



Bethesda Outlook

July/August 2014



The Measure of a Man



There is a quote by Robert South which reads,
“If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be what he gives”.

Recently, Roy Johnson was invited to participate in the nationally known, “Honor Flight”, <http://www.honorflight.org/about>. This organization recognizes WWII Veterans for their military service by bringing them in groups from all over the world to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials erected in their honor and to receive a red carpet treatment. There were 26 military personnel from Washington State in Roy’s group. The 26 honorees each received a beautiful quilt inscribed with their name from a grateful Washingtonian quilter. Roy served as a gunner with the rank of Corporal in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. The Philippines, New Guinea, and Japan were some of his war time tours.

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Roy and his family moved to Mountlake Terrace in 1950 and after taking catechism classes, joined Bethesda in 1956. His wife, Marillyn, served as the choir director for over 35 years. Their children, Christie, Laurie and Jeff received their Christian education at Bethesda. Roy has served as president of the congregation, and many committees throughout the years. One memory he relates is of he and Jay Teichgrab erecting scaffolding and painting those high ceiling beams in the sanctuary. That wasn’t a job for the feint of heart. I don’t believe there is a place on the Bethesda Campus Roy hasn’t painted, repaired, weeded or had a hand in... someway, somehow, over the years.

Roy has served his country with honor and continues to serve his God, through thought, word and deed.



“The True Measure of a Man”



Bethesda Community Services made from donation at the **Smokey Point Rest Stop \$849.00**. It was a success because our volunteers were willing to take one or more four hour shifts for 60 straight hours serving coffee and goodies to the travelers on Interstate 5. **Thank you!!! Thank you!!! To all our volunteers.**

**Joint Fellowship with Terrace View Presbyterian Church
Sunday August 17th – Post Worship
11:30ish @ Terrace View Presbyterian Church
4700 228th St SW · Mountlake Terrace**

We will be worshipping in our own churches on this Sunday joining Together after worship @ Terrace View Presbyterian Church

Terrace View will provide grilled meat along with all the condiments and trimmings & beverages. Bethesda will provide the rest of the POTLUCK (side dishes, salads, deserts, etc), along with Terrace View.

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Malcolm Brown
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- Office Administrator**
Jean Leavens
425-778-6390
- Treasurer:**
Sue Rasmussen
425-357-6272
- Choir Director**
Judy Rasmussen
425-357-6272
- Musician:**
Vic Peters
206-789-1699
- Altar Care:**
Joy DeGraff
425-778-5040
- Council ~ 2014-15**
- President:**
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425-778-5040
- Vice President:**
Sharon Boyd
425-610-4588
- Secretary**
Katherine Dedrick
425-672-9080
- Jeanette Anstice**
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- Kari Gray**
206-913-3490
- Darlene Johnston**
425-673-5168
- Caryl Klingensmith**
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- Joan Minnis**
425-778-0309
- Cliff Pearson**
425-275-3590

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Girl Scouts 6:30pm	2 Open Office Hours 11:30am-1:00pm Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	3 Life Group 6:00pm	4	5 Hospitality Comm. Mtg. 10:00am
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20 Worship 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm	21 Open Office Hours 9:00-10:30am Community Dinner 5:30pm	22	23 Open Office Hours 11:30am-1:00pm Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	24	25 <i>Free Hot Dogs & Hugs ~ 4pm @ the beginning of the parade</i>	26 Men's Fellowship 8:00am
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July Birthdays

2 - Tim Currier	9 - Mimi Seale	17 - Roy Johnson	28 - Rebecca Angel
7 - Ed Hinson	12 - Thomas Klingensmith	25 - Doris Storm Kaloafu Tonga	30 - Melissa Bader
8 - Leah Scott	14 - Robert Porter Verna Uhl	27 - Tim Krahn	

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Welcome Statement of Bethesda Lutheran Church

Bethesda Lutheran Church is committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith, centered in the Good News of Jesus Christ. Therefore, in faithfulness to the Gospel and our Lutheran heritage, and to the best of our ability, we promise to provide programs, ministries and pastoral care to all who seek God in this place.

Welcoming the Stranger

“Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” (Matthew 25:34-36)

Who Is The Stranger?

- ◇ Newcomer: a person who has recently arrived
- ◇ Marginalized: a person who is relegated to outer edges of importance, influence, power, and status
- ◇ Foreigner: a person not native to the community
- ◇ Unknown: a person who is unfamiliar

Welcoming

- ◇ Welcoming is not about tolerating, it's about moving beyond to an open & grace filled welcome
- ◇ Welcoming is about relationship
- ◇ Welcoming is an act of affirmation and acceptance without judgment
- ◇ Welcoming is the conviction that we are all deeply related to one another because of Jesus Christ, no matter how strange we may seem to one another.
- ◇ Welcoming is embracing diversity in unity.
- ◇ Welcoming is not about syrupy overtures that feel inauthentic and intrusive, but is an invitation from the heart.

Welcoming Does Not Demand Hiding

- ◇ People on the margins, Homeless, Addicted, Mentally Ill, Persecuted, Poor, Hungry, Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Abused, individuals are often forced to keep part of their identity hidden in Christian community ... to live as a stranger.
- ◇ Welcoming the stranger is about creating an intentional safe space (physical, emotional, sociological, spiritual) where all people can claim their full identity and be fully known.

Welcome one another, as Christ has welcomed you.” (Romans 15:7)

Welcoming is an inherent expression of the Gospel.

We feel hospitable to the person who is familiar, but hostile toward the stranger. To survive as the human race in our interdependent world, we must move from hostility to hospitality, from the familiar to the unfamiliar, for this is the movement of love, this is the movement of Jesus Christ. As Paul said, 'For Christ is our peace, who has made us one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility.' (Eph. 2:14)" (Kosuke Koyama)

Bethesda's Mission Statement

ALL are welcome at Bethesda Lutheran Church.

*Pr Malcolm's
Open Office Hours
@ Bethesda*

Mondays from 9-10:30 am
Wednesdays from 11:30am-1 pm

Please feel free to stop in at any of these open office hours. If you would like personal time or a private conversation please contact me to set up an appointment. I can be reached via phone (message and text also) @ [206-755-2627](tel:206-755-2627) or email at: prmalcolmb@gmail.com