

The CALL

May 2016

Our Saviour's Sundays: Worship at 10:30 a.m.

with Sunday School and Word & World at 9:30 a.m.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Life Together

As most of you know, I am currently leading a bible study focused on the book of Acts. Following the great event of pentecost, the disciples and their new converts began the earliest expression of what we now call church. In Chapter 4 it describes the new group of Spirit-led Jesus followers and their unique community. It says, "Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common (Acts 4:32)." Clearly we have come a long way from sharing all of our possessions, however, we do share much in the way of a life together in faith. When we read this passage out loud in class, a few folks were surprised that this early group of Christians enjoyed so much harmony. As the story continues and as churches were planted, we know that this harmony was replaced by conflict and challenge. As we share our lives together, with God at our center, we are indeed confronted with many decisions about how best to steward our shared resources and how we might best organize ourselves in order to live out our mission statement. We are in a challenging time and place for doing (and being) church. Churches are smaller than they once were and yet are still called to be communities that receive the sacraments, proclaim the good news, serve the poor, pray, and break bread together. We are in all times and all places called to give thanks to our God and share in the freedom of Christ together. It is in these challenging times that God promises to be with us and calls on us to remember our common

ground with one another. I am encouraged by a quote from the book, *Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer says, "The person who loves their dream of community will destroy community, but the person who loves those around them will create community." We are each called not to love our image of what our shared life together should be like but instead called to love the people we are sharing life with. We must dream and vision for our future but it will be for nothing unless we do so collectively and in the name of love. As we do the hard work of creating shared vision, let us dream together and not alone. Let us continue the work and privilege of being church together. Let us listen and wonder how the Holy Spirit



might be calling us closer in love for the sake of our community.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Langholz



MALE CHORUS EVENT

Bellingham's Norwegian Male Chorus presents a spring concert at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, at St. John's Lutheran Church located at 2530 Cornwall Ave. Admission is by donation. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Come join us for a great program of Scandinavian music.



Bless Our Quilts

by Sue Cross

Just as we dedicate ourselves to your service,
So we dedicate these quilts, the work of our hands,
To bring comfort to your world.
We thank you for their color and beauty.
May they inspire us today.

We give thanks for our quilters,
Working side-by-side each Monday morning.
Those with years of experience and the recent arrivals,
Working together in a loving and safe environment.
Lord bless our quilters.

Just as a quilt is worked on by many people,
So the materials come from different sources.
Diverse patterns and colors, cut and pieced together.
To form the whole picture.
Lord bless the materials and those who gave them.

And tomorrow, these beautifully displayed quilts
Will be folded and wrapped, boxed and loaded.
Then driven to Seattle, transported to Minneapolis
And stored in an orderly warehouse,
Then shipped out into the world.
Lord bless the packers and drivers and shippers.
Lords bless the warehouse and its staff

Lords we dedicate these quilts to you,
Asking only that they bring comfort to your world.
May they never be afraid to become dirty
Or blood-stained or torn as they accomplish
their purpose for your glory.
Lord we offer ourselves and our quilts to your service.
Amen

COMMUNITY MEAL

Our next meal with friends and neighbors is on Sunday, May 15, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. We hope you can join us and bring a guest. This will be the last meal until September. You're sure to meet someone new.

Chef Pastor Joel did it again! Served a fantastic meal to a crowd of 80, that is. A warm Enchilada casserole was enjoyed, with breads from Great Harvest and Salad greens from Fairhaven Hagen. Thanks to a community who donates their time, food and efforts, so that neighbors are able to share a meal. We are always looking for volunteers or menu ideas.

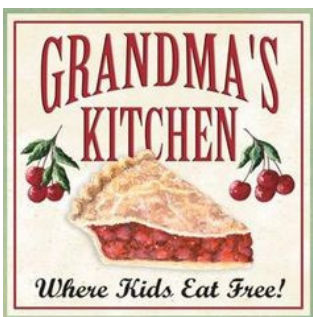


Happy Birthday

- May 3 Roslyn
- May 10 Laurel
- May 13 Pat
- May 22 Ray
Becky
- May 30 Kae



Jeff & Penny
Married 47 years on
May 31



WELCA LUNCHEON

Date: Thursday, May 4th
Time: 12:00 Noon
Meal: Potluck,
(as you are able)

Program: Share stories of our Grandparents, with pictures that you may have. Everyone is invited to come, and if you would like to just listen, that is fine too.

This will be the last WELCA gathering until fall, October 6th.

GOD'S QUILTERS AT OUR SAVIOUR'S

Sewing machines and hands at OSLC create wonderful quilts here at that are donated to auctions, local mission groups and, most importantly, to Lutheran World Relief. This organization coordinates churches and recipients.



Mission Room at Our Saviour's

God's Quilting group meets every Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. We have sewers, folks that help layout and pin, and others who do yarn ties. Feel free to join us; we welcome those who would like to help out.



Quilts elsewhere in the world now providing love & comfort

previously shipped



Conference room hospitality

Another batch of beautiful quilts is on its way to those in need. We just blessed 62 quilts made by volunteers at Our Saviour's. Thank you for donations, prayers and support for this life-changing worldwide mission.

Where do the quilts go?

The quilts get shipped to a warehouse in Minnesota. They are then sent to somewhere in the world as determined by LWR for those in need. We also now have tracking info to find out what country they end up in.

What supplies are needed and where do they come from?

Everything we use to make each quilt is donated. Our regular supply needs are: thread, new or gently used sheets, cotton fabric (including flannel), and \$ toward the purchase of a roll of batting. Talk to family and friends about donations, too.



As LWR describes this mission:

When you make and send a quilt, you are not only comforting someone you have never met, but providing an object that is useful in ways you probably never imagined.

The ultimate purpose of a quilt is to provide warmth, an essential need for people in every climate, and LWR tries to ensure top standards in fabrics and filler accordingly.

In addition to being a cozy, clean new bed cover, it can be:

- a baby carrier, tied around a mother's back;
- a market display, spread on the ground and piled with vegetables;
- a sack for transporting those goods to market;
- a sunshade;
- a shawl; and most importantly
- a constant reminder that someone, far away, cares a lot.

READINGS FOR MAY

DATE	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
May 1 Easter 6	Acts 16:9-15 Paul's Vision of the Man of Macedonia	Psalm 67 <i>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.</i>	Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5 Vision of the New Jerusalem	John 14:23-29 The Promise of the Holy Spirit
May 8 Easter 7	Acts 16:16-34 Paul and Silas in Prison	Psalm 97 <i>Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous.</i>	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 Epilogue and Benediction	John 17:20-26 Jesus Prays for His Disciples
May 15 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 The Coming of the Holy Spirit	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b <i>Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.</i>	Romans 8:14-17 Life in the Spirit	John 14:8-17 Jesus the Way to the Father
May 22 The Holy Trinity	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 The Gifts of Wisdom	Psalm 8 <i>Your glory is chanted above the heavens.</i>	Romans 5:1-5 Results of Justification	John 16:12-15 The Work of the Spirit
May 29 Pentecost 2	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43 Solomon's Prayer of Dedication	Psalm 96:1-9 <i>Declare the glory of the LORD among the nations.</i>	Galatians 1:1-12 There is no other Gospel	Luke 7:1-10 Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant



to remember in your prayers...

- * Camp Lutherwood
- * ECHOES (ELCA mission for the unchurched)
- * El Camino de Emaus (ELCA Latino Ministry in Burlington)
- * Interfaith Coalition (and residents of Our Saviour's House)
- * Lighthouse Mission
- * Love INC
- * Lutheran Campus Ministry
- * Lutheran Counseling Network
- * Lydia Place
- * Narcotics Anonymous (meets at OSLC on Sat. evenings)
- * Ministry at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
- * Ukrainian Congregation (meets at Our Saviour's)

CAMPUS MINISTRY



**Coffee, Donuts & Conversation
Thursdays, Noon in Red Square**

MANNA "Bread From the Sky"



**A ministry of homemade pizza and
faith discussion. Join us!
May 1 or June 5, at 6:00 p.m.
Our Saviour's Kitchen**

FAITH AND EVERYDAY LIFE



Playing Games

The thunder rolled across the sky. "I'm scared, Mommy!" "It's OK, 'tis only the angels bowling." Bowling? Does God have time for games?

In a world that is crazy; where some have little to eat, others are homeless, wars are constant, and despair is the menu for the news, is there time to play? For the Christian, is having time for play even an option?

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A: Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q: Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A: Because Noah was standing on the deck. (Groan. . .)

Maybe the bible stories are too sacred to utilize for humor? Should we be seriously serious whenever we approach the words that convey the gift of life? Or, is it possible that the "words of life" are also meant to tickle our funny bones, engender a deep belly laugh, or bring about

that joyous contagion that only Play, in all its aspects, can bring?

Can you imagine Jesus with a smile on his face? We can imagine Moses angry, afraid, or triumphant. How about smiling? Do you suppose God chuckled when the people at Babel tried to communicate? Or how do you think God reacted when David danced so exuberantly around the Ark of the Covenant that his short ephod flew up and revealed his nakedness?

I can't help but give thanks that the God I know smiles, laughs, dances, plays games, and deeply encourages us to find the time to Play with each other and with him. Do you suppose that God plays with you, too? Stay alert!

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COUNCIL REPORT

Your Church Council met on Tuesday, April 12. The parsonage sale task force reported that the appraisal report, prepared by Raymond Pelletti, had been received that day, April 12. Since there had not been an opportunity to distribute and study the 28-page report prior to the meeting, a motion was adopted to hold a special joint meeting (of the parsonage task force and Church Council) on Sunday, April 24, to allow the task force to discuss the appraisal report and for the Church Council to take action as deemed appropriate.

The special joint meeting then took place on Sunday, April 24. The parsonage task force (Margaret Binder, Glenn Oltman, Pam Relay, Jon Soine, John Stanovich and John Swinehart) met first, facilitated by Pam Relay. After a review of the appraisal report, a wide-ranging discussion ensued covering many aspects of the

decision to sell the parsonage. At the conclusion of this discussion, the task force adopted a recommendation to the Church Council to postpone the sale of the parsonage for one year.

The Church Council meeting then began. (All members of the Church Council were present, except for Pastor Langholz and Jackie Scutvick, who were unable to attend.) The only item of business was to consider the recommendation of the parsonage task force. After a brief discussion, the Church Council adopted a motion to call a special Congregational meeting; the purpose of the special meeting would be to consider the postponement of the sale of the parsonage for one year. The timing of the special Congregational meeting was to be set at the next regular meeting of the Church Council on Monday, May 16.

John

Council President

STEWARDSHIP NEWS



The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank everyone who contributed to God's Global Barnyard during the 40 days of Lent, to fight hunger in the world. Barn banks were turned in on Palm Sunday with "Gracie" our chicken mascot nestled in the stacks of banks.

We have ordered the following animals and trees:

- Four goats Flock of chicks One Pig
- One Rooster One Sheep Honeybees
- One grove of fruit-tree seedlings. (10 trees)

Your gifts reflects God's love, making a difference in people's lives and around the world.

Marlene, Stewardship Chairperson

EARTH DAY GIFT

Thanks to the work of the Stewardship committee, the children at Our Saviour's each received an Earth Day care package. The bag contained sunflowers seeds to feed the birds, carrots seeds to plant, Italian parsley to nurture and a postcard with a hand



written note reminding them to care for all of God's creation.



Believe it or not, we are starting to gear up for our biggest fundraiser of the year. The date is Saturday, September 24, 2016. Hopefully you have started setting items aside to donate for the annual rummage sale. There are 2 rooms in the fellowship hall with doors marked "rummage sale". Feel free to drop off donations when you come to worship on Sundays. We can also take items during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Most items are welcome, if clean, in working order and would be useful to someone else. Be sure your fragile items are wrapped for safety.

Thank you for all your donations last year, we hit a record at \$3600! We also earned additional money with vintage items set aside.

Let us know if you need assistance or have any questions. You can call Amy in the office 733-6749

Treasures include:

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| Books | Kitchen Ware |
| Clothing | Linens |
| Décor | Music |
| Furniture | Puzzles |
| Games | Small Appliances |
| Gardening | Sporting Goods |
| Household Items | Tools |
| Jewelry | Toys |

NOT WANTED are mattresses, televisions, exercise equipment or computers. These items are hard to sell and cost us to donate them. Thanks for understanding!



WELCA HIGHLIGHT

Our April luncheon welcomed the newly appointed executive director of Love INC, Shannon Williamson. She shared her personal story how God has led her to a life of mission work and most recently to Whatcom County.

She shared an amazing story of serving on a “Mercy Ship” which provides medical care to the poor in Africa. For more info, visit their website at www.mercyships.org.

Love INC exists in partnership with local churches to provide referrals for persons in need. They have a multiple phone line system to answer calls which are then screened for requests and legitimacy. Several of their volunteers are folks who have personally benefited from this ministry by being on the receiving end first. They have come back to serve because of what it meant for them.

We ourselves have several members that help this ministry with their time and talents. Bellingar storage (owned by Karen Bellingar) has been the home office of Love INC for 22 years, and even provides a storage unit to house furniture until it is placed. Mary Carlson serves as a board member and Darlene Moore heads up the financial coaching known as “1-on-1 Managing Your Money”.

The ministry details are listed below.

Love INC exists to exalt Jesus Christ by serving those in need through referrals, church partnership and prayer. Our vision is to see Christian churches united and engaged in the purpose of ministering the Love of Christ to those in need in our area through the Love INC partnering-strategy and model. Love In the name of Christ’s mission is to network and mobilize the church to transform lives and communities.

Clearinghouse (call center): When a person calls a Love INC affiliate for help, trained church volunteers listen with God’s heart. The focus is

upon the person, not merely upon “fixing” a presenting need. The client participates in our intake process; our office verifies and screens for legitimacy. Our office then discerns the best resources to refer them to. This ministry operates Monday-Thursday 9-1pm.

Furnished with Love: Love INC also helps facilitate a furniture ministry that receives donated furniture, bedding, household items and delivers them to people in need. This ministry operates on Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and on one Saturday moving day a month.

1-on-1 Managing Your Money: Love INC facilitates a free 12-week budget coaching course! This course typically runs with the fall/winter/spring quarter schedule and rests in the summer. This ministry operates quarterly on Thursday evenings 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. hosted at Bellingham Covenant Church.

Volunteer opportunities: All of our ministries are fully run by Christian volunteers and we are presently in need of new volunteers. If you’re interested in serving as a volunteer with anyone of these ministries, please call Love INC’s office (671-6201) and/or stop by and pick up a volunteer application. You can also email us at office@whatcomloveinc.org.



Community Meal Fundraiser

Our Saviour’s is just blocks from the Fairhaven Street Festival on race day.

Parking by donation

12:00-3:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 29, 2016

Support is greatly appreciated by taking donations. Sign up sheet is located in the narthex for 1 hour shifts.

OFFICE TIDBITS

√ Check out our new website! Same address: oursavioursbham.org, but a new layout. Please keep in mind it is still being worked on. If you have any suggestions however, be sure to let Amy in the office know.

√ Please let Amy know if there are calendar changes as we head into June and the summer months. Information ahead of time is greatly appreciated.

√ Welcome to our newest church members: Jake, Melissa, Karen and Matt. We are grateful you have chosen Our Saviour's as your church.



COMMUNION TAKEN

Join in singing hymns and giving communion to folks at local nursing homes. We visit Highland Care Center at 2:00 p.m. and then Rosewood Villa at 3:00 p.m. every first Sunday of the month. Help us to spread some cheer and God's love. The residents look forward to these visits, especially if they can no longer attend church. Upcoming dates are May 1 and June 5. Call the office if you would like more information.

THE LIGHTER SIDE



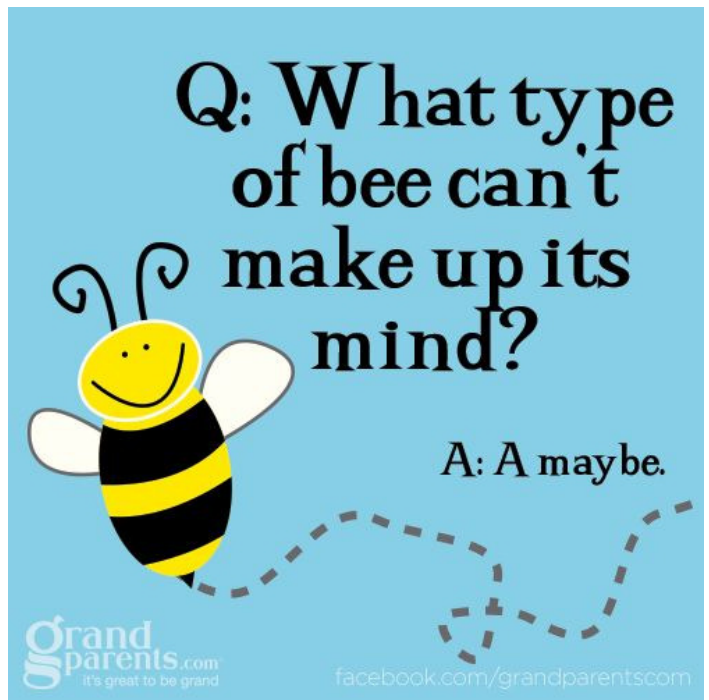
The Riding Lawnmower

Gary was having a yard sale. A minister bought a lawn mower but returned it a few days later, complaining that it wouldn't run.



"It'll run," said Gary. "But you have to curse at it to get it started."

The minister was shocked. "I have not uttered a curse in 30 years."

"Just keep pulling on the starter rope—the words will come back to you."



MAY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Word & World 10:30am Worship Svc. 2&3pm Communion Taken 6:00pm MANNA Pizza	2 9:30am God's Quilters 11:00pm Women's Bible Study	3 2:30pm Ukulele Group #1 5:00pm Ukulele Group #2 7:00pm Ukulele Group #3 7:00pm Ukrainian Church	4 1:00pm Acts Bible Study Part #3 5:45pm Allegra Choir 6:00pm Acts Bible Study Part #3	5 12:00 noon WELCA Luncheon 12:00 noon LCM at WWU Red Square 7:30pm Ukrainian Choir	6	7 9:30pm NA
8  Happy Mother's Day 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Word & World 10:30am Worship Svc.	9 9:30am God's Quilters 11:00 pm Women's Bible Study 4:30pm Finance Comm.	10 7:00pm Ukrainian Church	11 1:00pm Acts Bible Study Part #4 5:45pm Allegra Choir 6:00pm Acts Bible Study Part #4	12 12:00 noon LCM at WWU Red Square 7:30pm Ukrainian Choir	13	14 10:00am Daughters of Norway 9:30pm NA
Pentecost 15 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Word & World 10:30am Chicago Folk Service 5:00pm Community Meal	16 9:30am God's Quilters 11:00am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Church Council	17 7:00pm Ukrainian Church	18 1:00pm Acts Bible Study Part #5 5:45pm Allegra Choir 6:00pm Acts Bible Study Part #5	19 12:00 noon LCM at WWU Red Square 7:30pm Ukrainian Choir	20 5:30pm Allegra Voice Recital NW Washington Synod Assembly	21 9:30pm NA
22 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Word & World 10:30am Worship Svc.	23 9:30am God's Quilters 11:00am Women's Bible Study	24 7:00pm Ukrainian Church	25 1:00pm Acts Bible Study Part #6 5:45pm Allegra Choir 6:00pm Acts Bible Study Part #6	26 12:00 noon LCM at WWU Red Square 7:30pm Ukrainian Choir	27	28 9:30pm NA
29 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Word & World 10:30am Worship Svc. 11:30am Festival Parking	30 	31 7:00pm Ukrainian Church				9:30pm NA

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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

Our Mission Statement

By the Grace of God, we at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church are filled with the Holy Spirit and respond to God's love by sharing the Good News with our friends and neighbors.

We go into our community and world to make a difference in the name of Jesus.