



Bethesda Outlook

June 2014

God is up to something here at Bethesda Lutheran Church!
As we live in God's amazing grace, **EXPECT MESSES!**

As the season of Pentecost (the 50th day of Easter) is soon upon us (June 8th) we pray that God continues to send forth the flame of the Holy Spirit and fill us with the abundance of gifts needed for us to carry out God's mission into our community of Mountlake Terrace and the world. We pray that the Holy Spirit would lend fire to our words and strength to our witness, so that we will be beacons of Christ's light through our proclamation of hope, love and grace in our world.

Long summer nights and days filled with summer activities will soon be upon us as we are now into the season of the church year called Pentecost. Some call it green Pentecost as the color of this season is green in its many shades. Often this is also called the season of Ordinary Time as we reflect on growth, although I guarantee that this will be anything but ordinary here at Bethesda.

We will indeed encounter great surprises in this not so ordinary time as we engage in God's mission, our mission, our only mission, to *bless and love* the whole world. When we discern, and as we dare to become the church *out there* it might just get a little messy. This might happen for you as go out of your comfort zone to offer a *Free Hot Dog* in the name of Jesus. Come to the Tour de Terrace Parade on July 25th to find out about God's grace being shared through *Free Hotdogs!* The parade begins right outside the front steps of Bethesda at 7:00 pm -Come and help give away God's love and grace to our community.

No, not so ordinary time indeed! It will be necessary for us to dare to take action, to dare to do something, to dare to 'sin boldly' - "*Sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ more boldly*" - (Martin Luther) There will be messes because life is

messy and in our Spirit given faith we know that God is present in these messes of our lives through the risen Jesus loose in our lives and world.

There will be messes and experiences that may not seem like successes, some may call them failures; they will be neither, but great learning and growing experiences- *grand experiments!* Out of these growing opportunities we will succeed only by risking and daring *to do something* because we believe and stand on grace. We will fall and stumble, and sometimes we may even look a bit foolish. *So what? We stand on grace.* We will worry about our resources, our money and we will be afraid to mess up. We will forget that God is a God of abundance who promises us everything we need. We will wrestle with whether or not we have the faith to follow God's mission into our messy world. *We stand on grace!*

Will it be possible for us to become a place for the messiness of people and their lives and to feel at home in a congregation that expects messes? Will we be a congregation that knows that the Holy Spirit is going to show up and mess with everything? This way of being embraces failure, creates and celebrates messes and learns from the mistakes we will make as we flounder around trying to be the church in this world! This too will require prayer, lots of prayer, as we stand on grace, because we '*believe and rejoice in Christ more boldly.*

***Holy Spirit, come - Come, Holy Spirit-
Be with us in the messiness of life!***

This summer is a perfect time to invite a friend- *See you in church,*

Pr Malcolm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Worship 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm</p>	<p>2 Ruth/Miriam Circle 2:00pm Community Dinner 5:30pm Facilities Committee 6:45pm @ J. Minnis'</p>	<p>3 Girl Scouts 6:30pm</p>	<p>4 Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm</p>	<p>5 Life Group 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Hospitality Comm. Mtg. 10:00am</p>
<p>8 Worship 10:15am <i>BI-Annual Congregational Meeting (following worship)</i> Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm</p>	<p>9 Care & Concern Ministry 10:00 am Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm Community Dinner 5:30pm Council Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Foodie Book Group 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 <i>BCSC Car Wash 9:30am—3pm</i></p>
<p>15 Worship 10:15am Father's Day BBQ 11:30am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm</p>	<p>16 Community Dinner 5:30pm</p>	<p>17 Girl Scouts 6:30pm</p>	<p>18 Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm</p>	<p>19 Life Group 6:00pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Family Movie Night 5:00pm</p>
<p>22 Worship 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm</p>	<p>23 Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm Community Dinner 5:30pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm</p>	<p>26 P.I.P. Club 5:00pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Men's Fellowship 8:00am</p>
<p>29 Worship 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm</p>	<p>30 Community Dinner 5:30pm</p>	 <p>june 2014</p>				

YARD SALE
MOUNTLAKE TERRACE
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

RUMMAGE SALE



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| 3 - Julia Chatfield | 20 - Jean Leavens |
| 4 - Jeff Brue | 21 - Mike Klingensmith
Sandra Scott |
| 6 - Matthew Boehm
Shane Klingensmith | 22 - Anna Molitor |
| 8 - Mary Massey | 24 - Thea Henderson |
| 12 - Marlene Helms | 28 - Dorthy Johannes |
| 14 - Cole Anstice | 30 - Jeff Molitor |



Saturday, June 15th
9:30am—3:00pm
 at
Roger's Market
 23120 56th Ave. W
 Mountlake Terrace, WA



Sunday, June 16th
Noon
following worship service

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.
 Everyone else bring Potluck.



JUNE 27TH & 28TH ~ 9:00am to 4:00pm
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Donations can be delivered every Tuesday
 May 20th to June 24th from 9:00am—Noon.

Come and have coffee, tea and cookies.

Marti Harper: 425-971-5978

Joy Halladay: 425-776-4833

BETHESDA
 at



SMOKEY POINT REST STOP

Cliff Pearson for more information.

BETHESDA COMMUNITY SERVICES will be serving coffee, etc., at the **Smokey Point Rest Stop** from May 31st through June 2nd. We need lots of cookies and coffee, creamers, sugar, lemonade and many helpers to serve. Please contact

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**WE ARE HERE TO
 SERVE YOU!
 CALL US FOR
 ANYTHING!**

The plant sale was a great success. The quilt raffle brought in \$418. The combined proceeds totaled: \$1627.05. Many thanks to everybody who helped with the sale.

The quilt raffle grew to have many donations from our community. Please patronize the following businesses who donated to our raffle:

- Voula's Good Eats
- Rogers Market
- Romio's Pizza and Pasta
- Ace Hardware
- Gene Juarez Academy North Campus

Thanks to Cindy Halcomb, Joy Halladay, Fred Hammargren and Bill Johnson, and all the people who donated plants and items. Special thanks to the Bethesda Quilting group for their donation and for their work selling tickets and manning the raffle booth.



Dear Friends,

I have been musing and reading about my Finnish past, how Finns left their home and to seek a new life in America. I found this poem that expresses my feelings:

Land of the Finns

My eyes have filled with tears
 For I have been seeking that old Fin-
 land,
 That old rural land and time
 The early immigrants left behind,
 Yet which remained forever in
 Their hearts and minds.
 So that their children and even
 Their children's children (like me)
 Yearned for that remote and unknown
 Land of the Finns!

Inker Vaananen Jensen

I feel so fortunate to have traveled to see Finland and many relatives in 2012. I hope all of you had a joyous Mother's Day. Have a wonderful summer.

Jeanne Krahn

Bethesda Lutheran Church member *Roy Johnson* will be honored at a ceremony in Washington DC on Memorial Day. We will write about his experience in the next newsletter.

COUNCIL NOTES

The annual meeting is scheduled for June 8th following the church service. Council members will be elected as part of the meeting. We have six positions to fill. Please contact Sharon Boyd if you are willing to be placed on the ballot or if you know of someone that you can nominate.