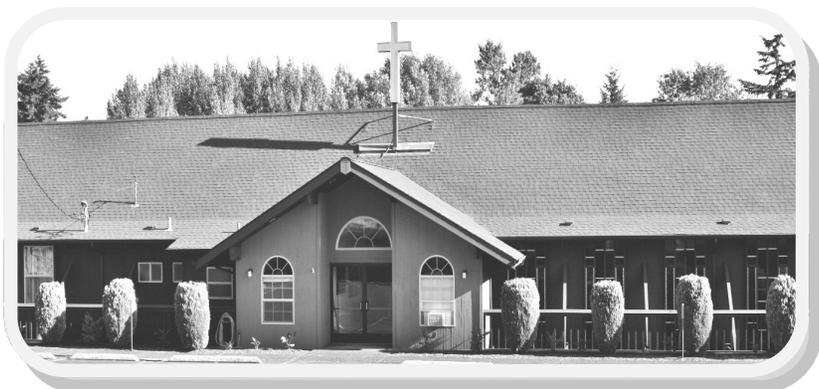




April 2019 Newsletter

Bethany Lutheran Church



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Worship Time

9:30 Worship
10:30 Coffee Hour



For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
~ Romans 12:4-5 ESV

I am always amazed at the ministry that can happen together. Whether that be the ways we as a church work together, as a family of God together, or the collaboration with other churches or other denominations. Together we are proof that the Body of Christ is diverse and vibrant.

As I write this today, we just finished up our first community awareness event for our ELCA Hunger grant. I am still in awe of the many ways our congregation gathered together to bring awareness to the important issue of hunger in children and youth to our community. From donating your time, your skills, to being in attendance, I am so thankful. This grant is not something our congregation is doing alone, but together with our fellow ELCA churches working to serve hungry children.

And now that the community awareness event is finished, I've been spending my time getting ready for Holy Week. Whatever differences we may have with our fellow Christians, I am always thankful that we can come together for worship, and Holy Week is filled with collaborative services.

We'll be spending Maundy Thursday together at Stella Lutheran Chapel with our fellow Lutherans for a service of foot (or hand) washing and communion as we remember the Last Supper together.

Good Friday has lots of opportunities to join in with the many members of the Body of Christ! Mid-Day the Kelso-Longview Ministerial Association will be hosting an ecumenical worship service, with more than a dozen different faith leaders from our community participating. And then we come together at Bethany that evening with Gloria Dei and Trinity Lutheran churches for our own collaborative worship service as we remember Jesus's death on the cross.

Lent is often a busy time for pastors and for members of churches, we often have a lot going on between service projects, worship services, community events, and all the other parts of our life. But as we begin this month of April, as we look towards the new life that Jesus brings us on Easter, I am just so thankful for all the ways we function as the Body of Christ together, for each of you as individual members, and for all the ways God is working in our church, in our community, and in the whole Body of Christ.

~Pastor Megan

SUNDAY'S MINISTRIES APRIL 2019

April 7, 2019 **Sunday Service** Pastor Linda Beattie

Communion/Emergency Fund

Ushers: 9:30 Duane Thompson & P. Van den Driessche
 Readers: 9:30 Pat Reistroffer
 Communion Asst: 9:30 Shelley Limpach
 Communion Setup: 9:30 Dot Blair
 Coffee Hour: 9:30 Langworthy & Milhiser
 PowerPoint 9:30 Robin Siragusa
 Financial Sec. 9:30 Barb Wilson

April 14, 2019 **Sunday Service** Pastor Megan Filer

Palm Sunday/Small Seeds/Communion

Ushers: 9:30 Small Seeds & Chris Engebo
 Readers: 9:30 Small Seeds Helpers
 Communion Asst: 9:30 Small Seeds Helpers
 Communion Setup: 9:30 Dot Blair
 Coffee Hour: 9:30 Obermeyer & Oyloe
 PowerPoint 9:30 Carol Thompson
 Financial Sec 9:30 Barb Wilson

April 21, 2019 **Sunday Service** Pastor Megan Filer

Easter/Communion

Ushers: 9:30 Gil Schauer & Dave Foslien
 Readers: 9:30 Duane Thompson
 Communion Asst: 9:30 Gail Obermeyer
 Communion Setup: 9:30 Dot Blair
 PowerPoint 9:30 Don Wallin
 Financial Sec 9:30 Barb Wilson

April 28, 2019 **Sunday Service** Pastor Megan Filer

Communion

Ushers: 9:30 Lee & Shelley Limpach
 Readers: 9:30 Lee Limpach
 Communion Asst: 9:30 Pat Reistroffer
 Communion Setup: 9:30 Dot Blair
 Coffee Hour: 9:30 Reistroffer & Snyder
 PowerPoint 9:30 Rick Loewen
 Financial Sec 9:30 Barb Wilson

****Please find a substitute if you can't volunteer for that Sunday.**

Bethany's Corner



Susan Johnson is our prayer chain contact. You may contact her with your prayer concerns at **360-261-9122** or email her at BethanyPrayer247@gmail.com.

Continued Prayers & Healing

Takko family	Guerra family	Gansler family
Yockey family	Oyloe family	Croy family
Bailey family	Dan Lane	Barbara Clausen
Dick Rogers	Larson family	Engebo family

Directory Updates

Chris Cotton would prefer her cell phone which is 360-749-7462



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

02 Dan & Martha Sharp	28 Russ & Karen Gilchrist
12 David & Dana Hughes	
13 Eric & Susan Johnson	

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01 Gladys Crutchfield	12 Bill Zimmerman
07 Larry Jackson	13 Bobbi Blankenship
08 Beth Grambo	28 Karen Gilchrist
09 David Hughes	
11 Gene Zandi	

Upcoming Events!

RUMMAGE SALE

We are having our annual rummage sale this Spring. Save everything you can contribute and donate to Bethany's third annual rummage sale. In the past, this sale has been our best fundraiser, so we're hoping we can be as successful this year too. Please hold onto your items until the last week of May and then bring them into the church. If you cannot wait that long then bring them in sooner and we will find room. The rummage sale will be a two day event, Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st. Thank you for your support.



WOB Spring Tea

Ladies, spring has sprung! Time for our spring tea! Start thinking about your hat and mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 27th at 11:30 at Olde Creekside.**

The theme for this year is "fascinating headpieces." More information will be coming out soon.



Ministry of the Month!

Special thanks to our Volunteer Ministries team! These wonderful members share their gifts in supporting communion and our worship space. Some help setup and serve communion, some decorate the fellowship hall, and others put up the banners each church season, and together they make up this behind-the-scenes team!

Thank you for all that you do!

Pastor Megan will be Out of the Office: April 4th– April 8th

Please contact Pastor Jillian Ross from Stella Lutheran Chapel for emergency pastoral care during this time. 360-270-0295

Lenten Schedule

March 13th - April 10th Lenten Services

6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper & Worship

Theme: Telling Stories of Deliverance

Look for the soup and bread sign ups in the Narthex!

April 3rd: Jonah 1:1--2:1,
The deliverance of Jonah

April 10th: Daniel 3:1-29,
Deliverance from the fiery furnace

Holy Week Community Worship Services

April 18th 5:00pm Maundy Thursday Lutheran Worship
@ Stella Lutheran Chapel 124 Sherman Rd, Longview

April 19th 12:00pm Good Friday Ecumenical Worship
sponsored by Kelso-Longview Ministerial Association @
House of Prayer for all Nations

April 19th 7:00pm Good Friday ELCA Worship
with Bethany, Gloria Dei, & Trinity Lutheran Church
@ Bethany Lutheran 2900 Parkview Dr, Longview

April 20th—11:00am Easter Story & Egg Hunt

April 21st—9:30am Easter Sunday!

This Lent, journey with us as we explore the connections between our faith and our shared ministry to end hunger and poverty. Discover new ways to engage in the long-standing traditions and practices of Lent this year. ELCA World Hunger has printable devotional calendars, a weekly study, and additional resources available. Contact Pastor Megan for more information!

Growing in Faith & Knowledge

Small Seeds Children's Ministry

Small Seeds Saturday – Giving our young ones space to grow in their faith, to play and to get to know each other. Small Seeds Saturday is two hours of games, Bible, crafts, & fun!

Mark your calendar: April 13th @ 1:00pm

Small Seeds Sunday – Knowing that part of planting small seeds for our children is helping them to see how Worship can be for them too! These special worship services will have the usual litany simplified, song choices familiar to our young ones (and the young at heart), a children's message, as well as an invitation to our children to help lead through lighting the candles and ushering.

Mark your calendar: April 14th @ 9:30am

Bethany Lutheran Book Club!

Our current book is
"The Cross and the Lynching Tree" by author James Cone! It's not too late to read along
with us.

Contact Pastor Megan for more
information!

Upcoming Bible Study & Member Class

Our Adult Education will be taking a break during these busy April and May months, and will be returning in June for a 3-part Bible Study and Member class through the book of Ephesians.

Join us as we dive into this letter to the church in Ephesus and find the ways in which Paul speaks to us as people of faith and as members of the body of Christ!

This is also a great opportunity to meet and get to know some of our new members, and know that all are welcome!

**11:15am in the Faith Room: June 2nd, 16th, and 23rd
Member Sunday will be June 30th**

Discipleship

Small Seeds Children's Ministry

Small Seeds Saturday – Palm Sunday

Mark your calendar: April 13th at 1pm

Small Seeds Sunday – Helping our Kids to see how Worship can be for them too! These special worship services will have the usual litany simplified, song choices familiar to our young ones (and the young at heart), a children's message, as well as an invitation to our children to help lead through lighting the candles and ushering.

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Spring Cleaning

SPRING CLEAN-UP AT BETHANY

Saturday May 4th - 9am until noon

In the Spring there is always so much to do!
Too much for Duct Tape alone.
Please come and help make our church shine!

Inside

Window washing
Cobwebs
Wash light fixtures
Polish woodwork

Outside (Might need rain gear)

Window washing
Gardening
Trimming



There will be a soup & salad lunch at Noon!

Community House Group Volunteer Opportunity

3pm-7pm Saturday, May 11th

The Community House on Broadway is a homeless recovery that exists to help individuals & families in Cowlitz County become self-sufficient.

Bethany Lutheran is signed up to cook and serve dinner and are in need of donations and volunteers!

Sign ups will be available in the narthex soon,
chat with Beth Milhiser more information!



FYI

Hungry Children Event

A special thank you to Joyce Croy for food service & her helpers; to Dave Foslien, Russ Gilchrist, & Bill Zimmerman & helpers for setup/cleanup; and to Pastor Megan, Pat Reistroffer, & Pam Alexander for greeting! Thank you for the strong turnout from Bethany! You are appreciated!! Barbara Clausen

Bethany Lutheran - Online!

Have you checked out our new website yet? Pastor Megan has outdone herself with creating this beautiful, easy to use site. She posts her "Pastor's Blog", plus you can get our weekly announcements, sermons or our monthly newsletter. Find all this and more at www.bethanylongview.org

Make sure to like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/BethanyLutheranChurchLongview/> for weekly prayers, events, and other updates. You can share posts from the page, share the page itself, and share a piece of Bethany with your friends and family!

Seeking Reimbursement for Church Expenses

Please make sure that you complete an Expense Voucher and have it signed by the committee chair or team/project leader so that the treasurers have authorization to pay the bill in a timely manner. To be good stewards of the money we have, we need to make sure that the purchases are approved and within the designated budget.

Expense Vouchers are available on the office counter.

Thank you for your understanding.

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Church April 2019

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Walking Group Evening Worship Group Supper	4 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape	5	6
Pastor out April 4th - 8th for Continuing Education			
10 Evening Worship Group Supper	11 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape 5:30 Council Mtg.	12	13 1pm Small Seeds Saturday
17 Walking Group	18 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape 5:00 Maundy Thursday @ Stella	19 12:00 Ecumenical Worship Service @ House of Prayer for All Nations 7:00 ELCA Good Friday Service @ Bethany	20 11:00 Easter Story & Egg Hunt
24 Executive Committee	25 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape	26	27 11:30 Spring Tea @ Creekside

Serving with Bethany

Throughout our newsletter you can see upcoming events and opportunities for service, fellowship, worship, and more. As we continue to grow, we recognize how important it is to invite others into service with us.

We are also always looking for new ways to serve our Lord and our neighbor together, if God has put a project on your heart, fill out an event proposal!

Many of the upcoming events and opportunities you can read about are still in need of volunteers for planning, and for the day of the events! We invite you to pray about the ways God might use you to serve our Lord and serve our neighbor together!

Upcoming Service Opportunities:

- FISH Food Pantry Distribution
Contact Pam Van den Driessche or Marge Yockey
- Duct Tape Maintenance Volunteering (Thursdays 9am-12pm)
Contact Rick Loewen or Dave Foslien
- Office Help Volunteering (Thursday Mornings)
Contact Kim Moran
- Caring Ministries (Cards, Phone Calls, Visits)
Contact Pastor Megan
- Church Council, Committees, and Finances
Contact Pastor Megan, Tori Gosch, or Barb Wilson



Upcoming Youth Opportunities:

- Small Seeds Ministry (2nd Weekend of the Month)
Contact Pat Reistroffer or Pastor Megan

Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities:

- Member Sunday Celebrations
Contact Pastor Megan



Serving with Bethany continued...

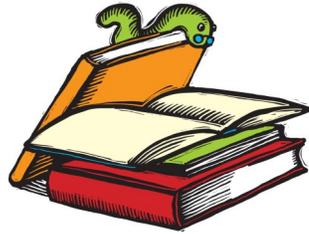
Upcoming Education Opportunities:

- Every Tuesday...Women of Bethany Bible Study at 10:30 am. All are welcome.

Contact Kathy Newton.

• Bethany Reads!

Each quarter we'll be reading together different book. Share your thoughts with other members and friends during coffee hour, and other fellowship activities! Our current book is "The Cross and the Lynching Tree" by author James Cone. Contact Pastor Megan for more information!



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Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities:

Upcoming Worship Opportunities:

- Praise Team (Sunday mornings)
Contact Pastor Megan
- Worship Ministries (Ushering, Reading, Coffee Hour, Communion assisting/setup, PowerPoint, etc)
Contact Ardyth Loewen



Do you have your own idea for an exciting ministry God is putting on your heart? Let us know! Event proposal forms are available in the office or on the bulletin board, you chat with Pastor for more info!

School Partnerships

Columbia Heights Box Tops

We are collecting Box Tops with this logo during this school year.

If you would put your clipped tops in the box decorated with pansies on a table in the narthex by the Faith Room, it would be appreciated. The school PTO "buys" wonderful items for the school with these items, so your participation is appreciated.

Easter Event: Easter Story & Egg Hunt

Bethany's Annual Easter Event will be **Saturday, April 20th, at 11am!** This is a fantastic opportunity to join us with your families for the Easter story, cookie decorating, coloring, and an egg hunt. We will also be inviting students from Columbia Heights & Catlin Elementary schools to join us for this fun event! Don't forget your baskets and bags to collect eggs! Contact Tori Gosch or Barb Wilson for more information.

Community Movie Night Update

March 22nd Bethany Lutheran sponsored a community movie night at Columbia Heights Elementary. Over the course of the night we had around 80 kiddos and their parents in attendance. The kids loved the movie "Ralph Breaks the Internet". Bethany offered simple snacks and water for free, and the PTO was able to fundraise by selling popcorn and pizza (which was delicious)! We are so thankful to our Service/ Youth team for their help planning this event, and to all those who donated and volunteered with this event, both from Bethany and the parents from the PTO!



Synod & Community

What is Maundy Thursday?

Maundy Thursday is the Christian holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter. It commemorates the foot washing and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles, as described in the canonical gospels.

This year Bethany is joining with Stella Lutheran Chapel to observe Maundy Thursday together.

5pm Thursday April 18th @ Stella Lutheran Chapel

ELCA Conference Meeting

Formerly called the "steering committee", the Lower Columbia Conference of ELCA Churches (LCC ELCA) continues to meet. This is the group of church members and pastors from 6 ELCA churches in our area that gather regularly to discuss how to serve our community, as well as create planned events like the joint Reformation service or the Soup-er Game Day.

Next Meeting May 5th at 2:00pm at Trinity!

ELCA World Hunger Grants

Bethany has received a \$6,000 grant to promote coordination among homeless services, build awareness/advocacy for the needs for homeless children & youth, and provide opportunities to prepare supplies for children in our schools in Kelso, Longview, Castle Rock, and Cathlamet.

If you would like more information please contact Barbara Clausen at barbjclausen@comcast.net or call her at 206.669.2014.

"God has no hands on Earth but OURS"

March Council Minutes

Bethany Lutheran Church:
Council Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2019
5:30 p.m. – Faith Room

In attendance: Pastor Megan, Bob Reistroffer, Don Wallin, Glen Milhiser, Tori Gosch, Joyce Croy, Barb Wilson
Staff: Kim Moran. **Absent:** Carol Lane, Norma Oyloe

Devotions and Prayer – Joyce Croy

Call to Order and President's Report – Called to order 5:44pm Barb Wilson; April 11th - Devotions and Treats- Carol Lane

Exec. Com. and Electronic Decisions between meetings: **Approved** Hunger Grant Funds for March 18th Event – Barb Clausen needed funds to book the McClelland Arts Center prior to the grant being deposited in the account. The funds were granted and Bethany has received the deposit for \$6,000 for 2019 from ELCA Hunger. **Approved** Judy Bailey's Friendship Force Event for March 17th at 2:30pm- Judy Bailey will be hosting a business meeting and potluck. Joyce Croy will be onsite to open and close the building.

Secretary's Report – Approval of Council February 7th, 2019 –Regular Meeting Minutes, **no corrections**, minutes filed

Treasurer's Report – Don Wallin and Bob Reistroffer: Monthly Financial Report of Expenses and Income: February 2019 budget expenses were \$11,384.32 and exceeded February 2019 budget offerings of \$8,747.00 by \$2,637.32. The church loan balance as of February 28, 2019 is \$55,773.22 and designated funds / savings as of February 28, 2019 are \$26,283.25. YTD offerings of \$25,507.00 exceed YTD expenses of \$23,565.12 by \$1,941.88. The loan balance was decreased by \$1,048.70 reflecting council approved extra payment money. One year ago, YTD 2018 budget offerings were \$25,232.70 and budget expenses were \$20,411.18.

Ministry Reports –

Worship & Music-Pastor Megan: Memorial garden-going to wait on continuing this project, maybe a memorial bench. March 31st 5th Sunday will be a lay member Sunday, at time of meeting no current plans, Pastor Megan shared that since the meeting Carol Thompson has offered to lead the worship with a theme focusing around hungry children and youth and our ELCA Hunger grant. The Garden Wednesday night service has been cancelled until there is more interest. Chris Cotten will continue to substitute for music until a replacement worship musician is hired. Lent: Wednesday night soup supper (6pm) and worship (6:45pm) with offering going to ELCA Hunger 40 Days of Giving. Theme for each week is "Telling Stories of God's Deliverance". Holy Week will be a Palm Sunday Small Seeds Sunday with skit, Maundy Thursday service with Stella Lutheran @ Stella at 5pm, Noon Good Friday service with Ministerial Association and 7pm Good Friday service at Bethany with Gloria Dei and Trinity.

Education-Pastor Megan: Isaiah Bible Study continues through March. No Sunday Adult Education in April.

Evangelism-Pastor Megan: Ashes to Go update: Pastor joined with ecumenical partners for Ashes to Go at LCC in the morning, served 20-25 and gave out many prayer cards. Ashes to Go at Bethany in the afternoon served 25; Movie Night March 22nd 5:30pm - "Ralph Breaks the Internet" at Columbia Heights Elementary, PTO will be selling popcorn and pizza, snack donations and volunteers will be needed. Submitted form for Highlander Festival Saturday September 14th.

Pastoral Care-Pastor Megan Filer: Pastoral care continues to have 5 on the team. Pastor ordered name badges for team to wear on visits. Team is visiting and connecting with members who have asked to receive additional visits as well as doing cards for those with prayer concerns and additional needs.

Hospitality-Joyce Croy: Wedding Show Update - table was beautiful, passed out quite a few cards, was the only church, in the parks department video for the bridal fair. Currently planning Easter continental breakfast.

Building Grounds/Duct Tape-Pastor Megan Filer: Duct Tape has been treating roofs and sidewalks and parking lots against moss, replaced the bad heat/air conditioner controller in the portable, had Entek come to check out the furnaces. Duct Tape is working to fix the light in the lower parking lot, they've raised the pulpit mic 3 inches, moved the organ back in its place, replaced the bearings on the playground swing, and put a spigot at the sprayer in the kitchen sink.

Youth/Service-Pastor Megan/Bob Reistroffer: ELCA Hunger Event March 18th 5:30pm-7:30pm, additional volunteers still needed, especially for setup. Movie Night March 22nd, Palm Sunday Skit April 14th. VBS (Vacation Bible School) will be July 22-25, "ROAR: Life is Wild, God is Good" theme. VBS Sunday will be July 28th. July 25th will be a day at the Oregon Zoo.

Stewardship/Fundraising-Barb Wilson - Stewardship team met in February, going to participate in ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving, going to put the pig out to raise extra change for ELCA World Hunger. In another few weeks will be meeting to begin working on the rummage sale.

Other Committees-

Women of Bethany- Pastor Megan: Next Mtg Apr 30; Women's Spring Tea April 27 at the Creekside Café wear your fancy hats! Fall Salad Supper Sept 26

Memorials-Joyce Croy: Would be willing to help with a portable bathroom depending on the cost and possibility of the project. Will be looking at fabric for kneeling pads after Easter.

FISH-Tori Gosh: FISH last month went really well, served all 20 of the families. At this time likely will not be signing on for an additional distribution day. Next Date May 2 Setup, May 3 Distribution

Minister's Report- Pastor Megan Filer: Report of February 8th – March 7th **Communication:** 8 Committee/ team/staffing meetings + regular weekly staff meetings, 4 Duct Tape Coffees, Walking Group, Social media: 5 sermons uploaded, 30+ Facebook posts, blog posts, regular website updating, 2 Adult Education Sessions, 2 Adult Education handouts given out on snow days; **Visitation/Community:** 6 Office/Home/Hospital Visits, 1 Pastoral phone calls - calls lasting longer than 15 minutes covering pastoral needs of

Council Minutes Cont'd

members or committees, 7 Community Meetings/Events - local schools, organizations, ELCA churches, etc., 7 Clergy meetings/gatherings - Ministerial association, Clergy Tuesdays, Synod Council, ELCA Text Study; *Other/Special*: 5 Sermons / 5 Worship services; Special Events/Projects - Assisted in planning, Attended, and/or Volunteered at: Small Seeds Weekend, Worship Video for snowed in members, Soup-er Service Event @ Stella, Council Retreat, Conscious Discipline Training, Love INC Fundraising Dinner, Wednesday Worship: Ecumenical Ashes To Go, Bethany Ashes To Go, Evening Worship Service

Unfinished Business:

Treasurer/Bookkeeping Update - Pastor Megan did some research on possibly hiring a bookkeeper to lower the workload for treasurers in hopes a member would be more willing to take on the position. Bookkeeping is \$30-50 per hour. One recommendation from a local bookkeeper was to upgrade our system to QuickBooks or Quicken, which could also reduce the workload. There is a bookkeeper who would do a flat rate to switch us over of \$350 or an hourly rate of \$20-30 per hour for the switch. QuickBooks software itself would be around \$250. After discussion Council decided to wait to make the switch until our next meeting in hopes that we can find someone to take over the treasurer role if the system was changed to something more manageable.

Musician Update - Hiring subcommittee of Pastor Megan, Dana Hughes, and Andrea Hines interviewed musician candidate to be hired at Bethany as our worship musician. ****It was moved, seconded, and approved to offer the position as worship musician at \$5,200 annual salary (\$100 per week) with four Sundays of vacation and sick leave each year.** Moving to Worship & Music for their Sunday meeting to affirm the decision and offer to be given.

Credit Cards - Bob Reistroffer: ELCA Federal Credit Union offers credit cards, Bob and Don will begin setting up the applications for us to vote and approve at April 11th meeting.

Pulpit Supply - Pastor Les Foss will provide coverage for April 7th (Pastor at Continuing Education) and we are still looking for coverage for May 19th (Pastor on vacation)

New Business:

Emergency Procedures Policy - Discussion took place, bringing it for Quarterly Meeting on March 21st

Financial Secretary Needed - Barbara Price has resigned as financial secretary, Barb Wilson asking possible new volunteers.

Council goals timeline - Discussion on timeline of goals created at Council Retreat. (Goals for the next 5 years from Council retreat: 1. More youth and potentially confirmation classes. 2. Financial gain and financially solvent: building fund paid off - Bob & Don investigating what that might look like, functioning plumbing with portable - Barb going to speak with Duct Tape and other contacts, sanctuary window repair - Tori & Joyce to check in with Duct Tape going to try some investigating. 3. Community knowledge of where we are, what we do: more people, more exposure for diversity - age, race, etc to get our name more out in the community and let people know they are welcome here, for increased use of the facility and to expand Ashes To go: many of these community knowledge projects are already in the works with the bridal show, evangelism, continuing to look for more opportunities to be in the community in new and different ways to share our welcome with our neighbors.

Building an Inclusive Church Training - Pastor shared a flyer from Reconciling Works offering a training on March 15th and March 16th. "Building an Inclusive Church" training will take place in West Linn, OR if any one is interested in attending.

Staff Report - Kim Moran: Other than Judy Bailey's event, facility usage request for a family get together from Gil and Audrey Schauer on July 5th. **Facility usage was moved, seconded, and approved.** ServantKeeper training coming up on Monday April 1st **It was moved, seconded, and approved for Kim to go to the ServantKeeper training for \$75, and will use that training day as a vacation day within the month of April.** Kim used sick leave for March 5th, office was closed that day.

Announcements and Adjournment Pastor closed in prayer, Barb Wilson Adjourned at 6:58 pm
Next Scheduled Meetings: Exec. Com. March 27th noon; Council April 11th 5:30;

March	TOTAL	Lent	TOTAL	Offering to date (February 28 th)	
3	59			2018	2019
10	54	Ash Wed.	34	\$25,232.70	\$25,507.00
17	67	13	30	Expenses to date (February 28 th)	
24	48	20	31		
31	61	27	33	2018	2019
Avg	58	Avg	32	\$20,411.18	\$23,565.12

Meetings At Bethany!

Women of Bethany

Women of Bethany will be meeting four times this year! You can join us for our next meeting on the 5th Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at 10:30am. Also, we are in need of a chairperson to lead our group. Meeting only 4 times a year would make it even easier. Please give this some thought and prayer.



Breakfast Group

Our Breakfast Group meets on Tuesday mornings at the Pancake House on 14th & California Way in Longview. What a great opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship!



Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday morning at 10:30 in the Faith Room.

Walking Group



Walking group meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 2:30pm. We meet at Bethany and get some light exercise, and sometimes a light workout. A great way to exercise and a little fellowship at the same time. Contact Pastor Megan for more info!

Duct Tape Crew

The Duct Tape Crew meets on Thursday mornings at 9am and are the "fix it" crew at Bethany. This group of men and women repair, clean, install, mow and do many other things to keep our church beautiful and up and running. If you have ever used duct tape and like donuts, you are highly qualified. Come join us at 10am for coffee.



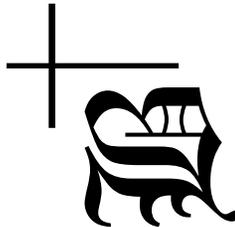
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Our Mission Statement:
**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH IS A
COMMUNITY SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH
WORSHIP, OUTREACH, AND FELLOWSHIP**

Our Vision Statement:
**“A dynamic Christ-centered church that
reaches into our community and
world in loving service”**



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