



**B e t h e s d a  
Lutheran Church**

# Bethesda Outlook

November, 2008

## *Bethesda Community Free Dinners*

**ALL are Welcome** – Bring your friends and neighbors. Come and enjoy a light meal, fellowship and build community, every Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall.

Dinner- 5:30-6:30ish

Taize Worship- 6:30-7:00pm

Choir – 7:30pm

**We need your help** with food preparation, set up, serving and cleanup. Please let Janice Bowen know where you might be able to help in this incredible time of grace.

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## It's not too late to join this Adult class on Sunday Mornings

### ***What's So Amazing about Grace-*** by Phillip Yancey

9-10am Sunday Mornings in Pr Malcolm's office

*Pr Malcolm and Charlie Brown invite you to stop by and engage with Phillip Yancey's 10 week study on grace and what it means to truly live a grace-filled life. This conversational study is held in Pr Malcolm's office every Sunday morning from 9-10am and is open to all. We have just completed week 4 but join us anyway as each weeks lesson stands on its own.*

*This class is truly challenging us to take God's grace to the streets. We will be working through a detailed study guide alongside a DVD with interviews and news clips as we explore together the depths of Biblical grace.*

*It's not enough to understand what grace is! This study will challenge us continually to put grace into action as individuals and as member of this community of faith here at Bethesda for our community.*

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*For more information Contact Pastor Malcolm @ [malcolmstjohn@earhlink.net](mailto:malcolmstjohn@earhlink.net) or 425-778-6390 or Charlie Brown @ 206-361-2542*

*Pastor Malcolm and Charlie Brown*

### From Pastor Malcolm's Desk

*Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.*

*St Francis of Assisi*

St Francis wrote these words over 800 years ago and often we, OK I often, have trouble living by them. So this month I want to share with you some images of how the Gospel of Jesus Christ was preached and shared by many of you at this mission outpost in Mountlake Terrace we call Bethesda Lutheran Church.

### ***Central Lutheran Soup Kitchen Meal***

Many joined Jean Leavens and Pr Malcolm for a day of service on Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Community Lunch Program through Central Lutheran Church on Capital Hill.

### ***“A Night to Remember”***

September 27<sup>th</sup> Ladies fashion Show and Luncheon Many women of the church enjoyed this wonderful after noon and the vintage fashion show put on by Goodwill.

### ***Blessing of the Pets - Teddy Bears also welcome***

On Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> we had a grand time of worship and praise with many of God's creatures.

### ***An evening of Giving and Fellowship at Tent City 3***

On Friday afternoon October 10<sup>th</sup> about 20+ members, friends and community members gathered at Bethesda Lutheran Church to prepare the food so many of you brought for this meal. Then about 15 of us set out to serve and sit down and share a meal with the residents at Tent City 3 currently at Haller Lake United Methodist Church.

**Taize Worship Images of Candles** as we pray, sing and reflect on the light of Christ in our lives. Join us Wednesday evenings for this half hour of gentleness and prayer.

**May you continue to preach and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in and with your life and indeed when necessary use words. Grace, Love, Joy and Peace be with you all,**

**Pr Malcolm**

## A Message From Our Council President

It is hard to believe that we are moving so quickly toward the end of another year! Perhaps it is because we are all so busy, more than I would have ever imagined when I was so bored during spring vacation back in the school days. What happened to that slow-down process as we moved toward retirement?

On the other hand, I am thankful that so much of those busy schedules do include the wonderful work going on around Bethesda Lutheran! Keeping a focus on what God has in mind for our lives is critical, but it doesn't mean that we are all going to keep the same pace. What He has in mind for each of us will vary, and all that is done around here is vitally important, no matter how little or how much time and effort is given.

That would be the same story with the monetary giving. You are blessed and the blessings come back.

I thank you all, again, for all the contribution of time and funds that you continue to share so that we may continue His work!

During our most recent Council gathering, we shared the following:

- We are requesting committees turn their anticipated budget requests for the coming year by November 16th. You may either email them to the church office, or drop them off at the office. The next Council meeting will be November 17th, so it is very important that we receive them by the 16th, although earlier would be good if possible.
- Projects are still in progress.
- Wednesday Evening Dinner & Taize Service is still going well.
- Other groups continue to meet throughout each week.
- Sunday School is becoming more involved & creative, which the students seem to be enjoying.

As we move forward, all your prayers are so appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me (678-8560) or email me at [smb1942@comcast.net](mailto:smb1942@comcast.net), or nudge me on Sunday mornings.

In the meantime, take care and God bless you and your families!

Sharon Boyd  
Council President

### BETHESDA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Please know that our committee remains in place, and continues to reach out to those in need in our community. We are thankful for the contributions we have received. You are a generous community!

There are specific envelopes in the hymnal rack on the pews, and additional envelopes in the Narthex.

May God bless you as you have blessed us!

## From Sno-King Cluster Pastoral Intern

Hello Everyone:

I am sorry that I haven't had the privilege of meeting each of you yet, but my name is Coe Hutchison and I am the Sno-King Cluster intern for 2008-2009. I am based at Trinity and am already very involved there. It is a joy and a privilege to be serving at Trinity. Let me take this moment to introduce myself. I look forward to getting to know each of you in the coming months.

My wife Janet and I live in Bothell. We are both western Washington natives. I was born in Everett to a two-generation Everett family. Janet grew up in Silverdale, WA. My family moved to Silverdale when I was in high school and that is where I met and married my high school sweetheart 32 years ago. We have two sons, David (27) and Steven (24) both of whom have finished college and are living in the area. Janet is a physical therapist at Steven's Hospital.

I spent thirty years in electric utility management, most of that with Snohomish PUD. When I retired, I wanted to give God more control of my life. Without a specific direction, I started classes in 2004 at Regent College, an "international graduate school of Christian studies" just to see how I liked it. *I loved it.* In the fall of 2005, while being prayed for on a men's retreat, I felt a strong call to pursue ordination. I finally gave in to what God had probably been calling me to do for years. As they say, "the rest is history." Giving God control of my life has turned out to be quite an adventure. We spent the last school year at Luther Seminary in Minnesota where we learned about a real mid-west winter. And now the adventure continues with the wonderful community at Trinity. We are excited to see what God has planned for us and to experience God's grace in new ways.

Thank you for your warm welcome. God bless you all,  
Coe and Janet.

### SOWING SEEDS OF HOPE

Our guest speakers on Sunday, October 20 were Gabby and Roy Radabaugh. They are from Trinity Lutheran Church of Lynnwood. SOWING SEEDS OF HOPE is an outreach program with a goal of earning enough money by recycling everything they can to help the women and children in Uganda.

They have collected thousands of plastic shopping bags, pounds and pounds of fabric that they hope to make into a sellable item.. The plastic bags are sorted into matching colored piles then counted and stuffed into Paper towel tubes, directions are printed on recycled paper, and all is inserted into newspaper bags, and tied with a piece of plastic bag strip. Their biggest hope is to teach the women of Uganda how to crochet these plastic bags into nice sturdy reusable shopping bags that they can sell to earn money to pay for shoes and uniforms for their children, so they can go to school. She hopes to be able to get a portable sewing machine to take there to also teach with.

Their material samples are being made into bags, purses, suitcase handles table runners etc. They would like anyone that can sew to help make some of these items if possible. She has all the supplies to finish whatever item you may choose to do. She is also open to new ideas.

Talk to Joy Halladay, and I can get you everything you may meet to do any of these projects.

## THRIVENT ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 16, 2008

On November 16, before and after church services, we will be having election of officers for the Southwest Snohomish County Thrivent Financial Chapter 30191. Please come by with a card that you should have received with your vote, turn it in and sign the sign-in sheet we will provide. If you forgot the card, you may vote on the ballots we will have available.

If you are not a Thrivent member, through buying their financial products, you may join for \$10.00 per year. We receive \$1,300.00 annually matching funds from Thrivent, provided we hold a function to raise that much money. We have received additional money for individuals who need help if we have had a fundraiser. We have received \$1,000.00 again this year for holding a Join Hands event. This money went into the kitchen remodel fund.

Why become an associate member? We need to have Thrivent members involved with the fund raising activities. We need six Thrivent members, or associate members, working on a function. It is a requirement that there be 3 congregational coordinators for each church. Also, if you, individually, give a donation to a Lutheran organization (Compass Center, Latch etc.) it may be matched 50%. There are free gifts available such books, tapes, videos or DVDs. Associate members can get 2 items annually.

Please check with any of us if you have questions about Thrivent Financial.

Your Thrivent Congregational Coordinators,  
Joan Minnis, Jeanette Anstice and Donna Veveris

## FOOD BANK

There is always a basket under the usher's table for non perishable items for the food bank. TP and paper items of all kinds baby food and diapers are always in great need.

There are several sign up sheets in the Narthex for Alter Flowers and Lay Readers Please serve by signing one of them.

## THANKS FOR SAVING ALUMINUM CANS

We made \$59.42 from aluminum can sales for our Sunday School projects. The price went down considerably but we still made some money.

Thanks for all of you who brought cans to my house or the church.

Joan Minnis for Bethesda Lutheran Sunday School

## SOUTH SNOHOMISH COUNTY HOLIDAY TOY SHOP

**PLEASE** donate your new and/or slightly used toys, toiletries, jewelry and games, dvd's, cd's, etc. for **ALL AGES!**

Contact Machel Hoffman for more information: 425-678-8482.

Look for a donation box in the social hall.

## Thoughts For The Month

by *Jeanne Krahn*

Tiny red poppies sprouting on lapels, pinned on sweaters or collars and occasionally on hats denoting those older fellows links to veteran's organization. What's with this and why? Tuesday, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, a few ceremonies may be taking place in veterans cemeteries, and flags will fly everywhere. Since 1954, we've called this federal holiday Veteran's Day to honor veterans of all wars for, as President Dwight Eisenhower told the nation, "their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good." Growing up, I knew this holiday as Armistice Day marking the end of World War I, "the war to end all wars". The great hope was dashed, a promise not kept. Now this holiday has a direct, heart felt meaning to millions of Americans who've watched family members go off to war and prayed constantly for their return. May I share someone's writing for this day: For All Our Heroes. They all fought for the red, white and blue. The white men, the black men, the Indians too. They were all heroes, or so it was said. When the blood flowed it was all crimson red. They all fought for freedom, side by side, some of them lived but too many died. They were all valiant soldiers, every man. They gave what they had to the last stand. We shouldn't forget them, not one single soul, and we should make sure their story is told. They fought for the freedom of every one, their bravery is known across our great land. For those up in heaven, or hell here on earth, we thank our father for our life since birth. They all are our heroes a much treasured lot, and we should thank them for all we have. So raise up your hands, give thanks to God for all the brave soldiers who lived and died. As our lives go on, and in freedom we live, we thank every soldier for what he could give.

Way, way too many families now have 2nd and 3rd generations off to war. One grandson left last week for another deployment to the other side of the world but still seriously involved dangerously as a Navy Seal. Many family prayers daily. Then again, how many of us are waking grumbling because daylight savings time ended November 2nd or smiling because that too-long drawn out, obscenely expensive campaigning for whatever office has ended and now the "what did I tell you" begins. "This is my statement and I approved of it" - oh, no! Not again—I'm going for a walk to marvel at the colors—truly a kaleidoscope! Whoosh! Good theory, lousy practice!

Too many campaign signs along the way, blackberries are withering and too many neglected weeds in our garden—back to writing.

Thanksgiving Day is creeping up on us after the ghosts, vampires, creepy critters and who knows what the others were at Halloween. It too often arrives unannounced. Days are growing shorter and fly by faster. Who notices the changing seasons? Christmas is announced everywhere, with a jillion weeks of commercialism. For three decades, Hule, editor of Godey's Lady's Book tried to have Thanksgiving Day proclaimed a national holiday. Although many states celebrated Thanksgiving annually, national observances were rare since George Washington declared the first national day of Thanksgiving in 1789. In 1863 President Lincoln declared the last Thursday of November "a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens." His proclamation, months after the bloody battle of Gettysburg, offered the ideals of faith, optimism and gratitude—a turning point even though the war lasted two more years. The president reminded this embattled nation that the year had been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies, harmony prevailed everywhere "except in the theatre of military conflict". The president finished his prayer of thanks with one of supplication asking for "the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it....to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and union." But again we are observing a wartime Thanksgiving but it also transcends war, politics and football—a day for reflection and renewal, a gathering of family, friends, freedom and opportunity.

Dear Lord—thank you for this gift of food you've placed upon our table—and help us all to do your work in any way we're able. Help us to remember and help those who have no blessings, no sense of belonging. Think of this: it's not what you gather but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived. Happy Thanksgiving and blessings for all.



## THE LUNCHOEN AND FASHION SHOW

What a wonderful time we had, visualizing our NIGHT TO REMEMBER, with Mary Lewis and her Goodwill Models. They put on a great show.

Mickey Schwald did a great job with our decorations and being hostess and M.C. for the afternoon.

Dena came up with another wonderful menu and we all had a great time cooking with Dena.

The Hospitality Committee was able to add \$575 towards the kitchen fund with our Luncheon.

Many thanks go to all who helped to make this happen. Every one had a great time thanks to all the kitchen help and setting up and serving. And clean up.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

## NECKLACES

Sharon Boehm brought back the directions and material from Arizona for the pretty necklaces you have been buying and wearing. Thank you

The necklaces are selling for \$5.00 apiece and we have made over \$400 going towards our kitchen fund. We have some new colors, and lots of necklaces made up. They make great gifts for the holidays.

## AUTUMN QUILT RAFFLE

On Rally Sunday, September 7 we pulled the name out of the box for the beautiful quilt of autumn colors made by Glenda Apitz. Congratulations go to Cliff Pearson for winning the quilt.

Many thanks go to Glenda for making such a great piece of art and donating it to Bethesda to raffle off for our Kitchen Fund. We brought in \$375.00.

Thank you everyone.

### NEW NOAHS ARK QUILT

I hope you have all seen the new Noah's Ark Quilt that Glenda has made. It is really great. Tickets are on sale now for \$1.00 apiece or 6 for \$5.00. Please talk to Maxine Helms or Mickey Schwald.

SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>,  
10:15 A.M

### FAMILIES WORSHIP

**TOGETHER!** Witness our Confirmation Class and the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders as they assist with today's worship service.

## Youth Christmas Program

Our rehearsals have begun for *"The Big Hand Off!"* Key players, please attend as many rehearsals as you can. Let Dena Lee, director, or Anna Matteucci, assistant director know if you are unable to attend a rehearsal.

### Saturday Rehearsals:

November 1, 8, 15, & 22—1-3 pm

**Technical Rehearsals:** Saturdays, December 6 & 13—1-3 pm. Sunday, December 7, 9-10 am

### Preschool & Elementary

**Rehearsals:** Sunday, December 7, 9 am

### ALL CAST & TECH DRESS

#### REHEARSAL:

**SATURDAY, DEC. 13, 1-3 PM & SUNDAY, DEC 14<sup>TH</sup>, 9-10 AM!!!**

Dena Lee, director: 206-368-9446  
Anna Matteucci, assistant director:  
425-778-0841



We mourn the recent loss of two members of Bethesda Lutheran Church; **Edna Wilson** who died on September 7th, and **Roy Seale** who died on October 1st. Both Edna and Roy have been active members of Bethesda since 1955 and will be missed.

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