

May
2022

A graphic of the Bethlehem Star, depicted as a bright yellow four-pointed star with a long, dark blue, pixelated or starburst-like trail extending from its base.

Bethlehem Star

Guest Pastor Art Werfelmann • James Hing, Organist

What We as Lutherans Believe

Submitted by Richard Taylor

- That the Bible is the inspired, inerrant, and infallible Work of God. The Bible is God's message to all people, and it points to Jesus as the Savior of the world.
- There is only one God, who has revealed himself to mankind as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three divine Persons in one divine Essence.
- The Triune God created everything that exists in six days.
- God created human beings pure, whole and absolutely perfect. God created one male and one female, Adam and Eve, who lived in the Garden of Eden according to God's will, doing what was pleasing to Him.
- Adam and Eve chose to disobey God and in so doing, brought sin and evil into the perfect world God had created. Since that time, all people are conceived and born in sin.
- Sin is a condition we are in. It is the state of being totally corrupt in the sight of God. We also use the word sin to describe everything that a human being does that is outside God's will, whether this sin is in thought, word or deed.
- Because we are conceived and born in a state of sin, human beings cannot restore themselves to a right relationship with God or save themselves with good works.

- God wanted to save all human beings, so He sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to fulfill His will for us as our substitute. Jesus could do this because He is both true God and true man in one Person. He lived a perfect life in our place for us, died on the cross as the sacrifice that paid the penalty for all our sins, and rose again so that all believers may have everlasting life in heaven. He has ascended into heaven and is ruling at the right hand of God where He prays for us and guides all things for the everlasting benefit of all who believe He is their Savior.
- God declares a person just or righteous in His sight because of the perfect life and sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross. This is a free gift from God to all who believe Jesus is their Savior from sin and not because of any works done by human beings.
- Faith in Jesus is a gift from God, given by the Holy Spirit, so that all the credit for salvation and all the glory goes to God alone.
- The Holy Spirit works through means to impart the grace of God to sinners. These means by which God gives His grace are His Word (preached or read), Baptism and the Lord's Supper. By these means, God applies the merits of Jesus' atoning death to all who believe that Jesus is their Savior.
- Jesus will come again to take all believers to Himself. When Jesus returns, all the dead will be raised to life and those who are still alive will be changed. At this coming, all unbelievers will be condemned to everlasting hell because they rejected their Savior, Jesus, and all believers will enter heavenly glory.
- The true Christian Church is made up of all those who believe in the Triune God and in Jesus as their only Savior.
- The true visible church is that church which correctly preaches and teaches God's Word and administers the Sacraments according to our Lord's instructions in the Bible.
- Christians are called to tell others that faith in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is the only way to be saved. Christians are also called to show their faith in the words and deeds of love toward others.

Credit: Zion Lutheran Church Edgeley ND



Brent Begalka May 2
Michael Humphrey May 2
Kerry Mason May 2

James Hing May 3
Rebecca Payne May 3
Tammy Sturgul May 4
Renee Barger May 9

Gene Baade May 10
Peggy Hanson May 10
Karen Jackman May 10

Art Astala May 11
LuAnne Humphrey May 13
Elijah Ward May 15
Roger Jackman May 19
Ted TeGantvoort May 20
Calvin Dennis May 27
Joni Stockamp May 30

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

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

May



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

Feltmann, Bruce & Teresa
May 12, 1972 50 years

Jordanger, William & Crystal
May 14, 2005 17 years

TeGantvoort, Ted & Jackie
May 16, 1986 36 years

Mason, Kerry & Debbie
May 27, 2006 16 years

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS:

Rebecca & Roger celebrate their half-century birthdays this month!!

Peggy proudly claims she is 7 decades old!



Elijah turns 2. His parents are Brenda & Josh, grandparents are Brent & Karen Begalka.

Calvin Dennis is 8 years old on May 27

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

**Those living & working in our AbleLight home
Our friends in the Moldovan Church**

Aggie Brown	Sharon Buechler
Frank & Betty Downing	Harold Carlson
Jesse Hack	Marcy Hall
Mardelle Hammond	Gary & Kaye Hanno
Carolyn Hough	Jeanne-K Hughes
Mark Humphrey	Jenny Iles
Joanne Jordanger	Donna Kahn
Andrea Mangold	Bob Pankow
Juanita Reynolds	Linda Sheets
Bev West	David Willett



**Joel & Karen Jackman
Glen Koppelman
Debbie Porter
Ruth Schroeder**

**Brent & Karen Begalka's friend Regina S
Jim & Sharon Buechler his sister JoAnn, her brother James, his cousins Milton & Jerome,
his brother-in-law Neal
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, Joyce & Max
Gene & Donna Kahn her sister Carol
Don & Dielda Kuhlmann her sister Brenda & friends Lynn & Dan
Pete & Hannelore Maas' friend Bill
Hannelore Payne's stepdaughter Becky, relatives Elvi, June, Johanna and Susanna,
friend Marge, son Patrick, brother Frank
Debbie Porter's friend Ada
Juanita Reynolds' son Steven
Linda Sheets' daughter Corrie
Dick & Ellen Taylor's grandchildren Landon & Caroline, his cousins Bill & Eileen
Carolyn Troseth's sister Viola, sister-in-law Viona, friend Anita
Gil & Cathy Wooden's granddaughter Trisha, great grandson Tyler, nephew Brian**

Pastor Paul Zimmerman's daughter, Michelle.

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, Sabine Muller, Jean Shaw, and David Willett.**



Ron Muller Memorial Service

Ron's service was held Saturday, April 9. Pastor Gene Baade officiated. There was a slight delay while we waited for his mother, Sabine's, ride to arrive from her care facility.

Many family members, friends and co-workers attended in the building and via Zoom. Thank you to Mary Martha for serving the chicken lunch. With COVID restrictions, there's been some changes to our receptions. A gloved and masked wait staff bring the food to the tables. Store-purchased items and individually wrapped desserts are served instead of the traditional home-cooking and sandwiches but it was all prepared and served with love for Ron's family and friends.



We pray for Ukraine. Gracious God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.

OUR TRANSITIONAL PHASE FOR MASKS CONTINUES



Until further notice, we will continue our GREEN/RED zones in the sanctuary and social hall. Green (left side) is the safety zone where masks are required. The red zone (right pulpit side) is a mask optional area.



DAVID WILLETT is rehabbing in Seattle. His address is Queen Anne Healthcare, 2717 Dexter Ave N, Seattle WA 98109.



Pastor Art Werfelmann at Bethlehem

Photo by Dielda Kuhlmann

5 GENERATIONS OF LCMS

Pastor Art Werfelmann returned to Bethlehem to lead us in worship April 24 to June 12. He shares a bit about himself:

"I come from a long line of Missouri Synod pastors dating back to before it was called the Missouri Synod. Werfelmann men have served in the Missouri Synod from 1852 for five generations. While growing up I had a grandfather (President of the Northern Illinois District), my Dad, five uncles as pastors in the family. My brother Ted (Puget Sound Vice President), a cousin, and I are the last Lutheran pastors at this time.

"I was born on February 6, 1945 to Rev. Arthur Werfelmann and Doris. Dad was a Chaplain in the Army at the time. I spent my growing up years in Libby, Montana, where my Dad was a pastor for 24 years. I have six brothers and two sisters (born a year apart on the same day).

"I attended a Lutheran Parochial school, Concordia High School in Portland, Oregon, Concordia College (two years) and Concordia College in Seward, Nebraska. I was a parochial school teacher for 17 years. In 1979 I enrolled in Concordia College. I graduated in 1983 and served first in Junction City, Oregon and 24 years as Pastor in Pasco Washington and Basin City. I have been retired (?) since 2013 when I moved to Snohomish, Washington to be close to my family.

"I have three children (A.J., Andrew, and Angela) and four grandchildren (Aidan, Sebastian, and twins Camden and Ava). Since moving I have served in several places as needed. I am a member at Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Lake Stevens."

We are blessed to have Pastor Werfelmann with us.



APRIL WORSHIP MOMENTS

Joel & Karen Jackman had special Zoom guests last month. Here's a screengrab of them, son Roger and his friend Jenny, and their grandson Holden at our April 3rd service.

Palm Sunday The prelude played by James Hing on Palm Sunday was a Ukranian piece that has surfaced given the war titled - Shukh - "Silent Prayer". It's meant as a choral number but was adapted for an organ solo!



Elder Dick Taylor



Pastor Noel Koss

Photos by Dielda Kuhlmann



Easter Sunday Our wooden cross was covered with white flowers, and members brought in Easter lilies to adorn the altar. Photo by Joanne Jordanger

Recycling our Stewardship at Bethlehem

We as descendants of Adam are God's stewards, created by Him and recreated in our baptism. There are good stewards and bad stewards, and in the end we will receive our just rewards, whether they be treasures or consequences. God does not fire bad stewards, but he does discipline them, hoping for their reform. Our assignment here on earth is the same one that God gave Adam and Eve in Genesis 2:15. We are to take care of the earth, its plants and animals, landscapes, air, water, and fellow human beings.

At Bethlehem we are recycling paper and metal and other products. We have a "soft goods" drive to donate used fabric and clothes to be recycled. We recycle empty ink cartridges. We are considering to recycle electronics. Some of us have gone "paperless" and automatically pay our contributions to BLC. We also have an offering plate where we collect paper and metal money to pay salaries, bills and to give to our missions. Even during COVID, when we ZOOMED only, and now that we have HYBRID services, it takes money to support a church and its expenses.

To recycle your faith means:

- F** Family and Friends - renewing and nurturing relationship, including creating new ones.
- A** Abundance - Setting aside and rearranging your finances and recycling material possessions to be able to give to others.
- I** Intelligence - Using your mind and talents to serve others
- T** Time - Using your time wisely to have time for God, studying the Bible, Praying and taking time to help and serve others.
- H** Health - Taking care of yourself, eating wisely, exercising and doing what you can to keep physically strong. Nehemiah 8:10 "The Joy of the Lord is my strength." Some people have also recycled or repaired body parts to help them keep strong. You may also recycle bad habits to become healthy ones.

Moses recycled the 10 Commandments after, in his anger, he broke the original ones. The 2 Great Commandments in the Hebrew Faith are called the Sh'ma: "Love the Lord, Your God With All Your Heart, and With All Your Soul, and With All Your Strength and With All Your Mind", and "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself." (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Matthew 22:37-39, Mark 12:29-31 and Luke 10:27).

Ezekiel 11:19 - We recycle our hardened, stony hearts to become hearts of gold studded with gems of faith: (According to the Hebrew Faith) Ruby productivity, Emerald strength of heart and back, Topaz energy, Sardonyx and Onyx protection, Sapphire intuition, Agate power and courage, Turquoise communication, Garnet creativity and friendship, amethyst calm, Peridot harmony, good health, rest and peace, and Opal happiness.

To love God with all your soul is to turn the "yard waste" of lust, hatred, conceit and greed into the refined fruits of the spirit: strawberry love, cherry peace, coconut kindness, watermelon joy, pomegranate patience, orange goodness, apple faithfulness, banana gentleness and starfruit self control.

Here at Bethlehem we need to recycle our traditions and attitudes from old ones to new ones if we are to continue in the future because you can't put new wine into old wineskins and you can't sew a new patch onto an old garment Mark 2:21-22.

According to the Present/Future Bible Study, we need to put new wine into new bottles and recycle our thinking:
"church growth" becomes "God's Kingdom Growth,"
"church membership" becomes "Discipleship,"
"leaders" become "Apostles,"
"church prayers" become "Spiritual Formations,"
"prediction and planning" become "Preparing for Future Changes," and
the definition of the "church as a building" becomes "A Body of Believers Called for a Specific Purpose."

God has called each one of us to use the special gifts that he has given us. Our gifts may differ from each other's but we all have one or more, and we are expected to use them for His Glory. 2 Corinthians 9:7, Luke 6:28. If you aren't sure how you can help, look at the Trustee's Spring Cleaning list of things to do on the bulletin board.

Let's recycle the "Red Letter Challenge" and the "Life Cycle" and from it create a "Bethlehem Get Real," and be doers of the Word and not hearers only. (Micah 6:8) "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Karen Begalka, Board of Stewardship



God's Kingdom is like a flower garden. To help God's kingdom grow, you may think of things you can do for others and your church. Think about the attributes of these May flowers and imitate them:

Match the numbered items with the Bible verse:

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| <p>___ 1. Lilies of the Field
Such as the Iris
(Wisdom, Courage, Hope & Trust)
The Daisy
(Innocence and Purity)
Windflower or Anemone
(mourning the loss of a loved one)</p> | <p>A. Matthew 6:28</p> |
| <p>___ 2. Lily of the Valley
(humility and purity)</p> | <p>B. Song of Solomon 2:3</p> |
| <p>___ 3. Rose of Sharon (beauty)</p> | <p>C. Song of Solomon 2:1</p> |
| <p>___ 4. Apple Blossom (long life)</p> | <p>D. Luke 12:27</p> |

March 2022 Treasurer's Report (25% of the year done)

Total Income	\$32,670.74	(19% of the budgeted amount)
Total Expense	<u>18,952.67</u>	(11% of the budgeted amount)
Difference	\$ 13,718.07	

Total Assets	\$92,495.17
Equity	\$46,389.53 (Assets not in memorials or designated funds)

—Kathy Logan, Treasurer

MISSION NEWS

We will be sending help for the Ukraine crises to Lutheran World Relief that offers to DOUBLE our contribution, courtesy of other Lutheran churches. There is a dire need for support in this terrible crises and we will continue to monitor the efforts of LWR to help in whatever way they present.

Another item:

We are piling up the soft goods to be delivered soon. Keep those bags coming in! Mission Board will decide which crises to assist... in our present time, there are many in need these days!

Another item:

We will be holding our long delayed annual Garage Sale probably in September, so if you have your pile ready, hold on until further notice, or deposit in the downstairs room on the shelves.

Mission Board—Art & Amber Wolf, Ellen Taylor, Cathy Wooden

MOVIE MATINEE

May's movie is the musical classic **My Fair Lady** tentatively set for Saturday May 21 at 3 pm. It will be shown via Zoom.



We really enjoyed April's matinee, *Evan Almighty*, about a modern day man who is told by God to build an ark.

Joel Jackman writes, I enjoyed watching our April Matinee, "Evan Almighty." It was light-hearted and a bit corny at times. I would consider it a "feel-good family comedy, with some good messages and good special effects." Also, I enjoyed watching for some of the subtleties; e.g. When God appeared as a server in a restaurant, his name tag said, "Al Mighty"; or the brand name on his alarm clock was worn away so that only "GEN" in GENeral Electric was clearly visible, indicating the Bible verse, Gen. 6:14, when Evan's alarm mysteriously went off at 6:14 each morning. It gave me flashbacks to *Groundhog Day*, another of my favorite comedy movies.

I liked it better than the Russell Crowe movie about Noah, says Karen Begalka.

Evan Almighty is a funny movie and is a good reminder of what Noah went through, shares Brent Begalka.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
1 FOOD BANK SUNDAY 10 Hybrid Worship Service With Pastor Art Werfelmann HOLY COMMUNION	2 TBD Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm Get Real Discussion #1—Zoom 7 pm New Purpose	3 6:30 pm Elders Mtg	4 Office Clos 7 pm Bible Stu Galatians with Begalka - hybr
8 MOTHER'S DAY 10 Hybrid Worship Service With Pastor Werfelmann	9 6:30 pm Get Real Discussion #2—Zoom 7 pm New Purpose	10	11 Office Clc 9 am ORG TEAM 7 pm Bible Stu Galatians with Begalka
15 10 Hybrid Worship Service With Pastor Werfelmann HOLY COMMUNION 12:30pm Council Meeting—Zoom Only	16 6:30 pm Get Real Discussion #3—Zoom 7 pm New Purpose	17	18 Office Clo: 7 pm Bible Stu Galatians with Begalka
22 10 Hybrid Worship Service Pastor Werfelmann REACH Guest Speaker	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7 pm New Purpose	24	25 Office Clc 7 pm Bible Stu Galatians with Begalka
29 10 Hybrid Worship Pastor Werfelmann HOLY COMMUNION	30 Office Closed Memorial Day 7 pm New Purpose	31	

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.

MAY 2022

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Closed Study— with Brent hybrid	5 10 am Get Real Discussion #1—In Building 6:30 pm Missions—Zoom 7 pm New Purpose	6	7
Closed EAM meeting Study— with Brent	12 10 am Get Real Discussion #2—In Building 7 pm New Purpose	13	14
Closed Study— with Brent	19 10 am Get Real Discussion #3—In Building 3 pm Mary Martha Social Time; 3:30 pm MM Mtg 6:30pm REACH GALA online 7 pm New Purpose	20	21 3 pm Movie matinee My Fair Lady Via Zoom
Closed Study— with Brent	26 7 pm New Purpose	27	28

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 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

THE STORY BEHIND THE HYMN

Amazing Grace **1779**

*In Him we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of sins,
according to the riches of His grace.* Ephesians 1:7



John Newton
1725—1807
London, England

It's hard to shake off a mother's influence. John Newton's earliest memories were of his godly mother who, despite fragile health, devoted herself to nurturing his soul. At her knee he memorized Bible passages and hymns. Though she died when he was about seven, he later recalled her tearful prayers for him.

After her death, John alternated between boarding school and the high seas, wanting to live a good life but nonetheless falling deeper and deeper into sin. Pressed into service with the British Navy, he deserted, was captured, and was flogged with 72 lashes. His subsequent thoughts vacillated between murder and suicide. *"I was capable of anything,"* he recalled.

More voyages, dangers, toils, and snares followed. He was abandoned by the crew on his next ship, and became a slave in Sierra Leone, where he was abused and mistreated for 3 years. It was a life unrivaled in fiction.

An acquaintance of his father rescued John Newton from Sierra Leone. Enroute back to England, on the night of March 9, 1748, John, 23, was jolted awake by a brutal storm that descended too suddenly for the crew to foresee. The next day, in great peril, he cried to the Lord. He later wrote, *"That tenth of March is a day much remembered by me; and I have never suffered it to pass unnoticed since the year 1748—the Lord came from on high and delivered me out of deep waters."*

The next several years saw slow, halting spiritual growth in John. For six years he was captain of several slave trading ships. But in the end he became one of the most powerful evangelical preachers in British history, a powerful foe of slavery; and the author of hundreds of hymns.

Here are some things you may not know about Newton's most famous hymn. His title for it wasn't originally "Amazing Grace" but "Faith's Re-

view and Expectation." It is based on Newton's study of 1 Chronicles 17:16-17.

And here's a nearly forgotten verse that Newton added near the end of "Amazing Grace." Try singing it for yourself:

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun
forbear to shine;
But God, Who called me here below, shall be for-
ever mine.*

Newton was ordained in 1764 and declared that we are saved only by the grace of God. He wrote, "I can see no reason why the Lord singled me out for mercy...unless it was to show, by one astonishing instance, that with him 'nothing is impossible'"

This is hymn #31 in The Other Song Book.



Stained glass of John Newton at St Peter and Paul Church in Buckinghamshire, where Newton served as parish priest.

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound!
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we first begun.

Submitted by Joel & Karen Jackman, Dielda Kuhlmann. Sources: Then Sings My Soul by Robert J Morgan, hymnary.org and Wikipedia.com



THEY ARE ENGAGED!

Brent & Karen share the news with us:

Aaron Begalka, son of Brent and Karen Begalka, proposed to Diana Bond at Disneyworld in front of the Disneyworld castle after breakfast on Monday, April 18, 2022. She said yes!

They have been dating since 4/3/21 (sounds like a count down) when Aaron presented her with a bouquet of flowers asking her to be his girlfriend. They met at a group meeting of the Doxa Church.

CHURCHES AROUND THE WORLD

On her drive to visit grandchildren in California, Ruth Ann Shimoï stopped to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church in Redding, California. She shares these photos with us.



A double dose of Bible Trivia in this newsletter!
Sponsored by the Board of Education.

Many women have done excellently, but you,
(mother) surpass them all! Proverbs 31:29



Match the Mothers with their Sons:

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| ___ 1. Rachel, Genesis 35:24 | A. Mother of Samuel, the Prophet |
| ___ 2. 90 year old Sarah,
Genesis 17:15 | B. Mother of Cain, Abel, Seth and
"all living" |
| ___ 3. Hagar, Genesis 16:11-12 | C. Mother of Reuben, Simeon, Levi and
Judah |
| ___ 4. Mary, Luke 2:16 | D. Mother of John the Baptist |
| ___ 5. Bathsheba,
1 Chronicles 3:5 | E. Mother of Jacob and Esau |
| ___ 6. Jochebed, Exodus 6:20 | F. Mother of Jesus |
| ___ 7. Leah, Genesis 29: 31-35 | G. Mother of Moses |
| ___ 8. Hannah, 1 Samuel 1:20 | H. Mother of Joseph and Benjamin |
| ___ 9. Elizabeth, Luke 1:57-59 | I. Mother of Isaac |
| ___ 10. Eve, Genesis 3:20 | J. Mother of Solomon |
| ___ 11. Rebekah, Genesis 25:23 | K. Mother of Ishmael |

If you have a Bible trivia game to publish, please talk to Board of Education Sharon Buechler. These questions submitted by Karen Begalka.

RAVE for spring cleaners—those we snapped photos of and those who did not get photographed. All your work is appreciated.



Brent Begalka cleaned windows. That used to be Ron Muller's annual spring cleaning task.



Karen Begalka sanitized all the toys in the nursery downstairs. This doll and all the others are clean and ready to be played with.



Hannelore & Pete Maas, Dick Taylor spruced up the yard.



Curtis Holcomb weeded the flower beds.

A lot of cleaning happened in April. There are a few tasks left to do. Please contact trustees Curtis Holcomb or Pete Maas if you'd like to help.



Equity *Equals* Love

For REACH, equity is removing barriers by rectifying the disparities across racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines in loving service for our clients.

We can't wait for you to join us in celebration and to look ahead to exciting things to come.

Register here to join with family, friends, and community at our online Gala.

Thursday – May 19, 2022
Virtual Doors open: 6:20pm
Program: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

You can register for REACH's online Gala at www.reachrenton.org/



The Board of Missions is happy to announce we are having REACH come for a Missions Sunday on May 22nd!

Mary Martha is collecting socks and plastic silverware to give to REACH on this special Sunday. Our church was one of the founding members of REACH.

We look forward to hearing about their past, what they are doing now, and what their current needs are. We have also been told they have a special announcement of something that is taking place at REACH. We hope to hear what that is on May 22nd.

MARY MARTHA NEWS 80 YEARS OF SERVING

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 6:28

Thank you to everyone who faithfully supported the Mary Martha 80 somethings projects at Bethlehem Lutheran Church this year. For REACH we, donated table settings and 80 pairs of socks. We also donated 80 hygiene care kits for Lutheran World Relief. This is the year that both Bethlehem Lutheran Church and LWML turn 80. As we are blessed, we have blessed others.

FOR LWML, there are 2 projects DUE BY JUNE 30:

- For a mission project we are collecting eye glasses and non-prescription sunglasses.
- Also, For Gifts from the Heart we are donating items to Grace House, a Christ-centered transitional home for 40 women. Their needs include women's shampoo/conditioners, razors, toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags (13 - gallons) and diapers (size 3 and 6).



Mary Martha ladies L-R Ellen Taylor, Amber Wolf, Cathy Frank, Marlene Holcomb, Jeanne-K Hughes, Tracy Brown, Pat Eskam, Hannelore Payne, Carolyn Troseth, Sharon Buechler, Karen Begalka, Marjie Boydston, and Cathy Wooden display the 80 care kits that Bethlehem members contributed. Photo by Ruth Ann Shimoi

On Mother's Day, we shall also honor all the ladies, young and old!

Faithfully submitted by Karen Begalka

PENNIES FOR MITES. We were reminded at the April Voters' meeting, that if you pick up a coin from the ground, you can hand it over to Mary Martha Society, and we will add it to our mite donations. Through our mites, LWML has reached 74 different countries with various Christ centered projects.

LIVE GENEROUSLY

Food & drink servers graciously took food requests, dished up plates, and poured drinks to help Ron Muller's memorial reception go smoothly.



Top photos: Carolyn Troseth, Sharon Buechler, Karen Begalka, Amber Wolf, Brent Begalka, Hannelore Maas. Marjie Boydston served coffee. Cathy Wooden served punch and water. Photos by Dielda Kuhlmann.

Not pictured was the star server for the day, 6 1/2 year old Anna Wolf. She earned special recognition as the youngest waitperson, and as a smiling helper who did not spill anything.

On Holy Saturday, an energetic group of people got the sanctuary ready for Easter.



Pat Eskam, Marjie Boydston, Carolyn Troseth, Ellen Taylor, Cathy Frank, and Hannelore Maas arranged the flowers on the cross. Karen and Joel Jackman put up the Easter bulletin board. Dick Taylor and Pete Maas take down the Good Friday shroud. Photos by Pete and Hannelore Maas.

Memorial Day

AMERICAN
 ANTHEM
 CEMETERY
 CEREMONY
 COMMEMORATE
 DECORATION
 FALLEN
 FLAGS
 FLOWERS
 FREEDOM
 GRAVE
 HALF MAST
 HEROES
 HOLIDAY
 HONOR
 MAY
 MEMORIAL
 OBSERVANCE
 PATRIOTIC



REMEMBRANCE

VETERANS

SACRIFICE

WAR

SALUTE

SERVICE

SOLDIERS

TAPS



GIVE GENEROUSLY

- ▶ **EYE GLASSES** and non-prescription **SUNGLASSES**. Mary Martha is collecting these for an LWML missions project. Glasses can be adult or child-sized. Please put in hallway box by June 30.
- ▶ **PAPER PRODUCTS & TOILETRIES**. Women's shampoo/conditioner, razors, toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags (13-gallons), diapers (Size 3 and 6). Mary Martha is collecting these as Gifts from the Heart for Grace House, a Christ-centered transitional home for 40 women and children, to give them a chance to heal and grow into the women and mothers God created them to be. More details on bulletin board. Items are due by June 30.
- ▶ **SOFT GOODS**. Used clothing, towels, bedding, suitcases, shoes, backpacks, belts, etc. The more pounds we collect, the more dollars Bethlehem receives! Deadline not set yet; bring in your bags of clean items!
- ▶ **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.

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6

CROP WALK—At press time, Team BLC has raised \$580 for this year's Crop Walk. Team leader Tracy Brown and walkers Hannelore Payne, and Don, Dielda and Jon Kuhlmann thank you for your generous contributions. This year we walked in memory of Ron Muller. A sign along the Renton walking route mentioned Ron:

Ron Muller — was an avid CROP Walker and likely had walked all the Renton CROP Hunger walks.

You can still donate at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/blc> or contact Tracy Brown.

RAVE for Wayne Hough, volunteer extraordinaire, who comes into the building every week and cleans the restrooms.

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I AM EXCITED!

Easter always excites me with the reality of the Risen Lord!

And to add to that excitement, this year I am looking forward to the "Bethlehem Gets Real" discussions. We will be looking at what Bethlehem means to people, our Mission and Vision statements, who is doing the work, and who we think will do the work in the future. And that is only the first week. Later we will look at the concepts of sharing, property options we are currently being presented with, and deciding if our Mission and Vision statements should change.

All of this with our eyes on the Risen Lord and our ears tuned to listening closely to what God wants us to do.

THAT IS EXCITING, don't you agree?

Don Kuhlmann, Congregational President

**See calendar on page 12 for the Get Real schedule.
The Zoom sessions begin Monday May 2 at 6:30 pm.
The In-building sessions begin Thursday May 5 at 10 am.**

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.