



# BETHEL

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Bethel Lutheran Church**

**July 2019**



Peace of the Lord be with you.

The warm weather is finally here and to many communities, this Summer could be a serious threat to them. Keeping this in mind, let us conserve our use of water while drinking plenty of it. Please check on each other and your neighbors on how everybody is doing. If you need help please don't hesitate to ask.

July is the beginning of barbecue season with fireworks on the fourth. I think it is good to spend time with friends and families around barbecue and avoiding wasted food is our faithful response. We may plan a day for a barbecue at church this July, so we'll keep you posted when the day is set.

As I've mentioned last month that many of our young adults have not been participating in our community and we are going to try to have activities at the church for them and for those who are young at heart. I have talked to some business owners around our campus for permission to hold theology on tap at their establishments and so far everyone has been very supportive of the idea.

Lastly, we have raised prayers for our loved ones who are ill and there are more prayers are needed for even more people, especially children who need our prayers. We pray for all children who are detained at our southern border, we pray for those who are caring for them so that they may receive the extension of our kindness and welcome. If you would like to do more for the healing acts, please contact me.

Blessings to you.

# Bethel News

## Gods Work Our Hands 2019

Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> is the day for Gods Work Our Hands this year. Bethel will once again assemble hygiene bags for the homeless that are served by North Help Line, Shoreline Community Care and our church. Last year we assembled 50 bags, let's see if we can make 60 this year!

Bring in your sample soaps and shampoos from hotels you visit, or you can go to the Dollar store and purchase a few items. Anytime is the right time to bring them to church where we will collect them until we make the bags.

We need shampoo, conditioner, soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors and deodorants. Lotions are optional.

The deadline for donations is Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your generosity and for being God's Hands.

Lynlee



## Thursday LUNCH



Join us Thursdays at noon  
for a free sandwich lunch served at  
Bethel Lutheran Church  
17529 15th AVE NE

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



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13th Annual **2019**

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**TUESDAY AUGUST 13, 2019**

**GRAB A BITE ON THE STREET STARTING AT 6PM**

**MUSIC STARTS AT 6:30 PM**

**ON 15TH AVENUE NE • SHORELINE**



# Update from Tom & Mary Holman

June 19, 2019

The sounds of children shouting, cell phones ringing, chickens clucking, and the raucous calling of guinea fowls were the background noise in Nigeria during my checking session of I Corinthians this morning. Praise God for two hours of good internet connection via Skype with the Waja team! They're doing a great job. Tom is now preparing Judges in Anufo for checking by a consultant. Please continue to pray for us.

Your faithful prayers are a great encouragement to us. We thank God for your part in this ministry of Bible translation. We could not do it without you!

Blessings in Christ,

Mary

Mary and Tom Holman



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LCN is a nonprofit organization of dedicated professional therapists providing a range of counseling services. Our staff of psychotherapists each possess master's or doctoral degrees and observes a strict ethical code of professional conduct. Because Bethel hosts an LCN office in our building, fees may be adjusted according to family income. For an appointment, call Rosemary Raynaud, Pastoral Psychotherapist,, at 206-364-1046, Ext. 3.



# The Spirit

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## Saying goodbye isn't easy

By Bishop Kirby Unti

From the July 2019 edition of  
*The Spirit*

As a little boy, I learned that saying goodbye is not easy. We had visited cousins in Michigan for the first time. It was an exciting week meeting

new family members and playing with our cousin. When it was time to go we packed everything into our 1960 Oldsmobile and then stood outside to say our goodbyes. I was not prepared for the flood of emotions that came over me. I discovered what it meant to become "choked up" and I was fighting back the tears. What was this all about?

What I didn't know then, but I have discovered in life's journey, is leaving is a constant pattern. It begins with labor and leaving our mother's womb as we enter the world with that first bawling cry. Crying crafted for the purpose of breathing in our first breaths of our new world. For the fortunate, we settle into the comfort of our parent's loving arms where we are feed, nurtured and strengthened for what will lie ahead. It will not be the last time we are birthed.

There would be a smattering of miniature leavings - like mom going to the grocery store without me or being left in the care of a babysitter. I don't doubt these leavings came

with labor for mom and tears for me.

The big leaving would happen when it came time to head off for kindergarten. I went to Mr. & Mrs. Black's Kindergarten in Jamestown, North Dakota. It was hosted in their home and we each had our little rug for nap time. The coolest part is we were picked up by Mr. Black in his big station wagon that had a favored seat all the way in the back. While my memories are fond, I am told I did not go easily. Remember leaving involves labor and tears and I was leaving as a five-year-old into an unknown world.

Leaving is always preparation for the next time of leaving and there would be many all filled with anticipation, anxiety and joy. One of the hardest was heading off to Kenmore Junior High School. I had been warned by my older brother's friends of all the horrors that awaited me. The most joy-filled leaving was when I drove away at sixteen for the first time, sporting my own driver's license. The constant of leaving would include heading off to college, seminary, single to married, parenthood, and the cycle starts over again accompanying our children through their leavings. Then there is death. My most powerful leaving experience. A sacred time of labor and crying. A sacred time of grief and joy.

In death, I discovered that a person's life becomes magnified. All that they stood for and shared is now seen and heard more clearly.

Jesus, put it this way, "**I did not tell you this from**



# Taproot Church Newsletter

## Bishop's Letter cont:

the beginning because I was with you, but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."

How often I have learned this lesson – that Spirit comes in the experience of leaving. I will miss you and I will miss my monthly Spirit article which has given me a chance to share with you how I see God at work in our world. Come, Holy Spirit!!!

Under a serene North Carolina sunset, a simple summer romance blossoms into true love. When Alice and Jimmy Ray's parents forbid their union, the young couple is propelled into a daring future. Inspired by a true story, this powerful tale of love and redemption will make your heart soar and your toes tap. Hold on, love is coming home.

**Karen Lund** directs, with music direction by **R.J. Tancioco & Michael Nutting** and choreography by **Katy Tabb**. Featuring **Gloria Lee Alcalá, Rheanna Atendido, Jeff Church, Connie Corrick, Eric Dobson, Eric Polani Jensen, MJ Jurgensen, Edd Key, Brian Lange, Brian Pucheu, Mike Spee, Miranda Antoinette Troutt, Brenna Wagner** and **Nick Watson**.

*Bright Star* is recommended for ages 12+.

## Following The Star Of Hope

For centuries we've used stories to pass down family history, lessons we've learned and our ways of life. Folktales like Red Riding Hood, Babe the Blue Ox, Sasquatch and the Ballad of the Iron Mountain Baby may be fantastical but they still hold some nuggets of truth. The last of which is in the inspiration for Steve Martin and Edie Brickell's musical, *Bright Star*.

*"Bright Star, keep shining for me. Shine on and see me through Bright Star, keep shining for me. And one day I'll shine for you"*

These lyrics from the titular song are reminiscent of the star from the nativity story.

*Matthew 2:9-10: When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.*

The magi followed the star of hope to baby Jesus in the manger. In *Bright Star*, our characters follow a metaphorical star. Throughout history, stories from the Bible and folktales have instructed and inspired us to live better lives. How do you use stories to teach and learn?



# Those Who Serve - July 2019

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Judy & Carol	Maryls & Lillian	Sue	Judy & Carol
<b>Worship Asst.</b>	Joe Himple			Chuck Vollbrecht
<b>Communion</b>				
<b>Bread</b>	Carol Hovick		Carol Hovick	
<b>Wine</b>	Dorothy Brown	Lillian Routledge	Judy Goulet	
<b>Glasses</b>				

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](mailto:info@bethel4all.org) or by calling our office at (206) 362-4334.

# Remember in Prayer



## July

- 2—Karen Bauer
- 4—Roger Hilling
- 8—Kristi Schwerdtfeger
- 12—Jeremy DeLap
- 14—David Salmon
- 16—Ruth Vollbrecht
- 25—Darlene Hilling
- 28—Kari Pickrell

### Those Coping with Health Problems

- Don Brown
- Walt Himple
- Michael Klingensmith
- Olive Kohanik
- Tom Logen
- Kelly Moll
- Joan Martinell
- Shirley Pishaw
- Karen Schoeld
- Bruce Smith

### Daily Prayer List

#### Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

- Vera Anderson
- Dick Hinea
- Shirley Pishaw
- Dick Scansen
- Donna Sjoquist
- Lindy Bergen

1. David Salmon
2. Carla Salmon
3. Dick Scansen
4. Our Nation
5. Kristi Schwerdtfeger
6. Dick Schwerdtfeger
7. Anna Sjong
8. Donna Sjoquist
9. Bruce Smith

10. Elia Smith
11. Carolyn Starrett
12. Liz Terrey
13. Chris Tracy
14. Jane Tracy
15. Ruth Vollbrecht
16. Chuck Vollbrecht
17. John Vollbrecht
18. Michael Vollbrecht
19. Stephanie Vollbrecht
20. Kathy Carrow
21. Firefighters and other emergency responders
22. The Northwest Washington Synod
23. Northcity Neighborhood
24. Shoreline, WA
25. Aaraon's Place
26. Recovery meetings at Bethel
27. The Reborn Church
28. Iglesia Evangelical
29. PNW Shell Club
30. Co-op Preschool
31. Ethiopian Evangelical
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# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Seattle Pride Parade	1	2	3 11:00 am bible Study 6:00pm bible Study	4 Bethel office Closed for the 4th of July	5 Bethel office Closed for the 4th of July	6
7 Worship 9:30 Bethel	8	9	10 11:00 am bible Study 6:00pm bible Study	11 Lunch 12pm  Council Meeting 7pm	12	13
14 Worship 9:30	15	16	17 11:00 am bible Study 6:00pm bible Study	18 Lunch 12pm	19	20
21 Worship 9:30	22	23	24 11:00 am bible Study 6:00pm bible Study	25 Lunch 12pm	26	27
28 Worship 9:30	29	30	31			

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](http://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



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God's work. Our hands.