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Meet our Supply Pastors!

A supply pastor is someone who fills in for a congregation without a pastor. We have several different supply pastors preaching on different Sundays this summer! We asked them to send us a little bio so we could all get to know them better. Look for Pastor Schoeld's bio in our September Bethel Beam



The Rev. James Leistikow has served Lutheran congregations in Sioux City, Iowa, Lincoln, Nebraska and Denver, Colorado. He is a graduate of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa; Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota; and received a Doctor of Ministry from Wartburg

Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. Additionally, as a trained Intentional Interim pastor he has assisted sixteen ELCA congregations in transition.

Along with serving congregations his experience also includes a five year call as Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sioux Falls, South Dakota, five years as the President CEO of Lutheran Ministry Partners of Colorado as the gift planner for the ELCA Foundation, and in a similar position for two years on behalf of the Northwest and Southwestern Washington Synods.

He enjoys spending time with children and grandchildren, traveling, camping, gardening, woodworking, bee keeping. "Jan and I occasionally provide Sunday pulpit supply for area Lutheran congregations. We are also working with Lutheran Community services as they expand their foster to adoption program called "Family Builders." I am heading up an effort to reestablish "Maritime Ministry" for commercial container ships visiting our harbor in the Everett."

He is retired and lives in Everett, with his wife, The Rev. Jan Nesse.



Jan Nesse has served in the Northwest Washington Synod since 1989. She began at First Lutheran of Richmond Beach and then served at St Peter by the Sea in Edmonds. She spent 12 years of ministry as Assistant to the Bishop and retired in 2013. Since then, Pr. Jim and Pr. Jan have enjoyed doing

interim ministry together in several congregations around the Synod. "When we are not doing that, we enjoy our 10 grandchildren, our garden, and our bees. We also love traveling with friends and family."

Cara Holmquist has been enjoying life in Washington for the past 7 years, since graduating from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and joining a first call congregation in this synod in 2011. Continuing to discern God's call (as are we all!), she chose to resign from the pastoral office and serve the church and the world as a layperson during Lent 2017. "It is an honor and privilege to continue teaching and preaching when invited." And in the meantime, Cara serves at a French restaurant, writes two blogs, and plays outside whenever possible.



"Do Not Get Ahead of Prayer."

By Pastor Kim

As a child, I used to go to church everyday.

It was for my mother. Her prayers were endless in the Sanctuary. I waited by her side, crawling under long benches ... tired, exhausted, and bored... It seemed that her prayers had been over for a long time, but then my mother cleaned every corner of the church ... I would never try to help her, so I hid my body or shut my eyes tightly, praying to go home and get some rest!

Using tricks like a sly fox, while my mother was praying, I snuck out to the backyard of the church. There was a parsonage in the back of the church. And it was a place I wouldn't dare to go in because the pastor, Seok-bong Yoon, was very stern and austere. Nevertheless, I had time to get into the yard... to pick fruits from the fig trees. Whenever I heard his steps approaching, I would quickly hide or hurriedly run away like a mouse. My heart raced, and I had goosebumps all over.

Then, once, I encountered the pastor. He looked at me, wordless. I was like Jerry against Tom.

"Pastor, what are you doing?" He seemed to be embarrassed by my daring question. (The pastor later told my mother that he had received such a question for the first time from me that no one else would be able to ask.)

"I am praying."

"You are not supposed to open your eyes when

you are praying. But why are your eyes open.. especially as you are a pastor?"

"You interrupted me, so I opened my eyes."

"I've seen you before, but your eyes were.."

"Ahh, when I walk, my eyes are open. When sit down, I close my eyes.... to pray."

"Are you allowed to open your eyes even during prayer?"

"Keeping your prayer is important. Closing your eyes doesn't matter.. as long as you are committed in your prayer."

The pastor 's face looked serious. In that situation, only the questions offensive were the way I survived.

"What do you pray for? Who do you pray for?"

"Well ... church congregation, families, neighbors"

"All of them? Each person? Everyday?"

"Of course. That's what I to do as their pastor."

"A pastor must preach every day and pray daily!" I muttered to myself.

"Yons. Whatever you do, your actions should not be ahead of your prayer."

I nodded like a very good boy, and he patted me on the head.

Looking back now, he had put on the white ramie fabric, always praying and preparing for the sermons. After our conversation, whenever I encountered him, I bowed, said hello, and asked more questions: about the bible, life, and simply how he was doing. The pastor then hugged me and prayed for me, closing his eyes for a while.

Now, I've become a minister by the call of God. I like people who meet me and greet me, so I would hug them as much as possible with prayers. What a valuable life it is to be able to care for, pray for, and preach before them.... If someone asks me "When are you the most happiest?", I can say with glee and certainty that it is when I pray for the church congregation, families, and neighbors at

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("Do Not Get Ahead of Prayer." cont.)

dawn and night, and preparing sermons and sharing to them during every worship. That's my calling and divinely appointed work in life; to praise and pray in the Sanctuary or chapel, to take a walk in a yard of the church, to meditate on the Word of the Lord, to meet with people of the church, neighbors, and strangers, to share and encourage with the Lord's Word, to care for them, to live in God, and to protect them from the evils and sins of the world.

I have been in the US for 15 years, spending my life journey as an international student at first, as a cleaning janitor, as a grocery cashier, as an

evangelist/minister for young adults after transitioning from a law student to a seminary student, as an associate pastor in large churches, as a senior pastor, a mission developer, with the creed, "Do not get ahead of the prayer." The day I stop praying, my breath will stop, and on the very day my breath stops, my prayers will end.

In this hot summer, I am standing on a crossroad and praying for the call of God, hoping to be serving a multi-cultural church that span generations in the future. I wish to meet various people... to pray for them, to comfort them, and to share Good news, as Jesus did.

Director of Community Engagement News

A Visit to Mukilteo

On Thursday July 12, the office was closed for a few hours while Sister Le and I traveled to Mukilteo, Washington to visit a Lutheran congregation there, "Pointe of Grace". At the church we visited with two women, Laura and Colleen, who walked us through some of the awesome work they are doing.



Every weekend during the school year Pointe of Grace provides around 100 packs filled with food for children who are experiencing food insecurity. During the school week children who qualify can receive free and reduced breakfast and lunch but when they are not at school they don't always know where their next meal will come from. Pointe of Grace drops off packs with things like breakfast cereal, mac'n'cheese, and juice drinks. These packs ensure kids are fed over the weekend.

We also learned about their teen lounge. One day a week after school, local high school and middle school students are able to go to the church and enjoy food, games, and conversations with one another. Pointe of Grace has seen incredible support from the community with a variety of businesses like Papa Johns and Starbucks who donate food and individuals who donate their time by setting up, supervising, and cleaning up the "lounge".

We had a great visit and learned a lot not just about the work they are doing at Pointe of Grace but also the work we could do here at Bethel. We are still interested in working on a similar afterschool program here at Bethel but likely aimed at younger students from Ridgecrest Elementary School.

Bethel Garden

Pak choi, peas, beans, radishes, basil, tomatoes, carrots and flowers are all thriving in our garden beds. It won't be long, and we'll be able to offer Sun Gold tomatoes during our Wednesday Lunches.

The first plantings of peas (alongside the tunnels, right outside the Preschool door) were gobbled up by the resident bunny. In an effort to prove that I cannot be outsmarted by a bunny, I have replanted. My husband helped construct some safety chicken-wire on either side of the peas. We'll see who wins this battle!

Some of you have asked about the beautiful poppies growing in the beds. The seeds came from Alaska. This is called a Peony Poppy; its pods hold hundreds of seeds, so if you'd like some seeds to try, just ask!

In other garden news, I have been inviting tenants and other friends of Bethel to join in this gardening project. There's no better way to connect with our neighbors than to grow food (and eat it) together. We may speak different languages, practice our faith in different ways. We may have different traditions around food and meals. Food can bring us together.



Wednesday Lunch News

The most important thing to know is that, after our first month's experiment with this format, the Wednesday Lunch Regulars suggested a change. We think it's a great idea!

Beginning July 18, we switched to starting with our Devotion first, at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is still served at 12 noon and includes a sandwich, veggies, fruit and a sweet treat.

After lunch, those who would like to stay stick around for cards, games and conversation.

Everyone is welcome—feel free to bring a friend!

- 11:30 a.m. Devotion and Prayer Time
- 12:00 noon Sandwiches for lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Cards , games, conversation



Bethel Outreach

Thank you so much to those who have contributed items for the hygiene bags that we will be packing on September 9th for the homeless. Please keep those donations coming in so we can pack 40 bags or more this year. The dollar store is a great place to shop for these items and any of these items that you may have from hotel rooms work well too.

Please ask your dentist if they would be willing to donate toothpaste to this cause. Explain that the toothpaste will go in a bag with other hygiene products for the homeless served by North Help Line, a food bank in Lake City that serves residents of Shoreline, and to Shoreline Community Care who also serve the homeless in Shoreline.

The bags need to contain 2 shampoos, 2 soaps, 1 toothbrush 1 large or 2 small toothpastes, 1 razor and 1 deodorant. If conditioners are available we will add this item to the bags as well.

Thank you for helping with God's Work!

-Lynlee Ritchie



For Shoreline School District Students Needing Support



During the month of August Bethel is a drop off site for back to school supply donations that will go to students in need in the Shoreline school district. Students heading back to school in September are in

need of all sorts of supplies such as tools for the classrooms like pencils and notebooks, hygiene supplies like toothpaste and deodorant, and clothing items like socks and underwear. Bring any donations to the church and help get Shoreline kiddos ready to go back to school! Check out the list of needed items below:

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| Backpacks | Blunt scissors |
| Glue sticks | Pointed children's scissors |
| Crayons | 3 ring binders (2-3") |
| Colored pencils | Spiral notebooks (wide & college) |
| Pencil box | Notebook paper (wide & college) |
| Toothpaste & Toothbrushes | Pencil Sharpeners |
| Pencils | Scientific Calculators |
| Erasers | Shampoo & Conditioner |
| Rulers | Deodorant |
| Earbuds | Books |
| Composition notebooks | |
| Highlighters | |
| Pens (red, blue & black) | |
| New socks and underwear | |

Thank You

Thank you to all who donated \$10 Bartell, McDonald, and Starbucks gift cards for Mary's Place. They were so pleased to receive these. You have helped to put a lot of smiles on many faces.

-Outreach Ministry

Other News

Relay For Life Update

Hi there! I wanted to take a minute and thank everyone who donated and supported our Relay for Life cancer walk this year back in June. The Green Baffoons had another awesome time as we entered our 7th year as a team! The weather was perfect for our event out at McCollum Park in Everett. Through our pancake breakfast fundraiser, bake sale, and many donations, our team was able to raise \$4,963 and the event raised over \$85,000! At Relay there are many things that happen throughout the day. We start out with recognizing the cancer survivors and the caregivers. Then there's live music, a silent auction, a water balloon toss, and plenty of other activities. As we enter the evening, we honor all the loved ones that have passed away from cancer. There's beautiful luminaria bags that light up the track as we continue to walk into the night. We finally end with breakfast, some top awards given out, and one final lap to signal the next year's Relay. Our team had many of the same team members, including Joe Himple, Mary Himple, and Gwen & Karla Loeffler. Thanks again for your support! We'll plan on continuing the tradition next year, so if anyone is interested in participating, let me know. - Joe Himple



If you have any news, dates, anniversaries or other information for the newsletter please feel free to email them to bethelshoreline@gmail.com, call the office at (206) 362-4334 or swing by the office and chat with Siobhan or Sister Le or leave us a note! Thanks!



Welcoming the Stranger with Hospitality

by Krystal Porter

We ache for home, a safe space to know and be known. In *Sweet Land*, the Musical, we see the theme of home and land emerge – characters have been here for quite some time and others immigrated recently to make a new home. Then there's the protagonist of *Sweet Land*, displaced from her own land only to be received with great hostility in her new foreign "home." Still, other characters experience new vulnerabilities and those that were once in a place of stability are now vulnerable for displacement. This interplay of displacement and the characters' willingness to welcome the stranger or make them the "other," draws strong parallels to our conversations about immigration, refugees, and asylum seekers.

We currently face the world's worst displacement crisis since World War II. Over 200 million individuals around the world are migrating from one place to another to seek better opportunities for themselves and their families. More than 68 million of these individuals are refugees forcibly displaced from their homes.

As followers of Christ, what does it mean to welcome the stranger? What does the Bible have to say? Scripture has a lot to say about immigrants and immigration! In fact, the Hebrew word "ger," the closest word to our concept of an immigrant, appears 92 times in the Old Testament alone. From Genesis to Revelation, the entire Bible is fundamentally a book about immigrants and about immigration. Almost every single Biblical

character was an immigrant at one point or another—Abraham, Ruth, Joseph, even Jesus. In Matthew 25, Jesus reminds us that when we welcome immigrants, we are welcoming Jesus Himself. The Creator is present in each displaced person. They bear His image. Let that soak in.

Not all immigrants' stories are the same. Taking steps to listen to the stories of immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers humanizes the "other." Love replaces fear as you build relationships and understand what was once someone's "sweet land." Building relationships with our immigrant neighbors is not just an opportunity to fulfill the Great Commission, but an opportunity to carry out the Great Commandment—to love our neighbors unconditionally.

Our response to immigration is an outpouring of what we fundamentally believe about the Gospel and about people who are made in the image of God. Are we willing to risk our own comfort and security to welcome our neighbors into the Kingdom of God? Do we really actually believe that Jesus died for all people of the earth? If we do, we, as the Church, will choose to welcome and love the very people the world wants to marginalize.

(Siobhan, your director of community engagement, has seen this show twice and definitely recommends others attend this show which is simultaneously funny, thought provoking, and filled with love.)

The Spirit

July 2018



Companionship

There is a movement taking place across the American church - stirring up in congregations a new imagination of what it means to be the church. It begins with the realization that God is active and up to something outside the four walls of the church - and the church is being invited to join in.

This startles many of us because we have been faithful at trying to do good worship, practice hospitality, provide Sunday School, offer a youth group, gather for fellowship activities, and care for our buildings and grounds. These practices have served us well - but none of them have prepared us for what it means to engage with our neighbors.

We have done our best at hospitality - by trying to be welcoming when visitors arrive and looking for helpful ways to engage them in faith formation and the church community. This new movement calls for a radical form of hospitality that was practiced in Luke 10 where the disciples were sent out and instructed to eat whatever was set before them.

This expression of hospitality is about learning to receive what the neighbor has to offer - on their terms and where they are located. How in the world to we do this?

We can learn from our missionary sisters and brothers who are decade or two ahead of us. Our missionaries learned the hard way - having gone through an era where our western faith was imposed upon the people the missionaries were reaching out to. It took time to learn that this

approach was not only abusive and destructive, it failed to recognize how God was already at work with the people before the missionaries arrived.

The missionary movement moved from an imposition model to an accompaniment model. This approach is about walking alongside the other and mutually discovering how God is at work. Our missionaries spend years getting to know the people and inviting the people to shape the liturgy and the mission. It levels the playing field by no longer treating the other as the object of our mission but rather the subject.

Accompaniment is about developing companionship. Webster's defines companion as "a person employed to accompany, assist, or live with another in the capacity of a helpful friend." Or perhaps even more poignant "the fainter of two stars that constitute a double star."

You begin to see that this new movement invites a life-giving kind of humility in all that we do.

"Companion" in French is a combination of two words, roughly translated as "co bread." We might say breaking bread together as equals.

Can you imagine an evangelism program whose primary activity is inviting neighbors, strangers and friends alike to companionship - breaking bread together? It's about getting to know one another. It's about listening. It's about together responding to the needs of the world. It's about what it means to be church today.

"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' Luke 10:8-9

Those Who Serve - August 2018

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Altar Guild	Marlys & Lillian	Sue & Joanne	Judy & Carol	Marlys & Lillian
Worship Asst.		Sister Le	Craig Fjarlie	
Supply	Jan/Jim	Cara H	Sister Le	Jan/Jim
Communion				
Bread		Sue Logen	Carol Hovick	
Wine	Dorothy Brown	Lillian Routledge	Judy Goulet	Siobhan
Glasses	Siobhan			
Scripture	TBD	Luke 1:46-55	Psalm 51:6-9	TBD
Preaching Text	John 6:24-35	Ruth 4:1-22	Matthew 6:19-34	TBD

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 bethelshoreline@gmail.com or by calling our office at (206) 362-4334.

Remember in Prayer



August

7—Norma Grigsby

8—Sylvia Oines

14—Lila Geiszler 14

15—Elleena Antoncich

Those Coping with Health Problems

Don Brown

John Johns

Michael Klingensmith

Olive Kohanik

Joan Martinell

Kelly Moll

Shirley Pishaw

Karen Schoeld

Elia Smith

Chris Tracy

Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Vera Anderson

Donnamae Gfeller

Dick Hinea

Irene Olsen

Shirley Pishaw

Dick Scansen

Donna Sjoquist

Daily Prayer List

1) Michael Klingensmith

2) Caryl Klingensmith

3) Olive Kohanik

4) Sue Logen

5) Cary Magill

6) Joan Martinell

7) Phyllis Moll

8) Evie Nanninga

9) Lorna Neumann

10) Irene Olsen

11) Nancy Phillips

12) Marlys Pckrell

13) Shirley Pishaw

14) Lynlee Ritchie

15) Dan Ritchie

16) Olivia Robbins

17) Lillian Routledge

18) Carla Salmon

19) David Salmon

20) Richard Scansen

21) Jim Leistikow

22) Jan Nesse

23) Cara Homquist

24) Jim Schoeld

25) Pastor Kim

26) Sister Le

27) Diane Johnson

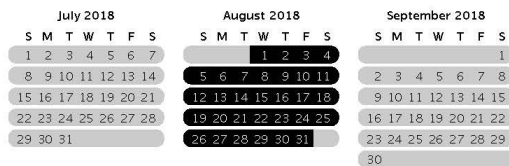
28) Firefighters and emergency responders

29) Bethel Call Committee

30) Childcare Providers Co-Op Preschool

31) All those returning to school

August 2018



Bethel LC
 Holidays in United States

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 AM Worship Sermon by Jan/Jim	30	31 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	1 11:30 AM Lunch and Devotional	2	3	4
5 9:30 AM Worship	6	7 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	8 11:30 AM Lunch and Devotional	9 7:00 PM Council	10	11
12 9:30 AM Worship	13	14 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 10:45 AM Membership meeting 5:30 PM 2018 Jazz	15 11:30 AM Lunch and Devotional	16 5:30 PM Ridgcrest Neighborhood Ice Cream Social	17	18
19 9:30 AM Worship Sermon from Sister Le	20	21 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	22 9:00 AM Quilters 11:30 AM Lunch and Devotional	23	24	25
26 9:30 AM Worship	27	28 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	29 11:30 AM Lunch and Devotional	30	31	1

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Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- August 14: North City Jazz walk (if you'd like to volunteer contact Siobhan or Sister Le.)
- August 16: Annual Ridgcrest neighborhood ice cream social. Come enjoy some ice cream and visit Bethel's table at Paramount School Park

For other events and updates be sure to follow the Bethel Lutheran Church facebook page at [Facebook.com/BethelShoreline/](https://www.facebook.com/BethelShoreline/) or visit our website at Bethel4all.org
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Worship Service

Sunday

9:30 AM

Lunch & Bible Study

Wednesday 11:30AM

Pastor

supply

Communion

Every Sunday

Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

9:00 AM to Noon

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