

August  
2022

A graphic of the Star of Bethlehem, depicted as a bright yellow star with a four-pointed shape, surrounded by a dense, swirling cloud of blue and white dots, giving it a nebula-like appearance.

# Bethlehem Star

Guest Pastors Werzner & Zimmerman • James Hing, Organist

**"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1, ESV)**

Dear friends at Bethlehem, it will be a pleasure to spend a few Sundays with you during the month of August. I have been working through the assigned readings for those Sundays and noted that many of the Epistle readings are from the book of Hebrews starting at chapter 11, a chapter of the Bible that not only defines faith but highlights so many "Heroes of Faith" from Israel's history - people like Abraham who left his father's home and didn't hold back his son Isaac and Moses who led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and the judges who led God's people. Through faith they did amazing things, "[they] conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong in weakness, became mighty in war, put armies to flight" (Hebrews 11:33-34, ESV). They did amazing things, but some of them also endured extreme suffering - even to the point of death (Hebrews 11:35-38). Yet their actions were never in vain.

I've met many people I consider heroes - Christians who endured persecution under regimes like the old Soviet Union, soldiers who were commended for valor, and people who have done great works of service and mercy in the Church and in the community at large. One thing I remember from so many of them was the perspective they had on their actions. So many shared that they weren't trying to be heroic. Rather from their perspective, they were just being faithful in the circumstances that God had put before them. They acted in faith. They relied on the Lord, trusted in

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God's faithfulness, and God took care of the rest.

There is a lesson in that for us as God's people as we "run the race" (Hebrews 12:1-2) that is before us. We can "step out in faith" because we know the Lord, the One who holds the future. We know Jesus who is seated at God's right hand and works everything together for the good of His people (Romans 8:28). May God guide Bethlehem and each one of us as we "walk by faith" and commend all to His keeping. Amen.

Pastor Arthur Werzner

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### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

At the Voters' meeting on July 24, the property team laid out the information they had so far. The dialogue was very cordial, and I believe most people understand the need for Bethlehem to address our property.

I love their goal statement (Thank you, Curtis, for this contribution):  
**To faithfully develop and execute a plan to utilize the property God has bequeathed to Bethlehem that glorifies His name and furthers the Kingdom of God.**

We will hold follow-up discussions between July 25 through August 3. THESE ARE VERY IMPORTANT MEETINGS, AND YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND TO HELP PLAN OUR FUTURE. I expect we will have further discussions in September after I return from vacation.

I was very taken with Pastor Zimmerman's comments (July 24<sup>th</sup>) about the talks Amazing Grace held and where they arrived. He indicated while the people are different at Bethlehem, the discussion and decisions are similar.

God Bless you this summer and may He watch over each and everyone.  
Don Kuhlmann

## August



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

Jean Shaw August 1  
Cassandra Rogers August 4  
Karen Begalka August 5  
Joanne Jordanger August 6  
Tommie McNeal August 6  
Logan Browning August 9  
Joshua Bumpus August 9  
Wilma Gardner August 9  
LaRell Troseth August 12  
Makayla Boydston August 16  
Abigale Santee August 16  
JoAnne Simonton August 17  
Betty Cowan August 21  
Olivia Hudson August 23  
Harold Carlson August 24  
Pat Eskam August 28  
Kaye Hanno August 28

**Troseth, Ken & Sharon**  
**August 1, 1992 30 years**

**Adams, Jeff & Suzanne**  
**August 5, 2000 22 years**

**Maas, Pete & Hannelore**  
**August 5, 1961 61 years**

**Blair, David & Cindy**  
**August 12, 1978 44 years**

**Baade, Gene & Joyce**  
**August 17, 1968 54 years**

**Rogers, Joseph & Cassandra**  
**August 28, 2010 12 years**

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS:

**Karen Begalka joyfully celebrates 7 decades!**

**Abigale is 7 years old**

**Betty Cowan is our most senior person with an August birthday. She turns 97 this month.**



**Olivia is now 2 hands full!**

*We wish you  
continued happiness  
and God's blessings!*

*If we don't have you listed,  
please let the office know.*

**Harold Carlson is 80 years young!**

We pray for God's ongoing mercy to all. In particular, we pray for:

**Those living & working in our AbleLight home.  
People impacted by the war in Ukraine including  
our brothers & sisters in the Moldovan Church.**

**Jim & Sharon Buechler  
Harold Carlson  
Jesse Hack  
Mardelle Hammond  
Jeanne-K Hughes  
Joel & Karen Jackman  
Glen Koppelman  
Hannelore Payne  
Linda Sheets  
Gil & Cathy Wooden**

**Michael Bumpus  
Frank & Betty Downing  
Marcy Hall  
Gary & Kaye Hanno  
Mark Humphrey  
Joanne Jordanger  
Andrea Mangold  
Debbie Porter  
Ruth Schroeder**



**Carolyn Hough  
Jenny Iles  
Donna Kahn  
Bob Pankow  
Juanita Reynolds  
Bev West**

**Brent & Karen Begalka's friend Regina S  
Jim & Sharon Buechler his sister JoAnn, her brother James, his cousins Milton & Jerome,  
his cousin John, her cousin Wendy  
Gretchen Engum's brother-in-law Joel  
Cathy Frank's nephew Gerard  
Jesse Hack's dad Don  
Mardelle Hammond's sister-in-law Barbara  
Chene'e Holcomb and her mom Jocelyn  
Curtis Holcomb's friends Wayne H and Crystal  
Jeanne-K Hughes' sister Dawna, friend Angie  
LuAnne Humphrey's cousin Brenda & husband Chris, friends Chris, David B, John C, Joyce & Max  
Gene & Donna Kahn her sister Carol  
Don & Dielma Kuhlmann her sister Brenda & friends Lynn & Dan  
Pete & Hannelore Maas' friend Bill  
Hannelore Payne's stepdaughter Becky, relatives Rolf & Elvi, June, Johanna & Susanna,  
son Patrick, brother Frank, friend Marge  
Debbie Porter's friend Ada  
Linda Sheets' daughter Corrie, friends George & Anne  
Dick & Ellen Taylor's grandchildren Landon & Caroline, his cousins Bill & Eileen  
Carolyn Troseth's sister Viola, sister-in-law Viona, friend Anita**

**Pastor David-Paul Zimmerman's daughter, Michelle.  
Pastor Douglas & Carol Iben's daughter, Becky.**

We pray for the health & safe return home of our members and relatives serving our country in the military: **Austin Kahn (Air Force), Garrett Kahn (Air Force), Ben Boykin (Army).**

We pray for peace, love, safety, and comfort to our members who can't attend church services: **Wanda Brooks, Betty Cowan, Gretchen Engum, Emma Humphrey, Evelyn Lundstrom-Weiss, Jean Shaw, and David Willett.**

## **WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT**

Sabine once said, "I know God is in control, and I have faith that He will be with me through life's journey." And he was.

God was with Sabine when she was born in Berlin, Germany during WWII and had to flee to a refugee camp with her mother, leaving behind everything except what they could carry, while her father was a Prisoner of War.

He was with her as they survived on potatoes and endured brutal winter conditions in the camp. He was with her when her father was released and reunited with his family. He was with her when they resettled in Belgium after the war. Sabine knows He was with her as she sailed on a refugee boat at the age of 4, unaware that her future husband was on the exact same ship! God was with Sabine when she later met Gerhard in Renton, and they married after a brief courtship.

He was with her while she worked with her husband and raised her children, and joined Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She found peace in knowing God was with her when she was diagnosed with Parkinson's and spent her last few years in a care facility. He was with her when the facility was under multiple quarantine lockdowns due to COVID among the patients and staff. She was not alone.

Sabine was able to share God's Words with many in her lifetime, and in many different languages. One could rely on Sabine for knowing the answers to Bible questions posed by the pastor. She was very active in Mary Martha Society and served as a Vacation Bible School helper for decades.

Sabine was predeceased by husband Gerhard in November 2021 and her son, Ron, in February 2022. She is survived by daughter Inge Kaivola, daughter Beatrice (Todd) Myers, son John, and grandchildren Naomi, Timothy, Rachel, Elisabeth, Melanie & Stephanie.

Sabine knew suffering and tragedy. She knew joy. She knew God's love.

Sabine Muller passed away on July 7, 2022. She was 80 years old. We will notify members when the date of her service is set.



**SABINE G. MULLER**  
**October 30, 1941**

**July 7, 2022**

## HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES



to Mardelle Hammond on the death of her oldest son, Rodney. He passed away from complications of COVID-19 on Friday July 15, 2022. He was 74 years old. Flowers will be displayed on the altar on July 31 in memory of what would have been his 75th birthday. There will be a private ceremony to celebrate his life.

## Memorial Service for Kathy Zable

Pastor Gene Baade led the service for beloved Kathy Zable on Saturday, July 9, at Bethlehem. Congregation members, family and friends were in the building and many joined on Zoom. Kathy passed away December 22, 2020.

Kathy's favorite lunch of hot dogs was served by Mary Martha ladies. Family members brought in a variety of salads. Her collection of pigs was displayed in the social hall, and each guest was encouraged to take one home to remember Kathy.



One of several hundred pigs from Kathy's collection.

Photo shows Carolyn Troseth serving Joyce Baade. Pastor Baade is also in the photo. *By Dielda Kuhlmann*



## "I DO" Curtis + Nicole



Curtis Boydston shares, "Nicole and I made a promise to each other on June 25, 2022. To love and cherish each other, to honor and respect each other, to guide and support each other, and most importantly, to keep God in the center of our relationship. We are both excited for what God has planned for our future!"

Rylan Gunn, age 6, had an important role in the wedding. Photo shows Rylan walking down the aisle with a sign that reads **"Uncle Curtis, here comes your girl!"**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

On June 26, we celebrated Larry Holcomb's **90th** birthday. We sang the birthday song. He and Marlene treated us to cake and other goodies.

*Photo taken by her brother, Warren Wascher.*





## **The Cruise Ship of Stewardship**

Welcome aboard! The cruise that you are about to experience is the good ship "Stewardship." The name "Stewardship" comes from the fact that all of the passengers are Stewards. Their vocations are to take good care of everything that God has given them, and to act as attendants to one another.

Mark 10:44 *"Whoever would be great among you, must be servant of all."*

To board this ship, all you need to provide is a Baptismal certificate or other proof that you are a part of God's family. John 3:16, John 20:31, Romans 5:8, Romans 10:9 or 1 John 3:1 memory verses will be acceptable. The fee that you will be paying is a free-will offering. The owner, God, will provide each passenger with accommodations of your choice, food from multiple restaurants, entertainment, recreation, worship services and Bible studies.

Philippians 4:19 *"And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in Glory."*

The different accommodations are:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. budget cabins               | 5. family cabins    |
| 2. rooms with obstructed views | 6. spa cabins       |
| 3. ocean views                 | 7. luxury cabins    |
| 4. balcony views               | 8. celebrity cabins |

The budget cabins provide a cramped space with artificial lighting, no windows, a small bed (ideal for those who are ill, want to sleep, read, pray or play solitaire). These are for passengers who either want solitude or desire to roam around to other parts of the ship, returning only to sleep. They usually want to pay the minimum fee.

Those in cabins with obstructed views may be looking at life boats constantly through portholes. Their space is a little larger than the budget cabins, have larger beds, table with chairs, computer services, televisions and shared restrooms. They may want to have one or 2 visitors at a time for prayer and Bible study, to discuss what to do in case of emergencies and how to be saved, or spend most of their time outside the cabin. They too, tend to be conservative with the free-will offering.

The passengers choosing a cabin with an ocean or balcony view are more



apt to contribute their "fair share" of the fare. They have very comfortable accommodations with computers, televisions, room for prayer and Bible studies or company to just visit and enjoy the beautiful views. They also have their own small restrooms and kitchenettes, though they prefer to eat at one of the restaurants. The people who book these cabins generally enjoy room service, social activities, dining, attending shows and special events onboard or making reservations for shore excursions (or missions).

The family cabins are large enough for a family of 6, have their own kitchenettes, restrooms, games, books, computer services, television, and plenty of room for children to run around. There are special sections of the ship exclusively for children and their families. Most of the families like to swim, exercise, tour around, dine together or attend events off the ship. They often pay whatever they are able to as a free-will offering.

The spa, luxury or celebrity cabins are large, providing unlimited provisions, exclusive restaurants, shows, special events onboard, and shore excursions. They even have their own butlers. These passengers usually pay a very generous fee towards their accommodations and amenities.

The butlers, Captain, first mate, boatswain, deck crew, entertainers, restaurant workers, chaplains and other high servants also have elite accommodations. They pay mostly through serving other people, yet many also pay a fee.

With all of these activities provided, how many minutes will the passengers spend with God through worship services, Bible studies or prayer?

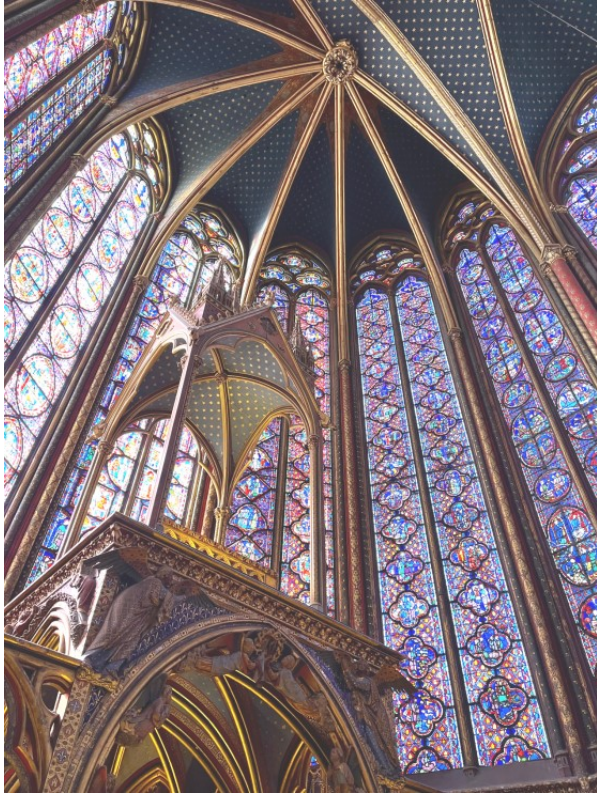
A person has a choice to reach out to others, keep active or do nothing. Those that contribute the most to the cruise will get the most out of it.

*"Give and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."* Luke 6:38.

The basic requirements aboard this ship is to serve each other with love, honor God, wash hands to prevent disease, (occasionally washing each other's feet to learn to be a servant) and taking care of one's own health. The destination:

## **H E A V E N**

Have a nice cruise! Sincerely, Karen Begalka, Stewardship



## CHURCHES AROUND THE WORLD

**James Hing** was in Europe recently and sent photos of some of the churches he visited. On the left is Sainte-Chapelle. It is a royal chapel in the Gothic style, within the medieval Palais de la Cite, which was the residence of the Kings of France until the 14th century, on the ile de la Cite in the River Seine in Paris. The whole church is all stained glass windows!



On the left is Saint Peter's Basilica within Vatican City in Rome! To get an idea of the scale, those are people near the bottom of the photo. Construction began on 18 April 1506 and was completed on 18 November 1626.

**James Hing** also saw the crypt and assumed bones of St. Peter enshrined at the front of the Basilica. There are over 100 tombs inside and under the building.



**Don, Dielda & Jon Kuhlmann** visited a much different church than James! On a visit to eastern Washington, they saw the Lutheran Church that is closest to where Mardelle Hammond moved to. Here is a photo of Grace Lutheran in Mattawa, Washington. It was dedicated to the glory of God in 1995. The church's mission statement is:

**God's work...Our hands**

If you visit a church during your travels this summer, you can submit a photo and favorite memory of it to Dielda, newsletter editor.

## DOUBLE RAINBOW

Pete and Hannelore Maas enjoyed seeing this double rainbow from their backyard on July 7. It's the brightest one they had ever seen.





## THE STORY BEHIND THE HYMN

### ***When Morning Gilds the Skies***

**1744** (that's 278 years ago)

***From the rising of the sun to its going down  
the LORD'S name is to be praised.*** Psalm 113:3

"From the rising of the sun to its going down the Lord's name is to be praised," exclaims Psalm 113:3. That's the theme behind this anonymous Catholic hymn, "Beim frühen Morgenlicht," which first appeared in the German hymnbook *Katholisches Gesangbuch* in 1744.

It was translated into English a hundred years later by Edward Caswall, a Roman Catholic priest. Edward had grown up in an Anglican parsonage. Following in his father's footsteps, Edward became an Anglican curate in Wiltshire. But in 1847, he converted to Catholicism. He delighted in translating ancient hymns from Latin into English.

He led what is described as an unremarkable life, but he had an earnest devotion to his clerical duties and a loving interest in the poor, the sick, and in children. Besides translating, he also wrote original poems and hymns.

In translating this hymn, he added some of his own verses. The original English version had twenty-eight (fourteen double) stanzas. Here are some new ones for you to sing:

***When you begin the day, O never fail to say, / May Jesus Christ be praised! /  
And at your work rejoice, to sing with heart and voice, / May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Whene'er the sweet church bell peals over hill and dell, / May Jesus Christ be praised! /  
O hark to what it sings, as joyously it rings, / May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Be this at meals your grace, in every time and place; / May Jesus Christ be praised! /  
Be this, when day is past, of all your thoughts the last / May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs: / May Jesus Christ be praised! /  
When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call, / May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***When sleep her balm denies, my silent spirit sighs, / May Jesus Christ be praised! /  
When evil thoughts molest, with this I shield my breast, / May Jesus Christ be praised!***



*English Translation*  
*Edward Caswall*  
*b. July 15, 1814*  
*d. January 2, 1878*



*music by Sir*  
*Joseph Barnby*  
*1838-1896*  
*England*

# When Morning Gilds the Skies

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1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
 3 No love-lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known  
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,

"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
 "May Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's ho - ly house of prayer  
 Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 "May Je - sus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth a - round  
 Sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

This rings my cur-few call: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
 Hath none that can com-pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
 The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
 Ring joy - ous with the sound: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
 Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Barnby was a composer, conductor and organist. He entered the church choir at age 7, and was an organist and choir master at age 12. Barnby wrote this tune specifically for this hymn.

Submitted by Joel & Karen Jackman, Dielda Kuhlmann. Sources: Then Sings My Soul by Robert J Morgan, [hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org), [hymntime.org](http://hymntime.org)



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<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b> <b>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday</b> <b>10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</b>	<b>1</b> 6:30 pm Property Mtg via Zoom only 7 pm New Purpose	<b>2</b> TBD Trustees Mtg 6:30 pm Elders Mtg	<b>3</b> Office Cl 9:30 am Prop building only (1 August 1 meet
<b>7</b> <b>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</b> 10 Hybrid Worship Service Pastor Arthur Werzner	<b>8</b> 7 pm New Purpose	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Office (
<b>14</b> 10 Hybrid Worship Service Pastor David-Paul Zimmerman <b>1 pm Council Mtg Zoom only</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 am ORG TEAM via Zoom 7 pm New Purpose	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Office C
<b>21</b> 10 Hybrid Worship Service Pastor Arthur Werzner <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> Deadline to order Proverbs study book is today-\$10. Class starts Sept 14	<b>22</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7 pm New Purpose	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Office (
<b>28</b> 10 Hybrid Worship Service Pastor Arthur Werzner	<b>29</b> 7 pm New Purpose	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Office (

## ANNIVERSARIES

**LWML** is celebrating its 80th year of operation with the question "What's Your 80?" What are 80 ways you can share God's love? Societies are donating 80 items like we did or volunteering 80 hours of nursing home visits or praying for 80 people.

**Bethlehem's** 80th anniversary is October 15, 2022. Ellen Taylor and Sharon Buechler are heading the celebration committee.

In September 1522, the first version of the **Luther New Testament** was published. This year marks the 500th anniversary of that event!

# AUGUST 2022

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losed	<b>18</b> 7 pm New Purpose	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>3 pm Matinee</b> To Catch A Thief via Zoom
Closed	<b>25</b> 7 pm New Purpose	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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## WALKING WHERE JESUS WALKED

August begins our 2nd month of the Walking Where Jesus Walked devotion study. More important than the miles you traveled is the answer to **"What have you learned?"**

The study pages have encouraged you to look around as you walk to see who you could pray for. And asked for ways you can share your peace with others. We were reminded to have compassion for all people, even those who annoy us.

In Jesus' 3 years of ministry, he never ventured more than 100 miles from his birthplace, and he changed the world. You've likely traveled further than 100 miles from the city you were born. It's ok if you don't feel you've changed the world. You have been invited to walk with and follow Jesus. You have been chosen. That changes you from ordinary to extraordinary.

What have you learned? Some answers:

"I didn't know anything about the geography and where in the world all these Bible verses took place."

"I'm sharing the pages with my daughter to encourage her faith."

"I'm glad I can ride a bicycle. The miles add up faster!"

"It's fun! I'm learning a lot."

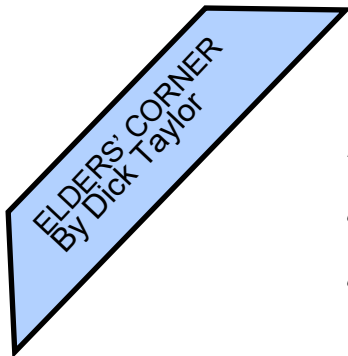
"I walk every day but this adds to my spiritual walk."

"We realize that our neighborhood looks very different from where Jesus walked. We hear cars and lawn mowers, and see different birds and plants."

A young child decided to pick up litter as he was walking with his family so the nature could stay beautiful.

"I thank God when I see an unexpected flower or a beautiful spot of color."

Keep on Walking with Jesus, at your own pace!



*Dear all who read this Newsletter.*

*Please accept my sincere apology for not submitting an Elder article for this newsletter. It is my responsibility, and I did not meet my expectations. No excuses.*

*Thank you for your prayers.*

*Dick Taylor*



### **BOUQUET**

Bev West contributed the altar flowers for July 3. She was able to attend church that day and was gracious to pose for this photo!

### **MOVIE MATINEE**



We will Zoom To Catch A Thief on Saturday August 20 at 3 pm. It's our first ever Alfred Hitchcock film. It stars Cary Grant and Grace Kelly and was filmed in 1955. It is not rated but guarantees Mystery, Intrigue, and Romance.

The July movie, Yankee Doodle Dandy, got rave reviews from the music loving matinee attendees.

**RAVE** for trustees for repairing the tire swing on the playground.

## **THOSE UNEXPECTED TECHNOLOGY GLITCHES HELP US STAY FLEXIBLE!**

Dielda Kuhlmann

It's always a good day to worship at Bethlehem, and some days are more "interesting" than others!

The pastor's lapel microphone had a lot of interference on July 3, and it was a challenge to hear all the words. The tech team discovered that the frequency required for that particular microphone had been bought by a TV station, which meant we needed to obtain a different mic. One was purchased that week and used the following weekend. It was a success!

And then we had the mysterious disruption on July 24. Everything was going fine and then suddenly the church lost its Zoom connection. That meant the Zoomers were on their own, with no church camera and no music. Elder Jim Buechler was on Zoom and read the Gospel reading for us while Lay Reader Art Wolf read it in the building. The Tech Team which consisted of just Don Kuhlmann that day got us reconnected, and the Zoomers rejoined the service just as Pastor Zimmerman was beginning his sermon.

The Tech Team gets rave reviews for staying cool under pressure!

And then there's the positive side of technology that reminds us what a valuable tool it is. The Sundays when:

- there is snow on the ground, and we can choose to worship from home and not risk slipping on the ice;
- it is too hot, and we can worship from the comfort of home;
- we are COVID positive, and we can worship safely at home; and
- we are away on vacation, and can worship at Bethlehem.

Shout out to Pastor Zimmerman for sharing our Zoom link in July to his family and friends. An average of 15 people he invited joined us via Zoom each Sunday in July. That's an additional 15 people each week who heard God's message.

The good outweighs the challenging parts.





The LWML WA-AK District Convention, July 8-10 in Wenatchee was attended by Ellen, Sharon, Tracy, and Ruth Ann. Sharon was the delegate who voted on the passing of the 2022 -2024 Mite goal and the 13 Mission grants that would be supported by this goal. The vote passed thus setting our Mite goal at \$75,000 to support the grants. Ruth Ann will try to highlight a grant each month. Thank you to the many members who sponsored Tracy for the Mite walk. Bethlehem contributions totaled \$362. The Mite Walk was a great start to the goal and raised \$1,500.

Despite the many attendees testing positive for Covid upon their return home, it was good to be together being about the Mission and work God has called the women of LWML to do. When Mary-Martha meets again, I pray the Ellen, Sharon and Tracy are able to share the joy of the convention.

Ruth Ann Shimoi  
LWML Lake Washington President  
LWML WA-AK District Vice President Gospel



Ellen Taylor & Sharon Buechler with our Zone Banner— “Refresh your soul in peaceful waters”



Author Deb Burma and Ruth Ann Shimoi celebrate LWML's 80th birthday.



Photo taken by Tracy Brown on her Mite Walk.

## Our Summer Worship Leaders



Elder Jim Buechler



Elder Brent Begalka & Pastor Zimmerman



Elder Richard Taylor and Pastor Werzner



Pastor Grothe and Organist James Hing



Lay Reader Curtis Holcomb



Lay Reader Sharon Buechler



Lay Reader Art Wolf



Pastor Werfelmann

We are blessed with faithful servants. Thank you. Also wish to acknowledge those who have served as Ushers this summer: Karen Begalka, Sharon Buechler, Gary Jordanger, Pete Maas, and Carolyn Troseth. Thanks to Amber Wolf for serving as Acolyte when needed and Curtis Holcomb as Cantor.

We appreciate the dedication and work of those behind the scenes. Marjie Boydston for preparing the bulletins each week. Dielda Kuhlmann for taking the Zoom attendance. And our Tech Team: Don Kuhlmann, Curtis Holcomb, Brent and Karen Begalka, and Sharon Buechler.



Match these verses with the correct Bible Passages:

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| ___ 1. While the Earth remains, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, Summer and Winter, day and night will not cease                      | <b>a. Colossians 1:10a</b>   |
| ___ 2. For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.   | <b>b. 2 Corinthians 5:7</b>  |
| ___ 3. The fading flower of its glorious beauty which is on the head of the rich valley will be like a first ripe fig before the Summer    | <b>c. Deuteronomy 10:12a</b> |
| ___ 4. He who gathers in Summer is a prudent son.  | <b>d. Ecclesiastes 3:1</b>   |
| ___ 5. Fear the Lord, walk in all His ways, love Him and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.                             | <b>e. Genesis 8:22</b>       |
| ___ 6. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.  | <b>f. Isaiah 28:4</b>        |
| ___ 7. Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise.   | <b>g. John 4:14</b>          |
| ___ 8. Whoever walks in integrity will be delivered.   | <b>h. Proverbs 10:5</b>      |
| ___ 9. Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord.  | <b>i. Proverbs 13:20a</b>    |
| ___ 10. For we walk by faith, not by sight.  | <b>j. Proverbs 28:18</b>     |
| ___ 11. Whoever will drink of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty, again... A spring of water welling up to eternal life. | <b>k. Psalm 23:4</b>         |





## **Renton Prep: Remarkable Results for our Students**

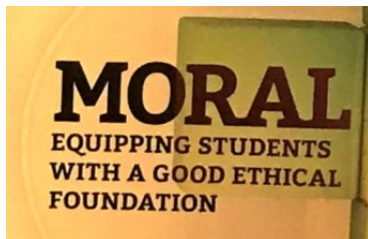
All loving parents want the best education for their children. Their heart's desire is that their kids will grow up and be more successful than they were. This is the essence of the American Dream. Sadly, school choice is not possible for many families, and they manage the best they can with the challenges and issues in schools today.



Renton Prep opens the door for families to provide the best foundation for their children's future. It's more than a school in the traditional sense. We do apply proven traditional aspects but go far beyond it. As a [Microsoft Showcase school](#), we embrace the changes that technology has opened in the world. As a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod school, we align our priorities to fuel spiritual development enabling us to live out our values. As a globally connected community, we strive to nurture authentic relationships and foster ongoing progress. These values together make Renton Prep a school that has drawn worldwide attention, with delegations from 21 countries that have visited our campus.



Renton Prep Christian School began in the 1960's with a vision to prepare graduates to make a positive difference locally, nationally, and globally. In 2009, we adopted Harvard University's "Mind, Brain, and Education" concept of learning. By embracing new and better innovations in education and technology, we achieved that goal and continue the quest today. Out of this energetic source of growth, we were led to rename our Amazing Grace Lutheran School, Renton Preparatory Christian School when we sold our church property to Crista Ministries and moved to our present site that occupies the former Renton City Hall. We seize many opportunities to extend learning outside of the classroom through online global collaboration and make sure our students are exposed to Fine Arts opportunities in the region.



Our campus houses students from many countries, cultures, and faith traditions. Because of this, they understand, respect, and appreciate diverse cultures. While our students learn about and experience living out the Christian faith, they also see, hear, and experience different faith traditions. We recognize and honor that everyone has his or her beliefs. We engage in dialogue and seek to understand other's spiritual perspectives as we walk in the light of Christ.

Renton Prep is serious about our six [Core Values](#):

**C**REATIVITY  
**H**UMILITY  
**R**ESOLVE  
**I**NTERDEPENDENCE  
**S**IMPLICITY and  
**T**RANSFORMATION



For parents searching for the right school, the decision is about more than the school's academic reputation, it's also about balance in life. Also, Renton Prep parents embrace our commitment and work with us to create an environment that is safe, respectful, loving, and kind. We are blessed with dedicated and caring educators, outstanding facilities and resources, and tremendous parent and community support.

Our website [www.rentonprep.org](http://www.rentonprep.org) provides an opportunity to better understand the values and quality education we never stop pursuing. At Renton Prep, even the students teach the teachers! But there are also intangibles that can only be experienced in person.

Dr. Michelle Zimmerman, Executive Director

*Renton Prep is an organization that Bethlehem supports financially and prayerfully. We thank Pastor David-Paul Zimmerman for sharing information about the school during our July Mission Sunday.*





## **MASKED UP AND STILL FRIENDLY**

Our July Pastor Rev Dr David-Paul Zimmerman greets members Cathy Wooden, Karen & Joel Jackman after a service. 50% of people attending in the building choose to wear masks.

*Photo by Dielda Kuhlmann*

## **OUR TRANSITIONAL PHASE FOR MASKS CONTINUES**



The left side (lectern) is the safety zone where masks are required.

Our compassionate and caring mask policy has been working so well that it will be in effect until further notice.



The right side (pulpit) is a mask optional area.

### **June 2022 Treasurer's Report (50% of the year done)**

Total Income	\$70,173.59
Total Expense	<u>37,662.01</u>
Net Income	\$32,511.58

Total Assets	\$111,827.38
Total Equity	\$65,183.04 (Assets not in memorials or designated funds)

—Kathy Logan, Treasurer

## THANKS TO OUR VILLAGE! CLOTHING DRIVE = SUCCESS

- ▶ Thanks to all who donated items to our clothing drive!
- ▶ Thanks to the Monday morning group who sorted, counted and relocated the bags.
- ▶ Thanks to the people of New Purpose who carried 171 heavy bags upstairs.
- ▶ Thanks to Marjie Boydston for procuring the rental truck.
- ▶ Thanks to the Friday afternoon group who loaded 3,413 pounds into the truck.
- ▶ Thanks to the Saturday team, Marjie, Curtis & Nicole Boydston, who drove the truck to Tukwila and unloaded everything, and then had enough energy to return the rental truck.



Sorters & counters: Don Kuhlmann, Curtis Holcomb, Carolyn Troseth, Hannelore & Pete Maas.  
Photo by Marjie Boydston



Pictured back row: Melanie Myers, Margo Passeau, Amber Wolf, Curtis Holcomb, Gary Jordanger, Pete Maas.

Middle row: Ruth Ann Shimoi, Carolyn Troseth, Hannelore Payne, Joanne Jordanger, Karen Fritsvold, Gil Wooden.

Front: Ruth Ann's grandson and friend, Anna, Stephanie Myers and friend.

Missing from the photo are Cathy Frank, Cathy Wooden, and Ruth Ann's 2 other grandsons.

Photo taken by Marjie Boydston.

See page 27 for more info.



### HAND MADE BABY HATS!

Former member Debbie (Dey) Chinn spent some of her pandemic quarantine time crocheting baby hats!! She gifted Bethlehem with many of them. We will enjoy regifting these precious treasures to babies here in Renton, after our summer heat wave is over.

Thank you, Debbie.

For pastoral support while we are waiting to call an interim, please contact the office. If the office is closed, please reach out to Head Elder Dick Taylor or President Don Kuhlmann. They will start the process of finding an available pastor for your needs.

**RAVE** for the Tech Team for doing a great job of keeping the music flowing while organist James was on vacation.

### Our Mission Statement

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, will **encourage** and **inspire** our brothers and sisters by prayer and service.

By the grace of God, we will **reach** out with God's Word and **show** love and fellowship to all.

## GIVE GENEROUSLY

- **FOOD.** We continue to collect Food for the Renton Food Bank. There's a box in the narthex.
- **USED INK CARTRIDGES** earn us discounts on our paper and ink purchases. Box is in the narthex. Your empty cartridges earn us \$240 a year for office supplies!
- **BAZAAR NOVEMBER 12.** Sponsored by Mary Martha. There will be vendors, crafts, gently used items, food, and chances to win an afghan made by Karen Marsyla. Know someone who wants to have a booth?
- **SOFT GOODS** drive concluded in July. You donated 3,413 pounds!! We estimate we will receive \$744.74 which we will donate to mission organizations. Photos on page 25.



We have an updated total from this year's Renton Crop Walk. Total contributions received were \$22,292.05! Team BLC In Memory of Ron raised \$890.

Funds raised help end hunger globally through Church **W**orld **S**ervice and locally through Salvation Army Renton Rotary Food Bank, South King County Shelter Program (previously ARISE), Margie William Helping Hands Center, Society of St Vincent De Paul Food Program, REACH Center of Hope and REACH Meal Coalition.

CWS is also involved with helping communities around the world prepare and recovery from natural disasters like hurricanes and earthquakes. They help with farming programs in Tanzania and other countries. They also operate a Call Center that supports hundreds of asylum seekers each month who have fled from war and persecution. They help them access food and housing, and services like medical care and legal aid.

Trivia Answers from page 21.

1(e), 2(d), 3(f), 4(h), 5(c), 6(k), 7(i), 8(j), 9(a), 10(b), 11(g).



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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have COVID symptoms, get tested right away. If you're positive, there is medication your doctor can prescribe if you've had symptoms for less than 5 days. The medicine will likely reduce your symptoms. As a couple members discovered, it's also critical to stay hydrated during your illness.

You can order 8 free in-home test kits at <https://special.usps.com/testkits>



At Home test kits mailed to you have had their expiration date extended by 3 to 6 months. Check your iHealth kit at <https://ihealthlabs.com/pages/news#expiration>

There's a place to type in the box's Lot Number, and the website will show you the new extended use-by date! It's case sensitive so if you have a CO in the middle of your lot number like I did, it needs to be a capital C and a capital letter O.

**Don't throw kits away;**  
they likely have an extended  
expiration date!!