

# The Witness of Peace

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*“As the Father has sent me, so I send you”.*  
*When he said this, he breathed on them and said to them,*  
*“Receive the Holy Spirit.”*

*John 20:21b-22*



During this Easter season we lift up the ways the Risen Christ breaks into the fearful wondering of those first disciples, who clung together in grief and anxiety about what the future would bring. Things would no longer be the way they were when Jesus walked beside them, leading the way. This time of re-formation is the season when we witness the birthing of the Church as the Body of Christ sent out into the world, now guided by the Spirit that lives within us and among us.

All these years later, the Church is again clinging together in fear and anxiety about what the future will bring. It is imperative that we open our ears and hearts once more to Jesus' message: *As I was sent, so are you. Receive the Holy Spirit.*

What does it mean to be sent as Spirit-Bearers into our world? This discernment is at the heart of the many questions facing our congregation. I invite you to listen to the encouraging voice of Jesus and engage in opportunities to gather together and reflect on this core question. Our discussion will inform our budgetary decisions and the focus of our future ministry endeavors. I particularly invite your participation in the upcoming time of prayer and learning on June 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark's that you will read about in this newsletter. May the Spirit lead us!

*In peace,*

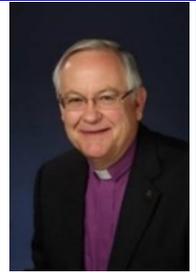
*Pastor Annette*

## Words of Encouragement

Bishop Kirby Unti | NW Washington Synod / ELCA | From the May 2019 edition of *The Spirit*

*Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!*  
- Psalm 27:14

I have been pondering what to share with the newly elected bishop. These are a few of my thoughts recorded before the election in order to reach the editor's deadline. I thought they might be of interest to the whole Synod.



Dear Newly Elected Bishop,

Know that you were called by God to serve as a bishop of this church and that God will provide you with all that you will need.

It can be a daunting transition, but there will be many who will accompany you. The people of God will pray for you BY NAME on a regular basis. You will have a staff to share the highs and lows with. You will discover amongst the roster and laity those who will offer you encouragement and graciously speak the truth to you.

It is a great privilege to meet so many rostered ministers and wonderful lay people. I was also blessed to know better our specialized ministers and the amazing work they do.

The Vice President and the Synod Council will be your partners in offering leadership and direction.

Quickly, you will head off to Chicago for Bishop's Formation. It will be a time to bond with your class of newly elected bishops. It is very moving to share your call stories and wonder together if you are fit for what lies ahead. I am confident many of my classmates will be lifelong friends.

You will also have the rich experience of being part of the Conference of Bishops. It was a real eye opener for me coming from the Northwest to discover how diverse the practices of this church are. Yet, I must say I have never experienced a group that works so hard to hear one another and does so in such a respectful way. The Conference became a life line for me.

Before you even settle in you will attend the Churchwide Assembly where you will experience what it means to gather a thousand strong. You will be introduced to the many life-giving ways this church is present throughout the world. It is impressive to hear a thousand voices in song and prayer. (And this is from a guy who doesn't enjoy singing!)

The joy awaits you of being able to meet a host of judicatory leaders and interfaith leaders. This is a group that is growing stronger in solidarity against hate and hostility. They will walk alongside of you as together you share the challenges of navigating these times.

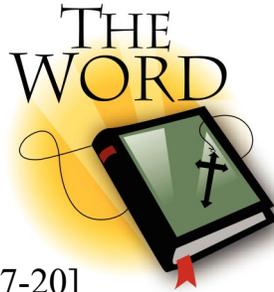
I encourage you to take advantage of the many ways in which Faith Action Network, our Public Policy Office, will invite your voice and presence to advocate for those who are marginalized by a political system that is deeply influenced by privilege and power.

One of my biggest surprises was discovering how deeply valued the church's voice is in a world that still hungers for a gracious moral grounding. I was amazed what it meant to others just to show up. I want you to know that I am praying for you and will continue to, knowing that in addition to the joy and incredible opportunities there is the weight of the office. Coupled with the weight is the pace which at times will be unrelenting. You will need to discover new rhythms and ways to take care of yourself.

May God continue to richly bless you and sustain you as you have said "yes" to serve as a bishop of this church!

With gratitude to God for you,  
Bishop (Not for long) Kirby Unti

**Readings For  
May:**



**May 5th—3 Easter**

First Reading Acts 9:1-6[7-20]  
 Psalm Psalm 30  
 Second Reading Revelations 5:11-14  
 Gospel Reading John 21:1-19

**May 12th—4 Easter**

First Reading Acts 9:36-43  
 Psalm Psalm 23  
 Second Reading Revelations 7:9-17  
 Gospel Reading John 10:22-30

**May 19th —5 Easter**

First Reading Acts 11:1-18  
 Psalm Psalm 148  
 Second Reading Revelations 21:1-6  
 Gospel Reading John 13:31-35

**May 26th—6 Easter**

First Reading Acts 16:9-15  
 Psalm Psalm 67  
 Second Reading Revelations 21:10,22-22:5  
 Gospel Reading John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

**May 30th—Ascension of Our Lord**

First Reading Acts 1:1-11  
 Psalm Psalm 47 or Psalm 93  
 Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23  
 Gospel Reading Luke 24:44-53

*Don't forget!*



***Men's Breakfast  
 2nd & 4th Saturdays  
 8:00 am  
 Come hungry!***



**President: Larry Sather**  
**Vice-President: Al Camp**  
**Treasurer: Connie DiGregorio**  
**Secretary: Alanna Stone**  
**Greg Erwin (1)**  
**Janeen Smith (2)**  
**Larry Bean (1)**  
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**Musicians**

**Richelle Tripp**  
**Allyson Richards**

**Our Mission Statement**

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



## Dignity in Cleanliness

Dear Partners:

A seminary professor of mine once shared with us his all-time *least* favorite word: “just.” He hated when students said, “I’m *just* a student” or “I’m *just* a freshman.” From his standpoint, God made us uniquely us and with our special set of gifts—so why do we use words that play down what God has created and given?

I’d like to offer a similar thought but maybe from a slightly different direction. I deeply believe that God’s light can shine in every place, every circumstance, and through every gift. I remind our folks at Josephine about this all the time. As you can imagine, with the folks we have facing longer and longer lives along with the difficulties of getting older, there are times in their lives that can be quite hard and even quite dark for them. During those times, we are invited to hear the good news from St. John: “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it” (Jn 1:5).

The point, dear friends, is that no matter how we might look at it—God can work and shine through everything—beautifully and brilliantly! This is the backdrop in which I would like to share a recent loss to our Josephine community—the death of our Director of Housekeeping, Joanne. This was a totally unexpected and sudden loss to our community—and quite hard news to take particularly for many in our staff. Your prayers are certainly requested.

The hardest piece of the loss, though, might be the loss of the tremendous gift that Joanne was to this community. I’m not simply talking about her knowledge of how to clean things or even the good tone that she set for her housekeeping staff—although she certainly did these things very well. The thing I will miss the most about Joanne is her attitude in which she did her work. I believe that her approach to cleanliness was with a full sense of giving dignity to those she served. Housekeeping is not care work like nurses, aides, and chaplains—but that had no bearing on Joanne being able to fully treat people with a sense of love and dignity through her work. I don’t think she would ever, ever, say that she was *just* a housekeeper—or even *just* a Director of Housekeeping. She embraced her role and let the light of God shine through it. For that, I give thanks to Joanne for her ministry and proclamation in this place. May God’s light find a place to shine in every place, circumstance, and role/gift that God has given you too.

Warmly, *Pr. Andy.*

**Peace Lutheran Church Women**

Hope everyone had a nice Easter Sunday. It was wonderful to see our Easter service so full with friends and family. The sun came out to give us a beautiful afternoon.

Our last PLCW meeting was about gardening. Our speaker couldn't make it so we shared our own gardening memories and experiences. As usual we had a wonderful luncheon. Devotions were led by Joyce Klabunde.

Our May 1st topic will be "Travels Around the World". The speaker is Connie DiGregorio. It should be very interesting to hear. Devotions will be led by Mary Fuentes and the lunch provided by Linda Legler, Jolene Rod and Joyce Klabunde. I hope you can make it!

Please come and join us!

Carol Mendenhall



**Country Christmas Bazaar**

This year the Bazaar will be  
**November 2nd**

Plan now and start your craft projects, think of a themed basket and collect items for the silent auction, plant produce in your garden, collect some good gift cards for the gift card tree and set aside those items for the treasure room.

PLCW made over \$10,000 at last year's Bazaar. Proceeds are used to support local charities, provide camp scholarships to our youth and fund other projects supported by the church women.



**Peace Lutheran's March Financial Report**

**Donations / Expenditures**

\$13,103.02    \$17,672.31

**Mission of the Month:** \$1278.36—Lutheran Community Services

**Mission Investment Fund**

Interest Income \$139.55

**Balance 3/29/2019:** \$118,352.42\*

\*Withdrawal March 30—\$4000.00

**2019 Budget**

\$214,789.00

Average Donation Needed Each Month

\$17,899.00



# ***Turning the Church Inside-Out: Liminal Spaces Where Jesus is Found***

A Workshop for Clergy and Lay Leaders

presented by The Rev. Dr. Ray Pickett, Rector  
(President at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, CA)

**Saturday, June 15, 9:30am - 3pm**  
at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle

Ray Pickett has a proposition for the Church to consider:  
*These are challenging times that call us to mobilize the Church to be more engaged in our communities and in the struggle for justice.*

What does it look like for congregations to work for God's justice in the context of the communities in which we live, and move and have our being? Using a model for faith-based community organizing grounded in scripture, Dr. Pickett will invite participants to explore ways to discover Jesus in unlikely places, and have our hearts turned in life-giving and radical ways.

Workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

***Would you be interested in joining Pastor Annette to develop our skill as a congregation in engaging our local community in a new way?***

***SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX. WE WILL REGISTER AS A GROUP.***

## **About the workshop leader:**



**Raymond Pickett** is the Rector (President) of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA, and a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Dr. Pickett is deeply committed to forming faithful leaders equipped to mobilize individuals and communities of faith to make a difference in the world by taking risks, collaborating with others, and acting on our faith to make a difference in our communities. He is energized by the challenge of preparing leaders for a diverse, highly secularized West Coast context for a changing Church and complex world and sees it as an opportunity to strengthen the public witness of the church by making theological education more contextual and incorporating practices and strategies for engaging the world.

**THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019**

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34



**You are invited to gather in the sanctuary  
for an hour of quiet prayer, 12:30-1:30 pm.  
Come for all or part of the time.**

## **Bishop Election- Candidate Forum**

Be part of the discernment of the Northwest Washington Synod as we go through a call process for our next bishop. **You are invited to join your delegates** at an upcoming forum to meet all the candidates and to offer your feedback/input. We can carpool together from church!

**Sunday, May 5, 2:00-4:00 pm  
Salem Lutheran, Mount Vernon**

Your elected delegates, Simon Fuentes, Karen Dicken and Pastor Annette will be part of the voting process at the Synod Assembly May 17-19. See more information at [www.lutheransnw.org/bishop-election](http://www.lutheransnw.org/bishop-election). Additional forum on Sat am, May 4 in Bothell.

## Our May Mission of the Month

### **Bethany of the Northwest**

is a continuing care ministry, dedicated to enhancing the quality and dignity of life of those who we serve, out of love for God and neighbor.



### **Caring:**

Bethany delivers state-of-the-art multi-level supportive care and nursing services that are designed to meet the physical, spiritual, social, and psychological needs of elderly and disabled persons with a goal of offering a life of independence, dignity, and purpose. Most of our residents are vulnerable, low-income senior citizens that rely on Medicare/Medicaid for housing, food, and medical services. People look to Bethany for the kind of care they want for their loved ones.

### **Committed:**

Growing from humble beginnings, Bethany has been a household name in Snohomish County since 1931. Originally Bethania College, “Bethany Home for the Aged” was established in 1931 by a group of men who believed there was a need for a Christian “Old People’s Home” in the Everett area. Today, Bethany is the fourth largest not-for-profit long-term care provider in the State of Washington. In three Everett locations, we provide 231 beds for skilled and sub-acute nursing, and 54 apartments for assisted living. With a staff of more than 400, and a dedicated corps of volunteers, people continue to look to Bethany to provide our residents with a life of independence, dignity, and purpose.



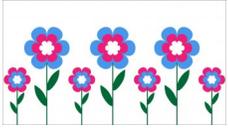
### **Vacation Bible School**

**Come join the safari!**

**June 24-28, 9-12**

**Registrations start next month.**

**Be part of the team. Helpers needed as group guides and craft leaders. Food donations and African décor are also welcomed.**



## Youth & Family

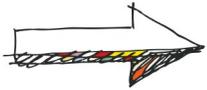
Where does time go? I find myself asking this question over and over again and coming up with no easy answer. It's the beginning of May and the flowers are popping up and baby ducks are hatching, and I'm already working on late spring and summer plans. Sometimes when I'm planning, I get caught up in what is happening around me and lose all track of what really needs to be done to achieve my goals. This means I need to reign in my plans and think a little closer to home (my first thought was we should all go to the happiest place on earth-what I'm thinking might not be what you are thinking). Planning can be super fun but it can also be super complicated. This summer I'm trying to plan more day trips and activities that can be done right here in Silvana. If you have a suggestion of some place we should go or would like to volunteer to help with planning or chaperoning please give me a call.



Coming up the first Saturday in May at 11am is **Peace Lutheran Community Tea Party**. This is going to be a fun time for all with a little something for everyone. We will be having tea and sandwiches, along with cake.

We will continue Wednesday night **Community Night**. If you have not come out for one before, each week we have a different focus with a craft or game to end the evening. We also serve a light dinner that varies each week. Sometimes it's pizza while other nights you just might get mac and cheese. The night always begins at 6pm and ends around 7:30pm. On The 15<sup>th</sup> after the meal some of the team that went to China this past January/February will be sharing pictures and stories about their experiences.

**GARAGE SALE**



Also coming up on May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> the Mission team will be having a **Garage Sale**. All the money raised will be going to the purchase of Aler wood cook stoves. These stoves help improve the quality of life for people living in the hills of Guatemala and can change the lives of an entire village. If you would like to donate, your items can be dropped off at the church in the classroom next to the kitchen. If you would like

to **volunteer** to help set it up please come by Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, or anytime Thursday and Friday. The sale is Friday 9am to 5pm and Saturday 9am to noon. At noon we begin cleanup and any help is appreciated.

**Out to Dinner group** will be going to the Polish restaurant in Stanwood on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. The **Out to Lunch Bunch** will be traveling to Concrete to try the Bakery out. The bakery is owned and run by former Silvana Resident and butcher Rusty Beals. Please sign up for these events, so that I can make proper reservations and planning for transportation.



Please save the date of Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> as we will be recognizing the **graduating high school seniors**.





- 2 Jeff Erwin
- 4 Randy Libby
- 5 Katelynn Hubbard
- 6 Sarah Gonzales
- 9 Maudie Gedstad
- 10 Judy Camp
- 11 Karen Danner
- Jim Jones
- 16 Carol Maurstad
- 22 John Gedstad
- 23 Karen Hopper
- 25 Louis Stangeland
- 28 Jacki Tyler
- 29 Annabelle Birkestol
- Lana Hanson
- Jeff Olseene
- 31 Ashley Kombol



PLCW serving group for May:  
 Group #3  
 Maudie Gedstad leader

Remember to keep coffee time simple!

# BLOOD DRIVE

◆ Bettering our community, drop by drop.

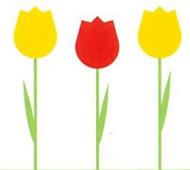
**Tuesday, May 7**  
**12:30 pm to 6:30 pm**

(closed 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm)

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SILVANA**  
**Fellowship Hall**

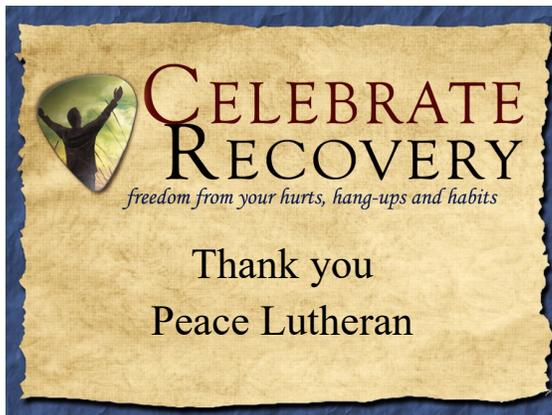
For information and to sign up contact Bloodworks NW at 1-800-398-7888 or go to [schedule.bloodworksnw.org](http://schedule.bloodworksnw.org) and enter code 3261.

Please eat and drink plenty of fluids prior to donating and bring picture ID.



TO SIGN UP: [BloodworksNW.org/drives](http://BloodworksNW.org/drives)

Download the App!



We would like to pass on the gratitude that we hear from our various recovery groups and how they appreciate meeting here at Peace.



Please welcome Julia Patterson, our new custodian. Many of you already know her as our nursery attendant.



# May 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> 10:30 Al Anon PLCW 11:30 Lunch 12:30 meeting 4:30 VBS meeting 6:00 Community Night 6:30 Confirmation, Our Savior's, Arl.	<b>2</b> <b>National Day            of Prayer</b>  12:30-1:30 Time for Prayer in the sanctuary	<b>3</b>  12:00 AA  4:00 Tea Party set up	<b>4</b> 11:00 Tea Party
<b>5</b> 9:00 Sunday School for all 10:00 Worship 2-4 Bishop's Candidates Forum, Salem, Mt. Vernon	<b>6</b> 10:00 Women's AA  5:00 Pills Anonymous 5:30 Lydia Circle	<b>7</b> 12:30-6:30 <b>Blood Drive</b> 12:00 AA 5:30 Out to Dinner, Polish in Stanwood 6:00 Voices	<b>8</b> 9:30 Naomi 10:30 Al Anon 11:30 Esther 4:00 Garage sale set up 6:00 Community Night	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9-5 Garage Sale 12:00 AA	<b>11</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast  9-12 Garage Sale
<b>12 Mother's            Day</b>  9:00 Sunday School for all 10:00 Worship	<b>13</b> 10:00 Women's AA  5:00 Pills Anonymous 6:00 4-H	<b>14</b>  12:00 AA  6:00 Voices	<b>15</b> 10:30 Al Anon  6:00 Community Night 6:30 Confirmation, Our Savior's	<b>18</b> 10:00 LWR Quilting  6:00 4-H Foods	<b>19</b>  12:00 AA  [Synod.....]	<b>20</b>  Assembly....
<b>19</b> 9:00 Sunday School for all 10:00 Worship at Peace  .....]	<b>20</b> 10:00 Women's AA  5:00 Pills Anonymous	<b>21</b> Witness articles due 12:00 AA 6:00 Voices 6:00 Council 6:00 District AA	<b>22</b> 10:30 Al Anon 10:30 OTLB Concrete Bakery  6:00 Community Night	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  12:00 AA  [Holden.....]	<b>25</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast  Youth.....]
<b>26</b> 9:00 Sunday School for all 10:00 Worship  Weekend.....]	<b>27 Memorial            Day</b> 10:00 Women's AA  5:00 Pills Anonymous	<b>28</b>  12:00 AA  6:00 Voices	<b>29</b>  10:30 Al Anon  PLCW Board  6:00 Community Night	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  12:00 AA	

## **Peace Lutheran Church**

P.O. Box 100 (1717 Larson Road)

Silvana, WA 98287

**Worship: Sundays at 10:00 am**

**Sunday School: For all ages, Sundays at 9:00 am**

**Community Night: Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**

**Check the calendar inside or our website for more activities at Peace!**

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