

September  
2022

# Bethlehem Star



Guest Pastors Zimmerman & White • James Hing, Organist

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## **MARTIN LUTHER TRANSLATED THE NEW TESTAMENT INTO GERMAN 500 YEARS AGO**



Martin Luther was declared a heretic in 1521. For safety, he retired to the Wartburg Castle (pictured above). During his time there, he was inspired to translate the New Testament from Greek into German so the common person could read the Scriptures for himself. It was printed in September 1522. We celebrate the 500 year anniversary of this event this month!

Martin Luther wrote, *"I wish every town would have its own interpreter and that this book alone, in all languages, would live in the hands, eyes, ears, and hearts of all people."* There are over 7,300 identified languages in the world! The full Bible has been translated into 717 languages which gives 5.75 billion people access to the complete Scriptures in the language they understand best. The New Testament has been translated into an additional 1,582 languages. And another 1,196 languages have some portions of the Bible translated. There are 2,899 languages that have active translation work being done today! As this work continues, God is changing lives. God is changing the world.



## September



Tom Clayton September 3  
Carl Stockamp September 5  
Evelyn Lundstrom-Weiss September 10  
Donnie McNeal September 11  
Michael Bumpus September 15  
Don Kuhlmann September 21  
Robert Lee September 21  
Sophie Barger September 23  
Brittany Bumpus September 23  
Dielda Kuhlmann September 23  
Cheryl Bumpus September 26  
Carolyn Troseth September 26  
Marlene Holcomb September 30

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

**Gardner, Doug & Wilma**  
September 2, 1967 55 years

**Holcomb, Larry & Marlene**  
September 7, 1957 65 years

**Sturgul, James & Tammy**  
September 9, 2006 16 years

**Hanno, Kaye & Gary**  
September 10, 1994 28 years

**Barger, Randy & Renee**  
September 20, 1997 25 years

## MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS:

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

**Evelyn** is the oldest person with a September birthday. She turns 92 this year.



**Michael Bumpus** is 4 years old.

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

Brittany Bumpus celebrates 3 decades!!!



## Save the Date CELEBRATE KAREN MARSYLA's 80th BIRTHDAY

Karen's family is hosting a party on Saturday, October 8. The fun starts at 2 pm and wraps up at 4 pm. The event will be in our social hall.

To help with the head count, please let her brother or sister-in-law, Pete & Hannelore Maas, know if you will be attending.

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  
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  
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  
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.**

**THANK YOU**  
**From Mardelle Hammond**

"Dear church family, thank you so very much for thinking of me and staying in contact since my move to eastern Washington. I appreciate all the cards, phone calls, visits, and prayers.

Love, Mardelle"

**Memorial Service for Sabine Muller**



A celebration of life was held for Sabine Muller on Saturday, August 20 at Bethlehem. Pastor Gene Baade officiated, as he did for her husband Gerhard in December and their son Ron in April. Richard Taylor served as elder. Cindy Horng was the organist.

Family and friends attended the service in person and via Zoom including her 3 sisters, Renate, Brigitte and Lillianne. Lunch was held in the social hall afterwards, hosted by our Mary Martha Society.

Sabine is survived by her daughters Inge Kaivola and Beatrice (Todd) Myers, son John Muller, grandchildren Naomi (Ben), Timothy (DeMaris), Rachel (David), Elisabeth (Neal), Melanie, Stephanie, and 9 great grandchildren.



## FLOWER POTLUCK August 21, 2022



Photo taken by Hannelore Maas



Carolyn Troseth & Hannelore Maas pose with flowers. Photo taken by Dick Taylor.

Thanks for sharing your beautiful blossoms from your yards. In Carolyn Troseth and Hannelore Maas's talented hands, they became breathtaking bouquets.

We are blessed to have such blooms and brilliant flower arrangers.



## LOOKING FOR BAZAAR CRAFTS

Our Mary Martha Bazaar is set for Saturday Nov 12. We'd love to have some homemade crafts

to sell. Anyone interested in discussing ideas on popular items we could make, please join our Zoom meeting on **Thursday Sept 8 at 1 pm.**

Zoom link will be emailed to members. Others who are reading this newsletter may contact the church office for the Zoom link.



## **LARELL + LEO SHE SAID YES!**

LaRell Singleton-Troseth shares her engagement story.

"Leo took me to my favorite store in Seattle, The Purple Store, on July 3rd. After shopping, we ate at the Capital Grill Restaurant in downtown Seattle. It was very fancy. The restaurant is where he proposed."

Leo shared on his Facebook page, "I met a woman, then my life changed 360 for the better. You're incredibly kind and have a heart of gold. There's no question I want to spend the rest of my life with you. I'm glad you said YES!"

The wedding date hasn't been set yet but we wish LaRell and Leo Miles a lifetime of love.



LaRell & Leo on July 3, 2022



## **FLOWERS FOR AUGUST 7**

Special shout out to Joanne & Gary Jordanger for supplying the flowers in honor of her 75th birthday. The Jordangers were unable to be in the building that day but they managed to get the flowers delivered to the building.

Photo by Dielda Kuhlmann



## HONORING A YEAR OF GUEST PASTORS



**Richard Flath**



**Robert Grothe**  
Very warm day; alb optional



**Noel Koss**



**Robert Porterfield**



**Art Werfelmann**



**Arthur Werzner**  
Photo from snow day-Zoom only

**Virgil Roy White**

We meet Pastor White on September 11



**David-Paul Zimmerman**



Guest Pastors —continued from previous page

Pastor David Blair's last Sunday with us was September 19, 2021. During this past year, we have been blessed with an ordained Lutheran minister every Sunday. Photos of the men who have spoken from our pulpit during the last 12 months are on the previous page.

We also thank Pastors Gene Baade and Randy Grauer for officiating at our funeral services. And Deaconess Ruth Ann Shimoi for offering Holy Communion to some of our homebound members. Pastor Werzner has also visited members in the hospital.

Our elder team has taken the responsibility to locate available pastors. Art Wolf began the task in September. Then Ron Muller took over the task. When he passed away in February, Brent Begalka carried on the search.

-Dielda Kuhlmann

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### **CATCHING UP WITH PASTOR BLAIR**



Your curious newsletter editor checked in with Pastor David Blair to see what he and his family have been up to this past year. They've been busy!

Pastor Blair is still serving as an Intentional Interim Minister in Colorado. They expect to call 2 pastors in early 2023. Cindy retired from teaching this summer! Their daughter, Natalie, was married in Arizona in May. And daughter Heidi & Tommy are expecting a baby girl on August 24. They live in Oregon.

Pastor ended the interview with, "Praying that God's Kingdom grows through each of us!"



## GOSPEL MUSIC IN THEIR LANGUAGE

I have just returned from several weeks in East Africa, splitting time between projects in Tanzania and Uganda. This was my first African ministry trip since returning from Ethiopia in November 2019.



**Rob Veith**  
LBT's Scripture  
Engagement  
Coordinator and a  
specialist in  
EthnoArts and  
Vernacular Media

The focus of the Tanzania trip was training a team of aspiring producers to use equipment provided by my ministry partners from Artists in Christian Testimony and Inspiro. A group of five pastors, representing all of the denominations in the Karagwe region of Tanzania, recruited 12 potential candidates. My colleague and I brought them recording gear and taught them how to use it. The hope is that some of the students will take on the task of documenting new Gospel songs in local languages and musical styles. In one photograph, you can see a student setting recording levels for the first time. In another, you can see Edgar (on the left) overdubbing a percussion track while all of the others look on and listen.

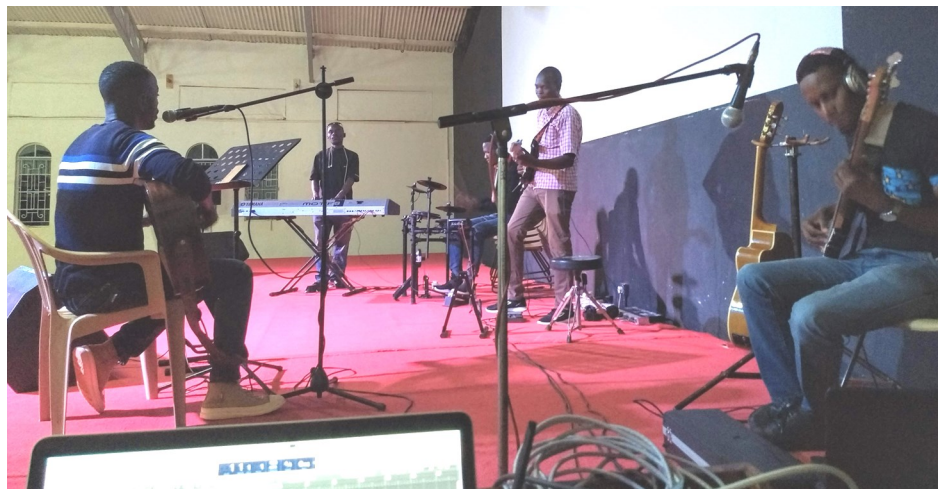


**Tanzanian student learns  
the equipment**



**Edgar on the left overdubbing**

We had several events scheduled for the week in Uganda, but the main focus was recording the work of Jinja-based singer-songwriter Peter Ekulam Kins. I first met Peter at a conference in Kenya in 2018. When we met again in Tanzania in 2019, he asked



**Peter's band in Uganda**

me to produce some recordings with him. His songs merge the traditional village sounds with contemporary Christian music in a way which is acceptable in the church, but true to the culture. He hoped his recordings would inspire others to also create culturally relevant worship music. The photograph shows my view of the band as they recorded live (left to right: Peter, Isaak (keys), Derek (drums), Joseph (guitar), and Ranja (bass)).

I am thankful for the long-time partnership between Lutheran Bible Translators and Bethlehem Lutheran which enables work like this to go forward. I look forward to seeing you in person on September 25.

### **PRESIDENT REPORT** ***Bonjour de Suisse***

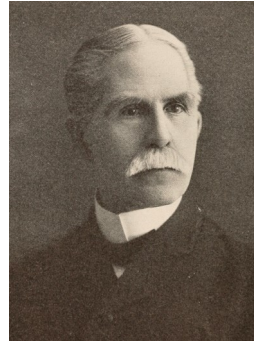
Hello from Switzerland. A major focus remains the decision on our property. The discussions and information gathering will continue in late September. We are arranging a date for the school that expressed an interest in purchasing to meet with our congregation. We will keep you posted.

-Don Kuhlmann

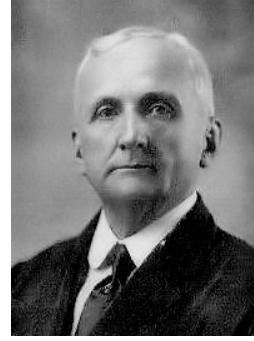
## THE STORY BEHIND THE HYMN

### **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 1887**

*The eternal God is your refuge,  
and underneath are the everlasting arms*  
Deuteronomy 33:27



Elisha Hoffman  
Born 1839 Pennsylvania  
Died 1929 Illinois



Anthony Showalter  
Born 1858 Virginia  
Died 1924 Tennessee

The idea for this song came from Anthony Showalter, principal of the Southern Normal Musical Institute in Dalton, Georgia. Showalter, a Presbyterian elder, was a well-known advocate of gospel music. He published over 130 music books with combined sales of two million copies, and he became known through the South for his singing schools in local churches.

Showalter took a personal interest in his students and enjoyed keeping up with them as the years passed. One evening in 1887, he received two letters, both from former pupils. Each of the young men was heartbroken, having just lost his wife. Professor Showalter went to the Bible, looking for a verse to comfort them. He selected Deuteronomy 33:27—"The eternal God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms. . . ." As he pondered that verse, these words came to mind:

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

He scribbled replies to his bereaved friends, then, reaching for another piece of paper, he wrote to his friend, hymnist Elisha Hoffman. "Here is the chorus for a good hymn from Deuteronomy 33:27," his letter said, "but I can't come up with any verses." Hoffman wrote three stanzas and sent them back. Showalter set it all to music and ever since, these words have cheered us in adversity.

Hoffman served in the Union Army during the Civil War and became an ordained Presbyterian minister in 1873. Raised in a music-loving Christian family, he developed a love of sacred music and felt that song was "as natural a function of the soul as breathing was a function of the body." He composed over 2,000 hymns and edited over 50 songbooks.



## LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

By Elisha Hoffman and Anthony Showalter

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms!  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms!

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms!  
Oh how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms!

Refrain

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, leaning on the everlasting arms.

This song is not in our LSB hymnal. However, it has been featured in two movies, "Night of the Hunter" and the 2010 film "True Grit". According to Wikipedia, this is Showalter's best known song. He was inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame in 2000.

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

### 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b> <b>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday</b> <b>10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</b>			
<b>4 FOOD BANK SUNDAY</b> 10 Hybrid Worship Service Pastor David-Paul Zimmerman  Afghan Chances go on sale	<b>5</b> Office Closed for Labor Day  7 pm New Purpose	<b>6</b> TBD Trustees Mtg  6:30 pm Elders Mtg	<b>7</b> Office Clos
<b>11 PATRIOT DAY</b> 10 Hybrid Worship Service Pastor Virgil Roy White <b>1 pm Council Mtg Zoom only</b>	<b>12</b>  7 pm New Purpose	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Office Cl  <b>7 pm Proverbs Study- hybrid</b>
<b>18</b> 10 Hybrid Worship Service Pastor Virgil Roy White <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> Last day of Walking Where Jesus Walked Journey	<b>19</b>  7 pm New Purpose	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Office Cl  <b>7 pm Proverbs Study with Brei</b>
<b>25 MISSION SUNDAY</b> 10 Hybrid Worship Service Pastor Virgil Roy White  Guests Lutheran Bible Transla- tors Rob & Eshinee Veith	<b>26</b>  7 pm New Purpose	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Office Cl  <b>7 pm Proverbs Study</b>

Property discussions may resume around Sept 19. Members will be informed of the dates and time.

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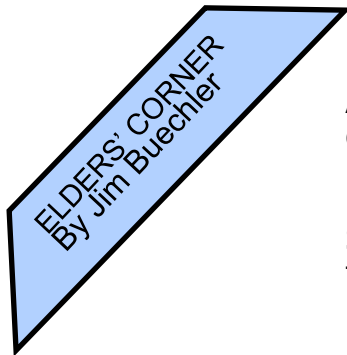
Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 6:30 pm Missions and Stewardship Meeting—Zoom 7 pm New Purpose	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Closed	<b>8</b> 1 pm Mary Martha Craft Meeting via Zoom 7 pm New Purpose	<b>9</b> 11 am Pinochle in social hall. See page 20	<b>10</b> <b>11 Walking with Jesus Event at Valley Camp</b> pg 23 9:30-4:30 Lutheran Hour Ministries Convention at Joy Lutheran. Registration required. Page 24
Closed <i>erbs Bible</i> <i>rid class</i>	<b>15</b> 3 pm MM social time 3:30 MM Business Meeting 7 pm New Purpose	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>3 pm Matinee</b> Movie to be determined
Closed <i>erbs Bible</i> <i>Brent</i>	<b>22 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7 pm New Purpose	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Closed <i>erbs Bible</i>	<b>29</b> 7 pm New Purpose	<b>30</b>	

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Attending Church on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> we sang an opening hymn called "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives".

Some excerpts from the lyrics are below; and some thoughts to live by:

The gifts Christ freely gives, He gives to you and me  
To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free!  
Saints blest with these rich gifts are children who proclaim  
that they were won by Christ and cling to His strong name.

God calls us His own;  
and He gives us new life that makes us His and His alone.  
The triune God Himself gives power to call Him Lord.

God's children listen, hear, receive, and they are fed.  
Christ fills them with Himself, blest words that give them life,  
restoring and refreshing them for this world's strife.

All glory to the One who lavishes such love on us each day.  
The triune God in love, assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us are gifts He love to give.  
All thanks and praise for His great love by which we live!

1 Chronicles 16:33-34 ***"Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"***

Praise brings God's Power down into our situations and gives us the needed victory. He is pleased when we are thankful and praiseful hence it does not matter who is displeased with us. It is of no consequence! When we feel like complaining or have been mistreated, we can respond in praise and thanks to God. When we are dealing with anger, sadness, and other deep emotions, enter into worship and soak in God's truth by giving Him praise and thanks. It will empower us to proclaim His Truth over our circumstances.



Beloved, offer praise and thanks to God with a genuine and happy heart because it will please Him better than a sacrifice. In times of problems and trials, cultivate the attitude of praise and thanksgiving. Put God first and when you do, you will find your heart also filled with joy and praise. Today, take some time to thank and praise God for all things. Choose to see the good things in your life and be thankful for them. Declare the goodness and glory of the Lord for He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. As you praise and thank Him, trust that out of His very nature He will hear and respond to you with grace upon grace. Thank God for He loves you and is working mightily on your behalf. Remember, praise and thanksgiving will prevent the enemy from dethroning you because God cannot be overthrown!

**O Lord, I receive the grace to praise You at all times and in all things. Help me to love You in return and receive your gifts that You so lovingly lavish upon us and to cling to You always. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

*Source: unknown*

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### **BIRD IN THE SANCTUARY**

You can see the small bird standing on the altar book in the photo below. It was taken by Pastor Werzner on August 7 just before the service started. A huge rave for Pastor Werzner for quickly changing his opening remarks that morning with these words from Psalm 84:



How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh cry out  
for the living God.

**Even the sparrow has found a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may have her young—  
a place near your altar,**

Lord Almighty, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house;  
they are ever praising you.

The bird flew around the altar area for the entire service and then left as people were being ushered out at 11 am!

## STEWARDS OF TIME, TALENT, INTEGRITY, and TREASURE

By Karen Begalka

God's Stewards should always be considered students, whether they are enrolled in a school or university, Bible class or simply "the school of life;" living and learning. We should never stop learning, especially about what God wants to teach us. So this advice that you are about to read pertains to YOU, as well as an enrolled student in a class. The education of being a steward is for all ages, ethnicity, and for all God's children, young and old, alike. God has given you the gift of intellect and it should be used for His Glory to benefit you and everyone you meet.

Proverbs 1:2-5: ***"To know wisdom and instruction to understand words of insight, to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth--Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance."***

In whatever you do, offer your best efforts and cultivate your intellect so that you can become the best pupil or disciple possible. God's gifts to you are wisdom, knowledge, understanding, diligence, discretion, discernment, morality, integrity, and the ability to know when to speak and when to keep silent. The "homework" or whatever task that you do, in using the fruits of the Spirit, are your unique offerings to God.

Galatians 5:22: ***"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."***

You need to make the best of your 4 stewardship gifts:

TIME

TALENT

INTEGRITY

and TREASURE



One of God's greatest gifts is TIME. Learn to manage this precious resource. Don't waste your time or put things off until the last minute. If you don't use it, you will lose it. Good ways of using your time is learning through reading, listening, or doing. Don't just do the minimum and think that it's good enough.

Proverbs 6:10,11: ***"A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you (sluggard) like a robber."***

Be grateful that you are able to attend church, a meeting or a Bible class, for instance, on ZOOM or in person. Many groups have not (anyway, since the beginning of the COVID pandemic), had the privilege of participating in such a unique social situation. So be grateful for technology (and the TECH team).

God is asking something of you each day. Be mindful of everyone you meet on a daily basis, and think how you may be able to help serve them. Use whatever TALENT or TALENTS that God has blessed you with. Always remember that you are a part of a community, even if you don't feel like it at times. For instance, a smile and a hello would brighten up anyone's day. Hold yourself accountable for whatever you do, or omit to do, don't slack off, no one else is responsible for your actions, so do your work and don't cheat.

INTEGRITY is a precious gift that should never be tossed away. God has filled this world with people to meet, activities to participate in and moments to rejoice in your life. So use your TALENTS and get involved. God has promised to bless you with blessings overflowing if you follow his ways. The more you give back to God and others by using your talents or money in his service, the more He will bless you with HEAVENLY TREASURE.

Luke 6:38: ***"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."***

Begin each day in prayer. Bring all your tasks of the day to God to help you and when the day is over, spend time with God again, reflecting on how you have failed or succeeded as a good steward and disciple of Jesus. In between prayer time, live your day and walk with God. Stay committed to whatever you have volunteered to do and then share it with others, keeping God at the center of your focus.

Adapted from GOOD STEWARDSHIP FOR STUDENTS by Tracy Earl Welliver

Sunday, September 11 is National Grandparents Day. This essay was posted on Facebook by a member, and I offer it to you in honor of grandparents.

### **GRANDMOTHERS**

An Essay by an 8-year old

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other people's little girls. A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes walks with the boys and they talk about fishing, tractors and like that. Grandmothers don't have to do anything except be there. They are old, so they shouldn't play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to the shops where the pretend horse is and have lots of five cents ready. They are often fat, but not too fat to tie kid's shoes. They wear funny glasses and funny underwear and they can take their teeth and gums off, Everyone should try to have one, because grandmothers are the only grown-ups who have got time.



### **Calling all Pinochle Players! And those who want to learn!**

Please join us starting on Friday, September 9th at 11am to play Pinochle at the Church. We would love to teach new players. This is all for fun and social time together. We play for a while, then we break for lunch and continue to play. Looking forward to this event.

Have questions? Please see Sharon or call her at 253-631-6923.

### **MOVIE MATINEE**



Our next movie will be shown on Saturday, September 17 at 3 pm. At press time, the movie had not been selected.





## PROVERBS OF SOLOMON

Match the first half of the verse from the book of Proverbs with the second half:

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|--|--|
| ___ 1. Proverbs 3:13<br>Blessed is the one who finds wisdom,               | a. fools despise wisdom and instruction.       |
| ___ 2. Proverbs 6:20<br>My son, keep your father's commandments,           | b. fear the Lord and turn away from evil.      |
| ___ 3. Proverbs 25:11<br>A word fitly spoken is                            | c. When will you arise from your sleep?        |
| ___ 4. Proverbs 3:7<br>Be not wise in your own eyes;                       | d. and forsake not your mother's teachings.    |
| ___ 5. Proverbs 10:4<br>Lazy hands make for poverty,                       | e. like apples of gold in a setting of silver. |
| ___ 6. Proverbs 1:7<br>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, | f. and the one who gets understanding.         |
| ___ 7. Proverbs 6:9<br>How long will you lie there; O sluggard?            | g. but diligent hands bring wealth.            |

Thanks to Karen Begalka for supplying this Proverbs practice, before we start the Bible study this month.

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## CHURCHES AROUND THE WORLD

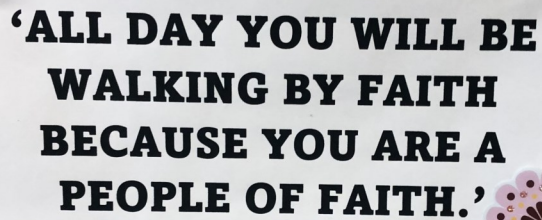
If you visit a church during your travels, you can submit a photo and favorite memory of it to Dielda, newsletter editor.



Peggy Hanson shares this photograph and story:

I imagined how this church would look in the middle of winter, how far worshippers would travel to attend, and the struggles they encountered in doing so. That big sky in the background is unmistakably MONTANA as well as the wagon.

It is St. Joseph's Catholic Mission Church located in Townsend, MT, and google says "this beautiful church was built during 1875-76 and is the oldest extant example of secular Roman Catholic church architecture in Montana. It is now a museum known as Canton Church Historic Site."



**‘ALL DAY YOU WILL BE  
WALKING BY FAITH  
BECAUSE YOU ARE A  
PEOPLE OF FAITH.’**

### **WALKING WHERE JESUS WALKED**

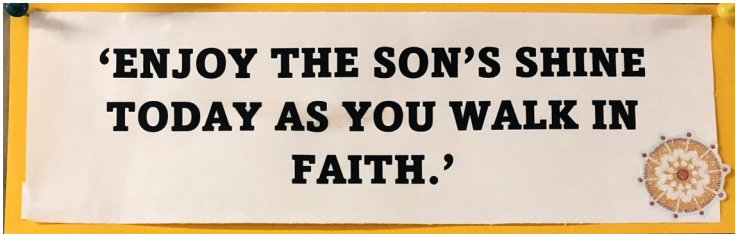
Rain or shine, you are invited to put on your walking shoes, grab a sack lunch and a friend, and meet at Valley Camp on Saturday, September 10 at 11 am.

All are welcome to join the walk—member or friend of Bethlehem. If walking isn’t your thing, you can sit and enjoy the nature, or let your grandkids enjoy the playground.

Valley Camp is a Lutheran Retreat Center. 49515 SE Middle Fork Rd, North Bend WA. Off I-90 at Exit 34.  
[www.valleycamp.org](http://www.valleycamp.org) for more information.

Also be sure to submit photos of what you’ve seen on your walks this summer. Have you been walking with a dog? Did you walk on a new sidewalk? Is there something you see every time you are out walking or biking? Did you go faster on your treadmill? We want to see your photos, drawings, or comments on the bulletin board. Contact Ruth Ann or Dielda if you have questions.

Jesus had 3 years of public ministry. Our summer walking with Jesus was almost 3 months. This adventure will end on Sunday September 18 but your journey with Christ will hopefully last a lifetime.



**‘ENJOY THE SON’S SHINE  
TODAY AS YOU WALK IN  
FAITH.’**



**CONFVENTION in BELLEVUE**  
**September 10 9:30 am—4:30 pm**

**Must Pre-Register by Sept 1**

Rev Dr Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of Lutheran Center for Religious Liberties, is the guest speaker. How does God bless people even when the rulers – parents, police, government leaders – act contrary to God’s law? Come discover more about the vocation of a Christian citizen.

The Saturday event includes lunch and will be held at Joy Lutheran Church (formerly Pilgrim), 10420 SE 11th St, Bellevue. Cost is \$25/person.

[dist-33-wa-ak-lhm.org](http://dist-33-wa-ak-lhm.org) for registration and more information.

**July 2022 Treasurer's Report (58% of the year done)**

Total Income	\$76,480.29	45%
Total Expense	<u>-42,628.00</u>	25%
Net Income	\$33,852.29	

Total Assets \$111,470.13

Total Equity \$ 66,523.75 (Assets not in memorials or designated funds)

—Kathy Logan, Treasurer

**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.

**RAVE** for our ears. Has any one else's ears been extra busy these last 2-1/2 years? I've had pierced ears for decades and worn glasses for many years. Then in 2020, my ears were useful to keep my mask on. And now I'm fortunate enough to wear hearing aids. It makes me very thankful that God gave us something so helpful and talented as ears!

## MARY-MARTHA QUIZ

How well do you know what the ladies are up to this fall?

Match the dates with the events:

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| ___1. Sunday, September 4<br>after church    | <b>a.</b> Mary Martha General Meeting  |
| ___2. Thursday, September 15 @ 3 PM          | <b>b.</b> The Bazaar   |
| ___3. Thursday, September 15 @ 3:30 PM       | <b>c.</b> LWML Fall Rally at All Saints,<br>Bellevue, WA   |
| ___4. Sunday, October 9 <u>during</u> church | <b>d.</b> Mary Martha, co-host for LWML<br>Convention in Everett, WA   |
| ___5. Sunday, October 9 <u>after</u> church  | <b>e.</b> LWML Sunday  |
| ___6. Sat. October 22 @ 9:30 AM              | <b>f.</b> Winner of afghan announced   |
| ___7. November 12 from 10 AM-3 PM            | <b>g.</b> Mary Martha Social Hour  |
| ___8. 2024                                   | <b>h.</b> Start buying "chances" to win<br>SEA HAWKS colored afghan to<br>help support Mary Martha<br>Missions |

Answers on page 27



The **Seahawks** are playing now! Get your chances to win a beautiful Seahawk afghan made by Karen Marsyla starting Sunday September 4th. For those of you who would like to purchase online, please send your check to the Church office. The drawing will take place on LWML Sunday.

**Get ready, get set, warm up!**

**SEAHAWK-COLOR AFGHAN DRAWING is Sunday October 9**



**TICKETS GO ON SALE Sunday September 4.  
Buy many \$1 chances to improve your odds!  
Thanks to Karen Marsyla for your craftiness!**

### **MARY MARTHA MEETING**

All ladies are invited to our meeting on Thursday, September 15th in the social hall. The social time starts at 3pm. Carolyn Troseth and Jeanne-K Hughes are our snack hostesses. The business meeting begins at 3:30pm.

## 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.** 10am to 3pm. Sponsored by Mary Martha. There will be vendors, crafts, gently used items, and food. Know someone who wants to have a booth? Have them contact Amber Wolf.

The **garage sale** has been postponed until next spring. We will have a Granny's Corner for gently used items at our November 12 bazaar, in case you've been busy down-sizing.

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 our Amazon shoppers who have designated Bethlehem on their Smile Amazon account. We received \$46.32 for first quarter donations. We've received a total of \$732.04 since we began the program.

Mary Martha Match-up page 25

1h, 2g, 3a, 4e, 5f, 6c, 7b, 8d

Proverbs Answers from page 21.

Answers: 1f, 2d, 3e, 4b, 5g, 6a, 7c

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## PROVERBS BIBLE STUDY Begins September 14

The Bible study on the book of Proverbs begins this month, on Wednesday, September 14, at 7 PM. As usual, it will be at the fellowship hall and on Zoom. You may attend this class even if you have not bought the book.

The dictionary defines wisdom as "the power of judging rightly and following the soundest course of action, based on knowledge, experience, understanding, etc." According to Proverbs, that definition of wisdom is inadequate, for it says, **"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."** Wisdom is the skill of applying knowledge.

I am looking forward to an exciting, lively time learning with you what Proverbs has to say about wisdom.

— Brent Begalka

KNOWING THE BIBLE



# PROVERBS

A 12-WEEK STUDY

Lydia Brownback

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