



# BETHEL

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**Bethel Lutheran Church**

**October 2019**



Greetings.

There are so many things in my mind that I would like to share with you.

I have been with you for ten months and there are so many of you that I have not yet met. Thanks to the work of the membership committee I may be able to meet even more of you at our Homecoming Sunday on October 27, 2019.

Getting together amongst our selves is fun. We get to share funny stories, success stories, even sad stories and we also know that there are more stories around us and on the Bread for the World Sunday, October 13 we'll hear some of the sad stories that are happening outside of our walls. On that day, we'll be invited to ponder and to take action to make these sad stories into some hopeful or even joyful stories. Our brother Craig Fjarlie will walk with us in the letter campaign for the Bread for the World.

We are also at a point to do a review on our partnership. On December 15 we'll celebrate our first anniversary in this ministry together and it is time for us to share how we can move forward to bring God's good news to our neighbors here in Shoreline, and around the world. Please make sure that you'll attend our congregational meeting on Sunday, November 17, 2019.

Last Monday the Fall season is officially here and with that we are switching back our Thursday community lunch from sandwiches to hot dishes. Please contact the office to participate in sharing your favorite dish. Some of you have requested for a Bible Study on Thursday morning prior to the community luncheon. With more people participating in the leadership for the Bible Study we can start another Bible study on Thursday. If you are interested, please let me know.

Blessings.

# Bethel News

Join us during the week for Bible Study or our community lunch.

Bible study is led by Pastor D and it's a great way to learn about the week's preaching text and to prepare yourself for worship on Sunday.

Our community lunch is free and open to everyone. As we move into colder days we're asking for volunteers to bring a hot dish to share at Lunch. Sign up in the office!

## Bible Study

11:00 am Wednesdays

## Community Lunch

12:00 pm Thursdays



## **Bread for the World's 2019 Offering of Letters to Congress: Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow**

Bread for the World's annual Offering of Letters campaign engages churches, campuses, and other faith communities in writing letters to Congress. Each year, for the focus of the campaign, we choose specific legislation or a legislative emphasis that can make a real difference to people struggling with hunger and poverty.

People write letters, usually as a group, and present them as an offering to God before mailing them to Congress. Hundreds of Offerings of Letters are held each year, resulting in tens of thousands of letters to Congress. Supported with prayer, these letters are a bold witness to God's justice and mercy. They have, and continue to have, a significant impact on the decisions made in Congress.

Bethel Lutheran Church will be participating in Bread for the World's 2019 Offering of Letters on Sunday October 13. Join us after worship to write letters and help make a difference. If you questions contact the office or Craig Fjarlie who organizes Bethel's Offering of Letters or visit the bread for the world website: <https://www.bread.org/2019-offering-letters-congress-better-nutrition-better-tomorrow> .

# Update from Tom & Mary Holman

September 14, 2019

The Waja team has had some setbacks in the last month. The internet connection with Nigeria was not good, and the main translator had some health issues. They have completed their team check of 1 Corinthians, so I'm preparing notes for checking the last seven chapters. It's a difficult book to translate! **Pray** that I would be able to finish before we leave for Nigeria on October 3.

The L team now has five chapters in Matthew left to team-check. **Pray** for them to finish soon so that Tom can check it while we're in Nigeria.

We will have a young woman named Angela with us on this trip. She's interested in becoming involved in the ministry of Bible translation. **Pray** for a special time for her. And please **pray** for all of us, for safe travels, good health, and a productive time of working together.

Thank you for your prayers!

Warmly in Christ,

*Mary*

Mary and Tom Holman



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# The Spirit

October 2019

## Thursdays in Black

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee's October 2019 Article from *The Spirit*



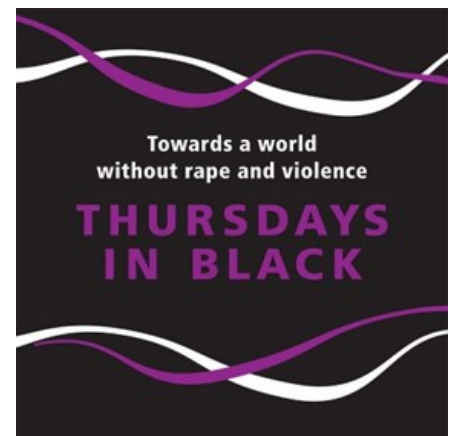
For the next several months, as I am able, I will raise up issues, resolutions, actions and memorials that were taken at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. This month I am focusing on the ELCA's Commitment to the World Council of Church's "Thursdays in Black" campaign toward a world without rape and violence.

Several years ago I sat in the window seat on a plane. The plane ride was long. Fourteen hours long. The man next to me struck up a conversation. We talked for a while. I then fell asleep. When I woke up it was dark in the plane's cabin. No lights were on. Everyone appeared to be sleeping. But the man's head was resting on my shoulder. Thinking he would be embarrassed when he awoke, I gently tried to move my shoulder away from him in order to give him more space. Instead, this man woke up and with his face right next to mine he attempted to kiss me while groping me. I was caught between this man and the wall of the plane. Why I didn't notify the flight attendant is still a mystery to me. Instead, I somehow pushed my way out to the aisle and wandered through the plane – wondering what to do.

Honestly, I couldn't think. Eventually I returned to my window seat and sat as close to the window as possible, as far away from the man as possible, putting a barrier of sweater, blanket, and pillow between me and the man.

You know, with the amount of violence and harm that happens to women throughout the world, this is a small story. Unfortunately, many women have much worse stories to tell. This is why this month I want to lift up the important action that took place at the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. The assembly voted to adopt a resolution to support the World Council of Church's "Thursdays in Black" campaign toward a world without rape and violence.

In its simplest form, this means wearing black on Thursdays declaring our support through words and actions towards a world without rape and violence. The color black was chosen as a color of strength. As the WCC's *Thursdays in Black* website states, "Often *black* has been used with negative racial connotations. In this campaign *Black* is used as a color of resistance and resilience."



I invite you all to wear black on Thursdays. I hope that you will look at the website and see the

## Bishops Letter continued:

materials available for you and for your congregation. (The link to the website is [www.oikoumene.org/en/get-involved](http://www.oikoumene.org/en/get-involved)). Especially, I strongly encourage and advocate that we all work towards a world where there is no more rape or violence against any vulnerable population. As WCC's *Thursdays in Black* website states, "We all have a responsibility to speak out against violence, to ensure that women and men, boys and girls, are safe from rape and violence in homes, schools, work, streets – in all places in our societies."

In the synod office, we have ordered pins that you are welcome to wear each Thursday. We hope that you come and visit the office and pick up a pin. Even more, beloved Children of God, I pray that God grants us courage and strength as we work towards peace, wholeness, justice, and love.

In God's Peace and Joy,  
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

## Bishop Installation



By the Grace of God  
**The Reverend Shelley M. Bryan Wee**  
is called as bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.  
She will be installed at a festive service of Holy Communion on  
**Saturday, November 2 at 2pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral**  
(1245 10th Avenue East, Seattle, Washington)

**The Reverend Elizabeth A. Eaton**  
Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
will preach and preside.

Your prayers and presence are requested.  
A light reception will immediately follow the service.

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Bishops, rostered ministers, ecumenial & inter-religious guests  
are invited to gather at 12:45pm to vest & process.  
The color of the day is red.



## Making Sacrifices

Richard Helleesen's drama plunges us into the midst of the Civil War and the documented meetings of President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. We get to be flies on the wall, or rather, theatre-goers in seats, as we observe two brilliant American minds at work.

Their story and their arguments weave between personal and general, but their conversation always returns to what they're willing to sacrifice – whether it's ideals, voters, colleagues, professions, soldiers, spouses or the country itself.

Stories of sacrifice, and its predecessor atonement, are prevalent throughout the Bible, culminating in Jesus' death on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son Isaac before God sent a ram. Hannah gave her son Samuel to God so Samuel could work in the temple. And sacrifice, in general, is asked of believers:

*"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship." Romans 12:1*

When you see the show, think about the sacrifices each man is being asked to make. Put yourself in their shoes and ask if you'd make the same or different choices.



**Five words were meant to change a young country divided by civil war** when abolitionist and Union recruiter Frederick Douglass challenged his president to act on the statement that “all men are created equal.” As these two brilliant Americans wage a battle for the future of the Union, their arguments affect not only their sons but the nation we live in today. Originally commissioned for Washington, DC's Ford's Theatre, Taproot Theatre produces the West Coast Premiere of Richard Helleesen's drama.

**Karen Lund** directs **Lamar Legend, Andrew Litzky** and **Ted Rooney**.

The production team includes **Brian Engel, Mario Gomez, Laura Karavitis, Mark Lund** and **Pete Rush**.

*Necessary Sacrifices* is recommended for ages 14+.

# Those Who Serve - October 2019

|                      | October 6        | October 13 | October 20   | October 27       |
|----------------------|------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
|                      |                  |            |              |                  |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>   | Maryls & Lillian | Sue        | Judy & Carol | Marlys & Lillian |
|                      |                  |            |              |                  |
| <b>Worship Asst.</b> |                  |            |              | Judy Goulet      |
|                      |                  |            |              |                  |
| <b>Communion</b>     |                  |            |              |                  |
| <b>Bread</b>         | Carol Hovick     |            | Carol Hovick |                  |
| <b>Wine</b>          | Dorothy Brown    |            | 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



## October

12—Elizabeth Pickrell

16—Rick Rudnick

23—Judy Goulet

27—Joan Martinell

### Those Coping with Health Problems

Don Brown

Walt Himple

Michael Klingensmith

Tom Logen

Kelly Moll

Joan Martinell

Shirley Pishaw

Karen Schoeld

11. Richard Schwerdtfeger

12. Kristi Schwerdtfeger

13. Anna Sjong

14. Donna Sjoquist

15. Elia Smith

16. Carolyn Starrett

17. Liz Terrey

18. Chris Tracey

19. Jayne Tracey

20. Chuck Vollbrecht

21. Ruth Vollbrecht

22. John Vollbrecht

23. Kathy Carrow

24. Aaron's Place

25. Co-op Pre-school

26. Recovery meetings at Bethel

27. Iglesia Evangelical

28. Seattle Covenant/Reborn Church

29. Girl Scouts

30. Retired Pastors

31. Safety for those celebrating Halloween.

### Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Vera Anderson

Dick Hinea

Shirley Pishaw

Dick Scansen

Donna Sjoquist

Lindy Bergen

### Daily Prayer List

1. Lynlee Ritchie

2. Dan Ritchie

3. Olivia Robbins

4. Lillian Routledge

5. Rick Rudnick

6. Beth Rudnick

7. Jayne Rudnick

8. David Salmon

9. Carla Salmon

10. Richard Scansen



# October

| Sunday                                       | Monday | Tuesday                            | Wednesday                     | Thursday                                       | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------|----------|
| Worship 9:30                                 |        | 1<br>Retired<br>Pastor<br>Luncheon | 2<br>11:00 am bible<br>study  | 3  | 4      | 5        |
| 6<br>Worship 9:30                            | 7      | 8                                  | 9<br>11:00 am bible<br>study  | 10<br>Lunch 12pm                               | 11     | 12       |
| 13<br>Worship 9:30<br>Bread for the<br>World | 14     | 15                                 | 16<br>11:00 am bible<br>study | 17<br>Lunch 12pm<br><br>Council<br>Meeting 7pm | 18     | 19       |
| 20<br>Worship 9:30                           | 21     | 22                                 | 23<br>11:00 am bible<br>study | 24<br>Lunch 12pm                               | 25     | 26       |
| 27<br>Worship 9:30<br>Homecoming             | 28     | 29                                 | 30<br>11:00 am bible<br>study | 31<br>Lunch 12pm                               |        |          |

\*Council Meetings are the second Thursday of the month and they are open meetings meaning anyone can attend. If you cannot attend you can always read the minutes on the Bethel bulletin board in the gathering space.

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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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



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.