



Bethesda Outlook

June 2012

LET US BE THANKFUL!

Congratulations to Bethesda Lutheran Church! Our Plant Sale was a huge success! Our net was \$1400! Proceeds from this fundraiser went into general funds.

Many thanks to each and every one of you for your helping hands and gift of time and talents. Bethesda is a gardening community! Let's make this an annual fundraiser!

Our heartfelt thanks go to those of you who donated not only plants but items for the garden garage sale, the bake sale, Bethesda's Bean Soup and Bethesda's Neighborly Cake Mix. We thank Debbie Luce for her beautiful poster. We thank Jean Leavens for working with Debbie to produce the poster and all her office support. We thank the person responsible for purchasing our temporary health permit (\$79). We thank Alix DeGraff, her mom and her friend, Brittany for hosting the Bake Sale Table. We thank the Mountlake Terrace Senior Center for their participation. We thank Jeff Brue for his knife sharpening skills. We thank Bethesda's Men's Group for hosting our hot dog roast (true to form, we gave away over 100 hotdogs!) We thank Lotto and her family for hosting the Lemonade Stand. We thank Maxine for hosting the coffee service. Many thanks to Eric and Nancy Anderson for putting together a great garden basket! Thank you to everyone who donated to our raffle. Glenda Apitz, thank you for the beautiful butterfly quilt.

We thank our community at large for making this event so positive!

In kind donations: Costco \$50--- hot dogs, buns, lemonade, Caesar Salad mix.

Fred Meyer \$50 – plants, seeds, potting soil

My Garden Nursery—garden gift basket

Cedar Plaza True Value Hardware--- solar garden lights

Other in kind donations: YOU! YOU! And YOU!

FYI: Because of everyone's generosity, Bethesda spent a total of \$66.03 to produce this fundraiser. That's amazing. God provides so abundantly for all of us in every way!

BLESSINGS AND GRADITUDE!

Your "Care of Creation" Stewardship Team

NEIGHBORLY CAKE MIXES ARE STILL AVAILABLE!!

Buy two for \$5 or one for \$3!

Make a cake for a neighbor and "gift" them a mix!

Make two for yourself!

Enjoy God's Love!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JUNE BIRTHDAYS						1 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon AA Mtg. 6:00pm
3 - Julia Chatfield 5 - Jessica Rhoten 6 - Matthew Boehm Shane Klingensmith Sage McArdle	8 - Mary Massey 12 - Marlene Helms 13 - Mark Kehres 14 - Cole Anstice	20 - Jean Leavens 21 - Mike Klingensmith 22 - Anna Molitor 24 - Thea Henderson	28 - Dorothy Johannes 30 - Jeff Molitor			2 Hospitality Comm. Mtg. 10:00am
3 Worship - 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm	4 Ruth/Miriam Circle 2:00pm Community Dinner 5:30pm Facilities Committee 6:30pm @ J. Minnis'	5 Washington Missionary Choir 6:00pm Brownies 6:30pm	6 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm Jammers Rehearsal 8:30pm	7 Brownies 6:30pm	8 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon AA Mtg. 6:00pm	9
10 Worship - 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm Piano Recital 5:00-6:30pm	11 More Than Membership 10:00 am Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm Community Dinner 5:30pm Finance Committee 7:00pm	12 Washington Missionary Choir 6:00pm	13 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm Jammers Rehearsal 8:30pm	14 Life Group 6:00pm Brownies 6:30pm	15 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon AA Mtg. 6:00pm	16 Family Movie Night 5:30pm
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EASTER BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Thank you for your hard work in helping with the Easter Breakfast fundraiser for Compass Housing Alliance. A huge thank to Cliff Pearson for pulling it all together and procuring so many donations of food and flowers. Thanks to all the men, Greta Fischer and others for preparing and cooking the food, serving and cleanup. Thanks to Machel Hoffman for handling the Easter egg hunt. Thanks to the people who set up tables and decorated the church. Thank you to the musicians and choir who made our Easter services so special.

We raised \$600.00 from the breakfast and it was matched 50% by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for a total check of \$900.00 to help the people who are underemployed or homeless to have a place to live. Many of you gave above the amount of suggested donation for the breakfast. God bless all of you for your generosity.

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

Thoughts For The Month

by *Jeanne Krahn*

Fyodor Dostoevsky has written “*Love all God’s creation. Love all God’s animals. Love the plants. Love each separate thing.*” Bethesda is trying! Special thanks and hugs to all the ones who worked so hard and long for our **Earth Day—Care of Creation and Plant Sale**. How green are we? Earth keeping is a term used by many people of faith describing and trying to show us the nature of our responsibility to care for creation. “*It springs from our wonder, awe and gratitude for God’s wisdom, creativity and blessings filling our natural world. It also grows out of our dismay and concern for the degradations and “groaning” of God’s good creation. Faithful earth keeping involves extending the justice, peace, reconciliation, hope and love of Christ to all creation.*” Rachel Carson’s *Silent Spring* book was a strong ‘look what you’re doing to the world you live in’ and launched the modern environmental movement in 1962. Another huge leap forward was the beginning of Earth Day in 1970. Many people began to be very concerned about the degradation of the planet and realized caring for the earth also deepens our relationship with God and with one another, making our faith more alive and relevant, in and to a broken world. Psalm 8:3-4, 6a: “*When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? (yet)...You have given them dominion over the works of your hands.*” Bishop Hanson’s commentary, “*We cannot escape the interconnectedness of the earth’s fabric of life. Creation is the matrix of all our activities, both as human beings and as Christ’s church. God gives us and all creatures life through the water, air, food, and all the other gifts that come to us from the earth. Everything we do depends on these gifts, and has some kind of impact upon them. If these are treated with contempt and abused, people, animals, and plants suffer together. If they are graciously received and cherished, people will flourish with the rest of creation. We cannot love God or our human neighbor without caring for creation. The question is not whether the church (that’s us!) will engage what our society calls the environment but how!*” He also asks the question, “*What is your hopeful vision, as a child of God, for how many humans should live on the earth in connection with the rest of creation?*” Answer? What would you say to God, in a letter to express your appreciation for or even your questions about the natural world? What, specifically, would you thank God for? What would you express sorrow about? What would you tell God that you will do, to help heal creation? I’m sure God, aware of the mess we’re making and too many continuing, will appreciate a ‘pat on the back’. Martin Luther writes, “*God wants to be praised for nourishing and cherishing, for God cherishes all creatures. God is not only the creator, but is also the sustainer and nourisher.*” No easy tasks but our Saturday sale was a public start.

What do we mean when we say GREEN? Environmental health for people and the planet. Social and economic justice. Corporate responsibility. Thriving local communities. Green economy and green jobs. A world where everyone has what they need. We seek a world free of war and the threat of war.

We seek an earth restored. Whoosh! What a task! Well, don’t just sit there and read this. What are you doing? What is a church doing? Every little thing is a start.

World Ocean Day is June 8, 2012. Helping to save the ocean doesn’t have to be a daunting job. Even small actions add up. A few simple things: evaluate your needs—if you’re going to eat seafood, make sure it is sustainable. Choose environmentally friendly products—if your stove or restaurant does not carry them, ask them to. (Whoops, there go the French fries!) Recycle plastic products and join something in your area doing a clean-up. Raise awareness—educate your family and friends about the importance of our oceans. Summer’s coming—swimming, picnicking, whatever by the water—pick up after yourselves. One element can influence another. A spark of green can lead to a shower of green over time. A shared purpose builds and grows, i.e., Lions Clubs in Italy drew up a plan to save the Mediterranean in accordance with United Nations guidelines. Lectures and seminars on safeguarding the sea from pollution and fund raising was held to raise money for such as three 250-meter barriers, made from rock, were submerged in the sea to prevent erosion along the famous white coast. Restaurants, homes and schools in Thailand routinely and unthinkingly dump cooking grease in waterways, resulting in clogged pipes, unsightly conditions and unsafe water. Local Lions clubs devised a simple, inexpensive method to trap the grease, collect it in a bin and then buried near trees as fertilizer or dried in the sun to become charcoal. Wonder what’s done in our area. “Living green” really can help save our planet but there will always be disbelievers. Individuals who want a better planet practice conservation, reuse and recycle. Do we need to figure out a way to always blame what’s done already on past generations or start doing more ourselves? If you get an idea, no matter how small, let’s pass it on. You’re making a difference one way or another. For years, we at Bethesda (and other friends) collect used greeting cards to send to Medical Lake or make post cards for veterans to use. Stan mailed 48# last shipment. Any holiday or greetings—bring to church or Krahn’s. Save your used stamps for Maxine, our “stamp lady”. Leave 1/4” around edge. They have been mailed to a couple of mission churches to sell for their work. Joan Minnis is our “save aluminum cans lady” - smash and sell proceeds for our youth group. Cyndi Wesley collects the can tabs for the kidney foundation. Our next door senior house ladies collect soup labels and that special piece on food boxes. Sorry, I’m not as knowledgeable about that so call or visit them. Also, they can use knitting and crochet thread for the sharing things they make. All these are starts, very easily part of your days to help someone.

June and Father’s Day! Dear Dad will probably be very happy you’re getting rid of some stuff (and not in the garbage). Evening time, take him outside, look up at a clear night sky together and give him a big hug and tell him you love him. How very much we do need and love them! Remember our stewardship of all creation is never needed more poignant and urgent than today. Start doing something.

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SMOKEY POINT REST STOP

BETHESDA COMMUNITY SERVICES will be serving coffee, etc., at the *Smokey Point Rest Stop* (northbound I-5) from July 4th at 2pm through July 6th at 2pm. We need lots of cookies and coffee, creamers, sugar, lemonade and many helpers to serve. Please call the church office for more information.
