



Bethel Lutheran Church

December 2020

December 1, 2020

UPDATE ON CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Dear Bethel,

I have some updated news for you concerning our Congregational Meeting on Sunday December 13, 2020 at 10:30 am, immediately after our online worship service.

In conferring with Pastor Andy Yee at the Synod about our voting, I was informed that we cannot use ballots for this meeting as everyone who votes must be able to hear the discussion about the budget and the Constitution/Bylaws. Hearing the meeting meets the criteria for being present at the meeting. We will not be mailing out ballots.

Many of you have been called and asked if you would be able to meet on line by ZOOM. Those of you who can join with a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet, will be able to take part in the discussion and vote by voice just as you would if we were meeting in person.

Those of you who cannot connect to ZOOM for a meeting by laptop or a tablet will be able to connect to the meeting with your phones. You don't need a "smart" phone to connect. You will be able to hear and take part in the discussion at the meeting. Some phones are capable of joining the meeting with video too. If you can only connect by voice, you are considered to be an attendee at the meeting.

We will be taking attendance by voice to establish a quorum since we won't be able to have a sign-up sheet.

Those of you who will be using your phone to connect, will be mailed a copy of the Constitution and the budget so you can be looking at it during the meeting. Those on ZOOM using other devices will be able to see the document on the screen during the meeting.

We want everyone to be able to be a part of the meeting and vote.

Siobhan will be posting directions on our website and on Facebook on how to connect with your phone and you can call her for questions or to practice. Please contact me if you have questions and contact Siobhan for the technical questions.

Thank you for your patience as we learn to conduct business in new ways due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Blessings and peace,

Lynlee
Council President

Bethel News

While we hope we will soon be able to gather together and worship at Bethel with one another, we are still unsure of when we will be able to do so. In the meantime we will continue with our remote worship services which can be found on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/BethelShoreline/>

Morning Common Prayer Tuesday—Friday at 10:00 am

Afternoon Common Prayer Tuesday—Thursday at 3:00 pm

Sunday Worship service—Sundays at 9:30 am

Congregational Meeting coming up!

All of Bethel's members are invited to join us for our congregational meeting on December 13 at 10:30am!

Because we are unable to meet in person for our congregational meeting, we will be discussing the constitution and budget and voting via a conference call using the platform zoom.

If you have a laptop, desktop computer, tablet, or smart phone you can likely access the meeting with both video and audio. If you do not have a computer or are not comfortable using a computer, you can still join our meeting as an audio participant!

To connect to a zoom meeting by phone:

1. Use any phone, (a cell phone or landline) and dial the number +1 (253) 215 8782
2. Follow the instructions by putting in the meeting ID number: 979 6844 1763 followed by #.
3. If asked for a passcode dial: 17529

We are in the process of mailing materials for the meetings. If you have computer access you can visit our website <http://www.bethellutheranchurch.org/congregation-meeting/> to view the meeting materials!

Update from Tom & Mary Holman

November 19, 2020

The network in the Waja area in Nigeria has been dramatically better since I asked you to pray last month. We finished checking the set of Old Testament portions from Exodus, Deuteronomy, and Joshua. The two translators are now preparing portions about King David and some Psalms for me to check.

This month Tom has been participating in an intensive three-week course on the book of Proverbs, analyzing the text in Hebrew in the light of the many and often different translations in English. He has learned a lot, and this will be helpful for when the Anufo team in Ghana translates Proverbs.



Thank you so much for your prayers! We pray that you will have a meaningful Advent season and a peace-filled Christmas.

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.” (Luke 2:14)

Peace in Christ our Savior,

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”

Dear Beloveds,

A prayer during this Advent season. O Savior, Come.

In these days when divisions seem unsurmountable, when hatred seems more real than love, when chaos churns, we pray, O Savior, Come.

In these days when a mysterious and virulent disease stalks this earth, as loved ones become ill, as we see the exhaustion of caregivers, as we grieve those whose breath is now air, we pray, O Savior, Come.

In these days when loneliness and anxiety are common, when we speak to one another behind masks or plexiglass, when we crave physical connection but are unable to touch, we pray, O Savior, Come.

In these days when lies are disguised as truth, when leaders refuse to lead, when institutions we rely on begin to crack, we pray, O Savior, Come.

In these days when silence is complicit in keeping others unheard, when cries for justice are treated with derision, when black and brown bodies are treated as less than sacred, we pray, O Savior, Come.

In these days when ... we pray, O Savior, Come.

In these days when voices are raised up, peaceful protestors come together, incremental change occurs, we pray, O Savior, Come.

In these days when truth is exposed, when the courageous stand up to injustice, when institutions give way to the Spirit's dance, we pray, O Savior, Come.

In these days when we gather in chat rooms and zoom calls across the miles, see faces on screens that bring smiles, hold babies up to computer cameras and we clap and sing and pray and laugh together, we pray, O Savior, Come.

In these days when scientists doggedly pursue a cure, nurses and doctors and medical staffs come day after day after day to bring expertise and healing to those who have fallen ill, when pastors and deacons bring comfort to the sick and to the bereaved, we pray, O Savior, Come.

In these days when we experience the ancient Word as the living Word, when we live into the radicalness of peace and wholeness and new life, when we join together in the Holy Community you call us into, we pray, O Savior, Come.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In these days when ... we pray, O Savior, Come.

Grace & Peace, Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee



News from our Synod

Upcoming Synod Events:

CAROLS SING ALONG!

Tuesdays December 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 7-7:30pm via Zoom

Luther's Table will have carol leaders who will lead us through our favorite songs and carols of the season. Grab a beverage, get comfortable, and sing to your heart's delight from the comfort of your own home! We will be using Zoom, so everyone can "gather", even if you are halfway across the country or somewhere around the world. This is a great opportunity for you to invite a friend or two to join us. Let's get in the spirit and take a few minutes each week to sing and enjoy the season. Use this link each week to join the music: <https://zoom.us/j/98620554306>

HOPE STILL RISES

Saturday, December 5, 10am-12noon online

A conversation with Daoud Nassar, a Palestinian Lutheran in Bethlehem, Palestine. His message is of peace - the motto of the Nassar family is 'We will not be enemies!' Daoud will be our featured speaker on Saturday December 5th from 10:00am to noon at the Kairos Puget Sound Coalition's annual Holiday event - this year via Zoom due to the pandemic. Our Jewish cohort Mark Braverman, who is Director of Kairos USA, will guide us through Q&A with Daoud. Here is the link to register: <https://bit.ly/3mUd2Y>

NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The Incarnation: For the Healing of the World

Friday, December 11 at 6pm

Enjoy this virtual program here: <https://nlca.com/christmas2020>

RICK STEVES shares a EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS with our Synod

Wednesday, December 23 at 8pm via Zoom

Join travel guru and synod member, Rick Steves, for a colorful, musical celebration of Christmas across Europe. From England to Wales, France, Norway, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Italy, you'll see the bright Christmas markets, hear local choirs, share sacred holiday traditions with families. We look forward to sharing time with Rick! Save the date - a Zoom link will be coming soon!

For more visit: <https://www.lutheransnw.org/weekly-update>

Christmas giving tree tags!

This time of year, you can usually find a Christmas giving tree in our gathering space where we collect gifts to help make Christmas extra special for a few families. Because a lot of things look different this year, you are invited to help support Mary's Place giving tree project!

Here's a few words from Mary's Place:

This year, more than ever, we need your help to bring joy, make spirits bright, and help Santa fulfill children's holiday wishes!

Each year we count on our community to make sure that kids and parents at Mary's Place can celebrate the joy of the season and share gifts with each other. And you are always there! Every year, hundreds of organizations and groups organize Giving Trees and collect gifts and toys for our parents to share with their children, and children with parents! Your generosity brings so much joy and hope!

Due to COVID-19, one of our favorite parts of the season – greeting our community at the door to receive your wonderful holiday gifts for our families - will look a little different this year. To ensure the safety of our guests, staff, and donors like you, our Giving Tag program is going digital/virtual!

GIFT CARDS

During this pandemic and the recently announced restrictions, **the easiest and safest gift is gift cards!** Send a \$25 gift card from your favorite grocery store so that families can have a holiday meal, or to your favorite retail store (Target, Walmart, Fred Meyer, Amazon, etc.) so that families can purchase their own holiday gifts. Gift cards can be delivered to families safely and give them flexibility. Send to PO Box 1711, Seattle, WA 98111.

SHOP AND SEND

We know that you and/or your groups may already have plans to shop for physical toys and presents for families from our Wish Lists – and we are so grateful! If purchasing gift cards does not work as well for you, we will still gladly accept your gifts and ensure their distribution to our families! Shop our holiday wish lists at [Amazon](#) or [Target](#) to purchase a gift for our kids or parents, and ship it directly to Mary's Place.



MAKE A CASH DONATION AND WE'LL SHOP FOR YOU

Visit our [Giving Tree Tag donation page](#) and make a cash donation that will allow Mary's Place to directly purchase the most-wanted items on our kids and parents lists this year. If we exceed the capacity of need for gifts this holiday season, we may use your gift towards operational expenses at Mary's Place where it is most needed.

For more information visit:
<https://www.marysplaceseattle.org/givingtreetags>

Reverse Advent Calendar 2020

Each day please add an item to a box. On Christmas Eve bring the box to the church.

- December 1 - box of cereal**
- December 2 - peanut butter**
- December 3 - stuffing mix**
- December 4 - instant potatoes**
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese**
- December 6 - canned fruit**
- December 7 - canned tomatoes**
- December 8 - canned tuna**
- December 9 - dessert mix**
- December 10 - applesauce**
- December 11 - tooth brush**
- December 12 - cranberry sauce**
- December 13 - canned beans**
- December 14 - box of crackers**
- December 15 - package of rice**
- December 16 - package of oatmeal**
- December 17 - pasta**
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce**
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup**
- December 20 - tomato soup**
- December 21 - canned corn**
- December 22 - canned mix vegetable**
- December 23 - hygiene products**
- December 24 - canned green beans**

Remember in Prayer



November

5– Diana Holeman

8—Joshua DeLap

10—Kaye Lysen

20—Dorothy Brown

27—Tom Oines

Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Vera Anderson

Lila Geisler

Shirley Pishaw

Those Coping with Health Problems

Joanne Brock

Don Brown

Walt Himple

Michael Klingensmith

Tom Logen

Kelly Moll

Joan Martinell

Shirley Pishaw

Daily Prayer List

1. Healthcare workers
2. Researchers creating vaccines and cures.
3. John Johns
4. Donna Johns
5. The Kim family
6. Caryl Klingensmith

We're sad to announce that Donna Sjoquist passed away Thursday November 19, 2020.

Cards can be sent to her son Denis Sjoquist. He will share them with the family!

Denis Sjoquist
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Bothell, WA 98021

7. Michael Klingensmith
8. Theresa Linvog-Wood
9. Gwen Loeffler
10. Sue Logen
11. Cary Magill
12. Phyllis Moll
13. Linda Mears
14. Evie Nanninga
15. Lorna Neumann
16. Nancy Phillips
17. Marlys Pickrell
18. Shirley Pishaw
19. Dan Ritchie
20. Lynlee Ritchie
21. Olivia Robbins
22. Lillian Routledge
23. Those who are separated from loved ones
24. Those who work through holidays
25. For peace and joy
26. First responders
27. Those who are hungry
28. Our North City neighbors
29. Those who are ill
30. Those who are lonely
31. All who work for justice



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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 (Online)

Sunday

9:30 AM

Community Lunch (currently postponed)

Thursday 12:00–1:00 PM

Congregation of the



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