



Bethesda Outlook

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A Little Update From Council

Our attorney has submitted our request for corrective action to the city of MLT and is awaiting their response. He will inform us when he receives a response and determine the best way to move forward.

Our contract with Nest is in limbo as we await the city's response. The contract will go into effect when Nest is able to take possession of the building and begin making improvements. Keep in mind that the city of MLT has rezoned the area we reside in and now claim that our property is zoned retail/residential and cannot be used for religious purposes. I realize that we do not have any formal notifications from the city regarding this issue and the council was fully aware of this when they voted to move forward in resolving this conflict.

In the meantime, building three is at our disposal for short term (hourly) use, just like the fellowship hall or the office meeting room. There are currently some personal items, of a member who is relocating, in building three and they should be removed shortly. The rummage sale has some left over items that we are working on getting picked up by an organization that can put them to good use. There are a couple items that were given to Nest, by us, during the rummage sale and a couple items they are letting Bethesda Community Table use. These items are not imposing on the main room and are all stored in one area. Once the personal and rummage items are removed, we can get the building cleaned up and back to normal.

The Korean Presbyterian church is no longer renting the sanctuary as they have gone on a mission. They were very gracious and thankful for the time they spent with us and we wish them well.

A good portion of the new sound system has been completed. Hearing assisting devices are now fully

functional and available to our congregation. The new microphones are awesome and hopefully you have all noticed the improved sound. Thank Jeff Molitor when you get a chance for all the time and work he has put into the sound system. Also, thank the Boehm family for providing the money to make these improvements.

Peace to you all,

Thrivent Financial For Lutherans

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. Each church can have up to 8 advocates. Bethesda has 6 advocates and we can have more. They are Jeanette Anstice, Katherine Dedrick, Dick Anstice, Cliff Pearson, Joan Minnis and Donna Veveris. There are rules set up by the IRS that must be followed. If you do not have a contract with Thrivent, you can be an associate member if you complete a form and pay \$19.95 yearly. Thrivent has a new method of obtaining funds called Thrivent Action teams. Please ask us about how to get \$250.00 seed money for charitable projects.

Bethesda is receiving Choice Dollars for those who have a contract that qualifies. If you have a contract with Thrivent, you are 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 general fund. You may call at 1-800-236-3736 or e-mail Thrivent (Thrivent.com) either monthly or quarterly depending on how often you pay your contracts. We hope you will use these Choice Dollars.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Girl Scouts 6:00pm—8:00pm	2 Girl Scouts 5:00pm—8:00pm	3 Thrivent Meeting 8:40am—9:30am Set up for Blessing of Pets
4 Worship 10:15am Blessing of Pets Comm. Table prep. 4:00pm—7:00pm	5 Ruth/Miriam Circle 2:00pm—4:00pm Bethesda Community Table 8:30am—8:00pm Girl Scout Leaders 6:30pm—9:00pm	6 Comm. Table clean up 7:00am—12:00pm Girl Scouts 6:00—7:30pm	7 Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	8 Girl Scouts 6:00pm—8:00pm Finance Meeting @ Bldg. 3 7:00pm—9:00pm	9	10
11 Worship 10:15am Comm. Table prep. 4:00pm—7:00pm	12 Bethesda Community Table 8:30am—8:00pm Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm—3:30pm Council Meeting 7:00pm—9:00pm	13 Comm. Table clean up 7:00am—12:00pm	14 Care & Concern Ministry 10:00—Noon Foodie Book Group 6:30pm—8:30pm Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Girl Scouts 6:00pm—8:00pm	16 Girl Scouts 5:00pm—8:00pm	17 Movie Night 5:00pm—10:00pm
18 Worship 10:15am Comm. Table prep. 4:00pm—7:00pm	19 Bethesda Community Table 8:30am—8:00pm	20 Comm. Table clean up 7:00am—12:00pm Girl Scouts 6:00—7:30pm	21 Annual Lake Village Condo meeting 6:30pm—9:00pm Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	22 Girl Scouts 6:00pm—8:00pm	23	24 Men's Fellowship 8:00am—10:00am Spaghetti Dinner
25 Worship 10:15am Reformation Sunday Comm. Table prep. 4:00pm—7:00pm	26 Bethesda Community Table 8:30am—8:00pm Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm—3:30pm	27 Comm. Table clean up 7:00am—12:00pm	28 Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	29 Girl Scouts 6:00pm—8:00pm	30	31 



- 1 - Carol Klingensmith
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Annual Candle Lighting Service for Mental Illness

Sunday October 11th, 2015

The All-Lutheran Candle Lighting for Mental Illness is held during the month of October. On Sunday October 12th we, at Bethesda, will be lighting a candle on the altar and will pray for persons with mental illness and for their families.

Reformation Sunday ~ October 25th

REMEMBER THE COLOR OF THE DAY IS RED

All Saints Sunday ~ November 1st

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.

The custom of commemorating all the martyrs of the Church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints' Day (Nov. 1st) celebrates not only the martyrs and saints, but all the people of God, living and dead, who together form the mystical body of Christ.

During the 10:15am worship service on Sunday November 1st, 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:

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS Time Ends



When All Hail Breaks Loose

By Kirby Unti, NWWA Bishop

(From *The Spirit*, October 2015)

*Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for in you my soul takes refuge;
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,
until the destroying storms pass by.
Psalm 57:1*

It was a first for me. I encountered a significant hail storm while plying the waters of Puget Sound. I was on board Gratitude with my dear friend Joe Johns. The rains had returned for the first time this summer. We awoke to a beautiful morning after a stormy night on the anchor. The water was mirror-like as the Northwest fog was clinging to the trees.

We set off slowly to go around Herron Island, eventually hoping to spend some time off Eagle Island to enjoy a seal colony of mothers and young pups. The winds began to gather and the sea took on a bit of chop - but nothing to be alarmed about. The steady rumble of the diesel motor was reassuring as we crossed over the north end of the island and headed back south.

Heading south we could see a storm forming as the clouds filled with blackness. Just as we were about to point the bow of the boat past Devil's Head, five bolts of lightning jagged down from the darkest cloud. I said to Joe, "It must be pretty far away I don't hear any thunder." Just as I got those words out of my mouth the lightening turned into a concussion that literally shook the boat. This meant a whole lot of water beneath us was absorbing the shock.

I could see on my radar that it was raining to the east of us. The dark cloud was moving much faster than my six knots and I figured it would pass by us before we caught up with it. Meanwhile I was hugging the shoreline because you don't really want to be on the water when lightening is striking.

We made it past Devil's Head and into the open water when all hail broke loose. Pea size pellets of ice bombarded the boat. Visually I could no longer see the land on my port side. Visibility was reduced to a few feet. The radar screen turned a total magenta color. All it was seeing was the hail. The pellets were relentless. The storm had still more to offer.

Joe looked at me as if to say, "I hope you know what you are doing?"

All I could think was, "Thank God for GPS, radar and my depth finder." A person gets completely disoriented on the water when you lose your ability to set your eye on a fixed object. Boaters have been known to head in the exact opposite direction of their intent.

Using the GPS, I relied upon my electronic charts to keep me as close to Devil's Head as I could while at the same time watching my depth finder so that I did not run aground. Off a point you can encounter shallow water for several hundred feet. It is also common to find large rocks in such places.

My other fear, of course, was running into another boat. Fortunately I was able to fine tune the radar so that I could eliminate the hail detection while at the same time being able to get an image of the boats in the area.

Time is completely lost in an event like this. It seemed to last far longer than the actual occurrence. I slowed down the boat to 4 knots and relying totally on my instruments made my way around Devil's Head into Filucy Bay where the storm bid us farewell and the calm was restored.

Later we made a pass by Eagle's Island and spotted the mother seals and their pups enjoying the after storm wallowing on the beach.

It is no wonder that the Bible makes multiple references to the power of the storms that rage about creation and in our lives. They represent a power that humbles the human bones. One knows how small one truly is. My rightful place in the world that day was but a cork bobbing in the waves.

Storms teach us why it is so important to have in our lives someone we can rely upon when we lose our orientation. When our best intentions can take us in the wrong direction.

I said to Joe on the way down. "I always keep my instruments on because I want to learn from them in good conditions so that I can know I can rely on them when I have to."

For me this is who our God is.

Hearing God's word, honoring Sabbath, living the seasons of the church year may not mean much at the time. But I assure you when you need to place your total trust in them it is a huge relief to have already learned they can be trusted.

...in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by.

One of the great benefits of the hail storm I had not expected was that it power washed the boat so that it was sparkling clean of