24  
9:30 AM  
Anderson  
Plaza Worship

25  
8:15 AM  
Wired Word  
9:30 AM  
Bethel Worship  
Service  
11:00 AM  
Adult Forum



27  
8:00 PM  
Something on  
Tuesday

28  
9:00 AM  
Pass It On  
Quilters  
1:00 PM  
Midday  
Meditation

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31



- 5 - Karen Anshell
- 23 - Bruce Smith
- Mary Himple
- 24 - Craig Fjarlie
- 7 - Nicole Swenson
- 29 - Riley Kimble
- 18 - Shirley Pishaw
- Sue Logen
- 21 - Frank Nyland
- Kelly Urdahl

	4	11	18	25
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lillian and Marlys	Sue & Joanne	Ragnhild & Kelly	Carol & Judy
<b>Worship Assistants</b>	Liz Terrey	Joe Himple	Rick Rudnick	Craig Fjarlie
<b>Kids Time</b>	Pastor Chris	Jordan Rayborn	Pastor Chris	Marlys Pickrell
<b>Communion</b>				
<b>Bread</b>	Sue Logen	Mary Himple	Bruce Smith	Carol Hovick
<b>Wine</b>	Diana Holeman		Beth Sundquist	Judy Goulet
<b>Glasses</b>	Judy Goulet Beth Sundquist	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Jane Rudnick Elia Smith	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
<b>Flowers</b>	Elia & Bruce Smith in honor of family and our own birthdays	John & Liz Terrey in memory of our parents	Jacob & David Robbins in memory of George Robbins	Dick & Carmen Ode in honor of Pr. Chris & Sarah's 10th anniversary
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce Smith John Johns Rance Urdahl	Chuck Vollbrecht Chris Pickrell Dick Scansen	Sue Logen	Wally Goulet Dave Switzer
More Ushers are needed. If you would like to usher call the church office				
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Matt. 6:24</b>	<b>Luke 6:18-9,22-23</b>	<b>John 1:16-18</b>	<b>Luke 9:46-48</b>
<b>Preaching Text</b>	<b>Acts 9:1-19</b>	<b>ACTS 16:16-34</b>	<b>Acts 17:16-31</b>	<b>Philippians 1:1-18a</b>

**ON CALL LIST**



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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Sue Logen            | Elizabeth Pickrell         |
| Cary Magill          | Chris & Marlys Pickrell    |
| Frank & Phyllis Moll | Shirley Plshaw             |
| Evie Nanninga        | Jordan & Elizabeth Rayborn |
| Lorna Neumann        | Dan & Lynlee Ritchie       |
| Irene Olsen          | Lillian Routledge          |
| Dona Pederson        | Rick & Beth Rudnick        |
| Lizzie Peters        | David & Carla Salmon       |
| Nancy Phillips       |                            |

**Sanctuary  
Caretaker  
Liz Terrey**



# The Spirit

May 2014



## A Lifelong Learner by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop

*So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ. - Romans 10:17*

It was a joy for me to be able to share in midweek worship with the gracious people of Gethsemane and The Garden in Seattle. Dinner consisted of a hearty bowl of chili and bread that was enjoyed by those of us seated at round tables.

Pr. Joanne Engquist was our guide as she helped us explore the depth of God's love for the world. She helped us move beyond the understanding that the creation is simply a back drop for our daily lives or something to be exploited for our own use. We explored together God's desire to redeem not just human lives but the whole creation.

Pr. Engquist masterfully introduced us to a variety of scriptural passages which helped us to see how reconciliation is not something that happens just between human beings. She graciously pointed out the tendency to reduce salvation as an act directed only at individuals and opened for us the expansive desire of God to reconcile all people unto God's self. Then she took us yet one step further as she taught us that the word for world in "God so loved the world" is cosmos. We were now exploring the cosmic dimensions of God's love.

Ceil Fjellman was seated at our table. Ceil was married to the late Bishop Gib Fjellman. Gib was my bishop when I first came into ministry. The Fjellmans have contributed immensely in shaping a deep love of the church for Kim and me. We hold them both as dear friends.

Ceil is very likely to see 100 years of age. This is due in no small part to the way she continues to seek out opportunities for worship and learning. I was so inspired to see Ceil participating fully in the conversation. She resonated with the notion that God loves the whole world. Ceil was articulate in her delight that God's love reaches far beyond the Christian community. I marveled at her openness and her willingness to expand her understanding of God and the whole creation.

The journey through God's love of the cosmos was coming to an end as we were about to move into the chapel for Holden Vespers. Ceil was still ruminating on the evening's word when she shared with us how her understanding of the creation had deepened through the conversation. "I have always thought of the creation as something beautiful that I have enjoyed but now I see that it is even more than that."

Sitting in my chair I could not help but think how amazing it was to watch a person who has lived so many years still enamored with God's word and willing to take in new understanding about the length and depth of God's love. Oh, that we might all be so open and willing to learn.

### **NW Washington Synod of the ELCA -- 2014 Synod Assembly -- May 16 & 17 Edward D. Hansen Conference Center, Comcast Arena, Everett**

It is the annual gathering of members from the congregations, new mission starts and ministry partners from around the NWWA Synod. We expect to have nearly 400 people participate in worship, join in fellowship, be inspired by guest speakers (Dr. Tony Jones will be our keynote presenter & ELCA Treasurer Linda Norman will be our Churchwide Guest!) and conduct the business of the Synod. The Assembly serves as the highest legislative authority of our Synod. Our business this year will include the elections of a Synod Vice President, a Synod Secretary, and 14 Synod Council Members. Additionally, we will hear various reports, vote on a Synod Budget, and consider resolutions that come before the Assembly.

# Bethel Beam

## Special dates in May

National Day of Prayer	1
Spring Luncheon	3
Ascension of our Lord	29
Mothers Day	11
Armed Forces Day	17
Memorial Day	26

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



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Chris Ode

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Judy Goulet

Organist  
Karin Kajita

Office Hours  
Tuesday-Friday  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Worship Schedule  
9:30 AM

Adult Education  
8:45 AM Sunday  
11:00 AM Sunday

Communion  
Every Sunday

**Memorial Day May 26  
Peace will come when.....**

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

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

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

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

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

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