



Bethesda Outlook

February 2016

Care and Concern Ministry

The Bethesda Care and Concern group would like to invite you to come to the conference room at 10:00am on the second Wednesday of the month to help write greeting cards and to pray for members and friends of the church. The group writes greeting cards to people who are ill, grieving the loss of a loved one, or having other difficulties. Also congratulatory cards as well encouraging messages are sent on very special occasions.

Often soup and bread are delivered randomly, prescriptions picked up, transportation provided for medical appointments - whatever we can do to help within our time and capabilities.

Call the church office (425.778.6390) when you have a prayer request.

The Care and Concern Group is in need of the following:

- Thinking of you greeting cards
- Get well greeting cards
- Blank greeting cards
- Postage stamps

Items may be given to Mickey Schwald, Joan Minnis, Sharon Boehm or left with Jean in the office.

Movie Night at Bethesda

On the 3rd Saturday of each month at 5:30pm a family friendly movie is shown in the fellowship hall. It is free and everyone is invited. Popcorn is also provided! Please plan on attending and bring a neighbor or two.

Men's Breakfast

On the 4th Saturday of each month at 8:00am a men's breakfast is held at Bethesda Lutheran Church in the fellowship hall. All men and boys are welcome. Plan on bringing your appetite and a friend! If you would like additional information, please contact Cliff Pearson at 425-745-5417

Bethesda Community Dinner

The community dinner has been blessed with some young student helpers from Cedar Park Christian School Mountlake Terrace campus. The students have been coming every other week for 2 months and are accompanied by the school ASB advisor, Ann Gillis. We are grateful and appreciate their help with serving and cleaning up. Thank you!

The donations of coffee have been greatly needed and much appreciated. Thank you.

Bethesda Lutheran Church Plant Sale

Spring is on the way and if there is to be a plant sale in May plans need to be made soon. Please contact Joan Minnis if you are available to help plan and prepare for the plant sale.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	
	1 Community Table Tutoring 10:00am—5:00pm Ruth/Miriam Circle 2:00pm—4:00pm Bethesda Community Table 8:30am—8:00pm Girl Scout Leaders 6:30pm—9:00pm Facilities Committee @ Bldg. 3 6:45pm	2 Comm. Table clean up 7:00am—12:00pm	3 Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	4 Girl Scouts 6:00pm—8:00pm	5 Girl Scouts 5:00pm—8:00pm	6 BCS 'Old- Fashioned' Pot Roast Beef Dinner 5:30pm	
7 Worship 10:15am Comm. Table prep. 4:00pm—7:00pm	8 Community Table Tutoring 10:00am—5:00pm Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm—3:30pm Bethesda Community Table 5:30pm—6:30pm Council Meeting 7:00pm—9:00pm	9 Comm. Table clean up 7:00am—12:00pm	10 Care & Concern Ministry 10:00—Noon Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00pm Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	11 Girl Scouts 6:00pm—8:00pm	12	13	
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| 1 - Erik Olson | 9 - Cyndy Wesley |
| 2 - Dick Anstice | 15 - Hilary Anstice |
| 5 - Danna Hudlund | 27 - Melissa Anstice |
| 7 - Sam Harpst
Ron Olson | |



Everyone is Welcome !
Bethesda Lutheran Church
is having an

'Old-Fashioned' Pot Roast Beef Dinner
on
 Saturday, February 6 ~ 5:30pm ~ \$12.00
to benefit

Bethesda Lutheran Church Community Services
 23406 56th Ave. W, Mountlake Terrace, WA

RSVP by calling...
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THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS FOR 2015

The rules have changed for Thrivent Choice Dollars. You should have received an e-mail or a letter from Thrivent stating where you wish your Choice Dollars to go. The deadline is March 31 for funds in 2015. If you have not done this, we request that you do one of the following:

You can call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice". You need to say or enter your Social Security number and press 1 to direct the Choice Dollars or press 2 to hear the terms and conditions. A representative will then work with you to direct Choice Dollars. If you decide to say Bethesda Lutheran Church, be sure you tell them Mountlake Terrace, WA as there are several Bethesda churches. You will have to call several times a year since they are no longer recurring.

If you prefer to use the computer, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Click on "log in" at the top right of the screen and enter your My Thrivent user ID and password. (If you haven't registered on Thrivent.com, click on "register now" to register for full access.) Look for your designated Choice Dollars amount on the right side of the screen. Click on "Direct Choice Dollars" in the Thrivent Choice box on your My Thrivent page. Search the catalog of organizations to find your choice. Click on "Direct Choice Dollars Now" to direct your designated Choice Dollars to benefit that organization.

Your Thrivent Congregational Coordinators,
 Joan Minnis, Jeanette Anstice, Dick Anstice, Donna Veveris, Cliff Pearson & Katherine Dedrick

From Council

In the last two council meetings, we have managed to sign a new elevator contract, furnace maintenance contract, and renewed our existing contract with community transit. We also signed a new copier contract that saves us quite a bit of money monthly, pays off our old contract, and is providing a \$500 donation to the Holly House.

We agreed to a budget for the semi-annual meeting.

Some updates:

Bethesda Community Table has begun a GED program, with the help of Nest. We are providing tutoring and Nest is helping with program costs for participants. If anyone has a computer to donate for this purpose, please bring it to the office and label it for BCT.

We have been participating in city council meetings since finding out about the code intensification. On December 21, the city council gathered to vote on adopting the intensification and that vote was put on hold until March. We also hand delivered a letter to the City of MLT at that December 21st meeting and are currently awaiting a response. Our attendance at the city meetings has opened up a dialogue between us and the city and an informal meeting took place with a city official on January 21st. We are currently seeking fundraising to help with legal costs.

I Pray That They Might Be One

Kirby Unti, NWWA Bishop
The Spirit, February 2016

For he himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall. Ephesians 2:14

I was not prepared for what I was about to see. I knew it existed but I had never set eyes on it. Living in the State of Washington, I have crossed into Canada many times but I had never seen the iron wall that cuts through the heart of Nogales, Arizona dividing families who live on the United States side of the wall from those living on the Mexican side.

The people of Nogales for hundreds of years moved freely through their town until an agreement was reached between the United States and Mexico that would draw the border which now divides the city. It is North America's Berlin.

Kim and I watched two women, perhaps sisters, trying to hug one another through the narrow opening in the wall. Alongside the woman on the Mexico side of the border stood another woman holding her baby. She was trying to show the baby to the woman on the opposing side. It broke my heart. How could this be America?

We gathered around Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton as bishops and spouses and she led us in prayer reminding us of who our God is. The God who breaks down the walls that separate us from one another. The God who hears the cry of God's people and comes down to be with us. One of our bishops spoke the words of Ronald Reagan, "Gorbachev, tear down this wall."

Later that day we gathered at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Nogales and heard the stories of those who are trying to seek legal entrance into the United States. The paperwork is so burdensome and the rules so confusing, that it is not unheard of to take up to ten years or longer. And you better have a good immigration attorney because on your own you have little or no hope of navigating a cumbersome system.

I could not help but think about what it was like to try to secure the military benefits my parents were qualified to receive as they neared the end of their lives. They were both World War II Veterans. If it were not for my brother, who is an attorney, we would have given up.

I understand the need to keep drug dealers and criminals out. But surely we can find a more just and human way to welcome those who are seeking work or to be reunited with their families - in the same manner most of our families were welcomed.

The grace moment of the trip happened earlier in the week as we gathered at the historic San Xavier Catholic Church. It would be a first for this congregation. They not only welcomed us as Lutherans - they were willing to allow us to use their altar table to celebrate Holy Communion. We witnessed one wall erected and participated in breaking down another.

