



THE EASTER SEASON

Your Pastor has turned sixty. I will admit the last few months of my fifties felt like I was the oldest person I knew. And to be fair – I was, as the days marched on, the oldest fifty year old I knew. And then something amazing happened. I had my birthday. Honestly, I now feel reborn. I realized I am the youngest sixty year old I know, and I am embracing life with a new found joy.

I am pretty sure we all go through times where we feel our life is coming to an end. Those are the Good Friday moments of our lives when we mourn our losses and the things we miss. Sometimes we grieve deeply, and then something happens that raises us up and sets us squarely planted in a new future with a new beginning that fills us with joy.

It is akin to the resurrection of Easter morning. It happens in this life and it will happen at the last moment of our life. God has promised in Jesus that we shall be raised to new life eternal. I am absolutely confident of God's gracious gift of eternal life. I hope you are too. That is the faith that we proclaim. God's gift is salvation everlasting. We are freed from sin and death and the power of the tempter. We are freed for lives of relationship grounded in our relationship with Jesus. Freed for relationship with Jesus and others we find joy in living.

I like to think that each day is a new "birthday" or "Easter" where God raises me anew. That is the power of God. May this Easter hold you fast as you venture into relationships with others finding joy in serving. Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen indeed! And as God raised Jesus from the dead, so shall we be raised each day and at the last. This is our hope and God's free gift for all.

Easter Blessings – Pastor Benson



THE WORK OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

Dear Friends in Christ,

Care for youth and families in our community is the ministry of the whole congregation. You do it well. With your prayers, time, talents and financial gifts you are stepping up to the plate. Thank you for increasing your giving. We are in the call process to invite another pastor to share youth ministry with us. Our goal as a congregation is to increase our pattern of giving to sustain two full time pastors, with one taking lead for service to youth and families. My spirits are lifted and I am absolutely confident we have the resources and the will to increase our annual giving patterns. You are doing it already! Thank you for your faith. It is building excitement and encouraging others to step out and participate in new ways. Together we are doing amazing things for our youth now and into the future.



Why a pastor and not a youth director? It has been over two years since our last youth director left to take another call closer to family. Interestingly, and to the point, he has just left that church to go to another church. Youth directors are few and far between and often move for various reasons including family and finances. A pastor to work with our youth, especially in 4th - 12th grades, is our hope. This pastor would also be a part of a team ministry with myself caring for the whole congregation. I am passionate about ministry to our youth. You see me involved with them in many ways. But your lead pastor's time gets pulled in many directions. I need help. This is a two pastor congregation. Someone with one to four years experience in pastoral ministry with a passion and experience in youth ministry is our goal.

How can you help? It begins with prayer. Keep praying for our teens, children and parents, call committee and our future pastor. You will find purple heart prayer forms at the welcome desk. Please pick one up and share your prayers with our call committee. Here are a few of the prayers lifted up by people at worship in April to this question:

"What is the prayer of your heart for the children, teens, and parents that you see in the world around you?"

Peace and good health - To make our children and families whole with Christ - Fun activities with Christian influence - Subtle lessons of the Bible - Jesus in the home of families - Time spent together - Always food for breakfast - For Safety - That they love Jesus and have loving families - Love one another - For our children to have concern and love for others and the world's natural resources - Grace - Acceptance - Strong models - Strength in themselves and faith to say no to peer pressure - Self love - Fun, relax and lighten up - That the adults would see and listen to the children and teens and not discriminate and use their power against them, especially at school - Good health - Parents give their children boundaries - That they continually have hope for a bright future based on Christian beliefs - Open our hearts and minds to all people, peaceful and lovingly - Wholeness - That we forgive each other and recognize that diversity is to be celebrated - Our son -in-law, daughter, and soon to be grandson - Safety - To know Gods love - To engage in the community with all their hearts - To live a life of service to others - To know that they are chosen and loved and that nothing can overcome that love of God in Jesus.

We had an amazing Easter Celebration!

Thanks to all the Easter Breakfast bakers, servers, and diners.

Thanks for the flowers, singing, and friendship.

Thanks to our ushers, 8 acolytes, choir, organist, preachers and prayers.

Thanks for the donations from Easter breakfast.

Your generosity has raised \$507 toward Youth retreats.

*Jesus is Risen!
He is risen indeed!*



Pastor Butler and Regan Franulovich



Ethan, Isabelle, Kaylee and Sadie Lust



Talin Kerr serving Easter breakfast



Matt, Tristyn and Ginny Connelly

An update from the Call Committee...

The congregation elected 6 members and one alternate to the Call Committee on March 17, 2019.

Committee members are:

Janey Dent	Lara Thomas	Steve Richards
Treva King	Bob Ford	Rexanne Graham

Alternate: Brian Hanrahan

The Committee met with the Synod's Associate Bishop Pastor Shelley Bryant-Wee on April 4 for an overview of the Call process and the requirements to get started. The Committee met again on April 10 and elected Rexanne Graham as their Chairperson. We continue to meet and work on the Ministry Site Profile to submit to the Synod for our Call posting.

As we enter into the Call process, we are committed to patient, prayerful discernment of God's Will. We are also committed to involving the congregation and listening to the needs and gifts we identify together. Part of that work is the Congregational Survey enclosed in this edition of the Newsletter. Please take a few minutes to thoughtfully complete the survey. Many of the questions are about how you view our congregation as it is today. Look for the next step, *your hopes and dreams for the future*, coming in the next couple of weeks. We will be using some posters in the Narthex for you to share your thoughts.

During this process, we ask that you hold the Call Committee in prayer often as we seek God's will for the future mission and ministry of Anacortes Lutheran Church. Please also pray for our future pastor – that he or she may respond to God's calling here in Anacortes.

Your Sister in Christ,

Rexanne Graham

Call Committee Chair



CALL COMMITTEE: *Pictured L –R*

Front: Lara Thomas, Bill LeDuc, Pastor Debra Benson, Janey Dent, Rexanne Graham

Back: Treva King, Steve Richards, Bob Ford

Anacortes Lutheran Church Call Committee Survey



Anacortes has started the process in calling a new Associate Pastor to join our staff. Your views and input are important to the Call Committee. Please complete both sides of this survey and return it by May 15th to the church. If you want to do the survey online, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AnacortesLutheranChurch>

Anacortes Lutheran Church's Community Characteristics:

1. We tend to be formal and programmatic

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

2. We have clearly defined goals and plans for our future

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

3. We are racially and economically diverse

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

4. We tend to be informal and spontaneous

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

5. We have no stated goals or plans

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

6. We are demographically homogeneous

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

Anacortes Lutheran Church's Leadership Style:

7. We welcome ideas that are proving and challenging

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

8. We rely on our leaders for directions

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

9. We have learned how to use conflict constructively

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

10. We prefer ideas that are tried and true

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

11. We rely on group decision-making

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

12. We tend to perceive conflict as something destructive

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

Anacortes Lutheran Church's Programming:

13. Our facilities are often used by community groups

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

14. We train people to minister outside our walls

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

15. We focus on ideas and beliefs

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

16. Our facilities are only used for our activities

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

17. We train people to minister inside our walls

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

18. We focus on skills and action

- A lot like us
 A little like us
 Not like us

Anacortes Lutheran Church's Theological Perspective:

19. We are obviously Lutheran in identity and practice

- A lot like us
- A little like us
- Not like us

20. We participate in synod and ELCA activities

- A lot like us
- A little like us
- Not like us

21. We focus on Biblical studies and doctrine

- A lot like us
- A little like us
- Not like us

22. We are less obvious about our Lutheran heritage

- A lot like us
- A little like us
- Not like us

23. We are not very active in the synod and ELCA

- A lot like us
- A little like us
- Not like us

24. We focus on contemporary issues and topics

- A lot like us
- A little like us
- Not like us

From the list pick your top FIVE priorities for the Associate Pastor for Anacortes Lutheran Church:

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Participant in the Larger Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building a Sense of Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Global Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care & Visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campus/Young Adult Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Innovation/Creativity | <input type="checkbox"/> Preaching/Worship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chaplaincy | <input type="checkbox"/> Interim Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy/Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpret Theology | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruit and Equip Leaders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Inter-personal Climate | <input type="checkbox"/> Self Care/Family Life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications/Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry in Crisis | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Group Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizing | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry in Daily Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry with Seniors | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Formation/Direction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling/Social Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Multicultural Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Music/Worship/Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Mission Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecumenical Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor/Camping Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism/Mission | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Nurse/Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Coordination |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth & Family Ministry |

Each Pastor brings their own gifts. Please pick the top FIVE gifts you think the Associate Pastor should have:

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help people develop their spiritual life. | <input type="checkbox"/> Be an effective communicator. | <input type="checkbox"/> Understand and interpret the mission of our Church from a global perspective. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help people understand and act upon issues of social justice. | <input type="checkbox"/> Be an effective teacher. | <input type="checkbox"/> Deal effectively with conflict. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide care and nurture. | <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage support of the Church's wider mission. | <input type="checkbox"/> Bring joy and good humor to relationships. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be active in visitation of members and non-members. | <input type="checkbox"/> Work regularly in the development of stewardship growth. | <input type="checkbox"/> Be able to share leadership and work as a team. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be effective in working with children. | <input type="checkbox"/> Be active in ecumenical relationships. | <input type="checkbox"/> Be creative and innovative about his or her tasks. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Build a sense of community among the people with whom he/she works. | <input type="checkbox"/> Be effective in working with youth. | <input type="checkbox"/> Be able to use technology and media. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help others develop their leadership abilities and skills for ministry. | <input type="checkbox"/> Organize people for community action. | <input type="checkbox"/> Appreciate cultural diversity in language and customs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be an effective administrator. | <input type="checkbox"/> Be skilled in planning and leading programs. | <input type="checkbox"/> Have talents in the areas of music, arts, and writing. |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Have a strong commitment and loyalty to the Lutheran Church. | |

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019

6:30 pm

Anacortes Christian Church ~1112 M Ave.

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34

Experience the joy of praying together for our country and our community with our Christian brothers and sisters from local churches. Come show your love and support and get to know some of your Christian neighbors.

Love one another is the perfect theme for this wonderful event!



Summer Worship
Schedule
Starts-Sunday, May 26
One Service at 9:30am

Jobs available Apply now:

U.S. Census now hiring.

Great pay, Flexible hours,
Weekly pay, Paid training.

Apply at:

2020census.gov/jobs

Grace & Gratitude

NW Washington Synod Assembly

May 17-19, 2019

Lynnwood Convention Center

www.lutheransnw.org/2019-Synod-Assembly

Your participation in the process to call a new bishop is desired!

Attend one of the Bishop Nominee Forums

Saturday, May 4, 10am-12noon at First Lutheran in Bothell

Sunday, May 5, 2pm-4pm at Salem Lutheran in Mount Vernon

Get Prepared By:

Reviewing survey results & other informative data here:

www.lutheransnw.org/BishopElection

Your Input Requested:

Our Bishop Nomination & Election Task Force is shaping the questions for these forums (and for the Q & A time at the synod assembly.)

Please share your ideas for questions to be asked by emailing the chair:

DavidSwartling@comcast.net

THANK YOU!

Please continue to hold our synod in prayer as we prepare to be together at the Assembly May 17-19 at the Lynnwood Convention Center.

St Petersburg Men's Ensemble from Russia Returns for a NW WA Synod Concert

Presenting concerts of *World Classic Choral Sacred Music & Traditional Russian Folk Songs.*

Concerts are open to the public and held at:

• **Saturday, May 4, 7:00 pm**, at Oak Harbor Lutheran Church, 1253 NW 2nd Ave., Oak Harbor
Oak Harbor Lutheran Church at (360) 679-1561, www.oakharborlutheran.org;

• **Sunday, May 5, at the 9:00 am & 10:30 am services** at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6215 196th St, Lynnwood
Trinity Lutheran Church at (425) 778-2159, www.trinitylutheranchurch.com.

Free-will donations from the concerts go to support the ensemble in their tour of the U.S. west coast. It is hoped the concert will challenge concert goers to experience through music, a culture and way of life different from their own.



Bible Study Groups

Women's Bible Study Circles

Tuesday, MAY 14

Hannah Circle - 10 am

Location: Conference room #3
Bible Study: Diana Lindsay
Hostesses:

Ruth Circle - 10 am

Location: 4500 Guemes View
Leader: Bonnie Kerschbaum
Hostess: Bev Landgraf

Anna Circle - 6:30 pm

Location: Conference room #3
Bible Study: Nancy Loftis
Hostess: Nancy Loftis

MOPS-Mothers of Preschoolers

On the First & Third Thursdays in the month

May 2nd & 16th

9:30 am - 11:00 am

In Conference room #3

Theme: Find Your Fire.

Leaders: Erin Kohlhaas, Jenessa Eelkema
and Challon Walker

Tuesdays

MEN'S Monday Bible Studies

Has changed to Tuesdays at 11:00 am

In Conference room #3

Led by: Hoagy Kerr

MEN'S Thursday Bible Studies

Thursday Mornings - 7 am

In Conference Room #1

Led by: Boyd Veer

Thursday Bible Study

Thursday - 12 Noon (For Men & Women)

In Conference Room #1

Led by: Pastor Benson

ALC SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY "PRIME TIMERS"

Saturday, May 4 - Movie Night ~ 6:30 pm

"The Lightkeepers" in conference room #3

Join us for the last one until September

Thursday, May 9 - Brunch ~ 11:00 am

"Kits, Kits, Kittens and Happy Mother's Day"

In Fellowship Hall

May 20 through 24 - Yearly Outing

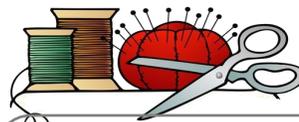
Lake Chelan and Holden Village

Conference Room #1, time to be determined

Saturday, June 1 - Olsen Israel Trip Slideshow

6:30 pm In Fellowship hall

Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Desk.



MAY SEWING DAYS

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tuesdays

7th, 21st, & 28th

Lutheran World Relief KNITTING NEWS

Monday, MAY 20 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

In conference room #1

Our SPRING shipment GOAL is:

Hats 50-75

Sweaters 50-75

Sweater/hat sets 60-100



We have COMPLETED:

14 - Hats

0 - Sweaters

80- Sweater/hat sets.

Our church usually ships 100-150 layette sets, each 6 month period. One sweater/hat set goes in each layette.

Beginners are welcome & teaching is always available.

We use a fun, one piece sweater pattern.

I Hope to see you all **MAY 20 at 1pm**

~Linda Anderson, 360-588-1730

May Day Youth Event

Join us for a May Day Event for youth to make fruit baskets and note cards to take to elders of the church.

3rd—6th Grade Youth

Wednesday, May 1st

4 - 6 pm with a Pizza Dinner

Parents: When you pick up your youth; you will be given a couple names with the address of people you and your child will take the baskets to that night or the next day. **Please RSVP: info@anacorteslutheran.org or 360-293-9586**



Confirmation: only 2 more classes • Wednesday, May 1 & 8



Taco's & Acolyte Training • 4th- 8th graders

Sunday, May 5th 11:30 am-1:00 pm

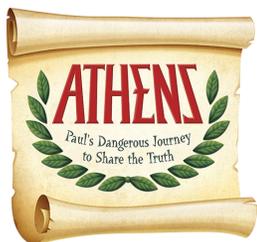
at Anacortes Lutheran Church-Sanctuary

Let us know you're coming so we have enough tacos.

info@anacorteslutheran.org or 360-293-9586

Coming Soon:

- Summer Traveling Tuesdays 4-6 graders
- 7-12 graders sign up to be a junior leader



Teens do you need VOLUNTEER HOURS for school?

Here's your chance to get those hours and have fun too!

Volunteer for VBS now!

You remember how great it was to participate in VBS...well now you can really be a part of the action! Be a junior leader, kitchen snack makers, center helper Song leaders, Set Painters, Decoration makers, Prop finder, Craft leader, Game leader, Audio/Visual leader and more.

If you are interested or want to know more talk to:
Dave White, Kendra Kennedy or Rachel in the church office.

VBS- Monday through Thursday July 22 - 25 / 5:30-8:00 pm

Children's Ministry News

Easter Sunday was quite an experience for our Sunday school children. Between the first and second service the Children were invited up to the Sunday school wing for an Easter Bunny Piñata celebration and an Easter Egg hunt. The Easter Bunny was a papier-mâché Piñata that held almost 9 pounds of candy. It was suspended from the ceiling, thanks to Les Olsen, just at the right height for the kids to clobber it with a big stick wrapped in a swimming noodle. It's pretty exciting watching those kids wind up and whack that bunny with all their might. It took several attempts, but when it finally broke open, there was an instantaneous pile of children swarming the candy pile on the floor. Quite a spectacle.

Following the Piñata, there was an Easter Egg Hunt for all the children thanks to the excellent egg hiding capabilities of Stacey Pestar. All in all, the kids had a really good time and so did the adults who watched.

Thank you to all those who donated candy to the Easter celebration. We had more than enough to fill the eggs and the bunny. We were able to bring a large basket of candy down to the fellowship hall for everyone to partake of. Many blessings to you for your generosity.

Last Day of Sunday school: May 19th

The last day of Sunday school will be the 19th of May. We will have Sunday school as usual followed by a celebration in the fellowship hall with parents and students.



July:
Vacation Bible School
July 22-25,
Starting 5:30 pm with dinner
Program: 6:00—8:00 pm



“ATHENS”

“Paul’s Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth”

This year's Vacation Bible School will be very much like the last two years. We will once again be following the Apostle Paul. This time we will follow him through his experiences in Athens. The four day VBS will give the children a glimpse of what it was like for Paul on his mission to spread God's Word. There will be a marketplace where children will do crafts, an outdoor arena for games, and lots of music and skits depicting Paul's adventures.

The VBS will be July 22nd through the 25th from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. The evening will start with a quick dinner in the fellowship hall, followed by the program at 6:00pm.

We will need lots of kids, and lots of volunteers. Be watching for our Volunteer Fair coming soon, but remember, you don't have to wait for the Fair to let Dave, Kendra or Rachel know that you would like to help with the program. The Group programs have been an amazing amount of fun and entertainment for kids and adults alike. Please mark your calendar for this event. A little dinner and a little fun with the kids; you'll love it!!

Rachel is putting the Registration Form on the church web site for your convenience. Please note the number in your party that will be attending the dinner each evening. Ya'll come! :)

Dave White

Director, Children's Ministry

Worship & Fellowship Assistants

F.A.S.T. Leader # 2 Anne Hofferth 360-299-1418 / timanne@cnw.com
 ALTAR Setup: Norma Knutsen, Jenny Remmerden, Gunilla Wold
 SOUND Team: Jim Carver, Brian Hanrahan, Kenny Holzemer, Dana McCoy, Linda Millo, Mark Tanis
 Power Point Team: Michael Hanrahan, Anita Holzemer, Pat Carrie Smith

May 5	9:00 am	10:30 am
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Rowan Meyers & Erin Kennedy	Madden Nations-Pearson & Reese Morgethaler
<i>Ushers:</i>	Kenny & Anita Holzemer	Randy Van Sweden & Wayne Olsen
<i>Greeters:</i>	Carleen Oldham & Serena Partch	Tim & Anne Hofferth
<i>Readers:</i>	Bill LeDuc	Lois cassidy
<i>Communion Assistants:</i>	Paula Olson & Tim Hofferth	Lois Cassidy & Anne Barry
<i>Coffee Serve/Cleanup:</i>	Dorothy Engom, Tim & Anne Hofferth	Adrienne Eide
<i>Coffee Hour Treats:</i>	Dorothy Engom, Paula Olson & Jan Vigre	Adrienne Eide & Inez Pedersen

May 12	9:00 am	10:30 am
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Owen Kennedy & Camryn Kerr	Jacob Elling & Ashlee Long
<i>Ushers:</i>	Rich Berentson & Tim Hofferth	Bill & Diane Gusa
<i>Greeters:</i>	Vera Jones & Renie Hofferth	Grace Boggio
<i>Reader:</i>	Pat Carrie Smith	Anne Barry
<i>Communion Assistants:</i>	Paula Olson & Tim Hofferth	Anne Barry & Grace Boggio
<i>Coffee Serve/Cleanup:</i>	Diane Berglund, Tim & Anne Hofferth	Tim & Anne Hofferth
<i>Coffee Hour Treats:</i>	Diane Berglund, Vera Jones & Serena Partch	Jean Rogers, Tim & Anne Hofferth

May 19	9:00 am	10:30 am
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Breann Morgenthaler & Mia Kennedy	Tristyn Connelly & Ethan Lust
<i>Ushers:</i>	Bud Rock & Dan Khile	Les & Carol Olsen
<i>Greeters:</i>	Howard & Serena Partch	Tim & Anne Hofferth
<i>Reader:</i>	Bill LeDuc	Lois Cassidy
<i>Communion Assistants:</i>	Paula Olson & Tim Hofferth	Lois Cassidy & Gunilla Wold
<i>Coffee Serve/Cleanup:</i>	Vera Jones & Jan Vigre	Tim & Anne Hofferth
<i>Coffee Hour Treats:</i>	DONUTS—Freewill offerings accepted to offset the cost	

May 26	9:30 am
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Talin Kerr & Gracia Tanis
<i>Ushers:</i>	Paul & Julie Dusenbury
<i>Greeters:</i>	Grace Boggio
<i>Reader:</i>	Bill LeDuc
<i>Communion Assistants:</i>	Grace Boggio & Gunilla Wold
<i>Coffee Serve/Cleanup:</i>	Paula Olson, Tim & Anne Hofferth
<i>Coffee Hour Treats:</i>	Paula Olson, Gunilla Wold, Tim & Anne Hofferth



LENTEN Soup Supper ~ Follow Up

Just wanted to extend a sincere thank you to all the Lenten Soup Supper participants! Over our five evenings of fellowship together, we had 5 groups serve soup and 5 groups clean up. In all, we served about 60 people dinner each week and collected \$936 in freewill offerings for ELCA World Hunger.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

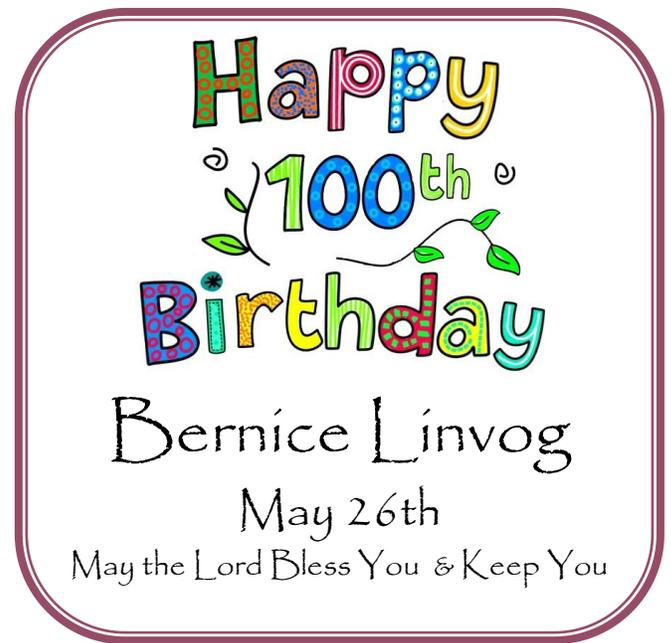
Kathy Khile, Fellowship chair

MAY
Birthday Blessings To You!

1	Catherine Eggleston	15	Thomas Knowles
1	Carter Eggleston	15	Evan Bruner
1	Lily May Dumas	16	Nathan Dent
1	Mike Trafton	16	Carol Kirby
4	Alasdair Holtz	16	Fred Tenoll
4	Yvonne Storme	17	Judy Card
5	Hannah Parker	17	Bill Sahnaw
6	Maxine Roose	17	Shyanne Smith
7	Ethan Lust	18	Susan Reed
7	Susan McCutcheon	18	Stacy Roux
7	Judy Pesaturo	19	Elliott Hofferth
9	Audrey Dunnington	20	Allyson Harrington
10	Lois Cassidy	21	Jeff Hrovat
10	Brian Hanrahan	21	Quinn Kurz
10	Kendra Kennedy	21	Dave Rapella
10	Michael Hanrahan	22	Jean Brown
10	Lara Knowles	22	Dee Holmes
10	Sue Larsen	22	Vera Jones
10	Goodie Lorentzen	22	Shenan Lewis
11	Megan Dumas	22	Krista Morgenthaler
11	Cory Geffe	23	Lucca Dumas
12	Kori Fosso	23	Judy Littlefield
12	Owen Kennedy	25	Camryn Kerr
12	Heidi Parker	26	Bernice Linvog
12	Blakely Swietzer	26	Don Sullivan
13	Ann Mayer	27	Lane Phelan
13	Rod Rothlisberger	28	Bill LeDuc
14	Anita Holzemer	29	Laurel Hernandez
14	Pat Wilson	29	Stephanie Poor

MAY
Wedding Anniversary!

1	Bill & Diane Gusa
5	Jim & Nancy Loftis
7	Bill & Karen Faulkner
10	Steve & Kori Fosso
12	Tim & Donna Marichich
13	Michael & Janice Sullivan
19	Don & Sharrie Dyer
25	Randy & Stacy VanSweden
26	Stan & Jenny Remmerden
27	Dennis & Christy Giddings
27	Dave & Mirth Moore
29	Klaus & Kristy Schoebel
31	Clarence & Julia Rogers



APRIL~ Sunday Worship Attendance

	EVENT	9:00 am	nursery	10:30 am	nursery	Total
7		124	2	87	0	213
14	Palm Sunday	143	4	104	5	256
18	Maundy Thursday			7:00 pm	68	68
19	Good Friday	Noon	38	7:00 pm	35	73
21	Easter Sunday	232	6	192	5	435
28		104	3	58	0	165

JUNE F.A.S.T. Team #3

Leader: Kristen Nations 360-873-8661
lifeofreilly_4@msn.com

Don & Doris Bird	Jan Nations
Jerry & Gail Bongard	Sue Reed
Paul & Julie Dusenbury	Jenny Remmerden
Rachel Franulovich	Bob & Jan Salnick
Kenny & Anita Holzemer	Vicki Stowe
Faith Legan	Agnes Wicknick
Polly Meyers	

ALC Council Minutes – April 11, 2019

In Attendance: Dave Bjornson, Rachel Franulovich, Earl Gibbons, Kathy Khile, Bill LeDuc, Les Olsen, Lane Phelan, Melanie Sahnaw, Karen Tavalero and Pastor Debra Benson.

Bill LeDuc called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and started with a Prayer.

Presidents Report: Reviewed minutes from last month's meeting notes, M/S/P. Talked about the church's need to update computers. Also updating the Windows Giving module, maybe a good asset for better reports.

Pastors Report: We are moving into Holy Week and Easter, lets practice hospitality and remember morning and evening prayers. A motion was made to have the financial secretary send financial reports 3 times a year, in Jan, May, Sept M/S/P.

Treasurers Report: Lane gave report that we are \$7k in the black after a large amount was given. We still need to be diligent about our giving to equal \$8200 a week to keep on track. The Lenten Dinner donation baskets money will go to ELCA World Hunger.

New Business: The Scholarship Committee needs volunteers to review the applications, we have 4 seniors with the scholarships being about \$1200 each. The Ministry Site Profile needs to be filled out by the Call Committee with help from Pastor and Rachel, and sent to the Bishop by May 15th. 4 things everyone can help with 1) Pray, 2) raise awareness for the ministry of Youth and Family, 3) job description and 4) the gifts to meet those needs.

Old Business: A motion was made by Lane to approve Bill LeDuc moving into the President position and he will still be liaison to the Call Committee. M/S/P Motion was made that Rachel Franulovich be our Education Chairperson, M/S/P

Personnel Report: No Report

WELCA Report: No Report

Education Report: Rachel reports the last day of Sunday school is May 17th, planning an appreciation dinner.

Outreach Report: Karen who updated the Prayer list? Pastor Debra and Rachel will update. The 4th of July parade, do we want to participate? It was discussed and decided that we skip this year and see how it goes.

Property Report: Les received the \$1850 from Legacy Endowment to go forward and order the new light bulbs for the church. The lift is operational now. The hot water heater was too hot and now turned down.

Fellowship Report: The last soup supper was slim on people but over all was well attended.

Youth Report: No Report

Preschool Report: No Report

Stewardship Report: Earl would like to raise up also what's happening outside Sunday morning. We have a lot going on. Kenny Holzemer was asked to be a delegate at the Synod Assembly on May 17-19 and at this time have not heard back. Pastor Butler is going. We need to step up offering. They have data questions for the financial secretary, would like to see an easier report to read and understand. Cemetery Plot at Campbell Lake?? This was a real estate transaction done in 1905, it's a shy 1 acre that is very over grown. Earl will do more research and make a trip out the look at with Bill and Les.

Worship Report: Worship meets Monday

The next Council meeting is May 9th at 6:30pm

Bill lead the Lord's Prayer and closed the meeting at 8:05pm

Blessings, Melanie Sahnaw



BISHOPS MESSAGE

Words of Encouragement

By the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop, NWWA Synod
From the MAY 2019 edition of *The Spirit*

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! - Psalm 27:14

I have been pondering what to share with the newly elected bishop. These are a few of my thoughts recorded before the election in order to reach the editor's deadline. I thought they might be of interest to the whole Synod.

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Dear Newly Elected Bishop,

Know that you were called by God to serve as a bishop of this church and that God will provide you with all that you will need.

It can be a daunting transition, but there will be many who will accompany you. The people of God will pray for you BY NAME on a regular basis. You will have a staff to share the highs and lows with. You will discover amongst the roster and laity those who will offer you encouragement and graciously speak the truth to you.

It is a great privilege to meet so many rostered ministers and wonderful lay people. I was also blessed to know better our specialized ministers and the amazing work they do.

The Vice President and the Synod Council will be your partners in offering leadership and direction.

Quickly, you will head off to Chicago for Bishop's Formation. It will be a time to bond with your class of newly elected bishops. It is very moving to share your call stories and wonder together if you are fit for what lies ahead. I am confident many of my classmates will be lifelong friends.

You will also have the rich experience of being part of the Conference of Bishops. It was a real eye opener for me coming from the Northwest to discover how diverse the practices of this church

are. Yet, I must say I have never experienced a group that works so hard to hear one another and does so in such a respectful way. The Conference became a lifeline for me.

Before you even settle in you will attend the Church wide Assembly where you will experience what it means to gather a thousand strong. You will be introduced to the many life-giving ways this church is present throughout the world. It is impressive to hear a thousand voices in song and prayer. (And this is from a guy who doesn't enjoy singing!)

The joy awaits you of being able to meet a host of judicatory leaders and interfaith leaders. This is a group that is growing stronger in solidarity against hate and hostility. They will walk alongside of you as together you share the challenges of navigating these times.

I encourage you to take advantage of the many ways in which Faith Action Network, our Public Policy Office, will invite your voice and presence to advocate for those who are marginalized by a political system that is deeply influenced by privilege and power.

One of my biggest surprises was discovering how deeply valued the church's voice is in a world that still hungers for a gracious moral grounding. I was amazed what it meant to others just to show up.

I want you to know that I am praying for you and will continue to, knowing that in addition to the joy and incredible opportunities there is the weight of the office. Coupled with the weight is the pace which at times will be unrelenting. You will need to discover new rhythms and ways to take care of yourself.

May God continue to richly bless you and sustain you as you have said "yes" to serve as a bishop of this church!

With gratitude to God for you,
Bishop (Not for long) Kirby Unt

