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Rays of Sunshine -- JUNE 2017

Synod News

Pastor Brennen

I thought I would take a moment and bring you all up to speed about our synod assembly and some of the other events that the synod will be working on for the coming year.

First and perhaps most notable, this assembly marked the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. There was a workshop that Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke gave on some of the important pieces of Luther's reformation, but there were also workshops on how the church might find reformation in these days and in the Pacific Northwest.

This assembly also likely marks the end of having a three day assembly each year. For 2018 there will be a one day business only assembly as well as between three and five regional gatherings for workshops, fellowship and the other things that happen at assembly. Stay tuned for further details as we draw closer to 2018.

The 2019 assembly will be a three day event as we will be going through the bishop election process. Bishop Brauer-Rieke told the assembly that he and Deb Chenowith, the current synod council president, will announce whether they will be seeking reelection to their respective office at the beginning of 2018.

Leading into the day long regional gatherings, the synod is beginning an intensive Synod Visitation process, inspired by the Saxon Visitation in 1527. These visitations will feature a team of listeners who will split up to visit every congregation by region. The visitation will be over a couple of days to hear from each congregation regarding their hopes and concerns for their church and the future of the Oregon Synod. Tied to the visits will be the vitality survey, which we recently took, as well some other preparatory work.

The hope of this work will be to build a better idea of where the spirit is leading the Oregon Synod and develop a profile for the synod that will then play into the work of selecting a bishop in 2019. The visitations are scheduled to begin in the fall while the regional meetings are still to be scheduled.

There was not a lot of other news from the assembly. There were a few by laws that were changed, but nothing of particular note or immediate concern. Funding of the national church and therefore the synod office was down quite a bit this year. Staff and council are looking at ways to broaden our funding as well as continuing to fund new work in the synod.

The generosity of people was seen particularly in the offerings at the worship service and various fundraising opportunities. \$3,030 was raised for ELCA World Hunger through the sale of quilts. Offerings from worship totaled \$3,513 which will be split equally between Lutheran Community Services Northwest, and IMIrJ, the Portland based Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice.

If you have any further question, feel free to contact me or Nancy Clough who was our voting member.

Pastor and Michelle are on vacation June 19-July 10. For emergencies during Pastor's absence contact Bethesda Lutheran Church at 541.688.9085.

Please join the Luther House council as we give thanks for the ministry of Pr. Jim Norlie as he embarks on retirement! Enjoy cake, share memories and wish Pr. Jim well!

June 4th, 2017 from 2:00-4:00pm in Ronnenkamp Hall.

For more information contact Luther House at 541-753-5213 or info@luther-house.org



June Services

Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, share your abilities.

Date	Lay Reader	Worship Assistant	Altar Flowers	Coffee Hour	Custodians – Have church & hall cleaned by this date
6/4	Cynthia	Cynthia M	Gail Goshert in loving memory of her husband George	Judy Simpson	Marie, Lori
6/11	Marie L	Scott Z		Marie Lockett	M/B Guillory
6/18	Cynthia	Cynthia M	Lamae, in loving memory of Jared	Lamae Stout	M/B Guillory
6/25	Linde W	Scott Z		Dorothy Senchina & Pete Drongesen	Judy Simpson, Lamae Stout
7/2			Larkin	Jean & Joe Larkin	Judy, Lamae

June

Ushers: Jack Ogan & Irene Ferris
Altar Guild: Jean & Joe Larkin

July

Ushers: Volunteers ☺
Altar Guild: Donna Lee, Mara Taylor

Pew Cushion Replacement

An efficient crew of about 12 people completed the job on May 22. The pew cushions really look great... the colors tie in nicely with the carpeting. Great job one and all!!

I never walk alone, Christ walks beside me;
He is the dearest Friend I've ever known;
With such a Friend to comfort and to guide me,
I never, no, I never walk alone. -Ackley

As a community we gather in Christ's love to support one another in prayer for those in mourning, with health concerns or other needs:

Family & Friends of:

Kenneth Bruce (Pastor's Uncle) Ethel Beck, Juanita Stark

Darla Knudsen, Pete Drongesen, Michael Peterson, Lois Gregersen, Leah Kelley, Allan Close, Willy Lambert, Cliff & Margaret Olsen, Lynn Randall, Paul Randle, Mindy Penland, Linnis Jones, Bobbie Gates, Becky Burks, Sue Nichols-Collins, Catherine Hunts, Norman Jones, Dan Christensen, Kenneth, Frank Fries, Milton Lee, Linda McClellan, Becky Moore, Victoria Centeno, Glenn Robinson, Mike Ross, Sharon Peters, Alyce Riddle, Sam Bliese, Gary Garrett, Collin Randall, Ruth Buckley, Shari Pierce, Bonnie Miller, Gene Coughran, Norine, Doris Hovis, Clint Gillette, Gary Heard & family, Wanda Curtis, David Heggstad, Marilyn/Dale Huth, Joyce Cagle, Don, Shawn & Jason Wilson, Jonathan Verrinder, Tony/Kay Davies, Becky Moore, Jerry/Lynn Sargent, Nerissa Townsend, Michelle Barry

Those in Military Service and their Families:

Paul, Shaila

Please review the list for those who can now be removed from community prayer.



Sunday June 4 is Pentecost.
Please bring potted red geraniums to be planted following worship... and don't forget to wear Red!

Bunches of Lunches donations of oatmeal packets and fruit cups is close to ending until school begins again in the fall.
THANKS for your **SUPPORT!**

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Elsie has now moved to the JC Retirement Center!!

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Faith is like radar that sees through the fog.

~ Corrie Ten Boom

Common Ground Concert

Wednesday June 14 at 7 PM Our Redeemer Lutheran will host a concert by the youth choir of Bethel Lutheran from Cupertino, California. For over 25 years, the youth of this church have toured the West bringing a high energy message including the music of today's top Christian artists and original videos and drama.

Jesus said ..., "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live." - John 11:25



Happy Father's Day to all father figures everywhere... past, present and future!

Quarterly Tuesday Potluck – June 6



6:00p Potluck & 6:45p
Speaker Pastor Jim Norlie (retiring from Luther House in Corvallis) will share his recent journey to Rome.

Small Sized Toiletries Needed

If anyone has traveled recently and has small toiletries, please drop them off at the hall in the designated box. There are customers at Local Aid who can use them; they currently have none. Thanks for sharing.

"Feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God—
Naught else is worth believing.
Though all my heart should feel condemned
For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my heart
Whose Word cannot be broken.
I'll trust in God's unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever,
For, though all things shall pass away,
HIS WORD SHALL STAND FOREVER!"

— *Martin Luther*

WORSHIP + CONNECT + SERVE

We are in need of more people to assist with the **weekly cleaning of the church and hall.**

We currently have 8 sets of people who clean together on a regular basis. Either two or three individuals or we have some couples who do the cleaning together. This means each set of cleaners (who clean two weeks in a row) is currently on a rotation every 3-4 months.

If you can assist in cleaning, please let me know and we'll get you matched up with someone. Thanks, Jean

FABRIC SALE COMING AGAIN

The DLA is again having a fabric sale at the hall on Friday and Saturday, June 23 and 24 from 9am to 1pm each day.

Beautiful, high-quality fabric has been donated. Tell your quilting and sewing friends!


Men's Bible Study & Breakfast is on hiatus after June 7 until September.



*We remember our sister in Christ
Ethel Beck
who died May 10 at the age of 101.*

*Ethel with husband Marvin were
long time members of Faith.*

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<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
4 Day of Pentecost 10:30a Worship & Holy Communion <i>2-4p Pr Jim Norlie retirement party in Corvallis</i>	5 7p Weight Watchers	6 6p Potluck & 6:45p Speaker Pastor Jim Norlie 7:30p Council Mtg Teri Fries BD	7 7:30a Men's Bible Study & Breakfast	8 9:30a Hens & Chicks	9 NO game night this month, we're celebrating graduates!!	10 8-10a FREE Comm. Breakfast at JCUMC
11 Holy Trinity 10:30a Worship & Holy Communion	12 7p Weight Watchers	13 Nancy Clough BD	14 Flag Day	15 9-12 LWR Quilters 1-4 Memory Makers Ovanna Hareid BD	16 Kirby Nelson BD Virginia Randle BD	17 10-4 Stashbusters, quilting group at FAITH
18 Father's Day 10:30a Worship & Holy Communion 	19 <i>Pastor on vacation thru July 10</i> 7p Weight Watchers	20 Jean Larkin BD	21 <i>No one is beyond the reach of God's love.</i>	22 9:30a Hens & Chicks	23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 9 am - 1 pm Fri & Sat FABRIC SALE in the Fellowship Hall </div>	24 8-10a FREE Breakfast at JCUMC
25 10:30a Worship & Holy Communion	26 7p Weight Watchers	27 3p July newsletter items due to jean	28	29 9-12 LWR Quilters 1-4 Memory Makers	30 Put Jesus first.	JULY 1 9-3 LWR Quilting
2 10:30a Worship & Holy Communion Richard Wiese BD	3 7p Weight Watchers	4 Happy Independence Day!!!	5 I am the Lord, who heals you. - Exodus 15:26	6 9-12 LWR Quilters 1-4 Memory Makers	7	8 8-10a FREE Comm. Breakfast at JCUMC

Pastor's Office Hours: Mon & Wed 10 am – 3 pm & Thurs 10 am – 12 pm or call 998-2601 for an appt.

Upcoming Sunday Readings:

June 4 – Day of Pentecost:	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23
June 11 – Trinity Sunday:	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Psalms 8	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
June 18 – 2 nd Sun after Pentecost:	Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7	Psalms 116:1-2, 12-10	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8-23
June 25 – 3 rd Sun after Pentecost:	Genesis 21:8-21	Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39
July 2 – 4 th Sun after Pentecost:	Genesis 22:1-14	Psalms 13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Notes from the May 2017 Council Meeting

Review of the Secretary, Treasurer and Pastor reports.

Pastor Report:

++Michelle and I will be taking 3 weeks at the end of June and beginning of July to travel to Louisiana for my parent's 50th wedding anniversary. More details to follow.

++I received the results of the surveys we took earlier this year. The plan is to go over them with an analyst after the synod assembly.

Old Business:

++Pew cushions will start to be covered 22 May at 9am. DLA will be asking for volunteers to help. Nancy suggested the fabric be stretched more lengthwise because of bubbling on the test pew.

Scandinavian Festival is August 10-13! The schedules are included in this newsletter!!
Not too early to start signing up to work in the booth, kitchen or batter haul. Start chatting up your friends, family, neighbors and interested folks who may want that experience! ☺ Also, do you need to renew your food handler card?? How about your costume??

As members of Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) we affirm that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's grace and unconditional love. We celebrate both the diversity and inclusive unity of all people as created by God. Following Jesus' example we embrace all people regardless of ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic circumstance.

With welcoming hearts we invite you into full participation in the life and ministry of our congregation.

Faith is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.

For more information, <http://www.reconcilingworks.org/about/>



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JULY news/updates due to me by 3pm June 27, Thanks.