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Bethel Lutheran Church

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Dear Blessed Ones,

Last year, this month I wrote to you about postponing our in-person gathering in all of our activities. My hope is that you are well and still taking all necessary steps to care for yourself, your family and friends during this COVID-19 season, even as we heard and perhaps received the vaccination against the virus.

In challenging times like these, there are always opportunities to practice ministry in alternative ways using our social mediums, and we are slowly welcoming limited number of people into our space for worship preparation and making quilts.

In this season of Lent, we are called to pray even more, for more people and the whole creation as the virus is keep mutating. We are called to fast of the things that are human things, to live simply so others can simply live and by doing so, we are generously living the godly things. We are also reminded to give alms, to let go the burden of earthly things so that we can see the abundance that God has given us.

Let this be a time of disruption and anxiety also be an opportunity to renew our faith in the God of all creation who is with us always as we journey our lives together.

May the peace that passes all understanding guard you hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7.

Pastor D.

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

Hello, Bethel.

I have several requests from you about my story when I visited Holden Village last Fall and it took me a while because I also want to share with you some of the pictures from the visit.

When I arrived at the Village, we were greeted by the physically-distanced community, except the Medic who stood by on the side of the van's door to check our temperature and when she nodded to me, I was cleared to step out into the village!



I was there to do the pastoral care for the community, but it doesn't mean that I can be with the people yet because I had to be in quarantine for two weeks unless I took the COVID-19 test on the third day after my arrival and the test is negative. Because of this rule, my first Sunday was done virtually with me preaching from the Art Gallery to the people who gathered in the Koinonia, about a hundred yards away!

We were ready for the quarantine. We brought some food to cook but I was not ready for the village alarm system that is so, so sensitive... the second morning I cook breakfast too hot, both temperature and spice and when my cooking started to make some smoke, I opened the windows. I wasn't fast enough because the house alarm quickly triggered the "whale" main alarm system for the entire village! It was an embarrassing moment.

We ended up staying only eight days in the quarantine when our test came back negative, which also kicked in my voluntary work in the kitchen. It was a great and humbling experience to work with twenty-something people who genuinely care about the creation around them. Composting and recycling are big deals at Holden Village and I thank God for their care.

Going from home to the kitchen can be very dangerous if we don't pay attention of the "roofalanche" and I thank God for the "Mavericks" who stomped the paths far from the edge of the buildings.



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On the Second Sunday, I led the service in-person! It was a bittersweet experience. It reminds me of how I missed to be with all of you, how we are created to be with each other. As I led the Eucharist, I choked. I saw all of your faces and I know that soon we are going to be together again.

I thank you for your ministry just as I thank the village for their ministry and we are moving forward together, caring the whole universe that God loves. Thanks be to God!

Pastor D.



Above; In Person Worship at Holden Village
Top Left: Holden Village Turkey Trot 2020
Left: Virtual Eucharist
Below: Holden Village at Fall Night



Bethel News

Food Pantry Update:

Our food pantry has been beautifully repaired by Don, Don and Dorothy's son-in-law! Thanks Don!

We are again accepting donations and encourage you to put food items directly in the pantry especially light weight easy to carry food items! We will be limiting the number of cans and glass containers in the pantry in hopes of avoiding any further vandalism. Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who came by to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday!



Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
March 7	Exodus 20:1-18	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
March 14	Numbers 21:4-9	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
March 21	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
March 28	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47

Update from Tom & Mary Holman

February 18, 2021

The Waja Bible translation team in Nigeria is getting ready for checking some Old Testament portions in March. Angela, the woman I am mentoring to become a consultant, will check the portions from Isaiah and other prophetic books, and I will check the rest. Please pray that the preparation and checking would go well.

Thank you for your prayers!

Mary

Mary and Tom Holman

Bible translation consultants, Wycliffe Bible Translators



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This is a picture of a calendar I have on my desk. The date on it is, “March 10, 2020. Yes, I am not making a mistake, the year on this calendar is 2020.

Last year, when I turned the page on this calendar, I had no idea that this date would mark the last time I had a “normal” day in my office – with my staff and I talking, sitting at our desks, crowded together, laughing, doing business – not thinking at all of masks or physically distancing or washing

hands (well, hopefully we were washing our hands!).

I have kept this calendar on March 10, 2020 as a snapshot of when life changed to a new reality. Like many of you, I never dreamed that one year later we would all be planning our second Easter of COVID or having second birthdays under these strange circumstances or still not knowing for sure when we might gather together safely.

I did not anticipate the suffering so many people have undergone. The hundreds of thousands of people who have died. So many who are still suffering from the ravages of COVID. The impact of this virus has been brutal for millions of people.

While I consider myself a patient person, truth be told, I am becoming impatient. I am ready to be done with this pandemic. I am ready for the pain and anxiety of this disease to be over. I am ready for the loss of life and health of so many to stop. I am ready for this underlying feeling of anxiety and fear to end.

And you? My guess is you are feeling some of the same things.

But, as we hear in many of the psalms, we don’t stop at despair. As people who believe in resurrection, we don’t stop at death. In this Lenten season as we move towards Easter, we proclaim that we are a people of hope, too. As I read in my devotions this morning from Psalm 147: “The Lord heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.” Through community with one another, through helping those who are marginalized, through coming together in prayer and song and worship, we are healing the brokenhearted and binding up wounds.

So, let me ask you, even as we wait, what are you looking forward to? Truly, what is bringing you hope right now? What are some things that you have learned and discovered during this pandemic that you want to take forward? We know that God works through all things – how do you see God working in your life and in the life of this nation and world?

Bishop's Message continued...

I would love to hear from you where you see God's Holy Spirit – in your congregation, in your home, in your workplace, in the world. Where are you finding hope? Where are you finding resurrection joy? You are welcome to email me at bishop@lutheransnw.org. I would love to hear from you.

In this Lenten season (a season that sometimes feels like it began last March and is still happening) we trust that we are walking the way of the Lord. God's hand is guiding us. God's love is surrounding us. And God brings us hope.

May you feel God's grace through Jesus in these days. And may we soon gather in-person again.

Stay safe. Wear a mask. Wash your hands. Get a vaccine when you are eligible. And know that we are church together, even when we are physically separated.

In the Hope of Christ,
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

Our Synod Assembly will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2021 - ONLINE!

In addition to worshipping together, hearing reports, voting on our budget, discussing resolutions that are brought forward, and electing leaders to various positions, we will be voting on constitutional and bylaw changes.

You should be receiving a ballot in the mail shortly with nominees who will represent Bethel at the synod assembly. You'll return the ballots by mail. Remember you can always attend the assembly as a visitor!

Fee is \$25/person. Registration will open the week of February 1st and close March 31st. Visitors are free – while not part of the zoom meeting, will be invited to participate by following the livestream of the event.

Remember in Prayer

March Birthdays

17—Stephanie
Vollbrecht

19—Anna Sjong

Those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Vera Anderson

Lila Geisler

Shirley Pishaw

Daily Prayer List

1. Healthcare workers
2. Researchers creating vaccines and cures.
3. Those who are ill
4. Carol Hovick
5. John Johns
6. Donna Johns
7. Pastor Kim
8. Jungeun Kim
9. Kuwon Kim
10. Michael Klingensmith
11. Caryl Klingensmith
12. Roy Langer
13. Susan Langer-Steger
14. Theresa Linvog-Wood
15. Sue Logen
16. Cary Magill

Those Coping with Health Problems

Joanne Brock

Don Brown

Walt Himple

Michael Klingensmith

Tom Logen

Kelly Moll

Joan Martinell

Nancy Phillips

Shirley Pishaw

17. Linda Mears
18. Phyllis Moll
19. Evie Nanninga
20. Bistok Napitupulu
21. Lorna Neumann
22. Nancy Phillips
23. Maryls Pickrell
24. Shirley Pishaw
25. Dan Ritchie
26. Lynlee Ritchie
27. Our Northcity
Neighborhood
28. The city of Shoreline
29. Those experiencing
homelessness
30. Those who are hungry
31. All who are lonely



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Worship Service (Online)

Sunday

9:30 AM

Community Lunch (currently postponed)

Thursday 12:00– 1:00 PM

Pastor

Diakonda Gurning

Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

9:00 AM to Noon

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