



THE BETHLEHEM STAR

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

MEGAN FRYLING

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People of Bethlehem,

We hear God's voice in many ways in our lives. During this season of Lent, we've been hearing God through poetry, specifically the poetry of Mary Oliver. Hopefully for you this has been enjoyable, or at the very least, that it's been

an eye-opening and thought-provoking experience. Mary Oliver (who died earlier this year) had a wonderfully keen sense of the way that God works in our world through plants, animals, and human nature.

Poetry is a powerful way to reflect on our experiences of faith and life and it's always good to have a book of poetry on your bookshelf to flip open every now and then. Poems can help us to feel less alone- I think that there are many moments in Mary Oliver's poems where she grapples with faith, doubt, life, death, and the mysteries of faith in ways that are very relatable. Poetry can open our eyes to see the profound in even the simplest moments. Reading poetry helps train our hearts and minds to notice things we might have missed before. In this season of the year, as we contemplate Jesus' journey to the cross and the power of the resurrection in our lives, I pray that this poetry has been helpful to you. I'd like to leave you with a poem that comes from Mary Oliver's 2006 collection of poems, Thirst.

"The Vast Ocean Begins Just Outside Our Church: The Eucharist"

Something has happened
to the bread
and the wine.

They have been blessed.
What now?
The body leans forward

to receive the gift
from the priest's hand,
then the chalice.

They are something else now
from what they were
before this began.

I want
to see Jesus,
maybe in the clouds

or on the shore,
just walking,
beautiful man

and clearly
someone else
besides.

On the hard days
I ask myself
if I ever will.

Also there are times
my body whispers to me
that I have.

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

9:00AM – CONTEMPORARY STYLE

10:10AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL
(SEPT-MAY)

11:00AM – TRADITIONAL STYLE

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SUMMARY OF BETHLEHEM COUNCIL MINUTES – MARCH 19, 2019

Present at the meeting were Pastor Megan, Pastor Ioan, Sarah Karzel, Beverly Compton, Lisa Nakata, Mary Fisher, and Donna Ophus. Gerry Puchlik and Leslie Petit were present for part of the meeting to give reports.

Sarah welcomed everyone and made introductions. Several members spoke of what they see God doing in our lives as devotions to open the meeting. The February 20, 2019, minutes were approved as presented.

Gerry Puchlik gave a report and presented a possible floor plan of a way to convert the back hallway to more useable space. There was approval by the council to use endowment money which has been set aside for space improvement to finance the project.

Leslie Petit presented the Evangelism Report. A "Welcoming Workshop" will be held to share ways of being a more welcoming congregation. * There will be plants provided to be handed out to neighbors with an invitation to worship at Bethlehem. * The Bethlehem website is being updated to be more relevant to the visitor. Soon to come is a website virtual tour. * Banners will be used to announce events in church, such as, Easter, VBS, Preschool Registration, etc., to the community. There is budgeted money that will be used for these projects.

There was discussion of who can use the church facilities. Sarah will speak with our insurance agent regarding our liability before decisions can be made.

Offerings are lower than expected and budgeted. Pastor Ioan will prepare a letter presenting costs vs. income to run the church. Preschool income was also down from what was budgeted. Sarah and Bev will meet to discuss this further.

Mary reported that Kyle Fryling traveled to Tanzania last month and was able to meet with our missionaries, Cynthia and Mark. He delivered a Kindle Paperwhite and two Go-Pro cameras so they can get videos to share with their church sponsors.

Ron Goodman was accepted to become a new member. * The youth will be presenting a request to the Endowment Committee for funds to go toward the youth gathering in Minneapolis in 2020. The Bell Choir will also request that the Endowment Committee provide funds to refurbish the bells.

Pastor Megan ended the meeting with prayer.
The next council meeting will be April 17.

Donna Ophus, Secretary

HAPPY EASTER!

We wish you all a blessed and joyous Easter.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Bethlehem Members,

One of the things we have been working on this year is the development of more robust committees. Our Constitution provides that certain areas of church life such as social ministry, youth and education and stewardship are fulfilled by committees. While we have always (well, almost always) had a designated chair of each committee, frequently they were committees of one. What I love about committees doing the work is the bonds it builds between church members and between members and the church. Fulfilling ministries together makes friends out of acquaintances and connects members to the mission of the church. Please consider joining one of the committees. If you're not sure what would be the best fit for you, or if you're not sure how to join, feel free to reach out to one of the Pastors or to any member of Council.

Stewardship has also been on the Council's mind this year. Our Stewardship Committee has been developing and gaining members. They will be meeting soon to plan a stewardship campaign for the late spring/early summer. Part of the stewardship campaign will be to share news of the exciting ministries that we can fulfill and further because of the blessing of the endowment brought to Bethlehem by the new members. The ability to focus outward to meet the needs of our community is such a rare and beautiful gift. It will allow us to grow in our faith, to build bonds within our church and between us and our neighbors, and to attract people who, like us, want to serve others. Ministry is the goal of the endowment; that leaves it to us, through our giving, to keep the lights on.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Respectfully,

Sarah Karzel

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WELCOMING WORKSHOP

There two opportunities to participate in a Welcoming Workshop. The first is Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. with continental breakfast and the second is Sunday, May 5 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a taco bar lunch.

This is an excellent workshop by Rich Liedtke. Learn, share, and participate in how to greet and welcome someone at worship or in your group whether it be Choir, WELCA, Bible Study, or at any gathering. This is a must for ushers, greeters and leaders. It is beneficial to all who want others to see Jesus through you.

At Bethlehem we are actively reaching out to our neighbors to come visit us at this Easter time. Even though it is short notice we need people who would be willing to attend the first workshop and be ready for visitors on Easter. Please consider being one of the first people to be more welcoming.

Given the short notice of the first Welcoming Workshop a second will be offered on May 5. Mark your calendars now to attend. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Leslie Petit. evangelism@bethlehemplutheran.net



YOUTH NEWS

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Hello Friends!!!

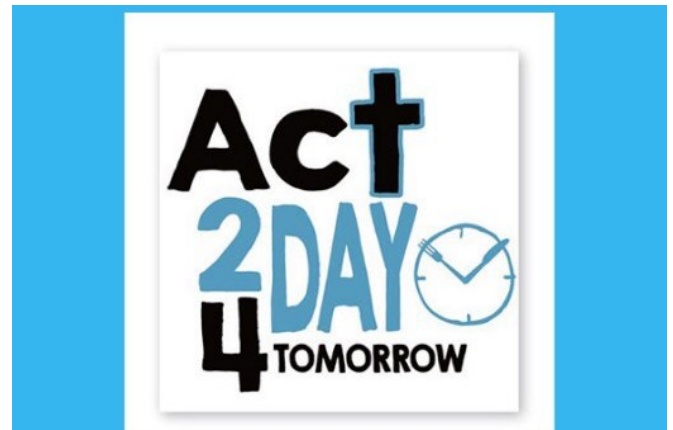
As we are in the throes of the Lenten season we have some great updates from the youth dept.! We had a great turn out for our informational meeting about the next

National Youth Gathering set for 2021 in Minneapolis. The families, myself, and Pastor Ioan discussed some of the great events that will be happening as a lead up to that summer. The group also talked over the finances that are in front of us and even though they are substantial, there are great solutions for those hurdles as well in the form of some exciting fundraising outings! One such event already took place on the 23rd of this month at the amazing Bingo Luau! What a great crowd! Plus we raised over \$500 towards the trip. So keep an eye out for more opportunities to have some fun and help a great cause!

Sunday School and Youth group are plugging along as well with studies continuing in the area of Strong Biblical Women and how we look at the concept of sin. As we continue on in the Easter remembrance there are a ton of great things coming down the pipeline so stay tuned! Thanks.

April 2019

- All April- Envelope Fundraiser: This is a fundraiser for the youth. A wall in Chandler Hall will be filled with numbered envelopes. Each envelope corresponds with a dollar amount that you can donate. Come check out the wall, grab an envelope and donate. Every dollar helps! Give your envelopes filled with cash or a check to Sam Manual or drop it in the black mailbox just outside of the church office.
- April 7th Youth Group (BLC from 2-4 looking for snack volunteers)
- April 14th Youth Group (BLC from 2-4 looking for snack volunteers)



JOIN US!

When?

Arrive on Friday, May 10th at 7pm
Pick up on Saturday, May 11th at 10am

Where?

Bethlehem Lutheran church
12227 Balboa Blvd, Granada Hills, CA 91344

Who?

Any Middle or High School youth.
Those attending the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering are highly encouraged to attend.

What?

"Act 2day 4tomorrow" is an overnight experience written by the ELCA World Hunger. We will be fasting as we learn together about hunger in the U.S. Congregations will also be encouraged to sponsor youth to raise money for ELCA World Hunger. Join us as we dive into faith, community and hunger.

To RSVP contact your congregation's Pastor or Youth leader. Email youth@alcburbank for any questions. More detailed information to

MUSIC NOTES

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I'm sure you're all wondering what's going to happen on Easter? Well, I'll tell you. Two blended services exactly the same, one at 9 a.m. and one at 11 a.m. The band will play, the choir will sing two pieces, and all hymns and choral anthems will be accompanied by a string quartet. Ah, but before we get ramped up for Easter, let us not forget its sibling, Palm Sunday. The day we celebrate Jesus riding into Jerusalem will be marked by the first appearance of the Bell Choir at Bethlehem. In between these two monumental Sundays will be a 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service and a 7 p.m. Good Friday service which will feature the choir singing two anthems. My goodness, what a week.

The Bell Choir, under the direction of Tomo Downs, is open to anyone who would like to participate. Rehearsals are on Mondays from 5:00 - 6:00. If you have very basic music



reading skills and can hold a bell, then you too can be a member of the Bell Choir. Participants under the age of 14 must be accompanied at rehearsal by a parent or guardian. The Bell Choir is especially looking for at least 2 new members right now. If you want to talk to an enthusiastic member, contact Nancy Hall (818) 368-4209.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

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Awesomeness Ahead!

Thank you to all those who attended and made our Grandparents and Grandfriends Day a super success! We have a couple of hundred family members and The Cat in the Hat joined us as well! We hope to see you all next time!

It's almost time for our Spring fundraiser! Be sure to mark your calendar for April 13th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for our annual Waffle Breakfast Fundraiser. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, silent auction, waffles, bacon, and sausages, raffles, music and a bounce house. Join us for the festivities! Pre-sale tickets for are \$10 and \$12 at the door. If you are available to help, it is always appreciated. Please see Beverly Compton or the school office for tickets!!

Thank you in advance for supporting our awesome school!

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

If you're a Thrivent member, you have a special opportunity to help with different projects at Bethlehem. We have lots of community needs that we meet as a congregation and Thrivent is willing to help fund events and projects. You can get \$250 to help with a project or event.

Some examples from the past have been our wonderful new library, fundraising dinners for the youth group and the missionaries, and food and supplies for the food pantry. Contact Pastor Ioan or Pastor Megan about some great ways we could make use of a grant.



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EASTER FLOWERS

We have a limited amount of flowers this year. We have preordered 27 Tulips, 16 Daffodils, and 20 Hyacinths but our sign up is filling up fast! Availability is on a first come, first served basis. The sign-up sheet is on the welcome table.



Thank you for ordering and for helping make our Easter Sunday beautiful! The plants are yours to take home on Easter morning following worship services.

Please leave a check marked "Easter Flowers" in the offering plate or in the black mailbox on the wall by church office between now and Easter Sunday.

EASTER BRUNCH POTLUCK

Easter Sunday is on April 21! We will celebrate this blessed day with our regular services at 9 & 11 a.m. and our Easter Brunch Potluck and Egg Hunt in between services. A sign-up sheet for food and clean up is available on the welcome table. We look forward to celebrating our risen Lord through worship and service!

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES !

We continue with the Lenten Supper & Services on Wednesdays now through April 10. We start supper at 6pm and follow with the following:

April 3rd - Supper 6 p.m. & Art & Spirituality 6:30 p.m. We will spend our evening together engaging in spiritual practices and experiential art to move into conversation with one another. Artistic ability not required!

April 10th - Supper 6 p.m. & Holden Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m. This is a beautiful short musical and contemplative worship experience.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE!

Sunday, April 14-Palm Sunday Worship @ 9 & 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 18-Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 p.m.

Friday, April 19-Good Friday Service @ 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 21-Easter Sunday Worship: 9 & 11 a.m., Easter Potluck & Egg Hunt at 10 a.m.



SCHOOL WAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Join us on April 13 at 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. for delicious waffles. Tickets will be on sale in the school office and at church, please see Beverly after 9 a.m. worship service. Presale tickets are \$10, tickets will be \$12 at the door.

Enjoy – waffles, sausage, bacon, an Egg Hunt, Silent Auction, Music, Bounce House and more! We need you – volunteers, guests and donations. For more details, please contact the school office.

APRIL YOUNG ADULT OUTING

Join us as we head over to ComedySportz Los Angeles at the El Portal Theatre! The show will be starring Twin Valleys Young Adult Michael Sielaff. We will cover your ticket! To save a spot please RSVP on the Twin Valleys Young Adult Facebook page. Show begins at 8 p.m. and you can meet us outside the theater at 7:45 p.m. Also, if you want to grab a bite to eat before the show meet Eric at MOD pizza on Chandler Blvd at 6:30 p.m.!

Friday, April 26, 2019 at 7:45 p.m.

El Portal Theatre,

5269 Lankershim Blvd.

North Hollywood, CA 91601

MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

We invite men of all ages to join us for fellowship the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 a.m. at Coco's Restaurant in Mission Hills. See you April 3!

TWIN VALLEY CONFERENCE

The Spring Conference Assembly was held on February 13th at St. Luke's. Beverly requested to step down from her role as chair of the Conference in May. David Primuth from St. Luke's will be the new chair beginning on June 9.

The Twin Valley Strategic team has made great progress thanks to everyone and in particular Pastor Marsha, Central Lutheran and our consultant Kate Chapek. Most meetings with congregations and/or Pastors are completed. External meetings are still ongoing. Internal issues - Solutions other than mergers; Two point parish. Internal Opportunities - Youth Program; Diversity Plan; Creating Opportunity for Twin Valley to come together (Lent/Confirmation) Communication Plan - Quarterly opportunities, monthly email from Pastor's - Best Practice; Continue External Opportunities - Housing and/or assistance to the Elderly, etc. The strategic team is planning to present a final report in June If you have any questions, please see Beverly Compton or Pastor Ioan.

EASTER EGGS NEEDED!

Each year, all children take part in an egg hunt during our Easter brunch. We need stuffed plastic eggs for the event. Eggs can be stuffed with jelly-beans, candy, stickers, or small toys. Please do not stuff with chocolate. Since our Easter egg hunt takes place outside, chocolate has melted in the past. You may also drop off some supplies and we will stuff the eggs. Egg hunt supplies can be dropped off in the church office or given to Lisa Nakata. Thank you!



NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT EDUCATION

By Marilyn Fursman

1. Sunday Bible Discussions

One of the great gifts we enjoy as Lutherans is having highly educated clergy trained to preach and teach. Here at Bethlehem, we are doubly fortunate to have two. Many members feel privileged to be able to sit in on discussions of sacred scriptures with such highly skilled spiritual leaders as Pr. Megan Fryling and Pr. Ioan Ittu. Please don't miss the current opportunity to do just that on Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. through April 7 — then, after Easter, at 12:15 p.m. beginning May 5. The focus for these engaging discussions is on the Sunday scriptures you will hear in the worship service (currently from the Gospel of Luke). The pastors will take turns leading discussions. I encourage you not to miss out on this opportunity for spiritual growth.

2. The Cross at the Center: The Faith of Lutheran Christians led by Bishop Guy Erwin.

For anyone interested in what makes us Lutherans, plan to car-pool over to the Synod offices in Glendale for this four-part series about the central aspects of Christian faith led by a respected theologian of our church. Sign up with Marilyn Fursman. Here are the topics:

Sat., April 13 — Reading the Bible the Lutheran Way: The Bible as source, not object, of our faith.

Sat., May 11 — God Jesus, and the Spirit: Lutheran ways of understanding and speaking of God.

Sat., June 8 — The Church We Believe In: Lutheran teachings about the church and its ministry.

Sat., July 13 — Setting Our Moral Compass: Lutheran Views of life, work, money, and relationships.

EVANGELISM

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Oh No, Not Another Meeting!

I am passionate about loving others so they can see Christ's love and was excited to accept leading the Evangelism effort at Bethlehem. I am, also, delighted that we have so many talented people willing to help lead us in reaching out into the community. The next challenge was having all these talented people with busy lives come together and share their talents: a meeting.

Each person genuinely desired to help and share their unique abilities but a meeting they weren't able to make. I understood this and started to meet with each person individually. Then several things dawned on me. First, I wanted others to hear how fabulous each person is and to hear their ideas. The second was it is exhausting for me to make individual meetings and times to meet with each person no matter how rewarding for me.

When we make time to meet together as a group, the benefits are significant. Collaborating and hearing others great ideas, spurs us on to have the best possible solutions to problems and the most awesome events for our neighbors and friends. I would encourage everyone to work with our leadership at Bethlehem to attend team meetings, even with our busy schedules, to make Bethlehem the best possible place to know Christ's love.

Inviting our Neighbors with Plants

We have purchased small spring plants and attached an invitation to worship with us on each. We are distributing them to our neighbors. Will you help? After service on Palm Sunday, will you take a few plants and distribute them to your neighbors especially if you live in the area near Bethlehem? Plan to participate in one of the Welcoming Workshop to prepare for our visitors.

MEET THE STAFF: THE REV. IOAN ITTU, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

"Part One — the Early Years" By Marilyn Fursman

This period reveals a compelling life story with so many twists and turns, including political intrigue, it could easily be made into a film noir. Beginning with his birth in Bucharest in Communist Romania; his university professor father, who was an abusive alcoholic; a kidnapping, his long-suffering mother; being left in an orphanage; the trip to the U.S. Embassy for help, only to face passport problems; the anxiety-ridden escape to New York at age three and the unsettling first images of Los Angeles; violence; connecting with Refugee Services; his parents' divorce; being raised by a single mom who had to work her way back up to her Registered Nurse status and who held two jobs to support them; his father's early death; the Glendale church that nurtured him; the faith that grew; the trip to Israel that marked the turning point from doubt to a God he could trust; and ultimately a calling to pastoral service. The fascinating details are his to tell.

Pr. Ittu has said, "I am able to state without doubt that God has called me to pastoral congregational ministry. It is my desire to serve Christ's mission through the Holy Spirit's taking my words and making them the Word that creates a saving faith in Jesus. I hold firmly to this confession: 'Jesus saves, and I do not.'"

COUNTERS NEEDED

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Dear Congregation:

Please consider signing up to help count offering and other donations given to the church. Training will be provided to anyone interested in learning how they can help. Counting is done on Sundays after second service. We need two people every Sunday, one to count & verify and one to enter the information into the computer program. You may sign up for either or both positions, it only takes an hour or so to complete the counting process on Sundays.

We rotate the group so you will be counting with different people which is a nice way to get to know each other and make new friends. During the summer we can use extra help to cover vacations.

Dwayne and I would like to talk to you more about what you would like to do, what we need and provide some additional information to help you join our group. Please let Dwayne or me know if you are interested in learning more.

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WOMEN OF THE ELCA BIBLE STUDY

ALL Women are welcome to come to the W/ELCA Bible Study on Tuesday, April 9 at 11 a.m. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverages will be available. Bring your Bible and Gather magazine if you have one.

Tuesday, April 23 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Judy Cave's home. Bring your Bible and Gather magazine if you have one. Marilyn Fursman will present the 4th in the Bible series on the Gospel of John: Meeting with Jesus. Hope you can join us.

NEWS FROM OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARIES



Dear friends,

Greetings from a hot and windy day here in Tanzania!

We are almost at the end of our semester break, with the second semester beginning the first week of April. As the second semester includes both teaching our regular load and supervising bachelor and master's research projects, with the addition of PhD students to supervise for each of us this year, we do not suffer from boredom!

As we reflect on all that is going on in the world during this Lenten season, we send you our Lenten reflections from here, based on the question of how we form identity and how Jesus forms us. You can find it at the link from our mission blog, Mark and Cynthia in Tanzania.

<https://mcintz.wordpress.com/2019/03/21/lenten-reflections-from-tanzania/>

We will be in the US later this year!

We will hopefully be making a visit to Bethlehem in the late summer.

As always, we thank God for all of you and your support, which makes the work we do here possible. We include you in our prayers.

Lenten blessings to you all, *Cynthia and Mark*

Your support makes a world of difference!

To help your congregation fulfill its covenant sponsorship, give directly through your church. You can include your missionary support donation in your weekly offering just indicate on your offering envelope how much is being contributed to the missionaries.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

Bethlehem will be providing families with \$100 scholarship to be used toward any ELCA summer camp. A scholarship is available for each child for one camp. For more information, please talk to either Lisa Nakata or Pastor Ioan.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our Confirmation Class will meet on April 28 at 2 p.m. at St. Luke's in Woodland Hills. Email Pastor Megan if you have any questions.

PASTORAL CARE

If you would like a pastoral care visit from one of our pastors, please contact the church office and let us know. (818) 360-4777.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will take a break for Lent and will resume after Easter. We will reconvene May 1 at 6:00 p.m.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Check out audio of sermons and music performances on our Facebook page. If you would like to stay in touch and get updates of events happening at Bethlehem, please visit www.facebook.com/BethlehemGranadaHills and like us!

Also, check out our preschool Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bethlehemplutherschool

THANK YOU FROM LSS!

Rev. Megan and congregation,
We are grateful for your support of LSS and for the difference your donations have made to so many people. We could not provide these services without your faithful and dedicated contributions.
Debi

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Brian Fisher
- 4 Marisa Boyd
- 5 Kathy Santiago
- 7 Peggy Kossart
- 8 Pete Pedersen
- 17 Liva Liva
- 21 Gaynelle Barkley
- 25 Betty Rainey



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Ben & Carla Cross (1994)
- 14 Brian & Brooke Coffin (2018)
- 12 Barry & Sunni Sears (1977)
- 23 Todd & Sue Akin (1988)



MARCH STATISTICS

The financial statistics are not available at this time.

Attendance:

March average at 9 a.m.: 44

March average at 11 a.m.: 74

February average at 9 a.m.: 60



February average at 11 a.m.: 66

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

If you see an empty spot on the worship leader schedule and you're able to fill in, please call the church office. You can serve one time or be put on a monthly rotation. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS VOLUNTEERS!

We are in need of refreshment volunteers at both services. Please help us fill up the refreshment calendar that is on the kiosk in Chandler Hall.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9+11AM Worship 10:10AM Sunday School 10:15AM Bible Study	1 5PM Bell Choir	2	3 7:30AM Men's Breakfast @ Coco's 10:15AM Adult Ed 4:30PM Fellowship Mtg 6PM Lenten supper +	4 5:30PM Youth Choir 6:15PM Ensemble 7PM Faith Choir	5	6 9AM Welcome Workshop
7 9+11AM Worship 10:10AM Sunday School 10:15AM Bible Study 12PM Social Ministy Mtg 2PM Youth Group	8 5PM Bell Choir	9 11AM WELCA Bible Study @BLC	10 10:15AM Adult Ed 6PM Lenten supper + service	11 5:30PM Youth Choir 6:15PM Ensemble 7PM Faith Choir	12	13 8:30AM School Breakfast Fundraiser
14 9+11AM Worship 10:10AM Sunday School 2PM Youth Group	15 5PM Bell Choir	16	17 10:15AM Adult Ed 7PM Council Meeting	18 7PM Maundy Thurs. Worship	19 7PM Good Friday Worship 	20 Easter Egg decorating in courtyard
 9+11AM Worship 10:10AM Easter Potluck	22 Easter Monday Church Office Closed 5PM Bell Choir	23 6PM WELCA Bible Study @Judy Cave's home	24 10:15AM Adult Study	25 5:30PM Youth Choir 6:15PM Ensemble 7PM Faith Choir	26 7:45PM Young Adult Outing in North Hollywood	27
28 9+11AM Worship 10:10AM Sunday School 2-5PM Confirmation Class @St. Luke's	29 5PM Bell Choir	30	May 1 7:30AM Men's Breakfast @ Coco's 10:15AM Adult Study 4:30PM Fellowship Mtg 6PM Book Club	2 5:30PM Youth Choir 6:15PM Ensemble 7PM Faith Choir	3	4

APRIL WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP LEADERS - 9:00 SERVICE	<i>Easter Sunday</i>				
Date	4-7-19	4-14-19	4-21-19	4-28-19	5-5-19
Assisting Minister	Mary Fisher	Ryan Nakata	Scott Fisher	Nicole Hernandez-Liva	Lisa Chow
Reader	Kathy Fisher	Carla Cross	Emily Carlson	Sue Akin	Beverly Compton
Acolyte	Kameron Santiago	Katie Nakata	Hannah Carlson	Natalie Nakata	Alison Rubinstein
Ushers	Carla Cross	Lisa Chow	Kevin Rubinstein	Laureen Gleason	Mary Fisher
	Katie Nakata	Scott Fisher	Shea Clancy	Brooke Coffin	Nicole Hernandez-Liva
Refresh + Juice	Connie Troe	Barbara Yeager	<i>Easter Potluck</i>	Margo Westland	
Altar Guild	Pat St. Michel	Sue Schmidt	All	Betty Pust	

WORSHIP LEADERS - 11:00 SERVICE					
Date	4-7-19	4-14-19	4-21-19	4-28-19	5-5-19
Assisting Minister	Nancy Hall	John Cooper	Jan Maseda	Sandy Lazaros	Jill Goddard
Reader	Betsy Kalusa	Ken Cave	Sarah Karzel	Meredith Taylor	Chriselle Almeida
Communion Asst.	Kevin Rubinstein		Sarah Karzel	Dylan Yribe	Kiera Nusbaum
Ushers	Jan Maseda		Jerry Sitko	Kevin Rubinstein	Ron Kraus
	Judy Cave		Ken Cave	Fred Ophus	Marilyn Fursman
Greeter	Greg Imlay	Jan Maseda	Meredith Taylor	Marilyn Fursman	Greg Imlay
Refreshments	Melisa Nusbaum	Judy Cave	<i>Easter</i>	Konstanze Sessing	
	<i>Leslie Petit</i>	Betty Pust	<i>Potluck</i>	Laura Rubinstein	
Offering Counters	Dwayne Schmidt	Pat St. Michel	Dwayne Schmidt	Fred Ophus	Mary Fisher
	Pat St. Michel	Judy Cave	Pat St. Michel	Barbara Bond	Gene Denney

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES HAPPENINGS

Seems like we are always saying thank you, but it always needs to be said! Thank you to all of you who make weekly and monthly donations to LSS of just about everything – food, clothing, bag lunches for our homeless, toys, hygiene items, blankets, books, shoes, housewares, linens and towels. Please don't ever think we are not appreciative – we couldn't exist as an organization without your continued support and assistance. We also greatly appreciate your financial donations each and every week and month. There is a lot of focus on homelessness now – and there has been for several years, and it will continue for many years to come.

Homelessness is an ongoing problem within our cities and neighborhoods, and LSS serves the homeless in many ways. We continue to support and be a partner with the San Fernando Valley and Santa Clarita Homeless Coalition (SFV/SCHC) in the many areas that they work with the homeless. We also partner with LA Family Housing in their efforts to house many homeless individuals and families, and the newly formed NoHo Home Alliance at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in North Hollywood.

LSS/San Fernando recently applied for a grant for a "Navigation Service Center" where the homeless could store their belongings and create a drop in center for mail and other resources. This center would be located very close to our current location at Valley Lutheran on Tujunga Blvd.

We also applied recently for two more grants through the LA Homeless Services Authority, a city agency, for Rapid Re-Housing and Access Point, a program that can identify homeless individuals and work with getting them into the homeless entry system for services.

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