



THE BETHLEHEM STAR

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

MEGAN FRYLING

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Bethlehem Family,

Back in December, my family got a wonderful Christmas Eve surprise. In the midst of Christmas Eve worship preparations, we received a call about a baby who needed a resource (foster) family. It's been a

roller coaster of a month since then as we had to quickly buy things for a newborn, readjust our schedules, and get used to life with only 2 or 3 hours of sleep at a time.

As you know though, this is what we expected and what we were open to. We also knew that it was possible for us to be resource (foster) parents for a little baby because we have the support not only of our immediate family members and friends, but of our church family as well. You have all been so wonderful and supportive with your prayers, kind words, gifts, and offers to watch or hold the baby or to play with and care for Desmond as he adjusts to it all too. A huge heartfelt thank-you to all of you for the way you've been so gracious and welcoming with the newest member of our family.

I also greatly appreciate your respect of her privacy and your understanding of the nature of the whole foster child thing. You won't be seeing photos of her on the church Facebook page (or our personal social media profiles). However, you will be seeing her at church with me or with Kyle. She'll become a part of the Bethlehem family in worship and in the childcare center and I know she'll be loved by all of you just the same as you love Desmond. I'm so thankful that she gets to have the amazing blessing of a caring Christian community in the early part of her life.

While we don't know how long she'll be with us, whether it's a short time or a long time, I know that this early love from a community will be something that will make an impact on her for a lifetime. Every kid deserves to be safe, to be loved and cared for. Every kid deserves to know that they are loved by God and that they're loved by other people too. That's exactly the kind of gift that you're giving her. She may not be able to express her thankfulness in words or in writing, but we're thankful on her behalf and we know what a difference all of you are making in her life already! Thank you!

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 – JANUARY 16, 2019

Present at the meeting were Pastor Megan, Pastor Ioan, Scott Fisher, Sarah Karzel, Brian Grefsrud, Bev Compton, Sue Akin, Lisa Nakata, Betsy Kalusa, Nicole Hernandez Liva, and Donna Ophus. Devotions were a sharing of how God is working in our world followed with prayer by Pastor Megan. The December 12, 2018, minutes were reviewed and approved.

There was review of the agenda for the congregational meeting. The "Proposed FY '19 Budget Adjusted for Merger" will be presented. There was discussion of the positions that need to be filled - Building and Grounds, Evangelism, Stewardship, MEFT members, and Synod Assembly Delegates.

Sarah reported on the meeting held to address the need for space planning. She presented a floor plan of the hall space between the MPR room and the toddler room and went over several possible changes to modify this area. She will put an article in the newsletter explaining the need for and rationale for this space planning.

Bev presented estimates for updating the infant room. There was approval of \$4200 for this. Sarah reported that the endowment committee had approved to spend \$51,000 to purchase the new piano. The council acknowledged and accepted this decision.

Pastor Megan will be taking 3 weeks of parental leave from 2/11 - 3/3 and Pastor Ioan will be our full time pastor during her leave. Pastor Ioan is on $\frac{3}{4}$ time, that is, 30 hours per week. One of the days he will be in the office is on Fridays. When Pastor Megan returns from leave he will revisit how to best allot his time. He will be recruiting members for various volunteer roles including counters and office volunteers.

December offerings were up considerably. The Preschool income in December was below what was expected it to be and Bev will check on this. The council agreed that 1) \$72,000 from the "MIF Endowment Funds", set up for such purposes, will go to pay for the new piano, Associate Pastor, and Music Staff; 2) money (\$23,000) will be transferred from the church account to the parsonage fund which will bring the parsonage fund back up to \$52,000.

Bev reported that the annual preschool audit is ongoing. The total number of students is 130 with 23 teachers and staff. There will be a Chuck E Cheese fundraiser on January 21, teacher appreciation is in March, and a waffle breakfast will be held on April 13.

Sue reported there will be a Worship and Music meeting on February 3 focusing on Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Worship leader training is ongoing as well as planning for the Bell Choir. Lisa reported that youth will be going to the African American Museum on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to participate in events to honor Dr. King. The youth will also be working on fundraising for Youth Gathering 2021.

Nicole reported there is a need to write a grant request for help with the Mexico Trip. She will be setting up a Meal Train for Pastor Megan to support her while she is on leave and Kyle is out of town for work. Betsy reported that there will be Refreshment training on Saturday, January 19.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next council meeting will be on February 20.

Donna Ophus, Secretary

MEET THE MEMBERS

By Marilyn Fursman

Dorothy Stilling is an energetic new member, a “cradle Lutheran” who loves singing in the choir, playing bridge, reading books, making new friends, travel, reunions with her husband’s 486th Bomb Group, attending the annual Farstrup-Mortenson Lectures in Solvang and beating her grandsons at golf. A highlight of her travels was a recent trip to Denmark with ten family members to visit cousins.



Dorothy has been active in Women of the ELCA and the craft group and has served several times on the Congregation Council as chair of Education, chair of Fellowship and member of the Call Committee that found Pr. Ioan Ittu for St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church. She also was one of the members of the Appreciative Inquiry group that met at Bethlehem every month during 2017. She says that because St. Stephen’s had just done so much similar work for the Call process (i.e., examining

strengths and weaknesses of the congregation, visioning, setting goals) a lot of what was discussed seemed repetitive. She did enjoy time spent getting to know some of the Bethlehem members.

The seventh of eight children was born at home on the family farm in Newell, Iowa. A chance meeting in Des Moines, Iowa between Dorothy and Richard (aka Dick) Stilling, who was home on a school vacation, led to their corresponding daily and eventually marrying. She attributes the longevity of their marriage (more than 60 years) to the fact that they had so many things in common; i.e., Danish heritage, Lutheran upbringing, common beliefs and life goals and an innate curiosity about so many things. Dick, recently deceased, was a World War II veteran who studied law and became an FBI agent. They moved from Maryland to Seattle to Washington D.C. before settling in Southern California. As a newlywed, Dorothy’s first jobs included work as a bookkeeper, secretary and receptionist. She was in the first graduating class of California State University at Northridge (originally San Fernando Valley State College). With a degree in education, she worked many years as a teacher in the Los Angeles public school system.

In the mid 1950s, as new residents of the San Fernando Valley, her family was excited to be part of the new Lutheran church being built on Chatsworth St. in Granada Hills. The first 200 people met at an elementary school, then land was purchased to build the Fellowship Hall and classroom buildings. Dorothy was a charter member of St. Stephen’s. Later, there was much excitement acquiring the beautiful stained glass window for the new larger sanctuary. As the church grew (eventually to 1400 members), its activities often were featured in the local newspaper. She recalls, “The Sunday school was good for our two daughters, the people were great and we liked Pr. Tollefson.

She affirms that, “The church (and sermons particularly) keeps me focused on what’s important. Here at Bethlehem, it’s very special to have two pastors with inspirational messages each week and available for support at all times. The congregation is fortunate also to have four talented musicians guiding the music department.”

Dorothy believes that church growth can happen when a church is welcoming, not only on Sundays, but on other days as well. She is quick to say that Bethlehem members have been very welcoming and that helps the merger to be a success. Her hope for the future is that the two congregations will blend and will be very strong together in attracting others to what we have to offer.

Words of wisdom that have served her well: *Try to be positive always and don’t dwell on the past.*

MEET THE MEMBERS

By Marilyn Fursman

Pete (Floyd) Pedersen was born on an 80-acre dairy farm in Wisconsin, the second of seven children. "The farm wasn't big enough to produce enough income to sustain a family," he says, "but we always had food."



Growing up he attended a one-room school house that accommodated eight grades. Of Danish heritage, he was baptized a Lutheran in a town called Luck. Pete recalls his Confirmation classes and says, "We had to memorize a lot." Before being confirmed, he had to endure the nerve-wracking experience of having to answer questions in front of the congregation.

Pete grew to be 6 ft. 6 in. tall, but managed to stay off the basketball court. "They wanted me to play," he recalls, "but I was too clumsy."

About the time the Korean conflict was ending, Pete enlisted and was in the Army Security Agency in Germany for two years of his three year tour of duty. While stationed in Germany, he met the lovely Edelgard; they married in 1961 and had three children.

After serving in the military, Pete worked for manufacturing firms including Ampex in Redwood City, where he was Manager of Material Control and Purchasing. The company produces high-capacity, high-performance digital storage systems capable of functioning in demanding environments on land, at sea or in the air. They are used in applications to gather digital images and other data from aircraft, satellites and submarines.

Later he found fulfilling work at St. Jude Medical, a manufacturer of medical devices such as pace makers and defibrillators.

In 1974 the family moved into their current Granada Hills home. It was Edelgard's friend who attended church at Bethlehem who encouraged them to switch from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

What keeps Pete coming to church? "I feel a need," he admits. "When I didn't go for awhile, something was missing." He likes hearing a message that helps him through the week. Pete believes the kind of camaraderie and friendships he's enjoyed would be something new people would like.

In retirement Pete enjoys playing Scrabble and touring the world via internet travel, which has raised his interest in history; but, there is definitely a twinkle in his eye when he talks about his real hobby, which is wood turning. Pete likes to work in his shop at home (the garage is his "man cave"). "I learned carpentry from my dad," he says. "He had lots of woodworking tools."

For those who are not familiar with "wood turning," it is a type of woodworking used to create wooden objects on a lathe, a power tool that rotates a piece of wood on an axis and allows one to shape it using various carving tools. Smooth and with graceful lines, wood bowls, vases, candle sticks and goblets are the kinds of products Pete has made. His church, Kiwanis and Lutheran Social Services are among the organizations that have benefited from his skillful creations, as he has donated some as prizes for their fundraisers.

A quiet, introspective man, and a good listener, Pete says, "I never anticipated doing what I did in life, but I'm satisfied with where I've gone....Seems things worked out alright."

PRESCHOOL NEWS

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Happy February Everyone!

It's amazing how quickly 2019 is flying by already! The school would like to share a few upcoming events we'd love for you to put on your calendars and join with us. Our first Grandparents and Grandfriends Day Potluck of the year is being brought to you at 10am on March 1st in collaboration with Dr. Seuss' Birthday! Join us with your favorite dish to share for the reading of our favorite Dr. Seuss book, Cat in the Hat! Looking forward to seeing everyone at this fun filled event!

Our Presto Pasta Fundraiser is scheduled for February 20th. Join us sometime during the day and make sure to mention you're from Bethlehem! Available for dine in and take out!

As always, please come by the school office should you have any questions, would like to volunteer in the rooms or at an event, or have any new ideas!

LENT SIMPLE SUPPERS SIGN-UP

As is our tradition, we will gather for simple suppers on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Three to four volunteers are needed each Wednesday on March 13, 20, 27, April 3, and 10 to prepare a Simple Supper for up to forty people. Supper starts at 6:00 pm followed by either worship or a Lenten experience. Find a friend or two and volunteer together or sign-up and meet someone new! To volunteer sign-up on the sheet on the church information kiosk in the entry. If you need additional information contact Connie Troe at fellowship@bethlehmlutheran.net.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Dear Thrivent Members,

March is the month to renew your Thrivent Choice donation to Bethlehem. Even if you have assigned your Thrivent Choice dollars before, it must be done every year. We are asking that everyone who has a Thrivent account – or several – go onto their website or give them a call to assign your donation to Bethlehem this year. Doing this is at no cost to you; the benefits are paid out of Thrivent profits. To do this simply go to www.thriventchoice.com and enter your membership number from a Thrivent statement, sign in or sign up, and select Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Granada Hills as the beneficiary of your Thrivent dollars. If you'd rather call, the Member Care Services number is 800-847-4836. Whichever way you choose, please take a couple minutes to do this as an extra financial benefit to our church ministries.

Thank you and God bless.

PARENTAL LEAVE

Pastor Megan will be on Parental Leave February 11 -March 3. Pastor Ioan will be full time during this time.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club is only meeting on February 20th and then taking a break in Lent. We'll pick up after Easter.

FEBRUARY YOUNG ADULT OUTING

We are kicking off our Young Adult events with a night of bowling! Your shoe rentals and first game of bowling will be covered by the church. All you have to do is come and bowl!

Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 6 PM – 10:30 PM
Pickwick Bowl
921 W Riverside Dr.
Burbank, California 91506

MUSIC NOTES

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Bethlehem is now the proud owner of a new Mason and Hamlin BB piano. This purchase was made possible by a generous gift from the Endowment Committee who wished that a portion of the proceeds from the sale of St. Stephen's property go toward a new piano for the sanctuary. Although Mason and Hamlin has existed since the mid 19th century and was a major American piano manufacturer during the Golden Age of piano making (c. 1900 - 1929), I would not say it is a name with which most people are familiar. The company fell into obscurity after the Second World War and bounced around from owner to owner until it finally went bankrupt in the 90's. It was then that two brothers bought the company with the aspiration of once again making fine pianos in the style of those made during the Golden Age.

Made entirely by hand at their factory in Massachusetts, the 6 foot 11 inch BB is Mason and Hamlin's second largest piano, eclipsed only by their 9 foot concert grand. Some features unique to Mason and Hamlin: grands are a wider body allowing for longer bass strings, a thicker frame for more resonance, and a device called a "tension resonator" which aids in the richness of the piano's sound by maintaining the curvature of the soundboard. And that's only the beginning of the myriad of details that makes our piano a high performance instrument. I am very proud and happy that Bethlehem is the owner of a piano that competes with New York Steinway and is in a quality tier directly underneath the luxury pianos of Europe.

A BABY SHOWER!

All members of Bethlehem are invited to share in the celebration of Megan and Kyle's new baby girl, Fern. The shower will be on Sunday, February 10th after the 11 o'clock service. This will be a potluck so please bring a dish to share – remember that Megan loves salads! Please do not bring a dessert – we will provide the dessert and drinks.

The baby registry is at Amazon. You can do a search under Baby Registry or go to the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/yd7e4euf>

If you have any questions, please contact Jan Maseda at (818)288-7054 or janicemaseda@gmail.com, or Peggy Kossart at (818)360-6312.

Jan Maseda

NEW MOBILE LIBRARY

With Thrivent Live Generously funds, Bethlehem Lutheran Church created a mobile library to spread the gospel to the children, preschool-6th grade and adults. Funds were used to purchase books and individual were encouraged to contribute and donate books to help the library grow. Parents are invited to check out books during preschool hours and before or after church services.

The mobile library was dedicated during church services on Jan. 13, 2019 and thanks were given to Thrivent for their generosity.



THE SYNOD WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The Winter Gathering "Strength in Numbers" is on Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 8:30am to 1:00pm with a tasty Brunch, worship, Bible Study and Fellowship. The program will include a panel of representatives from the DA, LAPD and Children of the Night who will share information on what is being done and what we can do to help address the urgent need to combat Human Trafficking in our communities. The offering will be split between Church wide Women of the ELCA and the groups participating. See Dianne Tillman for registration forms and further information. The cost is \$15 per person. Deadline to register is January 30. The location is at Westchester Lutheran Church 7831 S. Sepulveda Blvd. Westchester, CA 90045

TWIN VALLEY CONFERENCE

Please note that the Spring Conference Assembly will be on February 13th at 6:30pm at St. Luke's in Woodland Hills. Beverly has requested to step down from her role as chair of the Conference in May.

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; Communication Plan; Continue External Opportunities; Housing and/or assistance to the Elderly, etc. If you have any questions, please see Beverly Compton or Pastor Ioan.

-Beverly Compton

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our Confirmation Class will meet on February 24 at 2pm at Bethel Lutheran Church. Email Pastor Ioan if you have any questions.

MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

We invite men of all ages to join us for fellowship the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30am at Coco's Restaurant in Mission Hills. See you Feb. 6!

2018 JILL'S HANDCRAFTED SALE

Thank you to everyone who supported my sale this past Advent season. It was a very good year and one of the best totals in several years. I am pleased to announce we raised \$2016. There were additional special orders that are already giving us a head start for 2019.

With the money were able to buy:

- 10 Small Farm Animals- 6 ducks, 2 chickens, and 2 rabbits
- Nativity Animals- A donkey helps till fields, a sheep produces warm wool, and a goat gives milk and protein
- 16 Farm Animals-a pig, goat, 4 ducks, and 10 Chickens
- Beehive & Equipment for Beehives
- Fish Pond & Family Fishing Kit
- \$250 Worth of Medicines
- Tools, Training, & Seeds
- 2 Soccer Balls

The knitting, crocheting, painting (banners, custom t-shirts and sweatshirts) continues year round for custom orders. Please contact me if you are looking for something for birthdays, babies, special occasions or team colors.

Thank you again,

Jill Goddard



YOUTH NEWS

SAM MANUAL

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We are a month into 2019 and things are rolling along!!!

To commemorate the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the youth group headed down to the California African American Museum for King Day. We had a blast walking the grounds, checking out some displays and capping the day off with an amazing concert!!! It was awesome to see a crowd of well over a thousand folks holding hands and singing "We Shall Overcome"... What a blessing it was to be a part of a beautiful, diverse group to celebrate tolerance and acceptance.

One of the areas we will be focusing on is helping to raise funds for the youth program. We have an opportunity as a church to do this on February 7th. Head over to Panera Bread at 16836 W. Devonshire St., Granada Hills, CA 91344 in the North Hills Shopping center between 4pm and 8pm for food and 20% of the gross we bring in will come to Bethlehem. I will be there from 6-8 to hang out and have dinner so I would love to invite folks to come out and eat with me! **(Make sure to bring a flyer, either electronic or paper, to show the cashier so BLC gets the funds.)**

Sunday school is still chugging and we are loving the study of the powerful women of the bible! As the school year continues we are excited for more opportunities for learning and growth. Youth Group this month will meet here at BLC on the 10th and the 17th from 2-4. We are continuing our study of sin.

On Saturday, February 16th we are gonna head over to The Neon Retro Arcade (8943 Reseda Blvd, Northridge, CA 91324) from 7-9 for some classic video game action and hang time! (Cost is \$20 for two hours. Let me know ASAP if your student is planning on coming and bringing a friend)

So as you can see we have a ton of cool events coming up! Make sure to contact me if you have any questions!

FEBRUARY 2019

February 7th Panera Bread fundraiser (4-8pm 16836 W. Devonshire St., Granada Hills, CA 91344. Look for flyer, either electronic or paper to bring to the restaurant to get the discount. We will have some printed and on the name tag table for you to pick up!)

February 10th Youth Group
(BLC from 2-4 looking for snack volunteers)

February 16th The Neon Retro Arcade
(7-9pm \$20 per person
8943 Reseda Blvd, Northridge, CA 91324)

February 17th Youth Group
(BLC from 2-4 looking for snack volunteers)

LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA PROJECT



For many years St. Stephen's Yak and Sew group made baby items for Lutheran Social Services and the annual boutique. As the merger plans developed the members realized that their sewing space would be diminished, but they didn't want to lose the fellowship of their weekly sewing sessions. They were also looking for ways to use their wonderful collection of unused fabric. Member, Gen Cook recalled hearing about a program of First Presbyterian Church Granada Hills that makes dresses for poor children in Africa. She phoned the leader, Ginny Field, who met with the YakNSew ladies to look through their fabrics. Ginny pulled out those that would be appropriate for the program and told the ladies where to donate the others.

The Little Dresses For Africa Project was started because life can be very hard in Africa, especially for little girls. Many have never had any new clothing that was colorful or fun, so you can imagine the delight they experience when they slip on a dress made just for them.

The organization provides the patterns which the ladies use with any suitable materials (1 to 1.5 yards of 100% cotton which endures washing on a rock). There are some restrictions, but a simple style with a little frill can be very cute.

Gen Cook, who unfortunately will soon be moving to the East Coast, Vivianne Scott and Diane Mason have continued the project in their homes. Anyone who would like to make some dresses at home see any of these ladies.

First Presbyterian ships the dresses, which is very expensive, so they welcome tax deductible donations to First Presbyterian Church "Little Dresses For Africa" program.

Nancy Hall

NEWS FROM OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARIES



In most of our newsletters we talk about our work and the work of the ELCT – and that's normal. It's why we're here and it's why you support us; to do God's work among God's people, our sisters and brothers in Tanzania. There will be lots more of that news in months and years to come. But this time, I want to talk about another aspect of God's work here in this part of God's good earth: the plants and their environment. If you take a good look on Google Maps at our campus, you easily see that we live in a beautiful garden. Let me illustrate that with a small satellite snapshot of TZ:

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<https://mcintz.wordpress.com/>*



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EVANGELISM

e-van-ge-lism /ə'vanjə,lizm/ *noun* 1. the spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness. The definition of evangelism can be unappealing. After all if you wanted to preach, you would have become a pastor, right? Even personal witness seems a little on the scary side.

I believe the most effective way to personally witness is through love. (1 John 4:8—God is love. John 3:16-17—for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.) Loving is so much easier and a lot less scary than preaching!

We need people with the following skills and talents to help lead the congregation in evangelism: P.R. or marketing abilities; communication/writing skills; media or technology skills; event planning; outgoing, friendly personality; or a passion for evangelism. The first meeting of the evangelism team is Sunday, February 17 at 12:30 p.m. in Chandler Hall. A light lunch is provided. All are welcome to come and find out what evangelism the easy way is all about.

Leslie Petit-Evangelism Chair

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lorrie DeCoursey-Thomas
- 7 Laureen Gleason
- 8 Erin Sears
- 11 Barbara Bond
- 11 Betty Griffith
- 11 Hannelore O'Neill
- 13 Sandy Lazaros
- 16 Julia Fisher
- 19 Nicole Hernandez-Liva
- 23 Sunni Sears
- 24 Todd Akin
- 26 Matt Akin



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Manny & Kathy Vasquez (1986)



DECEMBER STATISTICS

The statistics were not available at the time of printing and will be sent out in the weekly email.

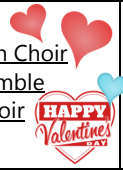

Attendance:

- January average at 9am: 54
- January average at 11am: 67
- Jan. 27 one service 10am: 103

- December average at 9am: 56
- December average at 11am: 66
- Dec.24 5pm– 206
- Dec.24 11pm– 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10AM One Service 11AM Congreg. Meeting 2-5PM Confirmation	28	29	30 10:15AM Adult Study	31 5:30PM Youth Choir 6:15PM Ensemble 7PM Faith Choir	1	2
3 9+11AM Worship 10:10AM Sunday School	4	5	6 7:30AM Men's Breakfast @ Coco's 10:15AM Adult Study 5PM Youth Fundraiser	7 5:30PM Youth Choir 5:30PM Youth Fundraiser @ Panera 6:15PM Ensemble 7PM Faith Choir	8	9
10 9+11AM Worship 10:10AM Sunday School 12PM Fryling Baby Shower 2PM Youth Group	11	12	13 10:15AM Adult Study 12:30PM Sojourners Potluck Lunch 6:30PM Spring Conf. A	14 5:30PM Youth Choir 6:15PM Ensemble 7PM Faith Choir 	15	16 11AM Memorial Service for Ed & Joan Litke 7P Youth Outing
17 BLC's 55th Anniversary Celebration 9+11AM Worship 10:10AM Sunday School 12:30PM Evangelism Mtg	18 School & Office Closed 	19	20 10:15AM Adult Study 7PM Council Meeting 6PM Book Club	21 5:30PM Youth Choir 6:15PM Ensemble 7PM Faith Choir 7PM Twin Valley Team Mtg	22	23
24 9+11AM Worship 10:10AM Sunday School 2-5PM Confirmation Class@Bethel	25	26	27 10:15AM Adult Study	28 5:30PM Youth Choir 6:15PM Ensemble 7PM Faith Choir	March. 1 10AM Grandparents & Grandfriends Potluck	2

FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP LEADERS - 9:00 SERVICE					
Date	2-3-19	2-10-19	2-17-19	2-24-19	3-3-19
Assisting Minister	Mary Fisher	Laureen Gleason	Max Stark	Nicole Hernandez-Liva	Ryan Nakata
Reader	Beverly Compton	Pam Shea	Carla Cross	Emily Carlson	Scott Fisher
Acolyte	Natalie Nakata	Kevin Rubinstein	Alison Rubinstein	Hannah Carlson	Katie Nakata
Ushers		Lisa Chow	Brooke Coffin	Mary Fisher	Kathy Santiago
	Shea Clancy	Nicole Hernandez-Liva	Brian Grefsrud	Laureen Gleason	Kameron Santiago
Refresh + Juice	Barbara Yeager/Connie Troe	Kelli Yribe & Connie Troe	Lisa Chow	Kathy Fisher	Barbara Yeager
Altar Guild	Cookie Cline	Sue Schmidt	Betsy Kalusa	Janet Puchlik	Meredith Taylor

WORSHIP LEADERS - 11:00 SERVICE					
Date	2-3-19	2-10-19	2-17-19	2-24-19	3-3-19
Assisting Minister	Sarah Karzel	Ron Kraus	Nancy Hall	Jan Maseda	Bud Gundersen
Reader	Gene Denney	Connie Troe	Kevin Rubinstein	Dylan Yribe	Nancy Hall
Communion Asst.	Hannah Carlson	Sarah Karzel	Kiera Nusbaum	Dylan Yribe	Kevin Rubinstein
Ushers	Jan Maseda	Fred Ophus	Ron Kraus	Jerry Sitko	Kevin Rubinstein
	Janet Puchlik	Judy Cave	Ken Cave	Ryan Yribe	Jan Maseda
Greeter	Susan Van Deest	Greg Imlay	Marilyn Fursman	Meredith Taylor	Gale Gundersen
Refreshments	Jan Maseda	Peggy Kossart	Greg Imlay	Gaynelle Barkley	Judy Cave
		Jan Maseda	X	Jonelle Miller	
Offering Counters	Janet Puchlik	Fred Ophus	Bonnie Tharp	Brian Grefsrud	Dwayne Schmidt
	Mary Fisher	Pat St. Michel	Barbara Bond	Gene Denney	Susan Van Deest

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES HAPPENINGS

LSS/San Fernando Valley will host its annual free Lutherans Looking Forward Breakfast on Saturday, March 2nd, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in our North Hollywood facility, 7400 Tujunga Ave., North Hollywood 91605. Please come join us as we offer a delicious catered breakfast, and announce our choices for Lutheran of the Year and Church of the Year for 2018. We have recently re-designed our Thrift Shop/ Clothes Closet and Food Pantry, currently serving hundreds of participants each and every week. We would love to see you again!

Please RSVP for a table for your Church, or for yourselves individually, to Jan Maseda at janicemaseda@gmail.com or call her directly at (818)288-7054 by February 18th, 2019.

We are still collecting food and hygiene items, and donations of men's, women's and children's clothing and shoes to fill the Valley's needs for our low/no income participants and families of the San Fernando Valley.

A HUGE Thank You to all the members of Bethlehem who gave LSS the beautiful tree full of hats, scarves and mittens for these cold months to give away to our participants at LSS. They are all very much appreciated and they are all wonderful and beautiful.

Thank you for all that you do. *Jan Maseda*

SOJOURNERS

Sojourners will meet on February 13 for their monthly potluck lunch at 12:30pm in Chandler Hall. If you're 55 years or older, male or female, please join us for a time of fellowship! Bring a friend and a dish to share.

The Lutheran Social Services (LSS) items this month: Paper towels and/or Clorox wipes . See you on the 13th!



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