



# THE BETHLEHEM STAR

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

**MEGAN FRYLING**

Senior Pastor

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People of Bethlehem,  
I adore poetry. Personally, I love the way that poems can make a profound emotional statement in just a few lines, of the way that they can lead you to realize or to question the world around you

and your place in it. Poetry can be comforting and calming. It can also be disquieting and motivating. When I was in college, I took a summer intensive poetry class at the recommendation of my English Department advisor. At the time, I really wasn't keen on writing poetry, but my advisor told me that I would love the professor and the class would change my life. I went into the class with more than a little fear, but I have to say that my advisor was right. While some of my poetry classmates from college have gone on to publish books of poetry and other writing, for me, learning to write poetry also helped me to understand and respect other people's poems that I read. My experience in that class and the classes that followed blessed me with the opportunity to see poetry as a way to write about and a way to read about God's presence in our messy world. Poetry can convey experiences and emotions in a way that is deeply powerful.

This Lenten season, you will have the opportunity to really explore the poetry of one of my absolute favorite poets. I discovered Wendell Berry while studying poetry in college. His poems explore God's creation and faith and they were an inspiration to me and several of my fellow poet-classmates. I haven't spent much time with his work over the past several years, so it's a joy to spend time with his book "This Day: Collected & New Sabbath Poems". I'll be leading an online discussion of selected poems from that book along with the devotional guide "Wendell Berry & the Sabbath Poetry of Lent". So go ahead and get the book of poems at the library, a bookstore, or borrow it from me! We'll explore poetry, scripture, and sabbath rest during this season of Lent- and you'll be able to do it all from the comfort of your own home by your computer or wherever you can get on your phone to follow along and participate! Details will be worked out, so watch the church Facebook page and keep an eye on the weekly emails & announcements for more information.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Megan*

## 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 – JANUARY 18, 2020

### COUNCIL RETREAT MINUTES

Present at the meeting were Pastor Megan, Sarah Karzel, Janet Puchlik, Brian Grefsrud, Bev Compton, Connie Troe, Lisa Nakata, Mary Fisher, Marilyn Fursman, Leslie Petit, Emily Carlson, Greg Imlay, and Donna Ophus. Shannon Howie, spiritual consultant, was present for the first portion of the meeting.

The January council meeting was a council retreat held at Sarah's beach home. Janet opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Shannon Howie was introduced and led us in an exercise into "What Drives You To Serve?". The exercise began with each of us responding to what led us to BLC and why we stay. We then spent time on some introspection into what direction we felt our personal lives were being led. Sarah then led a discussion of the direction that BLC is, and should be moving. We next discussed "impediments to your service" as well as impediments to service by BLC. Points brought up during discussion included fear of asking for help, feelings of being inadequate in having a responsibility all by yourself, serious lack of time, church space problem (open homes for meetings?), communication of needs to be met, and money.

Next on the agenda were plans/priorities for 2020. The problem of space was discussed as well as possible solutions -

- Get together a space planning committee
- Look into finding neighborhood places where meetings could be held such as Starbucks, Coco's, members homes, etc.
- Need for both meeting space as well as "stuff" space

There is a need for strategic planning as opposed to being content and complacent with things as they are. For instance universal preschool could happen, and if it happens, how would that affect our preschool. There are programs available for strategic planning. Bev and Leslie volunteered to look into finding such a program.

After a lunch break plans/priorities continued with committee planning suggestions.

Preschool Bev and Emily brought up the need to continue to explore ways to bring preschool families into our church worship services. As brought up earlier, the possibility of universal preschool also needs to be explored.

Social Ministry Mary brought up our outreach to individuals in the congregation who are celebrating special occasions, who are ill, etc., with cards and calls, etc. "God's Work - Our Hands" is a focus for this year as an outreach to our community with events that introduce BLC to our neighbors. Richard Newcomb can bring a presentation to our church regarding Hope Gardens in Sylmar and their need for volunteer help.

Worship and Music Greg has plans to meet with Sue Akin, our pastors, and music leaders to get their input. He has a goal of doing a survey of our members for their input also. The worship committee is still investigating the use of video screens for the sanctuary.

Mission Endowment Fund Team (MEFT) Janet brought up reminding the congregation to contact an MEFT member if they would like to request funds for a project or cause.

Youth and Education Lisa reported that there is a concern to reevaluate whether the needs of our youth are being met. This would include helping the kids reach out to the community. Planning for the 2021 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis that our kids will be attending is ongoing.

Evangelism Leslie stated priorities for evangelism -

- Tell our story and what we stand for
- Be welcoming
- Work with other committees to coordinate evangelism into all events

Adult Education Marilyn brought up ongoing adult education and other possibilities for more opportunities -

- Wednesday adult Bible study
- Need to plan for men's activities
- Interviews of individuals for the newsletter

Treasurer There is a need to define the role of the treasurer and what is expected. Dealing with individual issues could be dealt with by developing a finance team.

Fellowship Connie brought up needing some ideas for "fun" activities to be planned in the coming year. Some suggestions were - game night, Bunco, Bingo, Glendale Center Theater, picnic, Dodger game, and the Science Center. She is also trying to come up with ways to involve more people in Sunday morning refreshments.

Bev has received several proposals for playground improvements. The preschool board approved the estimate from Innovative Sports Surface Co. The money for this will come from the BLESS fund. The estimate was approved by the council and will be presented at the annual meeting on January 26 for approval from the congregation.

BLC has an upright piano that needs to be donated or sold. This was approved by the council.

The council approved those people presented for membership.

If those reading this have any further ideas than those presented here, please speak with a council member.

Pastor Megan closed the meeting with prayer.

*Donna Ophus, Secretary*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**SARAH KARZEL**

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Dear Fellow Members of Bethlehem,

Well, here I am at the midpoint of my term as President. The composition of the Council has just changed. Several members have concluded their terms and have moved off. New members are taking their places. We had a wonderful retreat a couple of weeks ago, where we included outgoing and incoming members and non-Council chairs. And what struck me about that day was the passion I saw in our leadership.

For starters, we all gave up most of a Saturday to spend setting the direction for the church. We talked about reaching out to our neighbors and cementing the bonds among our members. We talked about what makes our jobs as leaders easier and what gets in the way. We talked about new models for youth ministry, new small groups to meet the needs of the congregation, a new space planning committee and a strategic plan to guide all of this and more. We talked about the dangers of complacency as a congregation.

The leaders brought great ideas and open minds. They brought enthusiasm, and they brought an obvious love for Bethlehem and its members. You should feel confident in the Council members and non-Council chairs. I do, and I feel proud and lucky to serve alongside them.

As always, email or call me if you have questions or comments at or 818-261-0629.

Sincerely,

*Sarah Karzel*



## MUSIC NOTES

**VICENTE DITTO**

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There will be one service on Sunday, February 16th in honor of the 55th anniversary of Bethlehem's founding. Sacred Stars will help us celebrate by singing, adult choir will perform, and Dave Compton's band, which provided the music at the contemporary service for many years, will make a special appearance both during service and at the potluck afterwards. I would like to welcome Jessie Neuffer to the music department as our new alto section leader. She joins Fernando, Carol, and Travis as the core quartet of leadership for the adult choir.

## BETHLEHEM'S 55TH ANNIVERSARY

February 16 at 10:00 a.m.

We will celebrate with one service followed by lunch. Entree and dessert provided, please bring side dish to share.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**SANDRA VALDIVIA**

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Happy February Everyone!

It's amazing how quickly 2020 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 us. School will be closed on February 17, 2020 in honor of Presidents' Day. Our first Grandparents and Grand Friends Day Potluck of the year is being brought to you at 10 a.m. on March 2<sup>nd</sup> in collaboration with Dr. Seuss' Birthday! Join us with your favorite plate to share for the reading of our favorite Dr. Seuss book by the Cat in the Hat! Looking forward to seeing everyone at this fun filled event!

Our Spring See's Candy Fundraiser is coming up. Keep an eye out for the dates. 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!  
Respectfully,

*Sandra Valdivia*

## HELLO, MEET BABY ALEC

Our director Mary Kandilian gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on December 23, 2019 @ 8:40 a.m. weighing 7.14 Lbs. and measuring 21 in. Congratulations Kandilian family!



## EVANGELISM

**LESLIE PETIT**

**EVANGELISM CHAIR**

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"Evangelism", yes, it is that scary word again. I hope this year we can learn together how we tell the story of Christ acting in our lives and the impact of Bethlehem Lutheran in our lives. A question that comes to mind to be asking ourselves is "What at Bethlehem is impacting your life?" Is it the worship, a song, your Star Word, poetry, or even the recent book reading? How do you share this with your family and friends? Please let me know the answer to these questions. I want to know how Bethlehem Lutheran impacts your life and how you are sharing that impact with others.

Honestly, if you don't know the impact or aren't sharing it, then you aren't alone and maybe we can figure it out all together.

## SCOUT SUNDAY

Calling all Scouts! We need you on Feb. 9 at both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Please work with your scout leaders and/or contact Beverly Compton at [scouts@bethlehemlutheran.net](mailto:scouts@bethlehemlutheran.net) if you would like to participate. Scout roles typically include: Ushers, acolytes, and readers.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

**February 26 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Worship leaders are needed for our Ash Wednesday service. If you're able to serve as an assisting minister, reader or usher, please contact Evelyn in the church office.

**Midweek Lenten** Services will be at 6 p.m., with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services being at 7 p.m.



## WOMEN DISTRIBUTE FUNDS

At the end of every year the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA) board take all of their monies from the boutique and monthly Bible Study offerings received and redistribute. This year we will distribute a total of \$3,523. Following are some of the places.

We begin by giving a **tithe** to the following:

- Lutheran Social Services,
- Lutheran Camping,
- California Lutheran Homes,
- Solheim Lutheran Home,
- Open Arms Pregnancy Center and
- Tanzania Emergency Fund.

Next we give money to **own church**. 2019 we designated funds to go to the following:

- Pastor's Discretionary Fund,
- Angel Music Fund,
- Bethlehem Pre-school,
- Youth convention expenses,
- Christ in our Home donation,
- office copies of the Gather Magazine which includes our monthly Bible Study and related articles,
- Baby Sitting for attendees of Bible Studies and other women's programs,

and **other projects** we designate such as "Umbrella Fund".

Lastly we give to **others** (especially to those who have made suggestions of worthy organizations). This year we chose the following:

- ELCA Good Gifts,
- Lutheran Social Services,
- SFV Rescue Mission,
- Hope in the Valley Rescue Mission – the help center,
- Epilepsy Foundation LA – Summer Camp, and
- Hope Gardens Sylmar – housing and training program.

During the year we also made and gave our no-sew blankets to the Thousand Oaks Fire and Borderline Grill shooting victims and friends at California Lutheran University (as requested by Rev. Melissa Maxwell-Doherty) and presented a blanket to each place we sang Christmas carols.

To see a complete listing of the total disbursements check in the church office or see Dianne Tillman.

## PLEASE NOTE..

Pastor Megan will be taking continuing education time from February 18-23 to attend an event at Bethania Lutheran Church in Solvang and for time to read and study.



## WOMEN OF THE ELCA BIBLE STUDY

Women are invited to attend a Gather Bible Study either on Tue., Feb 11th at 11 a.m. at the church in Chandler Hall or at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18th, at the home of Judy Cave. We Are Called! is a 4-session series. This one is the second session which explores how do we answer the call of God. We will look into the New Testament to reflect on being called by Jesus. Gather magazines (January and February are in the same one) are available in the church office.

Remember to bring your sack lunch at 11:00 a.m. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

All women are welcome! For more information contact Dianne Tillman at (818) 363-5951.

## ADULT EDUCATION MEETING

**February 18 at 12:30 p.m. at Bethlehem.**

The Adult Education Committee meets the third Tuesday of every month. Members are needed!



## YOUTH NEWS

**JENNIFER ADKISON**

Director of Youth Ministry

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Hello Everyone!

February's youth group events are as follows:

Prepping for the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser: Sat, Feb. 15 in Chandler Hall from 2pm-4pm. All youth who will be attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2021 are encouraged to attend.

Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust: Sun, Feb. 23 meet at the church for carpooling at 12:45pm. Fee is a free will donation. Should be back by 5 p.m. at the latest.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the ELCA National Youth Gathering 2021: Fri, Feb. 28 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. in Chandler Hall. The entire congregation is welcome to come out and support the youth! Fee is a free will donation. All proceeds go towards sending our youth to the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN. Entertainment to be announced.

For more details on any of these events, please contact Jennifer Adkison at [youthdirector@bethlehemlutheran.net](mailto:youthdirector@bethlehemlutheran.net) or 425-281-1413.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

**Sunday, February 2**

Home Group @ BLC

**10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.**

**Sunday, February 9**

Whole Group @ St. Matthew's

**2:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m.**

## ARTWORK

Katie Nakata has artwork that's being shown at the art galleries of The Cathedral of our Lady of Angels for the 8th Annual Robert Graham Memorial Student Art Exhibit. Her piece is entitled "Forest Wonderland" and will be on display through April.

## NEWS FROM OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARIES

### Greetings from Tanzania! Happy New Year!

We had some wonderful days over the holidays with our niece, who has lived and served with Peace Corps in Mozambique for the last few years. Reflecting on our conversations with her has led us to some deep thinking about an issue that is clear to everyone here but is often difficult to discuss elsewhere: **being white in Africa.**



We live and serve at a university with over 75 staff and faculty and nearly 4000 students. There are six white folk in that group. We are 2 of them.

Everyone knows who we are—students in law, education, and social sciences, whom we have never met and will never teach—they, along with their professors, know who we are. We stand out—not just because of Cynthia's white hair nor Mark's great height. No, the color of our skin makes us remarkable and memorable in ways that are different, requiring adjustment on our parts.

We look like early missionaries—and colonists—who arrived in East Africa in the 19th century. We come from and represent a partner denomination—one of a group of 13 partners, all of whom are majority white denominations and organizations, which provide a lot of the university's financial support. We witness lots of examples of donor-driven activity here—programs that exist because someone—generally a white person—in a foreign city far away decided that the program was needed, or the building should be built, or a staff or faculty member should serve here.

We teach at a university that has one of the best academic libraries in East Africa, a library that holds the largest group of research about the church in East Africa in the world (RESEARCHER FRIENDS TAKE NOTE), and a book and database collection that would look paltry and insufficient for any institution of like size in the US. Our students come to us from an educational system that is underfunded and schools that are overcrowded. These realities have a great impact on what, and how, we can teach.

Over the last three years, we have had a number of students leave campus for a time because of the death of one of their children. Others have left because their wife or husband died. On two occasions, one of our students has died. The terminal illnesses varied in these cases, having only one thing in common: they were all treatable.

We serve in a deeply patriarchal society, the impacts of which splash over into the church. Some parts of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania partner with the ELCA. Others partner with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Our students, and many in the ELCT, perceive that the money of the partners comes with strings attached—either pressure TO ordain women or NOT TO ordain women. Leaders strive to keep all relations with the partners copacetic, while (sometimes openly) resenting the power that these white-led partners in ministry have over ministry here.

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### 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.



## NEWS FROM LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

In case you missed our news from last month, we just want to say a huge "Thank You" again for all of the new toys you donated during the month of November and December, and used clothing and shoes, housewares, blankets and food that you continue to donate week in and week out. Thank you so much – we are very blessed.

We also purchased our van in December to help us with our food pickups, thanks to the grant from St. Stephen's/Bethlehem. It is the most wonderful asset for us – we used it a lot during the month of December, but it is used every day for our pickups. Thank you, thank you!!

This last month was a month of partnerships – real and tangible partnerships, some new and some ongoing. First, we have a new partnership with Campus Mission Coalition – LA, a new Lutheran organization trying to help homeless and food insecure students at Cal State Northridge and Pierce College. Just this month, LSS was able to give many, many bags and boxes of food to this organization for distribution to students at those two colleges through their respective food pantries. We hope to continue this partnership for other colleges through Campus Mission.

We also partnered with Best Friends, an animal rescue organization to give them animal food and blankets and accessories that we sometimes have on hand, but do not necessarily need. We received a wonderful letter from them thanking us for the continuing donations.

We continue our partnership with NoHo Alliance at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in North Hollywood. In addition to men's clothing, shoes and jackets, we are now able to donate lots and lots of bananas to them each week to help their feedings of the homeless. We receive hundreds of bananas from our daily Target Store pickups, so it is nice to be able to share.

We also this month received a donation from the L A Regional FoodBank of a new double door freezer, shelving, food carts, plastic bags, janitorial supplies and cleaning supplies. Thank you to the FoodBank for their many, many years of service to the community.

Lots of things happening, and all good! Blessings to each of you for your continued support.

We would normally announce the date of the LSS Annual Breakfast this time of year, however, we are planning the Breakfast for the Fall.

Jan Maseda/LSS San Fernando Valley



## MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Join us on February 5 at Coco's Restaurant in Mission Hills at 7:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship. Men of all ages are welcome.

## 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.

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## BOOK CLUB

We're meeting Wednesday, February 5th at 6 p.m. to watch the film "A River Runs Through It", then on February 19th, we will discuss the novel. (Childcare will not be available on the 5th, but it will be available on the 19th.) For more information, please contact Pastor Megan (pastor@bethlehemlutheran.net).

## 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 at (818) 360-4777. You can serve one time or be put on a monthly rotation. Thank you.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lorrie DeCoursey-Thomas
- 1 Richard Liva
- 3 Sandra Burkhardt
- 6 Jane Stanton
- 7 Laureen Gleason
- 8 Erin Sears
- 11 Barbara Bond
- 11 Betty Griffith
- 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

January offering: \$17,746; Budget: \$22,545  
 December offering: \$28,257; Budget: \$22,545  
 Actual YTD: \$98,638; Budget YTD: \$112,725

### Attendance:

January average at 9 a.m.: 44  
 January average at 11 a.m.: 67  
 One service Jan. 26-117  
  
 December average at 9 a.m.: 49  
 December average at 11 a.m.: 62  
 Christmas Concert: 127  
 Christmas Eve at 5 p.m.: 180  
 Christmas Eve at 11 p.m.: 39

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Also, check out our preschool Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bethlehemlutheranschool](http://www.facebook.com/bethlehemlutheranschool).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> <b>10:00AM</b> One Service <b>11:00AM</b> Annual Congregational Meeting	<b>27</b> <b>5PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>6:15PM</b> Ensemble <b>7PM</b> Faith Choir	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> <b>9 &amp; 11AM</b> Worship <b>10:10AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15AM</b> Home Group <b>12:30PM</b> Remembering Your Story Class	<b>3</b> <b>5PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>7:30AM</b> Men's Brkfst <b>10:15AM</b> Adult Study <b>4:30PM</b> Fellowship Team Mtg <b>6:00PM</b> Book Club	<b>6</b> <b>5:45PM</b> Children's Choir <b>6:15PM</b> Ensemble <b>7PM</b> Faith Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>9 &amp; 11AM</b> Worship <b>10:10AM</b> Sunday School <b>12:30PM</b> Remembering Your Story Class <b>2PM</b> Whole Group @ St. Matthew's	<b>10</b> <b>5PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>11</b> <b>11AM</b> WELCA Bible Study @BLC	<b>12</b> <b>10:15AM</b> Adult Study	<b>13</b> <b>5:45PM</b> Children's Choir <b>6:15PM</b> Ensemble <b>7PM</b> Faith Choir	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> <b>2-4PM</b> Youth prepping for fundraiser dinner
<b>16</b> 55th Anniversary <b>10AM</b> One Service <b>11:00AM</b> Lunch <b>12:30PM</b> Remembering Your Story Class	<b>17</b> Church & School Closed 	<b>18</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> Adult Ed Team Mtg <b>4PM</b> WELCA Bible Study @ Judy's	<b>19</b> <b>10:15AM</b> Adult Study <b>6:00PM</b> Book Club <b>7PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>20</b> <b>5:45PM</b> Children's Choir <b>6:15PM</b> Ensemble <b>7PM</b> Faith Choir	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>9 &amp; 11AM</b> Worship <b>10:10AM</b> Sunday School <b>12:30PM</b> Remembering Your Story Class <b>12:45PM</b> Youth Outing	<b>24</b> <b>5PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>10:15AM</b> Adult Study <b>6:00PM</b> Book Club <b>7PM</b> Ash Wed Service	<b>27</b> <b>5:45PM</b> Children's Choir <b>6:15PM</b> Ensemble <b>7PM</b> Faith Choir	<b>28</b> <b>6-9PM</b> Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	<b>29</b>

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP LEADERS - 9:00 SERVICE		Scout Sunday	One Service 10AM		
Date	2-2-20	2-9-20	2-16-20	2-23-20	3-1-20
Assisting Minister	Lisa Chow	Kiera Nusbaum	Max Stark	Nicole Hernandez-Liva	Ryan Nakata
Reader	Connie Troe	Dylan Yribe	X	Beverly Compton	Kathy Fisher
Acolyte	Katie Nakata	Charlotte Cross	Natalie Nakata	Alison Rubinstein	Paige Gleason
Ushers	Brooke Coffin	Ryan Yribe	Lisa Chow	Carla Cross	Brian Grefsrud
	Nicole Hernandez-Liva	Christina Scarpato	X	Shea Clancy	Scott Fisher
Refresh + Juice	Pat St. Michel	Yribe/Carlson			
Altar Guild	Sue Schmidt	Pat St. Michel	Susan Van Deest	Betty Pust	Cookie Cline

### WORSHIP LEADERS - 11:00 SERVICE

Date	2-2-20	2-9-20	2-16-20	2-23-20	3-1-20
Assisting Minister	Nancy Hall	Jan Maseda	X	Jill Goddard	Sandy Lazaros
Reader	Melisa Nusbaum	Phyllip M. /Carlos R.	Sarah Karzel	Kevin Rubinstein	Nancy Hall
Communion Asst.	Kiera Nusbaum	Evan Sylber	Kevin Rubinstein	Sarah Karzel	Hannah Carlson
Ushers	Kevin Rubinstein	Benjamin Rodriguez	Ron Kraus	Jan Maseda	Judy Cave
	Ken Cave	Benjamin Martinez	X	Ken Cave	Fred Ophus
Greeter	Greg Imlay	Nancy Hall	Jan Maseda	Marilyn Fursman	Susan Van Deest
Refreshments	Gale Gundersen	Greg Imlay	Connie Troe	Laura Rubinstein	
		Troop 104	X	Konstanze Sessing	
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## TWIN VALLEYS LUTHERAN PARISH UPDATE ...

In Bethlehem's December newsletter, we published an article about the development of the Twin Valleys Lutheran Parish (TVLP), a concept that is being developed by some of our Lutheran churches in the San Fernando Valley to form a covenant of clergy and laity to strengthen collaboration in witness to the love, mercy and justice of our Triune God and cast a vision to inform future investment of time, treasure and talents in our regional ministries. TVLP has now filed their Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws with the State of California, and a Board of Directors has been named and will begin their terms immediately. There is still a lot to do, but one of the items on the agenda is a development of a Covenant Agreement with those churches that are interested (in the San Fernando Valley) in joining TVLP. That document should be forthcoming in the month of February. At that time, our Church Council will have the ability to see exactly what TVLP will require of the congregations who would like to join, and also to vote on whether Bethlehem wants to participate at some level. In the meantime, there are several events coming up that Bethlehem may participate in, including some Lenten and Easter functions which you will hear about as the weeks progress. Again, there are lots of moving parts and lots more work to be done. If you have any questions or want to know more, please don't hesitate to contact either Jan Maseda or Pastor Megan.

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