



Bethesda Outlook

November 2012



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 4th

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 4th 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@bethesdalect.com

or

call and leave a message:
425-778-6390

A COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18 4 P.M.

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Bethesda Lutheran Church
First Baptist Church
Mountlake Terrace Christian Church
Terrace View Presbyterian Church

**A free will offering will go to the
Jacob's Well Housing Program**

Autumn is upon us and Advent is coming.

As I write this my hands are cold as our nights have become longer and colder. Our late summer and early fall has been unusually warm and dry but they say the rains are soon to come. Autumn is upon us and Advent is coming. For many of us this year continues to be a challenging and difficult season of life, with many life changes that have put our faith and trust in God to the test.

November is like a season unto itself, one of transition, on the cusp of change. We frame this month with two Holy Days of the church year; November 4th is All Saints Sunday, November 25th is Christ the King Sunday. Each Sunday has a different focus, and yet in these weeks we hear scripture texts that will challenge us and articulate ideas of “what is to come.” As the weeks unfold there is a continuous theme spreading throughout the season. Discussions on sacrificial giving, death, endings, beginnings and the future, all show us what it is like to live as God’s saints within God’s reign in the past, present and future.

As a community of faith, and a family of faith, this past year we have walked with each other, listened and held each other; we have shed tears of sorrow and of joy with each other, in the midst of our many challenges, life changing news and life situations. As the people of God in this **Mission Outpost** named Bethesda Lutheran Church we have been faithful followers and have been people of joy, grace, hope and love as we now await the season of HOPE, **Advent!** The Church year will begin on December 2nd with Advent, with expectant wondering and waiting as we contemplate how God has come to us in the flesh in 2012 and will call us to new beginnings in 2013.

The future comes to us as a gift from God and will be revealed to us if we but listen and follow. God invites us to listen, to think creatively with Him and to dream about the unimaginable possibilities which he has planned for us. God invites us into our world, beyond our physical and emotional walls to discover Jesus already who is already here and at work in our lives and the lives of others all around us.

The **Bethesda Strategic planning team for Mission and Ministry** is faithfully working to help lead us into what God’s dream for us at Bethesda, our work, our purpose and our mission as we seek to answer these two foundational questions: **Who is God calling Bethesda to be ... now? & What is God calling Bethesda to do... now?**

We know that God is faithful and will be with us, will lead us, and will call us into our future. We rest in hope because we know that endings with God are really new beginnings.

I thank God for each of you and for your love and grace as we walk journey together following and discovering Christ in our midst and in our world.

See you in church or over a cup of coffee or tea! God’s grace peace and blessings be with you all,

Pastor Malcolm





Bethesda Clothing Drive!!!

For Who: Clothes For Kids

This is a non-profit organization that serves lower income kids in our neighborhood by providing good quality clothing.

What: Clothing Drive

Please bring your gently used or new clothes 4t – junior sizes for kids ages 5-18. In urgent need for shoes and underwear for boys, and socks for all ages!

Where: Bethesda Fellowship Hall

When: Saturday November 17th, 11am-2pm

Why: To help support other local non-profits in their mission to make our world a little warmer!

Any questions please contact:
Kari Gray, 206-913-3490 or
karibethbrown@gmail.com

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a fraternal organization that sells life insurance, annuities, investments and long term care insurance. The company is able to give funds to charitable causes because they do not pay taxes that other entities do. That is because they are a fraternal organization.

Bethesda has been able to obtain some of these funds. There are 13 churches in the

South Snohomish Chapter of Thrivent (some of these churches do not take advantage of the benefits). Each church can have up to 8 advocates. Bethesda has 4 advocates and we can have more. They are Jeanette Anstice, Katherine Dedrick, Joan Minnis and Donna Veveris. There are rules set up by the IRS that must be followed. You can be an associate member if you complete a form and pay \$19.95 yearly. It is required that we have 6 members, including associate members, for us to request funds. There are forms that must be completed and volunteer hours must be reported. Please check with us if you are interested.

This year we received \$300.00 for the Easter Breakfast, which went to Compass Housing Alliance, \$300.00 for the Monday Night Dinners, \$400.00 for the Rest Stop for Bethesda Community Services and we will receive \$750.00 for the Roof Repair Fund.

We are receiving Choice Dollars for those who have a contract that qualifies. If you have a contract with Thrivent, you may be able to request that your Choice Dollars go to any charitable organization. We hope you will choose Bethesda in Mountlake Terrace (there are several Bethesas). Currently we have chosen to have the money go to the Kitchen Remodel Fund.

On November 18 after church, we will have an election of our Chapter's officers and Thrivent will be giving us money toward the lunch.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Life Group 6:00pm Brownies 6:30pm	2 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon Flower Arranging Workshop for Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. event 1:00-4:00pm	3 Hospitality Comm. Mtg. 10:00am
4 Worship - 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm 	5 Ruth/Miriam Circle 2:00pm Community Dinner 5:30pm WAM Comm. Mtg. 5:30pm Facilities Committee 6:30pm @ J. Minnis' Girl Scouts - 6:45pm	6 Washington Missionary Choir 6:00pm Brownies 6:30pm	7 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Jammers Rehearsal 8:30pm	8 Brownies 6:30pm	9 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon	10
11 Worship - 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm	12 Care & Concern Ministry 10:00 am Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm Community Dinner 5:30pm Finance Committee 7:00pm	13 Washington Missionary Choir 6:00pm	14 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon Foodie Book Group 6:30-8:30pm Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Jammers Rehearsal 8:30pm	15 Life Group 6:00pm Brownies 6:30pm	16 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon	17 Family Movie Night 5:00pm Clothes For Kids Drive 11:00am-2:00pm
18 Worship - 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at MTCC 4:00pm	19 Community Dinner 5:30pm Council Meeting 7:00pm	20 Washington Missionary Choir 6:00pm Brownies 6:30pm <u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u>	21 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	22  <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> (office closed)	23	24 Men's Fellowship 8:00am
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- 2 - Kate Kurfess
- 3 - Donna Veveris
- 15 - Trina Klingensmith
- 18 - Larry Fischer
- 23 - Merry Wick
- 24 - Wolfgang Lill
- 25 - Betty Henderson
- 27 - Lance Anstice
- 28 - Matthew Currier

~ We have a New Church Brochure for Bethesda ~

Thank you so much to *Penny Thedens* and *Joan Minnis*, for putting together the new church brochure for Bethesda. It took time and effort to get this together, thank you so much for all of your efforts ! It is very much appreciated.

The Bethesda Congregation



The Kick-Off Coffee hour for the **Roof Fund** raiser on October 14th was well attended, thanks to everyone that helped us get a good start to our roof cleaning and repairs that need to be done. This was a Thrivent sponsored event. Donations can be made anytime, just mention roof repair fund.

Thanks again to everyone.

Jeanette Anstice--

Joan Minnis & Donna Veveris & Katherine Dedrick

Thrivent advocates



Holiday Decorations

Bethesda Community Services will be doing our annual holiday fundraiser. We have the information available for ordering now and until November 18th. You can order wreaths, poinsettias, door swags and centerpieces. Stadium Flowers provides the items.

Please contact Joan, Machelle or Joy to place your order.

Hanging of the Greens

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 9:00—Noon
hot chocolate ~ hot apple cider ~ goodies ~ music provided

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Bethesda!

Have you noticed that fall is really here? The other night, I went for a short walk in between misty rains. The trees were rustling ever so slightly and the air felt crisp and fresh with a hint of colder (and wetter) days to come. I love all the fall colors. We have been blessed with a glorious NW Indian Summer. I hope you all have a great cache of nuts set aside for the winter!

The Cascade Neighborhood continues to feel good. More and more, I feel like I am integrating into the community of Immanuel Lutheran Church and into the Cascade community as well. People greet me with a smile and I see the light of Christ in their eyes as we exchange greetings.

Tonight, October 17th, I will be attending my second Cascade Neighborhood Community Council Meeting. The last one was very informative. Lots of voices regarding the safety of this community. A sub committee was formed after that meeting. They will present their suggestions tonight.

Last month's meeting was a great networking opportunity for me. I met a couple that own a little restaurant and catering business just around the corner. Sue and Dave mentioned they might need some extra help over the holidays.... I also met a few folks who live in my building! My favorite contact was the Community Outreach person for Vulcan Real Estate. VRE is a Paul Allen Company that oversees all the property in So. Lake Union.

VRE has a great public space called "Discover South Lake Union". It is full of books and social spaces and has a huge 3-d map with lights of the whole downtown area. Pearl, and her associate, Noelle, met with me for coffee and told me about the past, the present and the future of this area.

Recently, I attended a fundraising breakfast for Immanuel Community Services. I knew quite a few people so I felt like I belonged! It was a lovely breakfast. ICS supports four community programs—the food bank, a monthly community lunch, a hygiene program for the homeless and a recovery residency for about 15 men. It was a very informative event and ICS raised a good portion of their needed revenue to execute these programs. Both Immanuel Lutheran Church and the So. Lake Union community are very committed to these wonderful outreach programs.

Thank you very much to those of you who have ventured down for a visit and thank you to those of you who have sent emails and letters! I love you all very much!

I am attending a dance conference in Los Angeles the last week of October and will tell you all about THAT next month!

Your loving sister,

Dena Lee

P. S. I am the Minor Avenue Children's House resident creative dance teacher!

FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Greetings Bethesda Family,

Yours truly recently attended a Synod sponsored Stewardship workshop and one question asked during a table discussion was, "What is **God** telling you to do"?

This gave me pause for thought.

Exactly what **IS** God telling me to do?

How can I best serve **HIM**?

I will pose the same question to you and encourage you to pray about it.

Are we going about our business on auto-pilot or are we listening to **HIM**?

A bit of soul searching may be in order.

November...a month we focus on sharing our blessings and being grateful for the same.

Your acts of kindness can make a difference and who knows, you just may inspire others to follow your example.

The **Roof Repair** fund has begun with extra raffle monies/card sales, a coffee hour and special donations. So far, over \$1,300 is in the "kitty".

Remember, "**A little bit is better than no bit**".

It is a start.

Do you have any suggestions for a future fundraiser?

Contact any council member with your ideas.

****Kari Gray is spearheading a community wide Clothes for Kids drive this month.**

(More info in this Newsletter). Please support this effort.

May God continue to bless you and yours.

Happy Thanksgiving~

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