

The Witness of Peace

October 2022

Pastor's Message



Tikkun Olam: Repairing the World

As I write this reflection, our Jewish brothers and sisters are celebrating one of their High Holy Days, *Rosh Hashanah*, the Jewish new year (Sept 25-27). It is the time when prayers are offered for a good, sweet year ahead.

This celebration ushers in ten days of repentance, of intentionally turning back to G-d (as many Jewish folks render the Holy Name, not writing it fully out of deep respect). The Ten Days culminate in *Yom Kippur*, the Day of Atonement (Oct 4-5), when the intention is set and sealed for placing one's life in God's hands.

One of the key elements of Rosh Hashanah is thanksgiving for the sweet gift of creation, acknowledging the Creator for all our blessings on this earth. It seems right that we will also celebrate God's sweet gift of creation on this coming Sunday and intentionally share a blessing prayer with our fellow creatures. We also will acknowledge and pray for guidance in how we might pursue the necessary healing of our planet home. Rabbi Bonnie Margulis writes:

Judaism teaches us we are all partners with G-d in the ongoing work of creation and that it is our responsibility to engage in acts of 'tikkun olam', the repair of the world, or what we call today 'social justice'.

We know today that the work of *tikkun olam* and seeking justice must extend beyond the human community to acts of ecological justice- restoring right relationship with all beings in G-d's good, sweet world. Let us bow our heads and open our hearts along with the Jewish faith community during these Days of Awe, that we too might be filled with gratitude, seek forgiveness, repair relationships and help restore the well-being of Creation.

Pastor Annette

FROM THE BISHOP: October 2022

“Sometimes it’s boring.
 Sometimes it’s thrilling.
 Sometimes it makes me cry.”
 (Quote from “The Wonderful Ordinarity of Congregational Life” by Cheryl Fullerton, Christian Century, March 2022)

Recently I was thinking about church. (Full disclosure ... I think about church quite a bit.) But, in particular, I was thinking about the rhythm of church life. And I think the above quote from Cheryl Fullerton sums it up pretty nicely.

Sometimes it’s boring

I admit, sometimes there is something that is uninteresting about church. Perhaps it is the repetitive nature of it. Perhaps it is the cyclical nature of things. Perhaps it is seeing the same people in the same pew week after week and year after year.

We know that Fred will sing the hymns out of tune ... every time. We know that Mary will cluck her tongue at someone’s tattoo peeking out from their sundress. We know that Mike will fall asleep during the sermon, and we know that Dan will try to share the peace with every single person. We know that the children will fidget. We know that the baby might cry. We know that we have rituals and sacraments and prayers that we say each week. We know that sometimes we won’t hear the utter preposterousness and absurdity and utterly amazing news that Jesus loves each of us and all of us – that sometimes this message sails over our heads because we’re too busy looking at the bulletin. And yet ...

Sometimes it’s thrilling

I always get goosebumps when I hear the words, “I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” I rejoice each Easter when we all shout, “He is risen! He is risen indeed!” Candles lit in darkness bring hope and light on Christmas Eve. When I am privileged to place bread in people’s hands and I see young, old, wrinkled, black, white, brown hands reaching out for Jesus, it is truly miraculous.

We know that Fred cares for his wife with Alzheimer’s. We know that Mary still grieves her daughter. We know that Mike works the late shift, and we know that Dan only leaves his group home for church. We know that the children will hear of Jesus. We know that the baby will grow up in the community of elders. We know that sometimes we will hear and understand, if even for a moment, the utter preposterousness and absurdity and utterly amazing news that Jesus loves each of us and all of us. And so ...

Sometimes it makes me cry

Church is not for the faint-hearted. Church is not for people who only want to be with their own kind. Church is for the young, the middle-aged and the old. The healthy and the sick. The spiritually depleted and the spiritually full. Those who are seeking, those who are

exhausted, and those who are filled with fire for justice. We all come together. The Freds and Marys and Mikes and Dans. And we sing and we pray, and we receive Jesus, in community, together. Church is wonderfully boring and thrilling. We catch glimpses of the divine amongst the coffee pot and petty disagreements. We see Mary hug the tattooed young girl after she is baptized. We see Mike exchange high fives with Dan. We see Fred with tears singing at the top of his lungs, “I Know that My Redeemer Lives.”

There is nothing like church.

“Sometimes it’s boring.
Sometimes it’s thrilling.
Sometimes it makes me cry.”

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
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**2022 NW WA Synodical Women’s Retreat
Saturday, October 1, 9:00 to 3:30 PM**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Marysville
7215 51st Avenue NE, Marysville, Washington**

Woven Together in Love

So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together for good.
Romans 8:28a

I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God.
Colossians 2:2

Retreat Leaders: The Rev. Cara Tanis & Gaye Rodriguey

Registrations forms are in the Narthex!

October Mission of the Month:



Youth and Family News From Mary Fuentes



Fall has arrived, which means cool mornings and evenings. I've started wearing sweatshirts. We are almost ready to start the final days of baseball (go Mariners)! They have looked pretty good this season. Fall also means school sports have started back up. If you're looking for some good entertainment, go out and support the local youth and schools.

This month you have many opportunities to gather for some good conversation, great food, and even some games. **The women have several days set for making Lefse, Krumkake, Flat Bread, Rommogrot, Spritz, and a few other tasty treats for the Bazaar.** The women always welcome newcomers who want to learn how to make some of these favored Scandinavian treats. **Check the calendar for dates and times.**

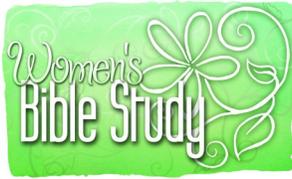
This month the **Out to Lunch Bunch** is working on an overnight adventure. If the plans work out, we will be going to the east side on **October 11th and 12th**. If you are interested in joining the group, please talk with Connie D. or myself. We've Talked about going to the eastside to see the leaves and have a new experience. **The out to dinner group will be sticking around the west side as we plan to go to a local hot-spot on Thursday, October 27th.**

I hope your ready for our annual **Harvest Party on Saturday, October 29th**. This is going to be a fun night to gather for dinner, games, costume contest, PHOTO BOOTH, DONUT eating contest, and our traditional cake walk. If your able, please bring a cake for the walk. Watch your bulletins for more updates.

Food Bank item of the month: your choice cake or brownie boxed mix.

The Gathering place has been serving between 40 and 50 folks every Thursday. I've found it exciting to watch the folks come back after covid and ready to share a meal together. We next serve on **Thursday, October 20th** and we encourage you to help us serve and celebrate being Gods Hands. **Volunteers meet at around 3pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Stanwood.** Dinner is served around 5pm.

Go Green Tip of the month: Do you own a reusable water bottle or coffee mug? Stop purchasing plastic water bottles and start using your reusable bottle or coffee mug. Some coffee houses offer a discount for those who bring their own mug.



Lydia Circle: Tuesday, October 4th at 5:30 PM

Naomi Circle: Wednesday, October 12th at 9:30 AM

Men's Breakfast on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays!

October 8th and October 22nd at 8am

Fall Worship



Peace Lutheran Church Sunday School and Worship!

Sunday School for Children and Adults: 9:00 AM

Children gather in Fellowship Hall
Adults meet in The Fireside Room

Worship Service: 10:00 AM

This service will be streaming live on Facebook, followed by Fellowship and Refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Mary Fuentes if you can help serve as usher, lector, or communion assistant.



Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilters

Wednesday, October 26, 10am to 2pm

Northwest Classroom near the kitchen



An invitation to join the Stillaguamish Cluster Discussion Group

We are starting our second year as the Stillaguamish Cluster Lay Discussion Group and are hoping to expand the group by 2 new members from each congregation. Will you consider joining us?

What was accomplished in Year One?

- We read and discussed the book: “How to Lead When You Don’t Know Where You are Going?” by Susan Beaumont
- We had Zoom meetings (2Xs /month) until May and then in person
- We got to know each other as individuals and gained insight about each congregation (our ministries, strengths and challenges)
- We shared a true joy in connecting with each other
- We organized a successful joint Cluster Event that brought us together for worship and fellowship and a joint offering of \$11,000 to go to the 3 local Family Resource Centers

What to expect for next year?

- Another book study
- 2 discussions a month (most likely)
- Learning and experiencing more about what other Synods and Congregations are doing to meet the needs and challenges of a changing society to do the work of God in new ways
- More events and ways to come together as a Lutheran Cluster of churches to build community and relationships with each other and with our neighbors
- Creative ways to meet our shared challenges
- Creative ways to serve God together
- And who knows what else might arise???

Please let Karen Dicken or Jolene Rod know if you would like to be part of this group.



Along with Sunday School, **weekly Confirmation classes** have begun! We are once again collaborating with Pastor Scott at Camano Lutheran and Pastor John at Our Saviour’s, Arlington. We have a lively group of 6th-8th grade students (plus one 9th grader)- **Stronger Together!** We will rotate between the three churches for our classes. In accommodating fall sports, we will also be rotating between Thursday and Wednesday nights. A bit crazy- we hope it will work! Our curriculum focus this fall will be The Ten Commandments.

Please keep the whole class, and the students from Peace in your prayers:

Phoebe, Emmie, Colbie, Paityn, and Mason.

Country Christmas Bazaar **Saturday, November 5th from 10 am to 2 pm**

The Country Christmas Bazaar is PLCW's annual fundraiser and provides funds for charitable giving, student scholarships to camp, supplies for the kitchen, children's bibles and much more! This month we must also replace the large refrigerator in the kitchen at a cost of more than \$3,000.

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 for the Bazaar. One to be sold in the Bakery and one for sale by the slice in the kitchen. Not a baker? You can donate store bought pies which will be used only in the kitchen. Berry pies are a big seller! No homemade pumpkin, custard or cream pies please as the Health Department does not allow them.

Help bake pumpkin pies at the church on **Friday, November 4th beginning at 9 am.** Contact **Linda Legler** for details.

Gift Cards – An easy way to donate to the Bazaar! Turn in your gift cards to Jennifer Corser by **Thursday, November 3rd.**

Gift Basket/Silent Auction – Whole baskets of goodies or items to go in a basket should be turned in to **Stephanie Bean** by **Wednesday morning, November 2nd.**

Bakery Goods – Please bring your goodies on **Thursday the 3rd or Friday morning the 4th.**

Used Treasures – Bring all of your treasures to the east facing classroom by **Thursday, November 3rd.**

Crafts/Harvest – Bring all items by **Friday am the 4th or give them to Karen Dicken or Alanna Stone prior to the 4th.** Please price all items.

Quilt Raffle – Turn in raffle tickets to Debra Compton or Betty Jacobs by Friday the 4th. Talk to Debra if you need more tickets to sell or want to buy some.

Lefse Making – Lend a hand at the last Lefse making October 18 at 9am (Viking Hall) and October 19-20 at 9:30 am each day (Peace Lutheran). Talk to Mary F for more info.

Krumkaka Making - Help make the always popular Krumkaka on **October 26th beginning at 5:30 pm.** Talk to Karen Fuentes for more info.

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October Birthdays

5 Wayne Vroman
 7 George Daoura
 11 Robin Canteras
 16 Beatrice Ferguson
 24 Dana Stoffel
 25 Makena Kombol
 26 Pastor Annette

Thank You! Food Bank collection in September

Thank you to PLC for supplying after school snacks to the food banks! The food banks appreciate your Generosity!

Food Bank Item of the Month of October

Any cake or brownie boxed mix

**Out to Dinner Group!
 Local Place TBD on
 October 26th**

Contact Mary for details!



**Book Club
 Tuesday, October 25th at 6PM**

Out To Lunch Bunch Plans Road Trip

Interested in leaf peeping, good company and amazing scenery? **If so, then please join our group on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 11th and 12th.** We are taking the church bus on a trip around the Cascade Loop.

We'll leave Silvana Tuesday morning and travel across the North Cascades Highway to Winthrop stopping for lunch along the way. We'll do a little window shopping, have dinner and spend the night at The Virginian in Winthrop.

On Wednesday morning we'll journey on to Leavenworth for lunch and more window shopping. Then we'll head home across Stevens Pass.

Cost for the motel will be approximately \$100-\$125 and we'll share the cost of gas for the van. Each person will pay for their own food and beverages. **If you are interested in this adventure please contact Mary F. or Connie D. by Monday, October 8th!**

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Flatbread Making – Help make another popular Scandinavian specialty, flatbread, on October 6th beginning at 9:00 am. Contact Karen Fuentes for details.

Spritz Making – Bring your Spritz gun and help make these delicious cookies on **October 15th** beginning at 9:30 am. **Contact Jordy Tyler for more info.**

Kitchen Prep – Do you like to slice and dice? Food sold at the bazaar will be prepped on **Thursday, November 3rd and Friday, November 4th** in the afternoons. **Talk to Connie DiGregorio for details.**



October



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| 2 Sunday School 9am Worship 10am Blessing of the Animals Noon | 3 Women's AA 10am | 4 Office Closed AA Noon Lydia Circle 5:30pm | 5 Alanon 10am PLCW 11:30am | 6 | 7 AA Noon | 8 Men's Breakfast 8am |
| 9 Sunday School 9am Worship 10am | 10 Women's AA 10am 4H 6:30pm | 11 AA Noon Out to Lunch Road Trip! | 12 Naomi Circle 9:30am Location TBD Alanon 10am | 13 Confirmation 6:30 pm | 14 AA Noon | 15 Spritz 9:30am 4H Award 3:30pm/set up |
| 16 Sunday School 9am Worship 10am | 17 Women's AA 10am | 18 Lefse 9am AA Noon Dist 2 AA 6pm PLC Council 6:30pm | 19 Lefse 9am Alanon 10am | 20 Lefse 9am Staff Mtg 11am Gath. Place 3pm/5pm 4H KF 3pm | 21 AA Noon Witness Deadline! | 22 Men's Breakfast 8am |
| 23 Sunday School 9am Worship 10am | 24 Women's AA 10am | 25 AA Noon Book Club 6pm | 26 Alanon 10am LWR Quilters 10am Krumkake 5:30pm | 27 Dinner Group Location/ Time TBD | 28 AA Noon | 29 HARVEST PARTY! |
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*Don't forget! **This Sunday!***
You (and your creatures) are invited!
October 2, 12:00 pm



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