

The Witness of Peace

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Take hold of the life that really is life.

Get a life.

- 1 Timothy 6:19b

Usually that is said in a kind of derisive tone, implying that there is something missing in the life that one is leading, that there is something MORE, some greater fullness of both purpose and meaning.

What is this “life”, and how do we seek it? It is certainly more than just keeping the body going. I remember the lines from the Tennyson poem *Ulysses*, as the hero meditates upon growing older and ceasing to eagerly embrace the opportunities of each day:

*How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
To rust unburnished, not to shine in use!
As though to breathe were life!*

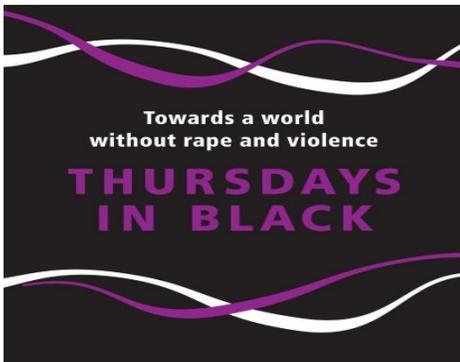
This sense of “life” points towards vital engagement and passionate activity to whatever capacity one is still able- towards being “fully alive” and not just “not yet dead.”

The ancient Greeks understood that life was a multidimensional reality. They actually had three different words for life: *Bios* – for physical, bodily life; *Psuche*- for breath, soul, spiritual life; and finally *Zoe*- for vital and genuine life, the fullness of life, life in God.

In the book of Deuteronomy Moses encourages the people to “choose life, that you and your descendants might live!” In the gospels Jesus implores his followers to seek “eternal life”- that is, a true and abiding life, life which endures through all the changing circumstances of our earthly journey and beyond, into the next realm. This is *Zoe* life- the life Jesus was talking about when he said, “I came that you might have life, and have it in abundance!”

To be a disciple of Jesus is to seek this *Zoe* life, not only for ourselves but for all. There are many voices that clamor for our attention, promising the “good life”. We must pay careful attention to listen for the voice of Jesus, who never hesitated to call out those who promoted death-dealing ways coated in false promises. Together, let us seek the life that endures beyond the short term and carries us forward into a vital and sustainable future.

To life! Pastor Annette



For the next several months, as I am able, I will raise up issues, resolutions, actions and memorials that were taken at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. This month I am focusing on the ELCA's Commitment to the World Council of Church's "Thursdays in Black" campaign toward a world without rape and violence.

Several years ago I sat in the window seat on a plane. The plane ride was long. Fourteen hours long. The man next to me struck up a conversation. We talked for a while. I then fell asleep. When I woke up it was dark in the plane's cabin. No lights were on. Everyone appeared to be sleeping. But the man's head was resting on my shoulder. Thinking he would be embarrassed when he awoke, I gently tried to move my shoulder away from him in order to give him more space. Instead, this man woke up and with his face right next to mine he attempted to kiss me while groping me. I was caught between this man and the wall of the plane. Why I didn't notify the flight attendant is still a mystery to me. Instead, I somehow pushed my way out to the aisle and wandered through the plane – wondering what to do. Honestly, I couldn't think. Eventually I returned to my window seat and sat as close to the window as possible, as far away from the man as possible, putting a barrier of sweater, blanket, and pillow between me and the man.

You know, with the amount of violence and harm that happens to women throughout the world, this is a small story. Unfortunately, many women have much worse stories to tell. This is why this month I want to lift up the important action that took place at the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. The assembly voted to adopt a resolution to support the World Council of Church's "Thursdays in Black" campaign toward a world without rape and violence.

In its simplest form, this means wearing black on Thursdays declaring our support through words and actions towards a world without rape and violence. The color black was chosen as a color of strength. As the WCC's *Thursdays in Black* website states, "Often *black* has been used with negative racial connotations. In this campaign *Black* is used as a color of resistance and resilience."

I invite you all to wear black on Thursdays. I hope that you will look at the website and see the materials available for you and for your congregation. (The link to the website is www.oikoumene.org/en/get-involved). Especially, I strongly encourage and advocate that we all work towards a world where there is no more rape or violence against any vulnerable population. As WCC's *Thursdays in Black* website states, "We all have a responsibility to speak out against violence, to ensure that women and men, boys and girls, are safe from rape and violence in homes, schools, work, streets – in all places in our societies."

In the synod office, we have ordered pins that you are welcome to wear each Thursday. We hope that you come and visit the office and pick up a pin. Even more, beloved Children of God, I pray that God grants us courage and strength as we work towards peace, wholeness, justice, and love.

In God's Peace and Joy,
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee





Readings For October:

October 6th—Pentecost 17

First Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
 Psalm Psalm 37:1-9
 Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14
 Gospel Reading Luke 17:5-10

October 13th—Pentecost 18

First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
 Psalm Psalm 111
 Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-15
 Gospel Reading Luke 17:11-19

October 20th —Pentecost 19

First Reading Genesis 32:22-31
 Psalm Psalm 121
 Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
 Gospel Reading Luke 18:1-8

October 27th—Reformation Sunday

First Reading Jerimiah 31:31-34
 Psalm Psalm 46
 Second Reading Romans 3:19-28
 Gospel Reading John 8:31-36

Our Mission Statement

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



President: Larry Sather
Vice-President: Al Camp
Treasurer: Connie DiGregorio
Secretary: Alanna Stone
Greg Erwin (1)
Janeen Smith (2)
Larry Bean (1)
Dana Stoffel (2)
PLCW Rep: Anne Grimm
Youth: Simon Fuentes

New Council Members Needed for 2020!



- (1) Secretary
- (2) Members at Large

Council Members are elected to a 2 year term. Monthly meetings are currently scheduled on the 3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. Please talk to Larry Sather or Pastor Annette.



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 Allyson Martinez



“Keep Walking in the Faith!”



Dear Ones:

This month, I celebrated my ninth year of service at Josephine Caring Community. I know that I haven't kept it a secret just how meaningful this ministry has meant to me. I have loved seeing God through the eyes of those facing the ends of their lives, through the voices of those who have Alzheimer's, with staff trying to figure out how to live in an intentional community, and even through the struggles of the children trying to figure out how to share their toys. In faith, we have walked together, discovered God together, and celebrated when God actually found us!

I hope that I have also not hid our gratitude from you, our partner churches, for your support to this ministry and for giving us the privilege to do this ministry on your behalf. This year, Josephine Caring Community celebrates its 111th birthday. You have not only supported this ministry financially and prayerfully but have supplied us with most capable board members, your gifts in volunteer hours, and allowed us to care for those you love. As I have said in your congregations when I have visited you: "We thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

As Josephine continues to try to walk towards the future in faith, I'd like to ask you to continue to walk with them. Continue to pray for them, guide them, and support them. This is your ministry too—it is my ministry—it is our ministry together! May we keep walking faithfully together.

As many of you have already heard, I will be taking a new call with our Synod beginning October 1. It was not an easy decision because I poured a lot of myself into this ministry. However, as I walk forward in faith, I do believe that God is calling me into this new call and to share my gifts in a different way right now. Even though I will be "leaving" Josephine as the Director of Spiritual Care, I would also like to think that I am not really leaving (because we are still in the same synod together). This ministry will continue to have a place in my heart even as I continue to serve Josephine, and the congregations in this synod, in a different capacity.

This ministry has been a gift for me and my family these past nine years. It has been a gift from you and from God. As I have told the residents and children at Josephine, when something has been given to you as a gift there is only one response that is appropriate—and that is: "Thank you!" Thank you from the bottom of my heart and may you keep walking in the faith!

Warmly,
Andy

Pastor Andy Yee - Beginning October 1 Assistant to the Bishop



We are delighted to share that the **Rev. Andrew Yee** has accepted the call to serve as our next Assistant to the Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod. While Andy will officially begin October 1, he will be working a few days during September with Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee to get quickly up to speed.

For the past nine years, Andy has been the Director of Spiritual Care at Josephine Caring Community in Stanwood, WA. He shares he has been "inspired not only by residents discovering God through the ups and downs of life, but also through wonderful intergenerational opportunities there."

Andy and his wife, Irma, have lived in the northwest for over 20 years - enjoying life with their two boys Jaden (16) and Avery (14). Andy was born and raised in New York City and in a Lutheran congregation in Chinatown, New York. He received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Syracuse University before heading off to Chicago to be immersed in social justice work with the Lutheran Volunteer Corps and then the theology of the cross through his studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Andy has served congregations in Bellevue, Bellingham, and Bainbridge Island. He currently serves the ELCA Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders, enjoys woodworking and making treasures from trash, and one day hopes to complete a video/book titled: "The Gospel According to Seinfeld."

We are excited to add Andy to our synod leadership team. He brings a gracious spirit, a wealth of knowledge, and a wide array of experiences. We look forward to his leadership in working with congregations and rostered ministers in transition, helping candidates studying to be pastors and deacons, and being a partner and collaborator throughout the synod.

God bless this new ministry partnership!

Country Christmas Bazaar Coming Up November 2nd

PLCW's Bazaar is set for Saturday, November 2nd from 10 am to 2 pm. This is PLCW's annual fundraiser and provides funds for charitable giving, student scholarships to camp, supplies for the kitchen and much more!

Everyone is invited to the Bazaar to shop, socialize and help. If you haven't already been asked to help with preparations or work the day of the Bazaar please contact Connie DiGregorio.

Pies – Each family is asked to donate two pies to the Bazaar. One to be sold in the kitchen and one for the Bakery. Berry pies are big sellers. No pumpkin, custard or cream pies please.

Gift Cards – An easy way to donate to the Bazaar! Turn in your gift cards to Shirley Cupic or Becky Sather by Thursday, October 31st.

Gift Basket/Silent Auction – Whole baskets of goodies or items to go in a basket should be turned in to Stephanie Bean by Friday morning, November 1st.

Bakery Goods – Please bring your goodies on Thursday the 31st or Friday morning the 1st.

Used Treasures – Bring all of you treasures to the west facing classroom by October 30th.

Crafts/Harvest – Bring all items by Friday am the 1st or give them to Karen Dicken or Alanna Stone prior to the 2nd. Please price all items.

Quilt Raffle – Turn in raffle tickets to Becky Sather by Friday the 1st. Talk to Becky if you need more tickets to sell or want to buy some.

Lefse Making – Lend a hand at the last Lefse making October 21-23 beginning at 10:00 am each day. Talk to Mary Fuentes for more info.

Krumkaka Making – Help make the always popular Krumkaka on October 10th beginning at 5:30 pm. Contact Karen Fuentes for details.

Flatbread Making – Help make another popular Scandinavian specialty, flatbread on October 14th beginning at 9:00 am. Talk to Karen Fuentes for more info.

Peace Lutheran's August Financial Report

Donations / Expenditures

\$19,986.20 \$16,367.13

Mission of the Month: \$710.00—Arlington Kid's Kloset

Mission Investment Fund

Interest Income \$136.56 Balance \$115,021.35

2019 Budget

\$214,789.00

Average Donation Needed Each Month

\$17,899.00



You (and your beloved creatures) are invited!
Sunday October 6th, 12:00 pm



Invite a friend to join us!

All kinds of animals are welcome. Meet in the parking lot. Please have your animal properly leashed or contained and be prepared to "clean up" as necessary.

Footsteps of Our Foremothers: An Immigration Story

Join us October 5, 2019 at First Lutheran Church, Bothell, WA for:

*Interest Groups, Election of officers, board members and Triennial Voting Members,
 Music, Worship, Fellowship*

Keynote Speaker: Sigi Helgeson, Lutheran Community Services NW

Interest Groups: Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, Ammparo

Offering Objective: 50% to Women of the ELCA Churchwide
 50% to organizations featured in the presentations

Registration: \$50 (includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch

Registration, Continental Breakfast, Displays, Fellowship 8:00- 9:00 am,
 8:45 am Gathering Music, Opening of Convention 9:00 am



Youth and Family

Friday night Football games are in full swing, which means fall is here! It's time for hot cider and a big bowl of chowder. Speaking of chowder, the **Out to Lunch Bunch** will be going to The Sisters restaurant in Everett on October 15th. The plan is to leave the church at 10:30, have a delightful lunch and possibly have some time to walk around the neighboring shops. The **Out to Dinner Group** will also be heading to Everett on Wednesday the 9th for a nice evening at Capers and Olives. We plan to be at the restaurant at 5:30 and I hope that you can join us. Please sign up as I will need to make reservations.

There have been several good **Christian movies** released in the last month with many more coming out during the next few weeks. I'm planning to take the bus and whoever would like to go to a movie with a purpose, please watch the bulletin for dates and times.

The annual **Harvest Party** will be Saturday, October 26th at 5:30 pm. This year the theme is Peanuts (Charlie Brown and friends) "The Great Pumpkin". Charlie Brown is known for all his quirky sayings and his dog Snoopy. You can come as a character from Charlie's gang or any costume you choose. There will be games and fun for all and of course the night will end with our traditional cake walk! If you are able to bring a cake that would be wonderful.

Dinner is provided and we just ask that everyone **bring a can of food for the food bank.**



Food bank item of the month is canned soup. As the weather cools down a cup of soup will help everyone stay warm.

MJ

Mission and Ministry

The dates for the **2020 Guatemala Service Trip** have been set for August 14-23. We are all very excited to be planning this adventure and to have the opportunity share the love of God with the Quekzat Rio Negro families in the mountains of Guatemala. We plan to install 90 Aler Wood Cook Stoves as well as take some other supplies and gifts for the village. Some items that we want to deliver are bibles for each family, pot holders to go along with each stove, school supplies, a quilt for each family, and some games for the village. Yes, this is a lot, but we feel confident that we will be able to reach our goal.

If you are interested in going or would just like to hear more about Guatemala, the next meeting is set for Monday, October 21st at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room.

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

A Season of Congregational Listening

This month will be a first step in an extended time of focused intentional listening to God, to each other and to our greater local community. We gather to do the work of *discernment* - that fancy “spiritual” word that simply means faithfully seeking to understand what God is calling us to do next. This first session will focus on blessings we have received and how we are called to pass those blessings to others.

Each member of our congregation is asked to join us for one of the following reflection opportunities:

Monday, October 7

Join Lydia’s Circle at **5:30 pm**, for a 45 minute process, followed by their regular potluck dinner and sharing.

Wednesday, October 9

Naomi’s Circle will gather at 9:30 am, with the reflection process to start at **10:00**, followed by their regular meeting.

Esther’s Circle will gather for an **11:30 soup/bread lunch**, with the reflection process to begin at **noon**.

Tuesday, October 15

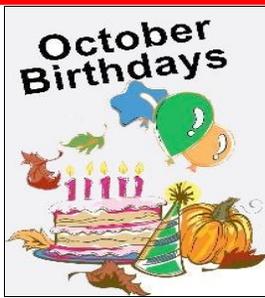
Church Council will engage in the reflection process as part of their meeting.

Sunday, October 20

There will be an opportunity BEFORE worship at **9:00 am**, as well as AFTER worship at **11:30 am**.

We can also schedule an additional daytime or evening opportunity, if needed. Talk to Pastor Annette. It is important that as many of us participate as able.

*Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.
I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you,
and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse;
and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. (Gen.12:1-3)*



- 5 Sharon Daoura
- Wayne Vroman
- 6 Whitney Huleatt
- 7 George Daoura
- Everett Fuentes
- 10 Evelyn Legler
- 11 Robyn Canteras
- 12 Delores Vanwinkle
- 13 Joyce Klabunde
- 16 Beatrice Ferguson
- Kermit Johnson
- 19 Marcia Conn
- 24 Dana Stoffel
- 25 Makena Rose Kombol
- 26 Pastor Annette Andrews-Lux

PLCW serving group September: Group #4

Leader: Ashley Kombol

Remember to keep coffee time simple!



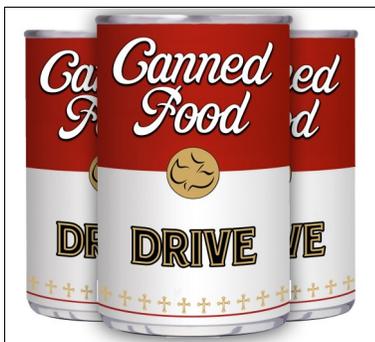
Coffee Fellowship



Pastor- Time Away October 10-14th

Pastor Annette will be in California for a few days this month visiting family and attending a reunion with college friends. On Sunday, October 13 there will be a non-communion service with guest presider Ryan Brown, the lay mission developer at Faith, Lakewood. In addition to preaching, Ryan will also take some time to share about the new ministry that is emerging at Faith.

**Food Bank Item:
Canned Soup**



Don't forget your can for the Harvest Party!

The final Lefse Making will be 21st through the 23rd of October. All are invited to come out and share in the making of this favorite among bazaar shoppers. We use only top quality ingredients and we assure everyone that we all work to put out an amazing product that bursts with flavor. I hope to see many folks out to help with the making of this Scandinavian treat.





October 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 9:30 Clergy text study 12:00 AA	2 10:30 Al Anon PLCW 11:30 Lunch 12:30 Meeting	3	4 7:00 PLC reception set up 12:00 AA	5 LWCH Wedding PLC reception
6 9:00 Sunday School for all 10:00 Worship 12:00 Blessing of the Animals	7 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous 5:30 Lydia	8 12:00 AA	9 9:30 Naomi Circle 10:30 Al Anon 11:30 Esther Circle 5:30 OTD at Caper's and Olives 5:30 Voices music practice	10 Pastor on..... 5:30 Krumkaka baking	11 Vacation..... 12:00 AA	12 8:00 Men's Breakfast
13 9:00 Sunday School for all 10:00 Worship 5:00 Viking Hall Bingo	14] 9:00 Flat bread baking 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 PA 6:00 4-H	15 9-3 Bishop's Convocation 10:30 OTLB 12:00 AA 6:00 Council 6:00 District AA	16 10:30 Al Anon	17 10:00 LWR Quilting 6:00 4-H food	18 12:00 AA	19 9-2 work day, Lutherwood 2:00 Kari Peterson Funeral, LWCH
20 9:00 Sunday School for all 10:00 Worship with Blessing of the quilts & kits	21 10:00 Lefse Boil potatoes 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 PA 6:30 Mission meeting	22 10:00 Lefse Mix/roll/bake/sort & package 12:00 AA	23 10:00 Lefse mix/roll/bake/sort & package 10:30 Al Anon	24	25 12:00 AA	26 8:00 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Harvest Party
27 9:00 Sunday School for all 10:00 Reformation Worship	28 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous	29	30 10:30 Al Anon	31		

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

Blessing of the Animals

Worship—Sunday School

Youth activities—Harvest Party

Bazaar Baking: Lefse, Krumkake Flatbread

Self Help Groups: AA, Al Anon, PA, Women's AA

Study and Fellowship: PLCW, Circles, Men's Breakfast, LWR Quilting

Community Groups: 4-H

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