

The Witness of Peace

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God Sightings: Keeping Watch for God

This week at VBS we are sharing a learning with the kids that is actually a core spiritual discipline for all of us. The practice is one of developing the skill of perceiving God at work in the world and in our everyday life. Here is the teaching from the *Shipwrecked* VBS handbook:

God hasn't retired, you know. God is as busy as ever. But until you see that with your own eyes, it's tough to have a vibrant faith. God can seem distant or impersonal.

God is active in our everyday lives- we just have to learn to look. We have to make a habit to keep an eye out for the daily, overwhelming evidence that God is doing great things all around us.

At Shipwrecked, we'll encourage kids and adults to look for God Sightings- everyday clues that God is present, passionate and powerful. A God Sighting is simply an acknowledgement that God has done something. It is giving God credit where credit is due. It's developing a God-focused view and a grateful heart. (We) can discover that we can see God in things like Scripture, people, circumstances and nature.

As (we) make God Sightings part of everyday life, our faith will grow. Why? Because we will actually see God at work. Not because God's suddenly shown up, but because we finally have eyes to see...and at last, we are looking.

When we look, we perceive the work of the Spirit of God all around us: in the miracle of creation, in random acts of kindness, in the choice for patience and forgiveness, in humbling generosity, in courageous work for justice, in the miracle of birth, in the poignancy of death.

As the poet says below, pay attention. Allow the amazing awesomeness of the Holy to fill you. And, yes, speak about it! We need to tell each other our stories of blessing. Our hearts are longing for them. *Pastor Annette*

Instructions for living a life:

Pay attention.

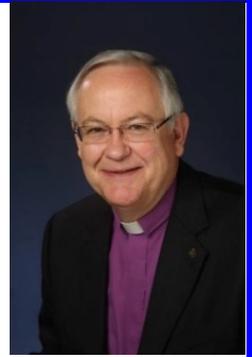
Be astonished.

Tell about it.

-Mary Oliver, Sometimes

Companionship

By the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop, NWWA Synod
From the JULY 2018 edition of *The Spirit*



There is a movement taking place across the American church - stirring up in congregations a new imagination of what it means to be the church. It begins with the realization that God is active and up to something outside the four walls of the church - and the church is being invited to join in.

This startles many of us because we have been faithful at trying to do good worship, practice hospitality, provide Sunday School, offer a youth group, gather for fellowship activities, and care for our buildings and grounds. These practices have served us well - but none of them have prepared us for what it means to engage with our neighbors.

We have done our best at hospitality - by trying to be welcoming when visitors arrive and looking for helpful ways to engage them in faith formation and the church community. This new movement calls for a radical form of hospitality that was practiced in Luke 10 where the disciples were sent out and instructed to eat whatever was set before them.

This expression of hospitality is about learning to receive what the neighbor has to offer - on their terms and where they are located. How in the world do we do this?

We can learn from our missionary sisters and brothers who are decade or two ahead of us. Our missionaries learned the hard way - having gone through an era where our western faith was imposed upon the people the missionaries were reaching out to. It took time to learn that this approach was not only abusive and destructive, it failed to recognize how God was already at work with the people before the missionaries arrived.

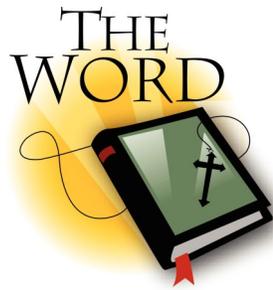
The missionary movement moved from an imposition model to an accompaniment model. This approach is about walking alongside the other and mutually discovering how God is at work. Our missionaries spend years getting to know the people and inviting the people to shape the liturgy and the mission. It levels the playing field by no longer treating the other as the object of our mission but rather the subject.

Accompaniment is about developing companionship. Webster's defines companion as "a person employed to accompany, assist, or live with another in the capacity of a helpful friend." Or perhaps even more poignant "the fainter of two stars that constitute a double star."

You begin to see that this new movement invites a life-giving kind of humility in all that we do. "Companion" in French is a combination of two words, roughly translated as "co bread." We might say breaking bread together as equals.

Can you imagine an evangelism program whose primary activity is inviting neighbors, strangers and friends alike to companionship - breaking bread together? It's about getting to know one another. It's about listening. It's about together responding to the needs of the world. It's about what it means to be church today.

"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' Luke 10:8-9



Readings For July:

July 1st: Lectionary 12

First Reading Job 38:1-11
 Psalm Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
 Second Reading 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Gospel Reading Mark 4:35-41

July 8th: Lectionary 13

First Reading Lamentations 3:22-33 or
 Wisdom 1:13-15;2:23-32
 Psalm Psalm 30
 Second Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
 Gospel Reading Mark 5:21-43

July 15th: Lectionary 14

First Reading Ezekiel 2:1-5
 Psalm Psalm 123
 Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
 Gospel Reading Mark 6:1-13

July 22nd: Feast of Mary Magdalene

First Reading Song of Solomon 6:1-3
 Psalm Psalm 63:1-8
 Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
 Gospel Reading Luke 8:1-3, 23:44-49,
 24:1-10

July 29th

First Reading Ruth 1:1-22
 Gospel Reading Matthew 5:3-9

Our Mission Statement

“Called by Christ to offer help, hope
 and healing.”

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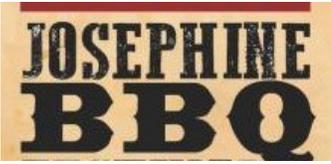


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Join Us!

Greetings in the name of Christ! We would love to invite our partner congregations to a couple of events that we are excited about...



Josephine Annual Community BBQ (July 20, 4pm - 7pm). Mark down the date now and join us for loads of fun for everyone! We are serving up hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixin's. We also have a wine and beer garden, games for the kiddos, face painting, entertainment and music. If you could spare some time and energy to help volunteer for part of the evening, please let us know that too (360.629.2126). As always, thanks for your support for our Josephine Caring Community ministry!



Walk to End Alzheimer's - North Sound (Sept 15). Every year, more and more people are diagnosed with Alzheimer's-- but we believe that we can eventually find an end to this disease. Google "Walk to End Alzheimer's North Sound" and join our Josephine Caring Community Team (type "Josephine" in team search box at the bottom of the page to find our team). Can't walk or can't make it that day? Choose to donate under our Josephine team through that same weblink and help us surpass our \$2000 facility goal. In these next few months we have several in house fundraisers to give our staff opportunities to donate. Even our Josephine worshipping community, most of whom cannot walk, is donating a whole month of their offerings to support our walk. So, we invite your partnership in this good cause or even form your own church team!

Peace to you as you continue your ministry in the many different ways that you do. You are in our prayers and please keep us in yours. -Chaplain Andy

Fall Bazaar

Plans are underway for the PLCW Bazaar November 3rd. Now's the time to be thinking of ways to contribute.

Dig out your recipes for Scandinavian specialties. They are big sellers as are homemade breads and rolls.

Good quality crafts, sports team stuff and garden produce get snapped up quickly by shoppers in the Craft/Produce area

Be thinking of items for the Silent Auction. Baskets full of similar things, unique items, weekend getaways, tickets to plays/concerts, a catered dinner for two/four, weeding/lawn mowing, ongoing gifts such as a cheesecake or cookies a month for a year....all of these are popular. Let your imagination run wild!

Pick up a gift card or two and tuck them away to contribute to the Gift Card Tree.

Lots of volunteers are needed to make the Bazaar a success. So, set aside November 3rd to help out and in the meantime, have a wonderful summer.

Connie DiGregorio, Bazaar Chair





Sunday, September 9

Joining Hands, Giving Thanks!

Festive worship at 10:00, followed by a community BBQ.

We need your help to compile the invitation list!

If you know of anyone who has had connection with Peace over the last 40 years and is still in the area, we would love to send an invitation. We just need a name and address from you! These can be former pastors, members, musicians, community groups who have met here, families who use our cemeteries, extended family who might be part of another faith community. Whoever you think should be included! Help us invite them to join with us on this special day.

From the president!

The PLC Church Council made the following decisions at the June 18, 2018 meeting:

- Allocate \$5,000 of a \$24,973.40 gift from the Sandra V. Nysether Estate to Children's Ministry and the balance (\$19,973.74) to the Building Fund. Her will specified that the money should be used for capital expenditures and children's ministry.
- Allocate 10% (\$855.26) of a \$8,552.55 undesignated gift from the Harold/Karine Smith Fund to the ELCA and the remainder (\$7,597.29) for the Building Fund.
- Designate five temporary handicapped parking spaces (a total of 6, with 3 each on both sides of the church). Debra Compton could name five people who would use these handicapped spaces.
- Concentrate our support for Josephine Caring Community rather than supporting Bethany of the Northwest, Everett.

Larry Sather, President, Peace Lutheran Church

The Gathering!

Games! Raffle Prizes! Friends! Dinner!

Sunday, July 8th 2018

4pm-6pm

Sponsored By

North County Youth and LINC NW!

Meet us at Faith Lutheran Church in Lakewood,
1424 172nd St NE, Marysville, WA 98271

Visit www.northcountyouth.org for more!

NCY
North County Youth

North County Youth | At a Glance

We are partners, we are followers, we are dreamers!

We gather together in Lakewood, WA from all over North Snohomish County to play, learn, pray, and grow!

We are all about mentoring!

Our Partners

Faith, Lakewood | Trinity, Everett | St. Aidan's Episcopal, Camano Island
Our Savior's, Arlington | Camano Lutheran, Camano Island | Freeborn,
Stanwood | El Camino de Emaus, Burlington | Peace, Silvana

Events

July 8th | The Gathering, Lakewood

July 25-July 27 | **Camping Trip!**

August 12 | The Gathering, Lakewood

September 9 | The Gathering, Lakewood

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North County Youth



Community Project for Valley View Cemetery

Barbara Leander, of Bow, Washington, has strong connections to Valley View Cemetery. Her parents, Fred and Althea Beals, as well as her brother Jeff Beals, are all buried there. She (and her mother) had a vision of installing a decorative gate in honor of her family and the years they spent in Silvana. Thanks to her commitment and her collaboration with the metal shop students of teacher Darrell Main at Stanwood High School, as well as some local businesses and Thrivent Action Funds, the beautiful gate pictured above will soon be installed at the entrance to the cemetery. Pictured are our own Shawn Moyer and fellow student Chris Whisman. We will be looking for a few volunteers from peace to help with the installation. We hope to install the week of July 16th. Please contact Dennis Dicken or pastor Annette if you can help.

Much thanks to all!

Our Prayer List: Sharon Daoura, Renae Cupic, Shirley Ahrens, Chris Reese, Donna Burlingame, Ray Erps, Brigitte Garrett, Knut Rasmussen, Sarah Clavel, Tom Robb, Dolly Pachur, John & Maudie Gedstad, Irene Anderson, Jan Cabe, Derrah Thomas, Coni Moyer, Joan Johnson, Patti Jones, Marit Stevens, Gillian Holsinge, Barry Vandenbrink, Zamarah Swanson, Shaun O’Kinsella, Sue Sather, Lois Lasardi, Kylee Dixon, Wendi (Vroman) Lanting, Kevin Hall, Debra Compton, Audrey King (Betty Jacob’s cousin), Allan Whitehead (Maudie Gedstad’s brother)

Safety: Fishermen and fisherwomen



Summer Listening Circles

During these summer months we will begin our process as a congregation of taking regular listening time together- listening to Scripture, listening to each other, listening to God. We will use the simple process of ***Dwelling in the Word***, a simple process of carefully and prayerfully listening to a scripture passage and then “hearing” each other into a deeper sense of what God is saying to each of us and to us as a congregation.

If you have never done this before, don’t worry! It is very simple, and anyone can participate at the level they are comfortable. This type of sharing actually builds a nice sense of connection and care with each other. Plus, it offers a chance for some spiritual “refreshment”- a deep renewing breath!

Can you try to come at least once this summer? The gathering will be about an hour, with time for prayerful reflection and conversation. Here are several upcoming options. Please rsvp with Pastor Annette.

Wed. July 11, 7:00 pm

Wed, July 18, 11:00 am

Wed, July 25, 7:00 pm

Wed, August 1, 11:00 am

Dwelling in the Word

is a spiritual practice of reading and dwelling in the biblical text with an openness to be formed and transformed by the Living Word.

This practice is a unique way of allowing God to speak to us both individually and corporately. Dwelling in the Word values listening deeply to God and to one another. We read for spiritual formation by coming to the Word and patiently allowing the text to intrude into our lives, address us, and be encountered by the God of Mystery.



Summer is Here and it's Hot outside!!



I am so excited for all the fun trips we have planned for this summer, I believe there is something for everyone. I have tried to keep some of the trips that have been requested as well as a few new ones. The hikes are all family friendly, which means they are a level 1 (at least that's what the internet says). I'm still working out the details of trips to see the Mariners and the Bellingham Bells games as well as a few other day trips.

If you have any suggestions for outings please call me. I'm open to suggestions and you never can tell where the bus will take us.

Summer Dates to remember:

July

- 3 Out to Dinner (Everett)
- 10 Day walk to River Loop
- 17 Out to Lunch Bunch (La Conner)
- 28 Silvana Fair

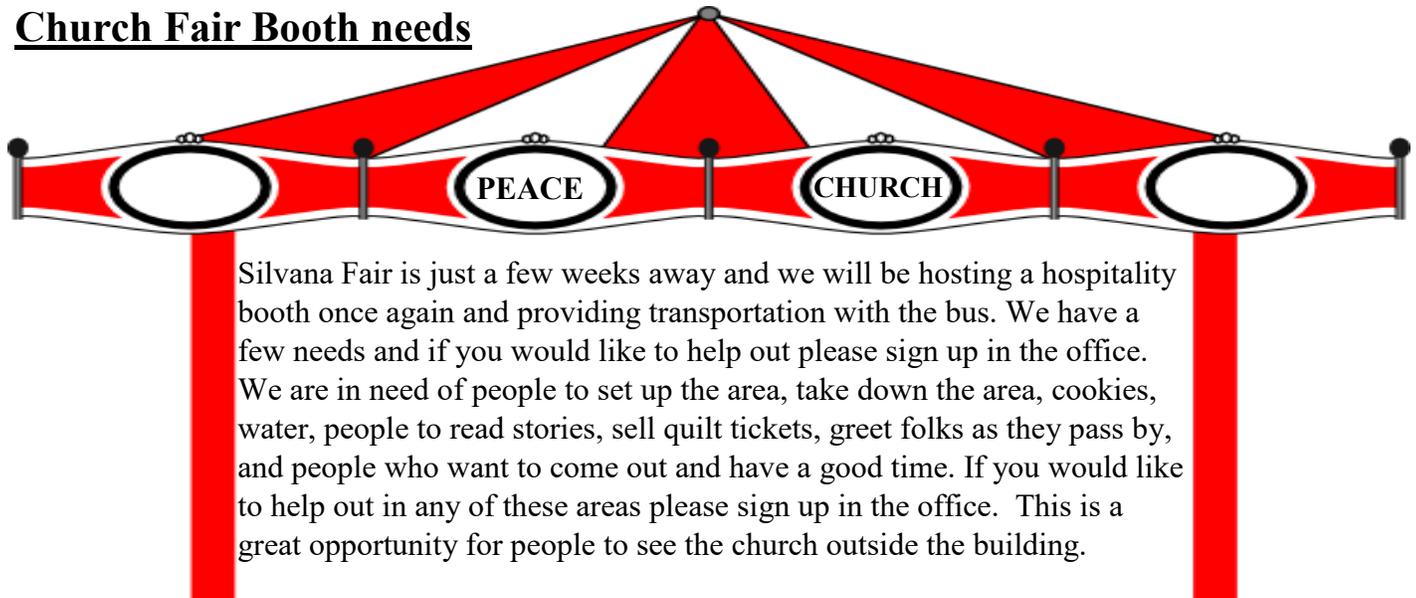
August

- 3-5 Stanwood Fair
- 7 Out to Dinner (Everett)
- 8 Day trip to Birch Bay
- 14 Day walk off the North Cascades
- 16 Serve at the Gathering Place
- 21 Out to Lunch Bunch (Mount Vernon)



VBS 2018—Bible Discover Station

Church Fair Booth needs



Silvana Fair is just a few weeks away and we will be hosting a hospitality booth once again and providing transportation with the bus. We have a few needs and if you would like to help out please sign up in the office. We are in need of people to set up the area, take down the area, cookies, water, people to read stories, sell quilt tickets, greet folks as they pass by, and people who want to come out and have a good time. If you would like to help out in any of these areas please sign up in the office. This is a great opportunity for people to see the church outside the building.

July Mission of the Month

ELCA Disaster Fund

Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God’s hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

PLCW serving group for July:



Group #4, Ashley Kombol
Remember to keep coffee time simple!



**71st Annual Silvana Community Fair
Fair Day Timeline**

Parking and Entrance *Free!*

Time	Activity
6:30 - 8:30 AM	Livestock Check In & Vet Check
9:00 AM	Opening of the 71st ANNUAL SILVANA COMMUNITY FAIR Flag Raising: Everyone is encouraged to participate. Kids' games: (Kids 16 yrs. & under) following Opening Ceremonies.
10:00 AM	Livestock Judging Begins
12:15 PM	Greased Pole Contest - (14 yrs & under) Sponsored by STANWOOD REDI-MIX
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Break Time - Live Music
1:00 PM	Judging Continues
4:30 PM	Parade of Champions/Closing Ceremony
5:00 PM	Release of all Inside Exhibits
5:00 PM - 6:00PM	Cleanup and release of Outside Exhibits

**Birthdays
of the Month**

- 1 Cathy Pryor
- 6 Mike Jacobs
- 9 Ken Sather
- 12 Grace Birkestol
- 13 Cody Hoffmeister
- 17 Krista Cairus
- 19 Ryan Norman
- 20 Robin Sather
- Michelle Lilgreen
- 26 Steve DiGregorio
- 27 Spencer Fuentes
- Jerry Brekhus
- Claire Harrison
- 31 Christy Jacobs



July 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 WORSHIP 8:30 PEACE 10:00 LWCH	2 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous 5:30 Lydia	3 12:00 AA 5:30 Out to Dinner Group meets in Everett	4 10:30 AlAnon	5	6 12:00 AA	7 Mariners Game-Faith & Family Day at Safeco Field
8 WORSHIP 8:30 PEACE 10:00 LWCH 4-6 North County Youth	9 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous 6:00 4-H	10 9:30 Day Hike 12:00 AA	11 9:30 Naomi Circle 10:30 AlAnon 11:30 Esther Circle 7:00 Summer Circle	12	13 12:00 AA	14 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Willow & Jim's
15 WORSHIP 8:30 PEACE 10:00 LWCH	16 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous 6:30 Council	17 10:30 Out to Lunch Bunch leaves for La Conner 12:00 AA 6:00 District II AA	18 10:30 AlAnon 11:00 Summer Circle	19 10:00 LWR Quilting 6:00 4-H Food group	20 12:00 AA 4-7pm BBQ at Josephine	21
22 WORSHIP 8:30 PEACE 10:00 LWCH	23 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous	24 12:00 AA	25 10-7 Poster, demonstration & ed. display entres at Peace 10:30 AlAnon 7:00 Summer Circle	26 10-3 Poster, demonstration & ed. display entries at Peace	27 12:00 AA	28 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Willow and Jim's 9-5 Silvana Fair at Viking Hall
29 WORSHIP 8:30 PEACE 10:00 LWCH	30 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous	31 12:00 AA		FOOD BANK ITEMS: EASY HEAT 'N SERVE MEALS		

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE-

July 1st–August 26th

8:30 am *Informal service at Peace-*

10:00 am *Worship at Little White Church*

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