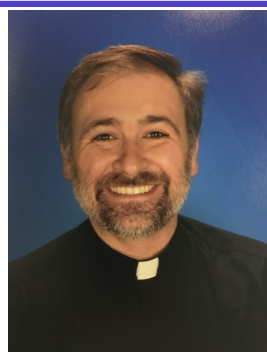




THE BETHLEHEM STAR

T O K N O W C H R I S T . . . T O M A K E C H R I S T K N O W N



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

IOAN ITTU

Associate Pastor

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There is a substantial difference between thriving and surviving. Some long-time Bethlehem members told me of a time not too long ago when Bethlehem was struggling. Pastor struggles. A drop in giving.

But things turned around. Sue held things together on the organization front. Ron took on Stewardship. Pastor Megan came. Do you know what other local Lutheran churches call Bethlehem now? A flagship congregation. A congregation that can support those around them and help community dreams become real ministries. Congregations are looking at the ongoing success of our merger and asking themselves the tough questions of "Are we doing all that God wants of us? Is there something more for us to be about? Are God's blessings greater than we are living into these days?"

Bethlehem has been richly blessed with an infusion of time, talents and treasures. We don't have to struggle to survive. Do we want a thriving ministry?

Jesus tells a parable about servants who are entrusted with portions of their master's wealth. The servants who seize the opportunity and invest their blessings to produce greater blessings are called good and faithful servants. Then there was the servant who buried his blessings to keep it safe from risk and loss. He was not called good. God's good ministry can't be done without our hands wisely and diligently put to work.

I've heard the concern that we are spending too much. Perhaps some feel that ministry ambitions are not being wisely chosen. Perhaps some feel that ministry was already great and more is not possible... that you can't give more time, talent and treasure for a greater work. I've heard the sentiment that some have faithfully held things together through the struggling times and it is now someone else's turn. Are we committed to the task of surviving but less committed to the opportunity and call to thrive? I genuinely ask. I invite you to talk with me (pastorioan@bethlehemplutheran.net). Or Pastor Megan (pastor@bethlehemplutheran.net). Or Sarah Karzel our congregational President (president@bethlehemplutheran.net). What does a thriving church that you want to support look like?

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

9:00 AM — CONTEMPORARY STYLE

10:10 AM — SUNDAY SCHOOL
(SEPT-MAY)

11:00 AM — TRADITIONAL STYLE

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SUMMARY OF BETHLEHEM COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 17, 2019

The council minutes were not available at the time of printing and will be sent out later.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members of Bethlehem,

This month I want to talk about how we are using our money. I have heard that there are questions out there about spending, about the new endowment fund and maybe about what the new fiscal year will bring.

Let me start with a review of the decisions that were made in the months leading up to the merger. As you may remember, part of the discernment process over the course of 2018 was a series of meetings among members of St. Stephen's and Bethlehem, led by Pastor Marj from the Synod. The conversations focused on areas of ministry considered important to each congregation. The fact that the congregations held very similar views on what is important gave us all confidence in the potential for the merger to be successful. It also helped us shape the plan for ministry, staffing and funding.

There were six ministry areas discerned as priorities. The greatest in importance for our merged congregation was Worship & Music. This was followed by Caring for Members, Service, Youth, Education & Evangelism.

Now we get to the nitty gritty. As you know, when St. Stephen's sold its property, it realized a very large gain, well over \$4 million. In planning for the merger, the Council and members of St. Stephen's generously decided that they wanted to use a portion of that money to help Bethlehem with some of the investments in the facility that we knew we needed to make but could not afford. Working with the Bethlehem Council, they committed to gifts of up to \$160,000 for these needs, which included a new piano, a new sound system, new air conditioning units and the addition of new space for youth, bible study, etc. We are all now enjoying the spectacular new piano and working on completing the other improvements.

A second significant decision made by St. Stephen's leadership and Bethlehem leadership working together was that, in order to give the merger the best chance of success, it would be important to keep all of our staffing in place at least at the outset. This felt particularly important given the value both congregations placed on a magnificent worship experience. So, we set aside another several hundred thousand dollars to help support the retention of combined staff for the first few years. This money is also to be used to pay for our badly needed new administrator.

The funds to be used for the first few years for facilities improvements and for staff were put into a separate account. This account also holds the \$400,000 that the St. Stephen's Council decided to use for a meaningful tithing process which is underway now. The total in this fund is around \$800,000, and it was dubbed the "parking lot" fund, meaning that the monies were "parked" there for now. We are tremendously fortunate to have this money to ease our transition into a vibrant, new, self-sustaining combined congregation.

I should mention that as the leaders of the congregations were planning initial expenses, it was acknowledged that our first year expenditures for worship and music are larger than average for a congregation of our size. It was agreed that for the fiscal year 2019 – 2020, the budget for worship and music would be reduced by \$36,000 to a total of \$75,000.

The bulk of the proceeds of the sale (\$3.4 million) was put into a long term investment vehicle, operated by the ELCA, that can reliably produce \$140,000 annually without drawing down principle. This is a tremendous opportunity to have resources to grow the congregation, expand its reach, and leave a real mark on our community.

So now I'd like to hear from you. What are your questions; what are your concerns? I will be at church at **5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7**. I'd love to have you join me then so we can talk in a little more detail and I can hear what you are thinking. I know many of you may not be able to make that date; we will be holding another meeting in late May or early June on a Sunday. And of course you can always send me an email- president@bethlehelutheran.net or call me at 818-261-0629.

I hope this has been helpful, and I do sincerely want to hear directly from you.

Respectfully, *Sarah Karzel*



YOUTH NEWS

SAM MANUAL

Director of Youth Ministry

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Hey guys,

So as most of our families know via our phone conversations, I will be stepping down as youth director at Bethlehem. I want to thank y'all so much for the kind words of support and love shared with me and for those I couldn't connect with I want to also say thanks! I have genuinely enjoyed the time and work I got to be a part of BLC. I want to reinforce that it is not under any negative circumstances that I'm leaving the position. I moved to Los Angeles to specifically pursue a comedy career and feel like I need to double down my focus on that. I never thought I would find such a great and important community of support as I have in Bethlehem, let alone get to work in the ministry and that has been a tremendous blessing. However, I see the opportunity for more involved growth in the youth ministry and I know my loyalty would be split and eventually I wouldn't be able to fulfill the need of the church. I will be working with Lisa and the pastors on finding the best way to move forward and we are already working on a schedule for the summer. That being said, my last Sunday will be June 9th. Until then if you have any questions at all feel free to reach out! Thanks again for the love, understanding, and support!

- Youth will meet at American Lutheran Church and travel together to serve at the food pantry of the Islamic Center of Southern California near the USC campus on Vermont and engage both food justice and interfaith dialogue. Youth will be volunteering at the interfaith food pantry at the Islamic Center till 11:30 am. Afterwards, we will get lunch as a group.
- Envelope Fundraiser: This is a fundraiser for the youth. A wall in Chandler Hall is 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.

Pentecost Vigil– Rite of Confirmation

June 8 from 7-9 p.m.

Join us for a worship celebration on the eve of Pentecost! This service will include the rite of confirmation for all of the Twin Valleys confirmation students who are completing their two-year program this year. The rite of confirmation will be led by Bishop Guy Erwin. Worship leadership by Josiah Williams.

Confirmation Sunday

On June 9th Bethlehem will celebrate Confirmation Sunday with one service at 10 a.m. where Charlotte Cross' confirmation will be recognized.

Beach Camp

Middle School and High School Beach Camp Summer Trip in San Diego, CA - Sunday, July 7th - Friday, July 12th. Total cost of trip is \$455, however with scholarships available from both the conference and Bethlehem the cost to you will be between \$155 per camper. Each family needs to register their children on their own (here is the link)<https://lrcchome.com/beach-camp> Please register online by May 19th by paying the \$100 deposit.

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.

May 19th is the deadline for signing-up for Summer Beach Camp.

YOUNG ADULT OUTING

Come and play a round of mini golf! Sherman Oaks Castle Park also offers arcade games, food and batting cages. Twin Valleys will provide a free game of golfing! Talk to Pastor Ioan for more information.

Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 1:00 PM
Sherman Oaks Castle Park
4989 Sepulveda Blvd.
Sherman Oaks, CA. 91403

CAMP SUNDAY

May 19th is Camp Sunday! Please join us on May 19th to hear Anthony Eder from El Camino Pines speak at both services. In between services, he will also be leading Sunday School with some fun songs, games and crafts that they do at camp... and of course there will be S'mores!!! He will be available after service to answer any questions you may have about El Camino Pines Youth Summer Camp.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our Confirmation Class will meet on May 19 at 2 p.m. at Bethel in Encino. Email Pastor Megan if you have any questions.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

MARY KANDILIAN

Preschool Director

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Welcome May!

It's amazing how quickly the year is passing by!

We're already ready to go for our jam packed awesome summer program and a lot of excitement lies ahead as we're underway for Fall planning. This month we have planned our famous Mother's Day Tea Party and for the first time we will be collaborating with St. Jude's Children's Hospital, for a Trikes for Tikes event on May 25 – we're hoping to have a huge turnout to help raise funds for this amazing establishment which helps kids struggling with cancer and support their families both emotionally and financially. We hope you join us in supporting this excellent program!

School will be closed on May 27th for Memorial Day. Ahead on the horizon is also our Pre-Kindergarten graduation which will be taking place on stage in the courtyard, slated for the evening of May 30th!

MENCHIE'S FUNDRAISER

Enjoy the yummm with your family & friends and raise funds!

Month of May

mention this flyer at Granada Hills location and 20% of your froyo purchases will be donated to

Bethlehem Lutheran School



Menchie's Granada Hills
17840 Chatsworth Street
Granada Hills, CA 91334



MUSIC NOTES

VICENTE DITTO

Senior Music Minister

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Thank you, everyone, for a lovely Easter celebration. I and the other music staff members are thoroughly appreciative of all the dedication that the choir, praise ensemble, and bell choir members put into Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Thank you for making this year's Easter season both successful and beautiful. All ensembles will continue rehearsing through May (no rest for the weary!).

LOOKING FOR DODGER FANS

Bethlehem Dodger fans have the opportunity to attend the Dodger game on Lutheran night, June 22nd. However, we need someone to organize the field trip event for Bethlehem fans and friends. See Connie Troe if you are interested in coordinating the event.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA CRAFT GROUP

Do you like to craft? No need to be a "pro" as we have many ways you can work on different projects that will get us ready for our November Boutique (11/8-9/19). Bring any ideas you have and if you have a good pair of scissors for fabric projects bring them (we have made a number of no-sew blankets). The 2 dates we have set are Friday, May 3 and Friday, May 10 starting at 9:00am and ending about Noon (or you can also come and go at anytime that works into your schedule) in Chandler Hall. Please come join this fun group!

ADULT EDUCATION TEAM MEETING

The next Adult Education team meeting is May 21 at 1 p.m. in Chandler Hall.

EASTER BRUNCH THANK YOU

A big thank you is given to all of you who donated food so we could all enjoy the Easter brunch! A special thanks to those of you who helped with set-up, decorating, and clean-up. These events can only be enjoyed with your help.

ADULT EDUCATION TEAM NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

The Adult Education team is proposing a Summer Academy, Sunday evenings in August, with two classes held each week., including children's games and crafts. What kind of things would you like to learn more about? Playing in the bell choir? Physical Fitness? The Body, Mind, Spirit Connection? Christmas crafts? Banner-making? Learning where favorite hymns came from and singing them? Board games? Crochet? Financial planning? Is there a topic or skill you'd be willing to share? Please talk to Marilyn Fursman (mcfursman@icloud.com) about your ideas.

WELCOMING WORKSHOP

Plan now to attend the Welcoming Workshop on May 5 at 12:15 p.m. Come find out what the #2 thing you should be doing on Sunday morning is. Don't miss this opportunity to make the most of connecting with visitors. Master Greeter Richard Leitke's amusing video will equip you to seek out and engage new people to welcome to the Bethlehem family. As an added incentive, a taco bar lunch will be provided. COME! If you would like to donate to the Taco Bar please contact Leslie Petit. evangelism@bethlehemplutheran.net

MY STAR WORD

by Leslie Petit

Have you been contemplating on your Star Word? I have. My word this year is PEACE. I have Googled it, looked it up in BibleGateway, and dictionary.com, all those online and Internet possibilities. Then it seems when I least expect it something has an impact on me regarding my "word" for the year. Recently, it was Pastor Megan's children's chat on the second Sunday of Easter: peace be with you! Yes, that was the theme that day from doubting Thomas no less. Jesus says, "Peace be with you." For all these months I have been thinking of peace as calm, tranquility, even harmony. From the children's chat I realized it is the opposite of fear. For me the lesson learned is in fear, I am reminded that Jesus says, "Peace by with you."

Do you have a Star Word story or reflection you'd like to share? We want to hear it! Email it to Evelyn (office@bethlehemlutheran.net) and we'll put it in an upcoming newsletter.

EVANGELISM

LESLIE PETIT-EVANGELISM CHAIR

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April was a great month for Evangelism (then isn't every month)! Two-hundred small plants, flowers and succulents, were delivered to our neighbors. Each plant included a card inviting the recipient to join us at Bethlehem for Easter and/or Sunday worship. I believe it worked as we saw a number of new faces on Easter Sunday.

Thank you to everyone who helped distribute the plants. A few special thanks go to Lisa Chow for her assistance with the labels, Dumitra Ittu for helping to procure the plants and to our beloved Pastors for distributing at least eighty plants on a hot Sunday afternoon to homes in the immediate area of Bethlehem.

In preparation for Easter visitors, a number of people gathered to participate in the first "Welcoming Workshop" All found it extremely informative and helpful for many situations not just in the church setting. If you missed the first workshop, don't miss the one on Sunday, May 5 at 12:15 p.m. The "Welcoming Workshop" is two hours long with a Taco Bar for lunch.

SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM

We are excited to announce that our Tanzanian missionaries, Mark and Cynthia Holder, will be making a visit to our congregation in August!

The social ministry team will be planning a lunch or dinner on Saturday, August 25th. Tickets will be sold in advance (\$10 or any donation you would like to make) to help cover the cost of their travel. They will be sharing stories about how our sponsorship helps them serve their worship community in Tanzania. Please put this on your calendars! Mark and Cynthia look forward to meeting everyone!

We have a supply of personal hygiene kits for the homeless in our pantry. Mary Fisher will be available between services the next two Sundays to hand these out to anyone who would like to give them out to those in need as you drive about during the week.

Members of the Social Ministry team visited Hope Gardens earlier this month. This transitional housing facility for women and children offers many opportunities for volunteers. Please see Mary, Nicole Liva or Leslie Petit if you are interested. We hope to partner with them on some projects this year.

WELCOME NEW BETHLEHEM STAFF!

We are pleased to welcome our bookkeeper, Karen Meier, who does our bookkeeping on Saturdays. You can reach her at finance@bethlehelutheran.net. Karen currently works for Episcopal Communities & Services, which has three Continuing Care Retirement Communities in Greater Los Angeles, and manages five senior affordable housing communities. She is a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, where she has been a member of the choir for 22 years. She and her wife, Mahrenya, have a grown foster daughter, Lydia, and a cat, Lady Grey, whom they adopted just before the new year. Karen grew up in the Lutheran church, is an alumna of California Lutheran University ('89), and worked at Solheim Lutheran Home in Eagle Rock for 12 years. She also spent three years working in the Southwest California Synod office, where she first met Pastor Ioan when he was in the candidacy process. Most recently, Karen served as the bookkeeper for St. Stephen's, and is happy to be a part of the newly expanded family.



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

“Part Two”

After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies at Trinity Lutheran College in Issaquah, WA, he went on to Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, to earn a Master of Divinity degree in Pastoral Leadership. At Luther Seminary he worked on a maintenance and landscaping crew (so it's hard to keep him out of the rose bushes). His intern year was at Grace Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN.

Pr. Ioan's first call was as sole pastor at Lutheran Church of the Master in Santa Monica, where he served for six years. The Rev. Peg Shultz-Akerson, who followed him there as interim pastor, said he left it in very good shape, with increased membership, new ministries, and financial stability. For the next year, he filled in at local churches as a supply pastor and then served as interim pastor at First Lutheran, Glendale. In October of 2016 he accepted a call to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Granada Hills. In the first months of his two years there, it became clear the church would not be able to go on, given the energy and resources needed to maintain the large aging facility, debt and sudden loss of rental income. Every possible option received careful scrutiny until it finally became clear that God was leading the congregation towards merger with Bethlehem.

His mentor, the Rev. Reggie Hansome, has said Pr. Ioan has “a pastoral heart, a deep love for God's people, a great grasp of all the points of ministry, and a killer sense of humor.” His preaching has three recurring themes: (1) The love of God for us; (2) the love from us for the neighbor; (3) down-to-earth humor. (Wasn't that him serving communion in a Cat In the Hat costume a few weeks ago?!) He aims to help people see themselves as a bridge that God's love comes across.

Pr. Ioan has said that, for him, the most energizing part of being a pastor is enlisting, equipping and motivating leaders to live out the passions God has placed in them. “When those passions can be humbly shared in a community,” he says, “God hones dreams into loving realities.”

WOMEN OF THE ELCA BIBLE STUDY

Bethlehem Women of the ELCA will be meeting Tuesday, May 7, 2019 in Chandler Hall at 11:00am. Bring a sack lunch, dessert, coffee and water will be available. Marilyn Fursman will be leading the Bible Study, "From generation to generation: Two-way blessings". If you have a Gather Magazine bring it or we have a number available in the church office or the kiosk. Pick one up now so you can read the study and other articles. See Dianne Tillman for further information.

2. Women of the ELCA Bible Study on Tuesday, May 21st beginning at 4:00pm at Judy Cave's house. If you have a Gather magazine please bring it (if not we have 10 copies being sent to the church office, pick one of them up) and your Bible. We are still trying to find an evening time and think maybe when we get the new room at church we can try for a later time. If you have a time and day you prefer please let Dianne Tillman or Judy Cave know.

ADULT EDUCATION

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., 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.

NEWS FROM OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARIES



Lent and Easter arrive in the fall in Tanzania, after the hot summer months. Christmas is celebrated when it is hot, and by Easter, the weather is cool. Christians in northern Tanzania expect to celebrate Easter wearing their warmer clothes—and they hope the day will bring the need for umbrellas as well.

During our first Lenten season here in 2018, people often remarked to us how much it was raining. As we were new, we didn't know why that was remarkable. After a while, we asked about it. We learned that 2018 was remarkable for its rains, for it was the first year in many that the fall rains were "normal" – that is, it rained most every day from March-May. If you do a web search for times to visit, you will be discouraged from coming then, because of the rain. Some of our favorite restaurants close as so few tourists arrive, because of the rain. It's hard to take part in my favorite form of exercise—swimming—because of the rain. Books and tablecloths in houses start to grow mold—because of the rain. It rained so much last year that we both got pretty tired of being cold last year. With no indoor heating, the moisture in the cool air can make everyone feel pretty chilled.

*To read more please visit
<https://mcintz.wordpress.com/>*

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.

MEN'S HIKE

Watch for upcoming details about a men's hike in June. For more information please contact Ron Kraus.

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 June 5!

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 meet May 1, 15 & 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Book club book for May:

The Path Made Clear by Oprah Winfrey

Book for June:

Brave, Not Perfect: Feat Less, Fail More, and Live Bolder

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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/bethlehemplutheranschool

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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Bryan Fougner
- 4 Melisa Nusbaum
- 6 Kathy Taylor
- 7 Pat St. Michel
- 8 Steve Maseda
- 9 Cookie Cline
- 9 Andrea Hall
- 10 Dixie McNinch
- 11 Nikki Steelman
- 12 James Hein
- 13 Scott Fisher
- 15 Floyd Standke
- 20 Matthew Kessell
- 24 Greg Imlay
- 25 Mary Fisher
- 29 John Cooper
- 29 Susan Van Deest



happy anniversary

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Scott & Mary Fisher (1992)
- 23 Steve & Lisa Nakata (1998)
- 28 Ron & Sarah Karzel (1983)



APRIL STATISTICS

March Offering: \$27,318.50, Budget: \$22,916.67

April Offering: \$21,908.28, Budget: \$22,916.67

Fiscal YTD: \$169,924.85, Budget: \$183,333.32

Attendance:

April average at 9 a.m.: 70

April average at 11 a.m.: 83

March average at 9 a.m.: 44

March average at 11 a.m.: 74

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
28 9+11AM Worship 10:10AM Sunday School	29 5PM Bell Choir	30	1 7:30AM Men's Breakfast @ Coco's 10:15AM Adult Ed 4:30PM Fellowship Mtg 6PM Book Club	2 5:30PM Youth Choir 6:15PM Ensemble 7PM Faith Choir	3 9AM-12PM WELCA Craft group	4
5 9+11AM Worship 10:10AM Sunday School 12:15PM Welcome Workshop	6 5PM Bell Choir	7 11AM WELCA Bible Study @BLC 5PM Informa-tional Mtg	8 10:15AM Adult Ed 7PM Twin Valleys Conf.	9 5:30PM Youth Choir 6:15PM Ensemble 7PM Faith Choir	10 9AM-12PM WELCA Craft group	11 9AM Youth Food Pantry Project
12 <i>Mothers' DAY</i> 9+11AM Worship 10:10AM Sunday School 12:15PM Bible Study	13 5PM Bell Choir	14	15 10:15AM Adult Ed 6PM Book Club 7PM Council Meeting	16 5:30PM Youth Choir 6:15PM Ensemble 7PM Faith Choir	17	18
19 Camp Sunday 9+11AM Worship 10:10AM Sunday School 12:15PM Bible Study 2PM Confirmation Class @Bethel	20 5PM Bell Choir	21 1PM Adult Ed Team Mtg 4PM WELCA Bible Study @Judy Cave's	22 10:15AM Adult Study	23 5:30PM Youth Choir 6:15PM Ensemble 7PM Faith Choir	24	25 St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon
26 9+11AM Worship 10:10AM Sunday School 12:15PM Bible Study 1PM Young Adult outing	27 Memorial Day School & Church office closed	28	29 10:15AM Adult Study 6PM Book Club	30 5:30PM Youth Choir 6:15PM Ensemble 7PM Faith Choir 6PM Pre-K Graduation	31	June 1

MAY WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP LEADERS - 9:00 SERVICE

Date	5-5-19	5-12-19	5-19-19	5-26-19	6-2-19
Assisting Minister	Lisa Chow	Lauren Gleason	Christine Foster	Max Stark	Mary Fisher
Reader	Beverly Compton	Marisa Bradfield	Connie Troe	Scott Fisher	Pam Shea
Acolyte	Alison Rubinstein	Natalie Nakata	Paige Gleason	Hannah Carlson	Katie Nakata
Ushers	Mary Fisher	Katie Nakata	Lauren Gleason	Brooke Coffin	Scott Fisher
	Nicole Hernandez-Liva	Shea Clancy	Carla Cross	Alison Rubinstein	
Refresh + Juice	Kelli Yribe	Connie T./Leslie P.	Nicole Hernandez-Liva	Leslie P./Margo W.	
Altar Guild	Cookie Cline	Betsy Kalusa	Janet Puchlik	Betty Pust	Susan Van Deest

WORSHIP LEADERS - 11:00 SERVICE

Date	5-5-19	5-12-19	5-19-19	5-26-19	6-2-19
Assisting Minister	Jill Goddard	Ron Kraus	Nancy Hall	John Cooper	Sandy Lazaros
Reader	Chriselle Almeida	Marilyn Galins	Dylan Yribe	Nancy Hall	Gene Denney
Communion Asst.		Sarah Karzel	Kevin Rubinstein	Hannah Carlson	Kiera Nusbaum
Ushers	Ron Kraus	Fred Ophus	Ryan Yribe	Judy Cave	Jerry Sitko
	Marilyn Fursman	Ken Cave	Kevin Rubinstein	Hannah Carlson	Ron Kraus
Greeter	Greg Imlay			Susan Van Deest	Marilyn Fursman
Refreshments	Jan Maseda	Gaynelle Barkley	Greg Imlay		Ioan Ittu
		Jonelle Miller			
Offering Counters	Mary Fisher	Fred Ophus	Dwayne Schmidt	Mary Fisher	Judy Cave
	Gene Denney	Ken Cave	Barbara Bond	Shirley Cooper	Dwayne Schmidt

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES HAPPENINGS

There are many other avenues that LSS explores besides homelessness, as important as it is. Our Food Pantry and Clothes Closet is "home" to hundreds of families and individuals every month, trying to solve the problem of "food insecurity" for this target population. We also provide brown bag lunches for our homeless families and individuals any day of the week. Our churches work to provide these lunches every month. Most of our clients are Hispanic, no to low income families and individuals. Fortunately, we have staff that speaks fluent Spanish to assist our clients. Fresh produce, baked goods, canned items and frozen meat, chicken and fish are our daily staples that we can help those in need with. Hygiene items, including toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, combs, brushes, soap, washcloths, towels, etc. are in great demand, and thanks to the support of our churches, we have the supplies to meet that demand.

Another priority with LSS is our training and development program for adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD). We currently have 4 groups that we work with each day, each group comprised of 3-4 adults with I/DD, three groups from Tierra del Sol in Sunland and one from Avanti in Pasadena, an LSS run program. These great people work in our Food Pantry and Clothes Closet to hopefully gain enough experience to go on to a paid position outside of LSS.

LSS has a Payee Representative Program for individuals that have been identified by the Social Security Administration, the courts or a doctor as persons who are required to have a rep payee to assist them with their current financial and housing needs. We are currently working with over 20 agencies on this project. The Rider Relief/bus coupon program is also ongoing at LSS, providing reduced or free bus tokens and passes to students, seniors and the homeless.

We have two Spanish/English case managers to provide assistance and community resource referrals. We work closely with Chrysalis in Pacoima that provides free job resumes, interviews, clothes and assistance in finding jobs for those individuals who are having a hard time with finding a job or a career path.

So much to do, so little time! Thank you again for your continued support! Please let us know if you have any questions.

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