



Frequently Asked Questions About: The Call Process

Where are we in the process?

On Wednesday, October 24, the Call Committee, the Council, and staff met with our potential new pastor, Diakonda Gurning. Diakonda will be meeting with the Bethel congregation this Sunday, October 28, for a “meet and greet.”

What happens next?

Between now and November 18, the Call Committee will meet with the Synod to discuss the appropriate next steps (dotting the I’s and crossing the T’s).

Sunday, November 18, Congregational Meeting to vote on the 2019 budget and whether or not to extend a call to Diakonda Gurning. Dianne Johnson will be with us while we cast our votes.

Can I hear the candidate preach?

Yes! In order to give the congregation the opportunity to hear sermon samples, we have been provided with a link to YouTube videos at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWa7eTbI9ps>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ax3psRvsSIg>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RH8BOBWpjkw>

We will send the links to those of you on our email list on Sunday, October 28, after church. If you do not have access to a computer, we will be showing the sermons here at Bethel in the gathering space—

- Thursday, November 1, after the Devotion-Lunch time
- Sunday, November 4, after church
- During office-hours on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, at a time that works for you

(on Wednesdays, we have the After-School students here for much of the day)

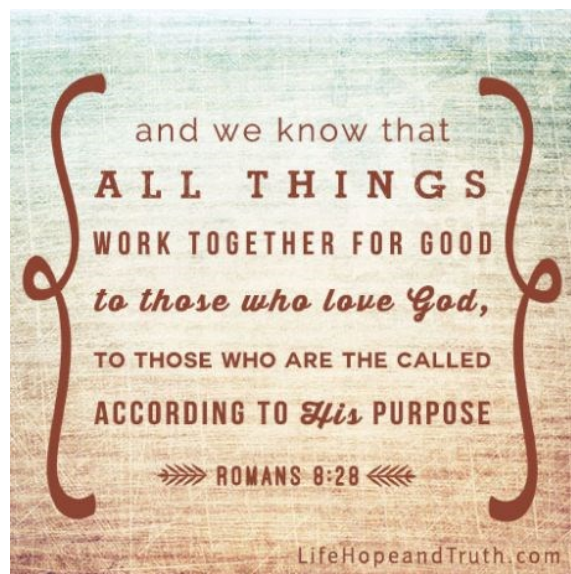
Diakonda will not be able to deliver a sermon here at Bethel. He is a mission developer so the call process is a little different from calling a traditional pastor. A mission developer is called to a congregation for a single year and the call process is somewhat expedited.

Why has the process been so secret?

The Call process is held in strict confidentiality in order to maintain the privacy of individuals. When a pastor seeks a call to another congregation, he or she will want to keep that information confidential until another call appears to be forthcoming.

How can I help?

Keep praying for the call committee, the candidate, and Bethel. Ask good questions and open your heart. Know that we are on the journey together and Christ is with us!



Putting the Garden to Bed

Harvest-time is over; it's time to put the garden to bed. But first, we plant bulbs! CPPC students and Sam, a gardener from Aaron's Place, planted spring bulbs in the raised beds in Bethel's backyard. Gardeners learned about the parts of a bulb and how food is stored in the layers surrounding the flower inside. They planted tulips, a few small daffodils and crocus, pointy end pointing toward the sky. Next, they covered the bulbs and corms with a blanket (a layer of soil), and finally, one more blanket (a layer of fall leaves). The little gardeners were reminded that bulbs need to be tucked in for the winter—some sang lullabies and wished the spring bulbs “sweet dreams!”



Thursday Lunch

Thursday Devotion-Lunch-Fellowship continues on Thursdays through the fall. We've added a hot item to the menu, but we do need helpers to cook! If you provide a soup, chili or stew-type dish, you will be reimbursed for your expenses.



We've also asked participants to consider taking turns leading the devotion. The devotion may be related to the coming week's preaching text, or not. It may be on a favorite text or hymn, just try to offer something that will spark discussion and fellowship. In the priesthood of all believers, you are encouraged and able to lead!

Short - Timer

It's hard to believe, but I will be completing my internship here at Bethel in about two months' time. What a year this has been! I'll have more to share with you in next month's Beam, but for now, know that I am looking forward to completing the internship, not looking forward to saying good-bye.

Once the internship is over, I will travel to Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa for a one week intensive course—Pastoral Care. Yes, I probably should have taken the course before I started serving as your intern. Oh well. Once that is completed, I'll be traveling to del Ray Beach, Florida to participate in an Approval interview and retreat. If all goes well, I will be “approved for first call.” After that, we wait on the Holy Spirit. Blessings on your November!

Director of Community Engagement News

After School Care

I am having so much fun with our after-school drop in program! Last month we were getting ready and training volunteers and now we are in full swing! We have one consistent elementary school kid and several high schools volunteers. On Wednesday afternoons, we begin with a snack and conversation and then we spend some time working on homework. The high school volunteers are ready and willing to assist helping solve problems, answer questions, and check answers. Kuwon did a great job assisting our elementary school student with several multiplication problems last week.

After snack and homework we like to move around a little! We play games like bodyguard, moonball, and world-cup soccer. One week our back parking lot became a canvas for a chalk art creations which featured a combination of pirates

and aliens looking for treasure at sea and in space. Last week Sister Le facilitated a gardening project and for Halloween this upcoming Wednesday we plan to decorate cookies lovingly baked by Carol Hovick!

As we wind down we like to color or make play dough creations and clean up any messes we've made. We also have books and games to play as we wrap things up and parents arrive.



Christmas Concerts

The Pacific Lutheran Christmas concerts are December 1, 2, 7 and 8 at PLU; December 3 at Benaroya Hall. A beloved holiday tradition in the Pacific Northwest with a mix of traditional carols and seasonal favorites. Tickets on sale Nov. 1



Seattle Pacific University's Christmas Concert, *The Sacred Sounds of Christmas* will be at Benaroya Hall on November 25. Featuring the best sacred Advent music from around the world performed by the Music Department's student and faculty musicians. Tickets on sale now.

In Other News

Holly Berry Luncheon



The annual Holly Berry Luncheon will be **Saturday, December 8, at 11:00am** here at Bethel.

This year's entertainment will be music provided by Bronn Journey, an acclaimed classical harpist.

Tickets will be on sale beginning November 11 after worship. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased with cash or check made out to BLCW. Tickets will also be available in the office. Tickets can also be received by calling the office, emailing us, or visiting our website bethel4all.org

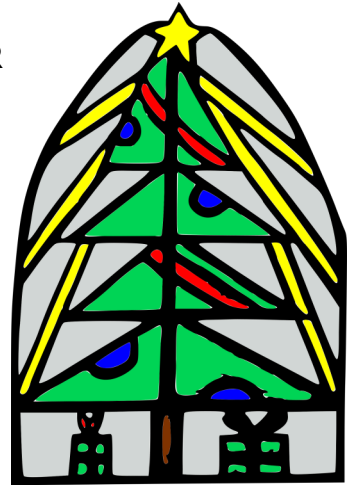
Christmas Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be out in the Gathering Space Sunday, November 11 and 18. We will have two families with three—four kids each.

PLEASE RETURN GIFTS
UNWRAPPED NO LATER
THAN SUNDAY
DECEMBER 2ND. ALSO
REMEMBER TO BRING
THE GIFT RECIEPT
ATTACHED TO EACH
ITEM.

Thank you all.

Outreach Committee.



Thank you to Craig Fjarlie for coordinating this project!

Thank you



Thanks to all the members of Bethel who wrote letters about hunger on Bread for the World Sunday, October 21. If the nations of the world, and charitable organizations such as Lutheran World Relief and Church World Service, all work together, we can end hunger by the year 2030. Your letters of advocacy to our Senators and Representative, on behalf of poor and hungry people, means you are an important element in that effort. Thanks again for putting your faith into action. - Craig Fjarlie

Update from Tom & Mary Holman

October 18, 2018

Change of plans! Our trip to Nigeria has been postponed again. The teams were able to update to the new translation software in September, and Mary has started checking Matthew by Skype. We hope that by the time you read this, the proposal for the project Tom will be working with will have been approved, and we will be on our way to Nigeria!

Please continue to pray for safe travels, good health, God's protection for us all, and a productive time of working together

Have a Happy Thanksgiving! We're giving thanks for your prayers, and we're praying for you, too!

Yours in Christ,

Mary

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www.lutherancounseling.net



The Spirit

October 2018



Gratitude

Bishop Kirby Unti
NW Washington Synod /
ELCA

From the November 2018
edition of *The Spirit*

One of the great joys of owning our boat is how many people comment on her name. When we are out on the water people will often pull along side and shout out, "I love the name of your boat." We hear this same comment dockside and from neighbors who walk by the house where we store the boat.

What is it about the name Gratitude that elicits such a response? It certainly wasn't the case with our first boat. It was named C-Sick and we received very few comments.

I only have hunches as to why it strikes such a strong chord with people. The most obvious is we live in such a cynical world that more often expresses complaint and criticism before it expresses gratitude. People delight in hearing a word of appreciation.

Gratitude is acknowledgement that one has received gift in their life.

Gratitude is the discovery that enough is more than plenty.

Gratitude is the recognition that we have received that which we do not deserve.

Gratitude is heartfelt - down in one's bones -

appreciation and thanksgiving for the daily gifts that we receive.

God's people from the beginning of time have been taught to be people of gratitude. We most often express our gratitude through feasts. We gather around tables filled with plenty to give God thanks for delivering us from slavery to freedom, and from death to life.

St. Paul discovered that when you approach life out of a sense of gratitude it allows you in all circumstance to fill content. Even in times of need or when one has little. In such times one still knows that we are being provided for.

I love being around grateful people. They are always people of joy and promise. Their posture is humble, and their lives are filled with appreciation. They are often people who have been through the most difficult of times and they tend to see the best in everything.

I am so grateful as your Bishop that so many of you are people of Gratitude.

May you be strengthened this Thanksgiving by knowing that God continues to provide us all that you need to be content.

Those Who Serve - November 2018

	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25
Altar Guild	Judy & Carol	Sue & Joanne	Marlys & Lillian	Judy & Carol
Worship Asst.	Siobhan	Joe Himple		Elia Smith
Supply	Jan/Jim	Shelley Wee	Sister Le	TBD
Communion				
Bread	Nancy		Carol Hovick	
Wine	Dorothy Brown	Siobhan	Judy Goulet	Bruce Smith
Glasses	Phyllis Moll			
Scripture	TBD	TBD	Matt 5:14	TBD
Preaching Text	Mark 12:28-34	TBD	Isaiah 36	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 info@bethel4all.org or by calling our office at (206) 362-4334.

Remember in Prayer



November Birthdays

- 9—Lynlee Ritchie
- 9— Siobhan Flanagan
- 21—Olive Kohanik
- 26—Lillian Routledge

Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

- Vera Anderson
- Donnamae Gfeller
- Dick Hinea
- Irene Olsen
- Shirley Pishaw
- Dick Scansen
- Donna Sjoquist

Those Coping with Health Problems

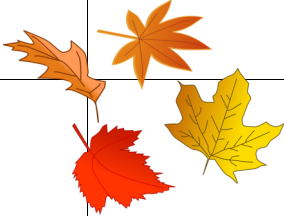
- Don Brown
- John Johns
- Michael Klingensmith
- Olive Kohanik
- Tom Logen
- Kelly Moll
- Joan Martinell
- Shirley Pishaw
- Karen Schoeld
- Elia Smith
- Chris Tracy
- Dick Schwerdtfeger

Daily Prayer List

- 1) Michael Klingensmith
- 2) Caryl Klingensmith
- 3) Olive Kohanik
- 4) Sue Logen
- 5) Cary Magill
- 6) Phyllis Moll
- 7) Evie Nanninga
- 8) Irene Olsen
- 9) Nancy Phillips
- 10) Marlys Pickrell

- 11) Shirley Pishaw
- 12) Dan Ritchie
- 13) Lynlee Ritchie
- 14) Olivia Robbins
- 15) Lillian Routledge
- 16) The Call Committee
- 17) Diakonda Gurning
- 18) Bethel Lutheran Church
- 19) Those who volunteer at Bethel
- 20) The Northwest Washington
Snyod
- 21) Our Country
- 22) Those experiencing
homelessness or displacement
in our community
- 23) For workers during the holiday
season
- 24) Co-op Preschool
- 25) Aaron's Place
- 26) The Lutheran Counseling
Network
- 27) Recovery meetings who share
our space at Bethel
- 28) The Reborn Church
- 29) Iglesia Evangelica
- 30) Ethiopian Evangelical Church

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 -Lunch & De- votional @11:30	2	3
4 -Daylight Sav- ings time -Worship at 9:30am	5	6 -Staff meet- ing 9:30am	7 -After school drop in 1- 5pm -Quilters	8 -Lunch & De- votional @11:30 -Council Meeting	9	10
11 -Worship 9:30am -breakfast -Veteran's Day	12	13 -Staff meet- ing 9:30am -Membership meeting 10:45	14	15 -Lunch & De- votional @11:30	16	17
18 -Worship 9:30am -Congretional Meeting	19	20 -Staff meet- ing 9:30am	21	22 Thanksgiving (office closed)	23 Office closed	24
25 -Worship 9:30am	26	27 -Staff meet- ing 9:30am	28 -After School drop in 1- 5pm -Quilters	29 -Lunch & De- votional @11:30	30	

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

November 11: Bethel Breakfast after service

Nov 18: Congretional Meeting to vote on 2019 budget and to extend a pastoral call

November 11: Holly Berry Luncheon tickets on sale.

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 & Devotional

Thursday 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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