



# BETHEL

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Bethel Lutheran Church

June 2019

## Pastor's Letter



Smith and Bruce Smith.

I heard some responses regarding this ministry and I need to make a clarification. This ministry is not to “filter” you from coming to me directly. When you need to be with me please don't hesitate to see me. This ministry is to give me inputs both from within the ministry and from those who are not comfortable talking to me directly about things that would make me a better pastor for all of you.

Second, summer is upon us and we are going to try some new things.

This month, we are going back to our previous schedule for Thursday and Wednesday. On Thursday, we are holding a weekly simple luncheon without specific devotion. I have met with several community leaders in our city and

Christ is risen!

Siblings in Christ, first let me share with you a correction. Last month I mentioned a new ministry called the Mutual Ministry. The people in this ministry will walk with me, reminding me of things that would make me a better pastor for all of you. They are Carol Hovick, Elia

having devotion added to our community luncheon makes people uncomfortable to come. Because of this, we are going to dedicate Wednesday as our Bible Study day at 11:30 AM and at 6 PM.

Many 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.

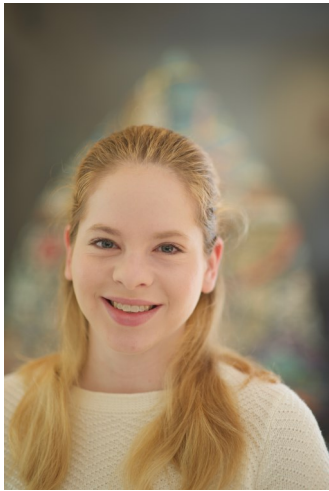
As we try these activities, we are going to reach out more to our neighbors and there'll be some tweaking along the way. You will be invited to take parts in these exciting activities.

Pentecost! Yes, please remember to get your red outfit to wear something red for Pentecost Sunday, June 9. We are going to celebrate in multiple languages. We are going to hear readings and songs in different languages and I promise you that you will understand them all (thank God for the gift of technology!).

Lastly, we are going to go green in our worship. We have done quite well in conversing our nature by using less paper during Easter season. We will continue this practice throughout the time after Pentecost. If you need large print bulletins, please let know.

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# Community Engagement News



Hello Bethel,  
I don't usually write a letter for the Beam, I prefer to make short posts letting you know what's going on and often to ask for your help, but I'm coming up on one year at Bethel and I thought the best way to share my reflections of the last year and my hope for the next year would be in the format of a

letter.

I arrived at Bethel last June. When I began the newsletter was being published every one or two months, there was one afternoon bible study, and the beginnings of a lunch on Wednesday, and of course worship Sunday mornings. Not long after Pastor Chris left, the afternoon bible study ended and the lunch on Wednesday began to include a devotional. While I enjoyed participating in lunch and leading an occasional devotional, I was itching to work on more community projects especially ones involving youth. I'm happy to say we began Bethel's after school drop in program in October. With the help of several high school volunteers we were able to provide after school care to one sweet boy for over 60 hours over the course of this last school year. Our high school volunteers gave over 800 combined hours of their time to Bethel watching, playing, and helping with our elementary schooler. 800 hours! That's amazing! Not to mention the many hours put in by our adult volunteers especially Carol Hovick. I so appreciated all of your thoughts, prayers, questions, and ideas regarding our after school program, and I hope it is a project we will be able to continue in the future.

As part of the after-school program I was able to write a much needed children and youth policy to help keep the kids visiting our church safe and set us up to keep any kids joining us in the future safe as well. This policy was approved by the council

who were kind enough to allow me to participate in every council meeting which occur once a month.

When I wasn't working on our after school program I could usually be found in the office prepping the bulletin or powerpoint for Sunday worship, working on the Newsletter, or greeting folkx who visit our building. It has been a good, long, fulfilling year and now it is time to look to the future.

As previously stated I'm hoping to continue with our after-school program but before that can begin we have to get through the summer. There are several community events to look forward to. I hope Bethel will once again participate in the Ridgecrest ice cream social which will take place in the evening on Thursday, August 15th, and Bethel will once again be a venue for the Northcity Jazz Walk on Tuesday, August 13th. I'm also hoping to step up my newsletter game. I've never written a newsletter before but now that I'm in the routine I'm planning to add some more material. In the past, new members have provided a brief biography to help others get to know them. Over the next year I want to provide the same opportunity to the growing community in Shoreline. I hope to meet with several organizations and businesses in Shoreline and hear about who they are and what they do and then share that information with all of you! And of course, if you have any ideas for me or things you'd like to see from Bethel please feel free to reach out! Thanks!

-Siobhan

## 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

May 16, 2019

Thank you for your faithful prayers for us and for Bible translation. I am currently preparing to check 1 Corinthians with the Waja team. It's one of the most difficult books to translate, so please pray for wisdom and insight for me and the team. Also pray for their internet connection. Currently I can't even reach them by phone! Tom is helping the L team make the final corrections before they publish a trial copy of Acts. The Anufo team have Judges and 1 Samuel ready for us to check. Pray for good progress.

Note Mary's new phone number: 763-218-0506.

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"

## Community News



Enter *Kim's Convenience* store and meet the Kims, a loving, if imperfect, Korean family making their way in Toronto. As they face an uncertain future Appa (dad), Umma (mom), their unmarried daughter Janet and disappointing son Jung learn to see each other in a new light. This hilarious and heartwarming story reminds us that family isn't always convenient, but it might be the best deal out there.

David Hsieh and Scott Nolte direct Obadiah Freeman, Parker Kennedy, Lia Lee, James Yi and Annie Yim.

The production team includes Mark Lund, Amanda Sweger, Pete Rush, Madison Silva, Seayoung Yim, Mario Gomez and Dimitri Woods.

*Kim's Convenience* is recommended for ages 14+ for some language.



The Northwest Washington Synod, at our assembly on May 19, 2019, called The Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee to serve as our next Bishop, effective August 1st.

A heartfelt thank you to our nine nominees for bishop. We know this was a challenging process - and we are so very grateful for your willingness to allow your names to go forward in the process.





## Life In Between

By Bishop Kirby Unti

From the Jun 2019 edition of *The Spirit*

*On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he*

*entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" --Luke 10:11-13*

Our Synod Staff has been dwelling on Luke's story of the 10 lepers for the last several months. It has come to our attention that the story takes place where many, many Biblical Stories take place, "in between places." In this case Jesus encounters the lepers in between Samaria and Galilee.

There is a practical reason for this. The lepers would not have been welcomed in Samaria or Galilee. They were living in the only place they were allowed, on the margins. Given that Jesus was constantly on the move plays right into the likelihood that we will encounter him in between place.

But there is more to this than geography. The story of faith, hope and love is forged "in between." For Abraham and Sarah it was formed in between the invitation to leave behind family and home and the promise of becoming a great nation. For the Israelites it was in the wilderness between Egypt and Promised Land. For the people of exile it was between living in a strange land and the hope of

returning home. For the disciples it was in between the sea of Galilee and the cross. And then there is the most holy of time between Good Friday and Easter Morning.

I have never been good at living "in between." The uncertainty creates anxiety for me. I want to know the outcome. I just want to get there. Forty years in the wilderness would have done me in.

It is not easy for me to live in the present. I am often seduced into wanting to go back to the way it was or jumping ahead to what is waiting for me. Little did I know how prophetic the words of those were who said to Kim and me, "Enjoy your children because they grow up way too quickly." It is in the space and time of "in between" that we come to know, to love and to trust. It is precisely the place we are called to live.

Northwest Washington is entering "in between" time. In between two bishops. Please welcome Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee. Bishop-elect Shelley and I both are leaning into this in between space knowing that it is sacred encountering space. I encourage you not to look back or to race ahead. Rather welcome this new time and our new Bishop and take up residency in it. It is where we encounter Jesus.

*Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you." -- Luke 10:20-21*

# Those Who Serve - June 2019

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sue	Maryls & Lillian	Judy & Carol	Sue	Maryls & Lillian
<b>Worship Asst.</b>	Siobhan Flanagan	Judy Goulet	Craig Fjarlie		Chuck Vollbrecht
<b>Communion</b>					
<b>Bread</b>		Joanne Brock	Carol Hovick	Judy Goulet	
<b>Wine</b>	Dorothy Brown	Nancy Philips	Judy Goulet	Nancy Phillips	Dorothy Brown
<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

## Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Vera Anderson  
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) Our Country
- 2) Cary Magill
- 3) Phyllis Moll
- 4) Linda Mears
- 5) Evie Nanninga
- 6) Lorna Neumann
- 7) Nancy Phillips
- 8) Marlys Pickrell
- 9) Graduating seniors
- 10) Shirley Pishaw
- 11) Lynlee Ritchie
- 12) Dan Ritchie
- 13) Olivia Robbins
- 14) Lillian Routledge
- 15) Sonja Sande
- 16) Fathers and those who wish to be fathers
- 17) Beth Rudnick
- 18) Rick Rudnick
- 19) Jane Rudnick
- 20) Students and teachers on the last day of school
- 21) Bishop Kirby
- 22) Pastor Shelley Wee
- 23) The Northwest Washington Synod
- 24) The ELCA

- 25) Northcity
- 26) The city of Shoreline
- 27) Recovery meetings at Bethel
- 28) Aaron's Place
- 29) The Lutheran Counseling network
- 30) Iglesia Evangelical



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## Birthdays

20—Elia Smith

# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Retired Pastors Luncheon	5 11:30 am bible Study 6:00pm bible Study	6 Lunch 12pm	7	8
9 Worship 9:30 Bethel Breakfast	10	11 Membership Meeting 10:45am	12 11:00 am bible Study 6:00pm bible Study	13 Lunch 12pm  Council Meeting 7pm	14	15 Nancy Phillips Piano Recital 2:00pm
16 Worship 9:30	17	18	19 11:00 am bible Study 6:00pm bible Study	20 Lunch 12pm	21	22
23 Worship 9:30	24	25	26 11:00 am bible Study 6:00pm bible Study	27 Lunch 12pm	28	29
30 Worship 9:30						

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)  
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

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