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# Bethesda Outlook

October, 2010



## *Blessing of the Pets* *Teddy Bears also welcome* **Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:15am**

*This year we invite you and your pet(s) to attend our entire worship service together. The service will last no more than an hour and will include a brief order of worship and The Lord's Supper, followed by the Service of Blessing*

***Please invite your friends and neighbors for what promises to be a fun and spirit filled event.***

***PLEASE NOTE:*** In consideration of other peoples pets please have your pet on a leash or in an appropriate cage or carrier. If you have a difficult pet and are not sure if you should bring your pet, please contact Pastor Malcolm. You can bring a picture of that pet or I will be happy to come to your home and do the blessing there.

See you and your Beloved Pet or Teddy Bear in Church on

**Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:15am**

### ***Some background information and 'Blessing of Pets and Animals'***

As autumn arrives, people in various places may notice something odd.

A procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, is led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets.

This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. Francis, whose feast day is October 4th, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey.

Francis wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." And there was testimony in the cause for St. Clare of Assisi's canonization that referred to her little cat!

That there are today over 62 million cats in the U.S. attests to the continuing affection we have for our furry, feathered or finned friends. We've even had a cat called Socks in the White House. Other popular presidential pets range from Abraham Lincoln's Fido to Lyndon Johnson's beagles, named Him and Her.

For single householders, a pet can be a true companion. Many people arrive home from work to find a furry friend overjoyed at their return. Many a senior has a lap filled with a purring fellow creature.

The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye-to-eye, a man and his dog, or a woman and her cat, are two creatures of love.

No wonder people enjoy the opportunity to take their animal companions to church for a special blessing. Church is the place where the bond of creation is celebrated.

At Franciscan churches, a friar with brown robe and white cord often welcomes each animal with a special prayer. The Blessing of Pets usually goes like this:

*"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."*

## *Bethany of the NW Sunday Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup>*

*We are a partner and sponsoring congregation of Bethany of the Northwest. On Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our relationship with this ministry. Bethany has seven locations in the Everett area providing a variety of services, in a variety of settings.*

*On Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup> we will welcome Pr. Rod Vereb, (Bethany's Director of Spiritual Care) as he shares with us the message for this day. He will also be available during our fellowship time following the 10:15 Worship Service to share information and answer and questions you may have. Come and learn more about this outreach ministry we sponsor every year with our congregational Benevolence*

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## *Reformation Sunday - Oct 31<sup>st</sup> - Bible Sunday*

***REMEMBER THE COLOR OF THE DAY IS RED***

On Reformation Sunday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> during the 10:15 am service we will be giving a Bible to your student'(s) to have in your home. Last year every child and even some adults received age appropriate Bibles. This year Bibles will be given to those who have moved into a *new* age appropriate Bible and who have come to our community since last years Bible Sunday.

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## ***All Saints Sunday-*** November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

*All Saints' Day is a universal festival of the Church. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints.*

*The custom of commemorating all the martyrs of the Church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints' Day (Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>) celebrates not only the martyrs and saints, but all the people of God, living and dead, who together form the mystical body of Christ.*

*During the 10:15am worship service on Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a special reading of the names of those who have died since All Saints' Sunday last year. If there is a name you want to include on this list, please contact the church office:*

*E-Mail: [jean@bethesdalcm.com](mailto:jean@bethesdalcm.com) or call and leave a message@: 425-778-6390*

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## From Your Council President

Over the next few months Bethesda's Council will be doing a lot of discernment! Some of our challenges will be to determine the method of funding and payback for the parking lot project, addressing inappropriate behavior and our understanding of what good stewardship might look like at Bethesda. We will review Pastor's salary as well as conduct an open evaluation of our deepening understanding of our relationships with Pastor, the Congregation and Community and each other. The Council will also address the meaning of Hospitality at Bethesda.

Please remember that the Council is here to serve you, Bethesda's Congregation. If you have any questions or issues, we hope that you will step forward and speak out. The Congregation is always welcome to attend a Council meeting. Council meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7 pm in the office.

*"But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."* Luke 14:15

Faith and Trust,

Dena Lee

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## ***Would you like to dedicate a New Hymnal? The ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book) Is the new cranberry colored service book which has replaced the green book.***

We now have 100 of these wonderful worship books in our pews purchased for us by an anonymous donor.

When I graciously and humbly accepted this gift on behalf of Bethesda the donor and I spoke of the possible desire for many to want to purchase these Hymnals in memory of a beloved one or to the Glory of God.

If you wish to purchase an ELW in memory of a loved one or to the Glory of God you may do so beginning in May. There will be forms and envelopes available for you to make a donation to cover the cost of these books (\$25/each) and to request a nameplate to be placed in a book to honor a loved one or to the Glory of God.

At the request of our initial benefactor any money collected will be used to further our mission to serve God and the people of Mountlake Terrace and beyond.

If you have any further questions, please contact Pr Malcolm @ Bethesda 425-778-6390 or by email: [prmalcolmb@gmail.com](mailto:prmalcolmb@gmail.com)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>OCTOBER 2010</h1>					1 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon AA Mtg. - 6:00pm	2 Hospitality Comm. mtg. - 10:00am Exec. Comm. Mtg. Noon
3 <b>BLESSING OF PETS</b> Worship - 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm	4 Community Dinner 5:30pm WAM Committee 5:30pm Facilities Committee 6:30pm @ J. Minnis'	5 Brownies - 6:30pm Education Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm Jammers rehearsal 7:00pm	6 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	7 Brownies - 6:30pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm	8 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon AA Mtg. - 6:00pm	9 Comm. Dinner Mtg. 10:00am
10 Worship - 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm	11 MTM Mtg. 10:00am Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm Community Dinner 5:30pm Finance Committee 7:00pm	12 Happy Cakes baking 5:30pm Jammers rehearsal 7:00pm	13 Esther Circle 10:00am Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm Lake Village Condo mtg. - 6:45pm	14 Life Group 6:00pm Brownies - 6:30pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm	15 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon AA Mtg. - 6:00pm	16 Xmas Pageant reh. 10:00am <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Mountlake Terrace Senior's Group Crab Feast 2:00 to 6:00 pm</div>
17 Worship - 10:15am Outreach Comm. Noon Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm	18 Community Dinner 5:30pm Council Meeting 7:00pm	19 Happy Cakes baking 5:30pm Red Onion Fund Raiser - 5:30pm Brownies - 6:30pm Jammers rehearsal 7:00pm  <b><u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u></b>	20 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	21 Brownies - 6:30pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm	22 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon AA Mtg. - 6:00pm	23 Men's Fellowship 8:00am Xmas Pageant reh. 1:00pm
24 Worship - 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm	25 Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm Community Dinner 5:30pm	26 Twins Club 5:00pm Jammers rehearsal 7:00pm	27 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	28 Life Group 6:00pm Brownies - 6:30pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm	29 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon AA Mtg. - 6:00pm	30 Xmas Pageant reh. 1:00pm
31 <b>REFORMATION &amp; BIBLE SUNDAY</b> Worship - 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm	Help Bethesda reduce its printing and mailing expense by receiving Bethesda's newsletter via e-mail!! The newsletter is also available on our website. If you are interested in being removed from the mailing list, contact Jean leavens, our office administrator: 425-778-6390					

## Bethesda Youth and Interested Adults:

Auditions for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual presentation of *“The Second Shepherd’s Pageant a, Renaissance Christmas Play”*, will be held on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am –noon in the Sanctuary.

We need actors, singers, musicians, dancers, drummers and backstage hands.

We could use a music leader to help us learn our Christmas Carols.

We need able-bodied people to help move and assemble our stage as well as strike and return it to the University of Washington.

The Second Shepherd’s Pageant will be presented as part of Worship Service on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am and performed again for the general public at 3:00 pm the same day.

For more info, contact Dena: 206-368-9446

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**BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY**

### OCTOBER

- 1 - Carol Klingensmith
- 4 - Alec Bueing
- 8 - Chris Hood  
Marion Gesinger
- 9 - Judy Rasmussen
- 10 - Robin Olson
- 11 - Lara Cochran (Fischer)
- 13 - Marillyn Johnson  
Erik Rasmussen
- 14 - Kiely Ann Sherman
- 17 - Norma Elliott
- 20 - William Tonga
- 24 - Louise Whipple
- 28 - Alex Colorado
- 30 - Alexander Pearson

## Thoughts For The Month

by *Jeanne Krahn*

Ouch! Seemingly there was a wall of silence after the September's writings about computers, etc. No apologies! Just pick up and read the newspaper or watch the news on TV for what is going on in our world and are we doing anything about it. "10% of Americans under 50 say they would be willing to have an implant of a device in their brain to be connected to the internet, if that were possible." Haven't we lost touch with the complex ways in which everything is interconnected? Life is not a kit of parts. Words connect us over time and space but how and when? Martin Burbaum writes "Life is a wonderful thing, and sweet .. if we let it swirl around our feet and know that we are a living part .. of all the worlds' pulsating heart. To make life's meaning firm and clear there are rules to follow here, simple rules as most rules go .. given 2,000 years ago. Deny no man what he wants to believe, respect his thoughts, and don't deceive .. take him by the hand and lead .. for all are equal in fear and pain .. we shall all die—and rise again .. and no man is greater than another .. in the eyes of God—each is our brother." God is all around us as He has always been .. but the doorway of our human heart must open from within. Easy to say, easier to write on a piece of paper but often so difficult to enact. We make ourselves feel guilty—if we do not meet our own expectations. God is truly one of relationships for one another. But life goes so quickly as we age. Do we really take time to look at one another? Does anybody ever realize life while they have it? Never betray yourself or your values by allowing others to make the choices.

During all of this hullabaloo during the present time of 9-11 and the Muslims again brings to my mind an aspect of my life—completely changing thoughts of a portion of my growing up years and after. My mother died early 1940, my brother and I moved to live with my paternal grandmother as my dad's work as a logger kept him away during the week. Grandma, widowed during World War I years, worked very long and difficult hours on their homestead farm milking cows, shipping the milk daily—big garden, many chickens, occasionally a cow to slaughter for food, etc. Yet the reverberations of the home were also many friends coming by, often walking down through the woods, across the hay fields, to visit, have coffee and the Finnish cardamom bread pulla (my job to bake when I was there). The stoic Finns—SISU prevailed—a word meaning endurance, guts, helping, caring, however the situation. Left the farm—its hardships, love, caring family for further schooling, eventual marriage (we eloped—the navy ship came to port) living from each coast to west coast as a Navy wife—back to see Grandma and the farm as I could while she was there but time takes its toll of everything changing when she was gone and other family members owned, and rented the property until it was sold to a Muslim gathering. A what? My shock exactly when I first found out.

Fortunately, that day this German doctor (What is his official title? What do I refer to him as?) was there as we drove up the driveway—the big gate was open—and often introductions and much discussion about why I was interested, etc., etc., he asked if I'd like to go inside the house. Mixed emotions everywhere! To make this long story short, they have landscaped the orchard, fenced all back acreage, no more barn, only an asphalt, lighted parking lot, no outhouse, woodshed and wash house are refurbished. In the back of the acreage is their Muslim cemetery—at that visit 17 grave sites, etc. All very clean, neat, refurbished, etc. They hope to eventually have a school there. Now it is a social gathering place for caring and sharing. No complaints or protests from upper or across the road properties. The lower half is part of the Soos Creek trail past the old pump house, the spring in the woods, etc. Now where am I? The thoughts of Muslims gathering and working on land, homesteaded, cleaned and worked for so many years by my Finnish family, even my brother and I for a few years when it was our home—leaves me where? What do I think when it does come to mind? Probably the biggest question always popping up is "Good Lord, what would Grandma think? Her Finnish friends?" All homesteaders on the 40 acre "stump ranches" as they called them. But peacefully, Muslims are gathering there, seemingly not bothering anyone—and total land looks better than it has in years. So be it! Do I remember the good old days? Yes, often—my own ties to my Finnishness (both sides—all the way back to 1500's at least) is probably a second nature. Why does it stay with me and what does it mean?

Whoosh! "Nuf of that! With so much blathering and accusations, guess I just had to share with friends where some Muslims are in my life. Ok—what's your water foot print today? No, not our recent rains, flooding world wide, tsunamis, etc., but so many of us 'city folk' don't realize what their foot print on nature is. One California farmer scoffed, "They sit in their ivory tower and don't realize what it takes to keep them alive." This farmer's complaint underscores the curious, often unexamined aspect of our relationship with water. We cut our showers short and let our toilets go yellow, but that's only 6% of water we consume. The other 94% comes from products we buy, everything from almonds and tomatoes to blue jeans and microchips. One gallon grows one almond, 25 gallons for a cantaloupe and, wow, 55 gallons for 1 pound of tomato paste. The average person in the developed world drinks a gallon of water each day but "eats" another 800 gallons. And as Americans, our water consumption per capita is twice the world's average. Too many words now on "our water foot print" and the \$90 shirts of 68¢ cotton. More next month.

"Remember friendship is like shares in a growing company. The investment isn't easy, but the dividends enrich our lives." (Ken Budd).



***Turn off the TV, Put down the newspaper and magazines, Set the cell phone on silence, and invest 5 minutes in your Family with these 5 simple steps***

1. **SHARE** highs & lows of the day
2. **READ** and highlight a verse of Scripture in your Bible
3. **TALK** about how the verse relates to your highs & lows
4. **PRAY** for your highs & lows, for your family, and for the world
5. **BLESS** one another

## ***The FAITH 5 (Faith Acts In The Home)***

*Care to have some fun, keep your family communicating every night, and grow in your understanding of yourself and God? Try this simple five-step process for the next eight weeks and see if it doesn't help! Here's how you do it: Whoever is going to bed first in your home calls "FAITH 5" or "Huddle Up!" Everyone must drop what they're doing, turn off the television, put down the newspaper or their homework, set the cell phone on silence and gather in a room of the convener's choice. Then take turns going through these five simple steps:*

### **Continue the tradition of caring.**

Your local Thrivent chapter has donated funds for church and community events of over \$150,000 during the last 9 years. Now, due to term limitations, and events, we don't yet have a quorum to continue in 2011. Please consider being on the board, which has one Sat. luncheon meeting a month. We'd like to continue our program of service, which includes matching funds, aqua sox events, outings, Job Transitions, Identity Theft workshops, quilt batting and more. Our matching funds contributed to youth programs, church kitchen funds, community dinners, jazz nights and choir concerts, food banks, nursing homes, hospital chaplaincy, homeless shelters, jobs programs, and Church of the Beloved, Jeremiah Center outreaches. You make a difference to continue this good work. Join the board for

SW Snohomish County Chapter Thrivent for Lutherans. Call Jaye- 425.361.1897.

Also,

### **Be safer; protect your identity.**

Sat. Oct 16th, 10-2pm a shredder truck will be available at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church (214th and 44th Ave West Mountlake Terrace) to safely discard private papers. Open to the general public, there will also be an Identity Theft seminar at 10:30am, followed by community picnic at noon. All events are FREE; sponsored by the SW Snohomish County Chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans. You may also use this as a community outreach to your neighbors, to touch bases with them - tell them about your church and the things Lutherans do to care for each other and the community. More info? Call Jaye- 425.361.1897.

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