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Bethel Lutheran Church

May 2019

Pastor's Letter



Christ is risen!

Siblings in Christ, I had so much joy walking with you throughout our Lenten journey. Your responses to our prayers and worship are very encouraging. You are truly God's beloveds.

By the time you are reading this, I may already be at Seabeck Conference Center attending the Bishop Convocation and returning to church on Thursday, May 2. During that time, keep each other in your prayers and especially everyone who attends the Bishop Convocation. I am looking forward to coming back with sharper skill in preaching.

The month of May is also the time when we are searching and electing our new bishop. I ask your prayers especially for Bruce Smith and Siobhan Flanagan as they represent Bethel at the assembly and I encourage you to search and read the assembly's materials on the Synod's website: lutheransnw.org.

In our partnership, a pastor needs to receive feedback from the congregation and I give thanks to God for Lynlee, Carol and Bruce who came forward to be part of the Mutual Ministry. This ministry will walk alongside me, reminding me of things that would make me a better pastor for all of you.

Throughout our Easter celebration, we will hear a different tune in our worship. We are going to learn a different way to worship God using the Setting 7 in our Evangelical Lutheran Worship. In using this setting we are going to remember that God gives us brothers and sisters around the world. We are celebrating Jesus' resurrection with the whole world and saints.

One more thing. In this season of Easter, I invite you to witness resurrection all around us. One simple way is to watch new lives coming out in our church's garden. The other way is by listening to what is happening in our community like how our Christian siblings in Sri Lanka come out of the devastation, or in Indonesia how the community is working on rebuilding relationship among them following a divisive presidential election.

Christ is risen!

Community Engagement News Cont.

Bethel Spring Luncheon

Join us for the Spring Luncheon on May 11 at 11am. There will be food, community, and entertainment. This year entertainment is provided by Jazz Pianist and composer Nelda Swiggett. Performing with her will be Chris Symer, her favorite Seattle Bass Player. The luncheon cost s \$12 per person and RSVP can be made in person or by calling the office. Invite your friends!

Relay for Life Update from Joe Himple

Hi there! I just wanted to say that we are still doing Relay for Life this year. It'll be year 8 for The Green Baffoons! We will be at a different venue though than the one we've done for the last 7 years because they changed the date on me. We've always done the South Snohomish County one but I will be out of town this year during that time. So it won't hurt to check out a new event. We will be participating in the Shoreline and North Seattle one this year. This one will likely be smaller but will involve more youth at a high school track. If you're in town and interested in being involved, let me know. I'll need a few more team members to walk this year. It'll be at Kings High School the weekend of June 8th-9th. You can always stop by and say hello that weekend too.

Thanks again for your continued donations and support to me on this cause. It's become so much more than just about my sister Julie. Everyone seems to have a connection to cancer these days and we walk in honor and in memory of many people.

Thanks-
Joe Himple



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Bethel Lutheran Church Women Present:

Bethel Spring Luncheon

May 11, 2019 at 11:00am
Bethel Lutheran Church
(17529 15th AVE NE Shoreline, WA)

Entertainment provided by
Nelda Swiggett, Jazz Pianist
neldaswiggett.com



Tickets: \$12.00
RSVP in the church office.

Community Engagement News Cont.



Do you have some books you'd like to share with the world? Bethel is co-curating a little free library with Aaron's Place. We need books that are in good condition and that you loved and want to pass along to another reader. One of the missions of the Little Free Library program is to "Inspire readers" What book has inspired you recently?

Update from Tom & Mary Holman

April 18, 2019

Our trip to Nigeria and our checking went well. The Waja team and I finished Matthew, but we didn't have time to start checking 1 Corinthians. Tom and Addie, one of the other consultants there with us, worked together with the L team. Addie had helped the L team get started in 2010, and last November Tom picked up where she had left off with them. They made slow but steady progress with only the least experienced members of the team present for the first two weeks; the first eight chapters of Matthew are now approved for publication. Thankfully, there were no security issues resulting from the extended election period, which was concluded during the time we were there.

Thank you for your prayers!

Yours in Christ,

Mary

Mary and Tom Holman



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To give by check, please include a separate note stating: "Preference for the Wycliffe/LBT ministry of Tom and Mary Holman"



Words of Encouragement

Bishop Kirby Unti | NW
Washington Synod / ELCA |
From the May 2019 edition of
The Spirit

*Wait for the LORD; be strong,
and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD! - Psalm
27:14*

I have been pondering what to share with the newly elected bishop. These are a few of my thoughts recorded before the election in order to reach the editor's deadline. I thought they might be of interest to the whole Synod.

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Dear Newly Elected Bishop,

Know that you were called by God to serve as a bishop of this church and that God will provide you with all that you will need.

It can be a daunting transition, but there will be many who will accompany you. The people of God will pray for you BY NAME on a regular basis. You will have a staff to share the highs and lows with. You will discover amongst the roster and laity those who will offer you encouragement and graciously speak the truth to you.

It is a great privilege to meet so many rostered ministers and wonderful lay people. I was also blessed to know better our specialized ministers and the amazing work they do.

The Vice President and the Synod Council will be your partners in offering leadership and direction.

Quickly, you will head off to Chicago for Bishop's Formation. It will be a time to bond with your class of newly elected bishops. It is very moving to

share your call stories and wonder together if you are fit for what lies ahead. I am confident many of my classmates will be lifelong friends.

You will also have the rich experience of being part of the Conference of Bishops. It was a real eye opener for me coming from the Northwest to discover how diverse the practices of this church are. Yet, I must say I have never experienced a group that works so hard to hear one another and does so in such a respectful way. The Conference became a life line for me.

Before you even settle in you will attend the Churchwide Assembly where you will experience what it means to gather a thousand strong. You will be introduced to the many life-giving ways this church is present throughout the world. It is impressive to hear a thousand voices in song and prayer. (And this is from a guy who doesn't enjoy singing!)

The joy awaits you of being able to meet a host of judicatory leaders and interfaith leaders. This is a group that is growing stronger in solidarity against hate and hostility. They will walk alongside of you as together you share the challenges of navigating these times.

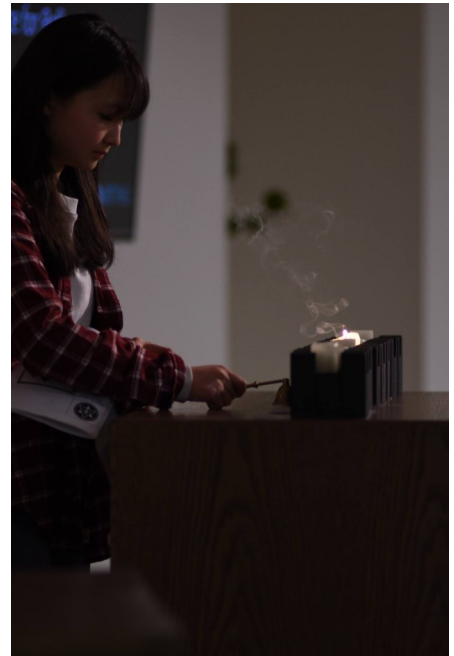
I encourage you to take advantage of the many ways in which Faith Action Network, our Public Policy Office, will invite your voice and presence to advocate for those who are marginalized by a political system that is deeply influenced by privilege and power.

One of my biggest surprises was discovering how deeply valued the church's voice is in a world that still hungers for a gracious moral grounding. I was amazed what it meant to others just to show up. I want you to know that I am praying for you and will continue to, knowing that in addition to the joy and incredible opportunities there is the weight of the office. (Continued on next page)

Coupled with the weight is the pace which at times will be unrelenting. You will need to discover new rhythms and ways to take care of yourself.

May God continue to richly bless you and sustain you as you have said “yes” to serve as a bishop of this church!

With gratitude to God for you,
Bishop (Not for long) Kirby Unti



This Lent and Holy Week we were busy with a variety of worship services. On Wednesday we had a midday Lent Sexton Prayer service and in the evenings we came together for a Holden Evening Prayer service. For Holy Week we washed each other’s hands and feet for Maundy Thursday. We finished Holy Week with a Good Friday Service, and on Sunday we celebrated Easter with a sunrise service at 7:00am, Easter breakfast, and Easter service at 9:30am. Thanks to everyone who joined us, and everyone who helped make these services happen!

Those Who Serve - May 2019

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Altar Guild	Maryls & Lillian	Sue Logen	Judy and Carol	Maryls & Lillian
Worship Asst.				
Communion				
Bread			Carol Hovick	
Wine			Judy Goulet	
Glasses				
Gospel	John 21:1-19	John10:22-30	John13:31-35	John 14:23-29

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

Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Vera Anderson
Donnamae Gfeller
Dick Hinea
Shirley Pishaw
Dick Scansen
Donna Sjoquist
Delores Linvog
Lindy Bergen

Those Coping with Health Problems

Don Brown
Walt Himple
Michael Klingensmith
Olive Kohanik
Tom Logen
Kelly Moll
Joan Martinell
Shirley Pishaw
Karen Schoeld
John Johns

Daily Prayer List

- 1) Walt Himple
- 2) Mary Himple
- 3) Joe Himple
- 4) Richard Hinea
- 5) Carol Hovick
- 6) John Johns
- 7) Donna Johns
- 8) Kuwon Kim
- 9) Yonsu Kim
- 10) Jung Kim
- 11) Caryl Klingensmith
- 12) Michael Klingensmith
- 13) Olive Kohanik
- 14) Theresa Linvog-Wood
- 15) Delores Linvog
- 16) Gwen Loeffler
- 17) Sue Logen
- 18) NWWA Synod Bishop Nominees
- 19) Northwest Washington Synod
- 20) The ELCA
- 21) The City of Shoreline
- 22) Pre-school Co-Op
- 23) Aaron's Place
- 24) Iglesia Evangelical
- 25) The Reborn Church

- 26) Recovery Meetings at Bethel
- 27) Lutheran Counseling Network
- 28) Bethel Quilters
- 29) Rev. Diakonda Gurning
- 30) King County
- 31) Our Country



Birthdays

- 5—Mary Himple
- 18—Shirley Pishaw
- 19—Lee Maxwell
- 23—Burse Smith
- 24—Craig Fjarlie
- 29—Sue Logen
- 31—Alice Maxwell

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Quilters After school Care 2-5pm	2 Devotional 11:30am Lunch 12pm	3	4
5 Worship 9:30	6	7 Retired Pastors Luncheon Membership Meeting 10:45am	8 After school Care 2-5pm	9 Devotional 11:30am Lunch 12pm Council Meeting 7pm	10	11 Bethel Spring Luncheon 11:00am
12 Worship 9:30	13	14	15 After School Care 2-5pm	16 Devotional 11:30am Lunch 12pm Maundy Thursday Worship	17 Synod Assembly	18 Synod Assembly
19 Worship 9:30 Synod Assembly, Congretional Meeting	20	21	22 Quilters After school Care 2-5pm	23 Devotional 11:30am Lunch 12pm	24	25
26 Worship 9:30	27	28 Staff meeting 4:00pm	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
And check the weekly worship bulletins!



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Worship Service

Sunday

9:30 AM

Lunch & Devotional

Thursday 11:30AM

Pastor

Rev. Diakonda Gurning

Communion

Every Sunday

Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

9:00 AM to Noon

Congregation of the



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