

OUR CHURCH

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.



FROM THE PULPIT

Since January, Bethany has been using pulpit pastors for Sunday morning worship.

This allows us to hear from different ministers with diverse styles and approaches to sharing God's Word. We will be

continuing to use pulpit pastors throughout the fall, enjoying the return of some for multiple visits, and the freshness and newness that others bring. The synod provides us with a list of pastors willing to be Sunday morning pulpit pastors. Additionally, we often get names from other pastors. That is how Pastor Randy came to us recently. We really enjoyed his time with us. Pastor Randy has received calls from two churches near Tacoma, so is no longer available. Our prayers are with him in his new job. The bishop gave us the name of Pastor Ray. He has a wonderful sense of humor and loves the traditional aspect of our service. Pastor Mary has been with us the longest. She has guided us with worship and had conversations with us about healing, and the future. We will continue to invite these pastors back to share with us, and I will explore others who would like to share their time and teachings with Bethany. This is a wonderful way to broaden our perspectives and experience new and different things as we grow in our commitment to the Lord. Always feel free to ask me about the process if you have any questions.

Kathy Norton – Council Chair



CHAIR

Kathy Norton

Summer is over and the weather has changed and changed again, just like it has done all summer. My tomatoes just do not want to ripen and the dahlias are not the same as last year. It is also not the same around the church. Things keep changing, then change again. There are many ideas and suggestions about service style, bulletin design and music. We have tried to combine the two styles of services that for nine years have been a part of Bethany, and at this time we are at one service. We kept with the traditional base for service, and now have both Phil at the organ and Matt at the piano. So, we are singing our praises to God with different styles of music and the Lutheran liturgy. *We are still finding our way.* Throughout October and November we will make changes. Continue to let your thoughts be known about the changes, as they are not permanent. Reformation Day and All Saints Day will end October and start November and Advent will begin sooner than we know. Each season brings traditions and newness.

We have shared our services with some wonderful pastors. Each one has had their own way of reaching us and teach us as a congregation. We have had formal conversations or talks over coffee or a meal. Much insight has been shared and many prayers have been said. *The answer is there, if we just listen.* God has the answer, but connecting God's dots is the hard part. Each of us must listen. It may not be just the way it has been in the past and it might not look and sound like what we are used to. We are a small congregation and we have some wonderful assets.

Let's sing our praises to the Lord and remember this is God's house not just our church.



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16 (King James Version)

We mourn the loss of friends, members and family. Our prayers are with the families and friends of those who have passed:

Pamela Thomas August 18th 2010
Dorothy Parsons September 2nd 2010
Alice Kreitler September 15th 2010
Russell Goranson October 1st 2010

Inspirations:

In the beautiful book of Psalms, we are told "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1.

So, let's be certain to give thanks to this life. The love of life endures forever. See, not only can we love life, but life loves us. Life has given us the opportunity to live this day. We don't know how many days we have, but we know we have this one.

Let's give thanks to God this day for a day of life and for the opportunity to not only experience, but to express, love.

Congratulations to the Schrumms

October Anniversary

Oct 13 1956 - Jack & LeDonna



CAMP LUTHERWOOD

The end of July brought Lutherwood Day Camp again this summer. We had a church full of kids and young adults.

What a blessing! Thirty-two kids experienced the joy of Christ through crafts, games, song and interaction with three



wonderful counselors from Camp Lutherwood - who shared their love for Christ and the kids for six hours a day with such enthusiasm. Helping out were eight junior counselors. Thank you to the counselors, junior counselors, and all of the snack helpers. Together we are able to provide this wonderful opportunity for the children of our community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We celebrate the following birthdays in October and November.

October Birthdays

- 2 – Earl Oinila
- 12 – Ruth Sleasman
- 14 - Nadine Nickerson
- 17 – Scott Guild



November Birthdays

- 8 - Roland Kitching
- 10 - Martin Luther
- 11 - Victor Greb
- 13 - Mildred Brown
- 18 - Doris Reese
- 19 - Christian Peterson

Ruth Sleasman's 90th Birthday party will be on October 17th after church in the fellowship hall. All are welcome.



**CONCERT
for the
COMMUNITY**
Saturday Oct. 16th
7:00 p.m.

**Past – Present – Future
An Evening of Music**

Featuring Pianist Matt Burnett

Preceded by:
SOUP and SALAD at SIX

Bethany is offering our community a special free concert of music for all ages, Saturday, Oct. 16th at 7:00 p.m. Our beloved pianist Matt Burnett will showcase his talent by performing original compositions, tributes to artists from the past and homage to more modern music. He will be joined by Stevi Marie and Greg Jackson of the popular local country rock band “Stevi Marie and Jackson Road”, Brian Copeland of the pop/rock group the “Brian Copeland Band”, inspirational signer/songwriter Kirstin Albaugh, and guitar player/composer Stephen Killen. This is a community event of incredible music you won’t want to miss.

Bethany has such a wonderful opportunity to be a vital part of our local community. Providing a concert of this caliber, and sharing with our neighbors and friends the incredible talent of our pianist and his talented peers is a blessing for us all. Everyone will enjoy this special evening. Mark your calendars now! Help us welcome our neighbors into our beautiful sanctuary to enjoy this evening of music!

**BRING YOUR PARENTS, YOUR
CHILDREN, YOUR NEIGHBORS
and YOUR FRIENDS.**



SOUP AND SALAD AT SIX
JUST BEFORE THE CONCERT

Prior to the concert, Bethany will be providing our first “Soup and Salad at Six”: a meal for the community - on a love offering basis. If you would like to help with preparations for the dinner, contact Donna at 503-284-6855. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m., the concert at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to come to both for an enjoyable Saturday evening at Bethany



PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY

Wednesday, October 27th
6:00 -- 8:00 p.m.



Join us for our annual Community Pumpkin Carving and Pizza Party on Wednesday, October 27th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. This is a favorite event at Bethany. Kids of all ages and their parents are invited to bring pumpkins and join in the Halloween fun as we create masterpieces and messes!! Bring pumpkin carving tools if you can. Costumes are encouraged, pizza is free, and a good time is guaranteed

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY, NOV. 6th
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



It's that time again! We will be selling hand-crafted and white elephant items and baked-goods. PLUS lunch is back this year, thanks to Elke with soup and pies. Please sign-up in the narthex or kitchen to bring a pie or two or three! (No cream pies please.) Bring your baked goods for the bake sale to the church prior to the sale - already priced. Set-up is on Friday November 5th between 9 am & 1 pm. Bring items to the fellowship hall at that time. If you are able to help out in any way or have questions, please feel free to call Mary Lou 503-281-

0564 or Donna 503-284-6855. Join us for a wonderful festive day!!

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BETHANY as a NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

The Bethany community is blessed to have a beautiful building in which to worship and fellowship, AND we are blessed to be located in a fabulous neighborhood with interesting people committed to their community. As we move in to the fall months, we find that we are more ready than ever to welcome our neighbors and greater community in to share the many blessings we have. Over the past several months we have enjoyed having a local Spanish immersion school share our educational space. Additionally, multiple schools, educational programs, health and fitness programs and individuals are exploring the possibilities of partnering with Bethany to make good use of our facilities and support the idea of being a center for our neighborhood. We are so fortunate to be in a position to invite people in to share our space, enriching our lives, the life of the Bethany community and the greater community around our church. At this time, we are piecing together the many parts of the puzzle to determine the best uses of our space for ongoing venues as well as one-time events, while preserving all the traditions and customs that make Bethany such a special place to call home. If you would like to be involved in how we partner with our community, please contact Deborah at the church office.



October 10th, 2010 has become a focus date for people to better understand climate change and the need for positive action toward protecting our world's resources. In Oregon, climate change awareness has united the faith community, recognizing the moral implications our actions have on our world.

Coming together as the Oregon Interfaith Power and Light, Christians are encouraged to learn and reflect on our role in helping others and caring for the earth.

Those things which our faith community cares about -hunger, poverty, access to clean water, disasters, peace and environmental degradation is made worse by climate change. During the upcoming 10 weeks, Christians are encouraged to reflect on the Bible passages below and their meaning for us as we seek to better understand and respond to climate change in our life and the lives of others.

Oct. 10-16	Luke 17:11-19	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Oct. 17-23	Luke 18:1-8,	Jeremiah 31:27-34
Oct. 24-30	Luke 18:9-14,	Joel 2:23-32
O. 31-N. 6	Luke 19:1-10	Habakkuk 1:1-4,
Nov. 7-13	Luke 20:27-38,	Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Nov.14-20	Luke 21:5-19,	Isaiah 65:17-25
Nov.21-27	Luke 23:33-43,	Jeremiah 23:1-6
N. 28-D. 4	Matthew 24:36-44,	Isaiah 2:1-5
Dec. 5-11	Matthew 3:1-12	Isaiah 11:1-10
Dec. 12-18	Matthew 11:2-11	Isaiah 35:1-10

Fair Trade

Bethany now has Fair Trade coffee and chocolate for sale. This was ordered through Lutheran World Relief. Purchase at the church on Sunday morning or call the church office.

WEBSITE MAKE-OVER

Our website at www.bethanyportland.org will soon be getting a make-over. If you have suggestions or ideas, please contact Deborah at bethanyportland@yahoo.com.

Cluster Conversations



On September 25th fifty people from eleven churches in the Mt. Tabor/PLUM clusters met here at Bethany to discuss the future of the Lutheran church in our area. In attendance was Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke, several pastors and members of the congregations. We began with an opening worship and a service of thanksgiving and grieving; thanks for what the congregations were and grieving for what the congregations no longer have. Lutheran churches throughout the area are all hurting in some way; whether it is from the loss of members, funding problems or building maintenance issues. We did not come to any answers as why attendance has dropped or how to grow the churches, which were some of the main questions. In discussing these challenges, it became clear that it does not really matter if your church has a traditional, contemporary or other type of service, the churches on a whole are not very full. We will continue to pursue these questions. The next Cluster Conversation will be November 13th, 9:00 a.m. at Peace Lutheran. Anyone interested in the conversation is welcome to attend.

Reminder: Minutes from all Council Meetings can be found on the Bulletin Board in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Offices.

Worship Meetings

We have been meeting regularly with Pastor Mary to guide us with the worship service. At the beginning of August we had an idea to combine the two services that we had at Bethany into one service: a single service that would reflect both the traditional and the contemporary. We thought if we started out with the traditional part then eased into a contemporary part we could have both types in one service. Though well-intended this approach had been confusing, resulting in a traditional service incorporating both the piano and organ.

We continue to change aspects of the service wanting to bring in "less formal" songs and tweak the format to be more comfortable for all. This is not easy.

It was not the intention to discontinue the Contemporary service. For those who attended the 2nd service, I want to apologize that, at this time, this service is no longer available. We have been looking at several ideas that would bring contemporary back to Bethany, and ask for your input.

We will see what the future brings. Let's all work together and see what God can create through us. If you would like to participate in the forming of Bethany of the future, contact Kathy or Donna.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November
9th, 4:30 p.m. at Bethany.