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Bethesda Outlook

October 2011



Blessing of the Pets

Teddy Bears also welcome

Sunday October 9th @ 10:15am

Bishop Wm Chris Boerger will be with us on this day to preach and take part in blessing our Beloved Pets and Teddy Bears

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, The Lord's Supper, and a time 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

Annual Candle Lighting Service for Mental Illness **Sunday October 16th, 2011**

The All-Lutheran Candle Lighting for Mental Illness is held during the month of October. On Sunday October 16th we at Bethesda will be lighting a candle on the altar and will pray for persons with mental illness and for their families.

Bethany of the NW Sunday ~ Sunday October 23rd

We are a partner and sponsoring congregation of Bethany of the Northwest. On Sunday October 23rd 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. We will welcome Pr. Rod Vereb, (Bethany's Director of Spiritual Care) as he shares with us the message for this day. He will be 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

Reformation Sunday Oct 30th

REMEMBER THE COLOR OF THE DAY IS RED



Lee Cronbach

Lee Cronbach, Bethesda's keyboardist and Jammer's director, was born in St Louis in 1945. His parents, Robert and Maxine Cronbach, moved to Long Island, New York a year later. His father was a well-known sculptor, whose works can still be seen at the UN, the Museum of Modern Art, and the St. Louis Public Library (the bears at the entrance). Both parents worked in colleges - Robert as an Art professor, Maxine as Drama Department secretary.

As was typical of his parents' generation, they believed that since they were non-religious they were not Jewish, and could just live with everybody else. Nobody in Lee's neighborhood agreed with them, unfortunately, so Lee grew up as a loner, a fish out of water. However, Lee's older brother Mike turned him on to Black music - first R&B, then Gospel - and Lee found great joy and comfort in the world of music. Lee still remembers running home from school to catch the R&B/Rock and Roll shows and Joe Bostick's show 'Gospel Train' on WLIB.

Lee started hanging out with Black kids, who accepted him, and were the first to tell him he was Jewish. Lee then started reading liberal Jewish books, especially Martin Buber's Hasidic tales and parables. Today, Lee is a regularly practicing Conservative Jew.

Lee started piano as a young teenager, then abandoned it for history. This led him to a B.A. in Babylonian Studies at UC Berkely in the 60s, where he enthusiastically joined the 'Peace and Love' movement. While studying there, Lee started a free jazz group, the Cosmic Cats, a diverse group which included a flamenco guitarist, Jackie Wilson's congero, a Mormon cellist, a Buddhist trombonist, and two teenage flautists. Later he re-started piano lessons with Javier Castillo, and played rock organ with a country-psychedelic rock group, Chambray, which became famous in San Francisco and Berkeley.

However, by 1970 the hippy movement in the Bay area was swamped with drugs and violence, and Lee

decided to move to a 'boring' city where all there was to do was practice. So he moved to Boston to study at a music school, but dropped out after three months to join a traveling country-rock band, Pavlov's Dogs, which played Army bases and Mafia lounges throughout New England. While with them he met Duke Ellington, whose singer had heard the band play, loved their sound, and invited them all to be Duke's guests at Boston's premier jazz club. Lee will always remember the warm hospitality Duke personally offered to this group of broke young redneck hippies, and the incredible music Duke's band played that night. Later Lee worked with Benny Petrucci, a clarinetist and saxophonist from a long-established Italian musical family, and with a folk-rock band Kelly St. John, which ruled Baltimore's leading discos in the summer of 1974 (glory days! glory days!).

In Boston Lee studied privately with three great teachers - Dr. Hugo Norden (Bach and spiritual aspects of music), Charley Banacos (jazz piano), and Charles Holley (Afro-American free improvisation), whose teachings have been his guide to this day. He also met his first gay lover, Michael Gullage.

In 1976 Michael Gullage moved to Los Angeles, and Lee followed him to study music at Cal State-Los Angeles. While there he met congero Mel Wiggins, and, with flautist Leigh Garner, they started the band Creation City, which was the toast of Hollywood from 1977 to 1981.

Lee got a Master's in Renaissance music at CSU-LA, then went for a PhD at UCLA while teaching jazz and rock history part time at many colleges in the LA area. Unfortunately, Lee's belief that both 'White' (Classical) and 'Black' (Jazz) music were equally valuable made him a target for both sides in the political correctness wars, and his academic career was squashed. Meanwhile, Lee and Mike had separated, and in 1987 Lee met his life partner, Rodel, a licensed medical doctor from the Philippines who loved to sing. In 1992, Lee and Rodel moved to Seattle and discovered Mountlake

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Terrace in 1998. They moved in next to Marillyn and Roy Johnson. Lee learned that Roy served in the military fighting for the Philippines that created a bond between the two households.

Lee also taught music privately in Seattle, and one of his students, Virginia Wyland, organist for 1st Methodist Church in downtown Seattle, told him he should go into religious music, even though he was Jewish. The Johnsons and other Bethesda members heard Lee play piano with Virginia on organ at a summer service, and asked him to join Bethesda to play piano with Alice Swierenga, Bethesda's long time organist. Once Lee learned that Pastor Selmann's father was in the Danish Resistance in WWII, that 'sealed the deal', as Denmark is famous in Jewish history for saving over 90% of their Jewish population from the Holocaust.

Lee and Alice worked for two years, and then were joined by Jeff Molitor and Judy Rasmussen to form the Jammers. The Jammers, by the way, are celebrating their 10 year anniversary! Perhaps its time to think about making a new CD to celebrate!

Lee continues to grow in understanding of music and his musical abilities. Recently, Lee took up organ lessons much to the delight of the Congregation because we get to hear our organ every time we worship together!

Thank you, Lee, for all your passion and love you have to be a fabulous servant of the Lord at Bethesda!

Shalom!

FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Greetings in Christ,

Lots of great things happening around Bethesda!!

The fall activities got off to a good start on Rally Sunday with our choir who made us really sit up and take notice. WOW - wonderful music from dedicated people!

We are grateful to Sue Rasmussen and Nancy Gradwohl (Edmonds Lutheran) for presiding and preaching during Pastor Malcolm's absence.

Norma and Sue put their heads together and came up with a program for the "Little Folk" during regular Sunday Service. Parents...please take advantage and let your little ones learn about Jesus also.

Kudos to Kathie and Chelsea for their work on a big fund raiser held in September.

Due to the diligence of the Monday Night Community Dinner organizers, our Waste Management garbage costs have been reduced significantly. Excellent job by all!

Dena and Ron have begun their Stewardship presentations. There are lessons to learn and heed.

We give many thanks to Joan Minnis and others who helped with the pictorial directory.

Overdue thanks to Hospitality for the countless hours of preparing and serving the many functions at Bethesda. We appreciate you!

The **SIGN UP SHEET** for janitorial duties is available. Kindly do your part.

Many hands make light work! Everyone needs to pitch in.

Please remember to donate paper products (paper towels and TP).

Sanctuary Lay Ministry training will be held in November. Date to be announced later.

We do need additional ushers, greeters, etc...Call me if you can help in any way.

The Spirit of God's love abounds at Bethesda. Let it show! Let it shine!

Blessings and Peace to all~~
Mickey Schwald
Council Pres.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Work Party 8:30am
2 Worship - 10:15am All Nations Harvest Church - 1:00pm Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm	3 Ruth/Miriam Circle 2:00pm Community Dinner 5:30pm WAM Comm. Mtg. 5:30pm Facilities Committee 6:30pm @ J. Minnis' Girl Scouts - 6:30pm	4 Brownies 6:30pm	5 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Jammers Rehearsal 8:30pm	6 Life Group 6:00pm Brownies 6:30pm	7 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon AA Mtg. 6:00pm	8
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1 - Carol Klingensmith	10 - Robin Olson	17 - Norma Elliott
4 - Alec Bueing	11 - Lara Cochran (Fischer)	20 - William Tonga
8 - Marion Gesinger	13 - Marillyn Johnson	24 - Louise Whipple
9 - Elliott Donald	Erik Rasmussen	28 - Alex Colorado
Judy Rasmussen	14 - Kiely Ann Sherman	30 - Alexander Pearson

All Saints Sunday- November 6th, 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.

During the 10:15am worship service on Sunday November 6th 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@bethesdalcmnt.com or call and leave a message@: 425-778-6390

Faith and Everyday Life

Lutheran Counseling Network

Ecc 3:3 A Time to Build Up

Isn't having a new friend or someone new to date exciting? When we meet someone new and see the possibility of building up a lasting relationship there is a sense of well-being that sets in. We might even see more meaning and purpose to our lives because of it.

So, we spend time together, find out about common interests, learn from each other and do mutually enjoyable activities. Each time together seems to reinforce how great it was that we encountered each other.

Here is where flexibility enters the picture. We can't just insist that everything be done *our way*. We have to accept, maybe even embrace our differences and grow from the differences between us. It is in the give and take of relationship that the bond is built.

Sometimes if we are fortunate, that building

process goes on for a long time. Our histories together deepen the relationship, making it more meaningful and more special. The flexibility and the give and take then become part of the rhythm of the relationship.

Your relationship with God can be a model for this. Hopefully, how you saw God when you were little is very different from how you see God now. Your expectations have probably changed because you matured. You "build up" in very different ways now that you are older.

So maybe it isn't the *time* to build up that changes so much as the *way* we build up.

There *are* times to stop building and we will address that next month. But for now, consider the time to build up as every opportunity we have. Build eagerly, joyfully and flexibly so that the end product is just the right mix of each of you.

Thoughts For The Month

by *Jeanne Krahn*

Yes, God closed the screen door on our “5 or was it 6 days” of summer. It’s drifted away, slipping over that golden hill, but where are the reds and oranges? “goodbye” by Dean Robbins said,

*“Lazy clouds of billowed smoke,
Pastel skies run pink and blue
While summer’s last breath whispers through.
Chestnuts sprinkled to and fro.
Nights too soon force days to go.
Leafy blankets veil the grass.
Autumn’s specter looms on high;
Ebony shades catch my eye.
Moonlight bathes an inkwell sky
As I watch a summer die
And find it hard to say “goodbye”.”*

Isn’t it a time of changing patterns: crisp, frosty mornings, dots of geese and backyard birds starting their journey south, salmon starting their phenomenal swim back to “their home”, squirrels leaping through our patio bushes looking for somewhere to finish storing their nuts—usually in our flower beds? Harvesting in the fields continues. God has quietly moved our lives into autumn—a time to stroll along the back roads of our minds. It’s always a season of reflection, a time for new perspectives, evaluating the way we were and the way we’d like to be. A time to think about the what, where and why of our lives, the patchwork of our lives... memories, hopes, disappointments and pleasures, sorrows and joy. Changes always! Events elsewhere in our world should have each of us counting our blessings instead of grumbling. Unbelievable tragedies and losses of everything in their lives for so many people. Frankly, it can truly shake one’s faith re-reading Psalm 31:14-15 *“But as for me, I trust in thee, O Lord, I say ‘Thou art my God’ my times are in thy hand..”* I don’t know the answer either. The longer I live the less I know for sure. Was everything black and white for you, right or wrong, yes or no?

Again, changes enter, wanted or not! Seemingly, the more I read, wrestling with thoughts, the less simplistic things seem. Sweeping generalities, neat little categories and well-defined classification bug me! For example, the way we deep squeezing people into pigeonholes. “People and situations are far more complex than we care to admit.” Charles Swindoll once had a good thinking list:

- Not all Episcopalians are liberal
- Not all athletes are think headed
- Not all Republicans are Christian good guys
- Not all collegians are rebels
- Not all artists are kooks
- Not all movies are questionable
- Not all questions are answerable
- Not all verses are clear
- Not all problems are easily solved
- Not all deaths are explainable

He continues, “Maybe the list comes as a jolt. Great! Jolts are fine if they make you think. We evangelicals are good at building rigid walls out of dogmatic stones...cemented together by the mortar of tradition... But the stones start to shift as the mortar cracks.” Much of the mortar holding the world and our U.S.A has cracked so much and continuously, to me, it’s frightening and worrisome. But again, what are the answers? At this time, I grumble—please stop the expense and carnage of these wars that have solved nothing and destroyed so much (and we still have two grandsons involved). And I absolutely refuse to listen or vote in the coming elections for those who also have no answers or solutions, only spending “cajillion” wasteful dollars blaming the other guy, exhorting that guy’s sins, etc., etc. No attempt or even mentioning to any extent, the down falls within our own country.

Whoosh! ‘nuf heavy, heavy. Coming up—time to set our clocks back an hour. Reminds me of one back woods Louisiana lady writing one summer to the government, complaining about this new fangled plan called daylight saving time. She argued, “that extra hour of sunshine done burnt up all my tomatar plants.” What a difference an hour makes.

Some bits of this and that: cucumbers contain most of the vitamins you need every day. Just one cucumber contains vitamins B1, B2, B3, B5 and B6, folic acid, vitamin C, calcium, iron, magnesium, phosphorus and zinc. Hey, you can put those good things inside yourself and also if you tired of your bathroom mirror clogging up after a shower, try rubbing a cucumber slice along the mirror. It eliminates the fog and provides a soothing, spa-like fragrance. Keep a spray bottle of plain white vinegar on the sink. Cleanup is faster when you’re spraying stove and counter tops with it. Cooked on food, grease and stains left off with one swipe. Use it to spray your faucets also. Wipe them off to sparkle. Grass clippings make great mulch. Save yourself work and return moisture and nutrients to your lawn if you let cut grass lie where it falls. Mow often to make sure you’re removing no more than 1/3 of the leaf blade at a time, helps clippings break down easily.

Now absorb the light of life before winter comes. These coming weeks of autumn are a convenient time to remind ourselves of the value of our lives and the life around us. Take some minutes each day to remember: that happiness is here and now; a chance to stretch body and mine; appreciate the gift of another God’s day; you also have an opportunity to do more than is expected. Catch those moments of light and energy before those shorter, darker days and your plants return underground—“conspire to make you forger the life force that is there”. Remember, it takes four seasons to make a year and God won’t take an incomplete.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY 2011-2012

“Make It Simple”

Our themes for the month of October are: “*Facing the Truth*”, “*Acting Together*” and “*Sharing Enough*”. These themes will be supported in a variety of ways including temple talks, hymns, scripture, prayer, videos, letters, interactive Q&A and a “Stewardship Stew” & Dessert Potluck! We will also introduce commitment & covenant cards for your consideration. We hope that you, our congregation, will enjoy learning more about what it means to be a good steward.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 29th

Harvest Time “Stewardship Stew” & Dessert Potluck

5:00 pm

Bethesda Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker: Pastor Jerry Buss, *assistant to the Bishop*

We will continue our Stewardship Ministry into November. We welcome your response!

Additionally, The Stewardship Ministry will continue in the winter months with a focus on our spiritual stewardship.

In the Spring of 2012, our focus will be “Care of Creation”. It is our goal to have a Spring Fling & Plant Sale in conjunction with Earth Day. Watch for updates!

Abundant Blessings!

Dena Lee and Ron & Pat Olson
Stewardship Team Leaders and our Volunteers

Yo! Calling ALL Gardeners!

As you clean your gardens this fall, remember to divide and pot plants for our Plant Sale next spring!

Thank you!

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