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Lutheran Church**

Bethesda Outlook

July/August, 2009

From Pastor Malcolm's Desk

Bethesda to be Internship Site once again for 2009/2010 Cluster Intern - Praise God!

The SNO/King Cluster intern for the 2009/2010 year has been assigned to us here at Bethesda Lutheran Church. I will be taking on the responsibility of being the intern's Supervisor and over the summer will be forming an Intern Committee of at least 6 members. Please let me know if this is of interest to you. You can call me at 425-778-6390 or email at prmalcolmb@gmail.com.

Both the Sno/King Cluster and Seminary Intern programs from Luther Seminary and PLTS (Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary) believe that we are an excellent teaching site for several reasons. We are a small but growing congregation in an area where many congregations are declining in membership. We are working hard transforming ourselves into a missional, relational and incarnational congregation for the 21st century focusing on the needs of our community as we listen first to their needs, walk with them and then share with them the love and grace of God and the light of Jesus Christ. And, we are also a place that is intentionally engaging with today's life issues, a place that loves people and is a safe place to learn and grow where grace happens.

The intern's name is Jacquie Berlien and she will begin her full year/ full time internship with us on September 1st. I am looking forward to another opportunity for all of us to walk along side, teach, mentor, guide and also learn from Pastoral Intern Jacquie as she takes what she has learned in seminary and applies it in ministry with us. I believe that this is an incredible blessing and gift for us to be able to engage in the developmental process of another Pastoral Intern as she prepares to serve the Body of Christ in her future ministry setting.

I spent May 27th and 28th at the San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville, California being trained as a supervisor and had the opportunity to spend some time getting to know Jacquie. After that time together I am convinced that not only will we be a blessing to her and the future of the church, but she will be a blessing to us and God's mission in Mountlake Terrace.

Pastor Malcolm

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Got Questions? Let's Talk!

Got a Question for Pastor Malcolm or Charlie Brown

I invite you to come have coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a breakfast snack every Sunday morning from 9am-9:45 am beginning July 5th through August 30th

I will be available every Sunday Morning and Charlie will be able to be with me on Sundays July 12th and August 9th.

Come and ask whatever is on your mind; or that nagging question you would like to challenge me with; or ask specifically what it is like to be a pastor or a pastors spouse in 2009 or, maybe you are wondering about the fast paced changes in our world and ministry?

Healing Prayer Service

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month - 6pm

Pr Malcolm from Bethesda Lutheran Church along with Fr Richard St. Clare of *St John The Beloved*, a Reformed Catholic Parish will be leading a time of prayer, healing and hope.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, nor let them be afraid."

We invite you to Come- All are Welcome!

We gather to provide a spiritual home where everyone may come and gather to be filled with the love of Christ, pray, receive forgiveness and mercy, and be spiritually nourished and sustained by the Word.

Who and what is a reformed Catholic Parish?

Saint John The Beloved is a Reformed Catholic Parish located in Mountlake Terrace, Washington.

We are a community committed to Christ's teachings and the call to "Love one another as I have loved you."

Our arms are open wide in the spirit of Christ to all who are seeking His love and spiritual guidance.

Our practices are founded within the tradition of the Orthodox Catholic Church and the Old Catholic Church of Utrecht.

We are a valid Catholic church with our ordained clergy tracing their succession back to Peter, 38 A.D.

The liturgical structure of the Reformed Catholic and Roman Catholic Masses are identical.

We retain basic Catholic beliefs of love, faith, spirituality, prayer and sacramentality.

In regard to social justice, we are an inclusive open and affirming church; we accept all who are seeking the love of God.

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Lord again provided wonderful weather for us to accomplish much needed work at our June 13th work party. Many line items on the long list were completed. Work was done on all of the buildings, including the rental house, and on the property grounds. Closets were cleaned out, the shed was finally cleaned out and many of the items have been finished! Many of you have been doing things on the list before the work party and marked them off. Thanks for doing that even though some of you could not be there on Saturday. All help is appreciated.

The list will be refined and posted again. The Committee is considering have a work party each month this summer to clear more items off the list.

Thanks to the Hospitality Committee for making a delicious lunch for all of us!

Many hands make light labor. Thanks to all for your assistance.

Facilities and Grounds Committee

Reports From Our Council

Finance

Chairperson: Mickey Schwald. Members: Joan Minnis, Cliff Pearson, Walt Smith, Keith Storm, Alex Colorado, Mickey Schwald, Jean Leavens and Sue Rasmussen, Treasurer.

We were not in “the red” for the month of May. We are currently working on switching to QuickBooks. We will continue to post the monthly financial information in Around Bethesda.

Facilities

Chairperson: Larry Fisher. Members: Cliff Pearson, Joy Halladay, Joan Minnis

Facilities is planning more summer work parties due to the large nature of the amount of work needed to be done on church property. They are continuing to investigate the expense of a new parking lot.

Hospitality

Chairperson: Joy Halladay. Members: Maxine Helms, Florence Carlson, Betty Henderson, Darlene Johnson, Dena Lee, Machel Hoffman, Margaret Berghuis, Judith Hamre.

The Kairos cookie project is moving along smoothly. We are looking for people to help with “Hot Dogs and Hugs” for Tour-De-Terrace

Outreach

Chairperson: Norma Elliot. Members: Janice Bowen for Community Dinners, Merry Wick for Bethesda Community Services, Joan Minnis for Angie Lauer, our missionary in Gulu, Machel Hoffman and Joy Halladay for Arts and Crafts Festival.

Joy Halladay put a plea in for help with the Arts and Crafts Festival.

We are working together to keep our communication clear, be our own resource bank and support one another.

Worship, Art & Music

Chairperson: Pat Olsen. Members: Jean Leavens, Judy Rasmussen, and Alex Colorado.

Dena Lee has resigned from the Worship and Music Committee due to new roles and responsibilities at Bethesda.

Education

Chairperson: Laurie McCraney. Members: Joy DeGraff, Dena Lee, Maxine Helms, Betty Henderson, Joan Minnis.

Currently inactive. They will resume monthly meetings in August (first Tuesday of each month at 7pm)

Stewardship

Chairperson: Judy Rasmussen

Sue Rasmussen has left this committee due to new roles and responsibilities at Bethesda. Sharon Boyd may come in as a committee member.

Miscellaneous

Kitchen AdHoc: Members: Larry Fischer, Cliff Pearson, Joy Halladay, Joan Minnis, Maxine Helms, Darlene Johnson

Audit: Members: Joy DeGraff, Caryl Klingensmith, Glen Engelstad

Nominating: Members: Larry Fischer, Stephanie McArdle, Sharon Boyd, Sue Rasmussen.

Rental: Members: Joan Minnis, Cliff Pearson, Jeanette Anstice

Dear Bothers & Sisters In Christ,

Thank you for entrusting me with the role of Council President. I am looking forward to being an instrument of God as I “co-lead” our congregation. Our focus this year is to deepen and strengthen our RELATIONSHIPS with God, ourselves, our church and community and each other.

Our Church council meets once a month and is an open meeting. Please know that you are welcome to be an observer. Maybe you have a gripe. Express your concern at a council meeting. We will listen and respond.

Respectful
Encouraging
Loving
Around
Trusting
Interpersonal
Open
Now be here
Spiritual
Heartfelt
Introspective
Positive

God has given us many gifts. Let’s uncover them and use them!

In Christ,

Dena Lee, Council President

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DATE		COMMUNION ORGANIZER	LAY READER	READINGS
July 5	Fifth Sunday After Pentecost	Dorothy Wilson	Gary Wilson	Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13
July 12	Sixth Sunday After Pentecost	Dorothy Wilson	Gary Wilson	Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85:8-13 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29
July 19	Seventh Sunday After Pentecost	Dorothy Wilson	Gary Wilson	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 26	Eighth Sunday After Pentecost	Dorothy Wilson	Gary Wilson	2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-18 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21



JULY

2 - Tim Currier

6 - Shaun Cunningham

7 - Ed Hinson

9 - Mimi Seale

12 - Thomas Klingensmith
Shailee Kosko

14 - Robert Porter
Verna Uhl

17 - Roy Johnson

18 - Veronica Rhoten

25 - Kaloafu Tonga

27 - Tim Krahn

28 - Rebecca Angel

30 - Melissa Bader

DATE		COMMUNION ORGANIZER	LAY READER	READINGS
Aug. 2	Ninth Sunday After Pentecost	Barb Van Deren	Kari Brown	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35
Aug. 9	Tenth Sunday After Pentecost	Barb Van Deren	Kari Brown	1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51
Aug. 16	Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost <u>JOINT SERVICE</u> <u>AT BETHESDA</u>	Barb Van Deren	Kari Brown	Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58
Aug. 23	Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost	Barb Van Deren	Kari Brown	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34:15-22 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69
Aug. 30	Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost	Barb Van Deren	Kari Brown	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



AUGUST

4 - Albert Veveris

6 - Brandy Donald

8 - Stephanie McArdle

11 - Christina Bader

13 - Kenny Pearson

18 - Luke Klingensmith

23 - Mickey Schwald

24 - Darrell Lee

29 - Jerry Rhoten

Dorothy Wilson

30 - Stan Krahn

Thoughts For The Month

"She is too fond of books and it has turned her brain—" from Louisa May Alcott's semi-autobiographical novel *"Work: A Story of Experience"*. Well, here I am - trying - a bit of every day - to sort out a jillion books from our book case. Maybe it's only a shelf a day because I'm a reader and books, for me, are like Horace Mann writes, *"A house without books is like a room without windows—"* so not too much worry here because no way can I give them all away, though some go to family like one of my dad's, mom's, etc., memos of my college days particularly history and literature. Where will they go? Thought maybe some school might be interested but was told most kids don't read that stuff anymore—they go on internet, Google search, etc. What a loss! All rather dates me doesn't it?

Think of that old adage, *"You are what you eat"* applies to our bodies but our personal philosophies, morals, and beliefs (and our health also) are shaped by what we read. Stan's certain I read much too much with a brain trying to spill out all this whatever. I guess it's so. Once a reader, always a reader. I'm too old to change and I really don't want to. I'm also a letter writer—yep, actually written words on a piece of paper. My motto: *"E-mail rushes to and fro, since paper letters seem too slow. But we prefer the status quo — this card was sent by escargot."*

Ah, it's summer. Enjoy all the lush sun-ripened fruits and veggies—farmer's markets everywhere—not only a boon for you, our economy, but the ecology everywhere. Are you a gardener? Isn't it an act of hope and faith? Nobody thinking there will be no tomorrow would take time to cover seeds with dirt in much anticipation of the outcome. *How To Plant Your Garden—first you come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses:*

For the Garden of Your Daily Living, Plant Three Rows of Peas:

Peace of mind; Peace of heart; Peace of soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash:

*Squash gossip; Squash indifference; Squash grumbling;
Squash selfishness*

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce:

*Lettuce be faithful; Lettuce be kind; Lettuce be patient;
Lettuce really love one another*

No Garden Is Without Turnips:

*Turnip for meetings; Turnip for service; Turnip to
help one another*

To Conclude Our Garden Planting We Must Have Thyme:

*Thyme for each other; Thyme for family; Thyme for
friends*

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is

by Jeanne Krahn

*so much in your garden because you reap what you sow —
anon.*

Above is repeated from 2002 but good to clutter our brains again once in a while—you know—read it again!

Fourth of July. Independence Day. How often or have you ever read our Declaration of Independence? Thomas Jefferson revealed the date of signing of the Declaration was because of insects, not men, because they had been meeting in a building near a livery stable. The flies had become so "veracious", they signed quickly to get away. History differs. July 4, 1776, the date when John Hancock, President of the Congress, signed the first draft for printing but it actually became effective March 1, 1781, with the signatures of the other delegates. No instant e-mail those days but a lot of celebrating to begin its journey to immortality. July 8th it was read to an enthusiastic crowd in Independence Square—another group at the edge of the commons celebrating with bon fires and the ringing of the now famous Liberty Bell. The next day General George Washington shared the text of this inspiring declaration with his troops. Boston was next with a July 18th celebration, adding booming cannons and chiming church bells sounding a symphony of freedom. What words do we remember? *"We hold these truths to be self evident... that all men are created equal... that they are endowed with inalienable rights... that among them are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness..."*

Independence Day was the first national holiday celebrated on July 8, 1776 in Philadelphia, the capital at that time. All of the colonies except New York had approved the Declaration on July 4th. John Hancock signed so large that King George III could read it without his glasses. After New York approved it on July 15th, it was hand-printed on parchment and signed by 50 members on August 2nd.

"Nuf history lesson for 2 months! Yep—this is to carry you through July and August. We have company from Denmark end of July—fun, fun! You also can have fun as Thomas Kinkade says, *"Anyone can spare 15 minutes a day for the practice of conscious joy!"* Make a list of: 7 things you want to read. Read them. 6 people you want to meet. Meet them. 5 interesting places you've never seen. See them. 4 positive experiences you've never had. Have them. What a start for summer! Mix some vinegar and salt, pour right over your garden weeds! That's bound to make you smile instead of fretting! Cheers!

Aqua Sox!! & BBQ!!

MAKE NEW MEMORIES - BBQ and BASEBALL. Bring family, grandkids and neighbors to Aqua Sox game, Friday August 21st 5:30 pm. Thrivent is subsidizing the first 200 tickets - \$10/person (kids, adults) gets you dinner and a game. Sunny day, big smiles, and wonderful memories are FREE.

DEADLINES: Please sign up with your Thrivent congregational Coordinator by July 30th, payment by Aug 5th, or contact Jim Wassall - (425) 672-1319 or jwassall@comcast.net

Jaye Colorado Lill



The New Lutheran Witness

It truly has been a busy month. The Community Dinner served 120+ at the catered BBQ. We have handled, moved, cooked or gave away many carloads of food to local churches, Tent City and Operation Night Watch.

We now are a part of a congregate feeding program sponsored by Volunteers of America. This is limited at this point to receiving and supplying stock pot soup in restaurant size packages for ourselves and our associates. Many "functioning" tools such as carts and kitchen supplies have been donated recently, mostly by Central Market. It is greatly appreciated when moving hundreds of pounds of products in a couple of hours.

Tent City III will be moving on the 20th of June. We have been able to have first hand contact with their kitchen supervisor so that we may better serve them as we can. Feeding and sharing our bounty from our Sunday night gleanings at Central Market is just part of our relationship with Tent City. Many times during the week we take food and supplies up to them. The last haul on a hot day was popsicles, ice cream and sandwich meat. They loved it of course! Please ask any time if you wonder what is happening or how you can help.

Love,
Janice

Book Club

HEY EVERYONE!

WE HAVE A NEW NON-BOOKCLUB BOOKCLUB!

Do you like to read? We want to share a very prayerful novel to share with you. It is called "The Shack" by Wm. Paul Young. Read about Mack's Great Sadness and his weekend with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit that transformed his life. Who knows, maybe this story will transform you!

To participate in this non-book club book club, you have to do is put your name on the list. We have several copies of "The Shack" circulating our congregation now. As someone completes their reading, they will look for your name and pass the book along. When you finish, look for a new name on the list, introduce yourself to that person and share the book with them.

We will have an informal discussion about "The Shack" in early October!

Thanks!

Your Church Council

Dena Lee, Pres., Jeff Thedens, Vice Pres., Sue Rasmussen, Treas., Alex Colorado, Sec. and Sharon Boyd, Norma Elliot, Joy Halladay, Joan Minnis, Cliff Pearson, and Walt Smith.

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HOT DOGS AND HUGS

MUSIC

ART

CONTESTS

GAMES

DRUMMING AND MORE!!
