

Bethany's Calendar

TODAY, Sunday, Sept 8th, 2019

Pastor Megan Filer

Rally Day/Small Seeds/Communion

9:30 Worship Service

10:30 Coffee Hour

MONDAY, September 9th, 2019

-9:00 FISH Set Up

-5:30 Girl Scout Meeting

TUESDAY, September 10th, 2019

-8:00 Breakfast Group @ the Elks

-9:00 FISH Distribution

-5:30 Table Catechism @ Vernie's

-6:00 Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY, September 11th, 2019

-No Meetings

THURSDAY, September 12th, 2019

-9:00 Duct Tape

-10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape

-7:15 Worship & Music

FRIDAY, September 13th, 2019

-No Meetings

SATURDAY, September 14th, 2019

-Highlander Festival

Prayer Chain



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.

Takko family	Guerra family	Gansler family
Yockey family	Oyloe family	Crawford family
Amy Thibodeau	Schroeder family	Vicky Aubol
Laura Mahnke	Sharon Ann	Dave Kilaby
Yule family	Steve Kirpatrick	Kerry Farnham

NEXT SUNDAY, September 15th, 2019

Pastor Megan

Communion

9:30 Worship Service

10:30 Coffee Hour

11:00 Adult Education – All Are Welcome

2:00 LCC ELCA Conference Meeting @ St Paul

Ushers

Dave Foslien &

Gil Schauer

Reader

Barb Clausen

Communion Setup

Ardyth Loewen

Communion Asst.

Nancy Skora

Coffee Hour

Langworthy/Milhiser

PowerPoint

Russ Gilchrist

MONDAY, September 16th, 2019

-5:30 Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, September 17th, 2019

-8:00 Breakfast Group at the Elks

-10:30 Women's Bible Study

-6:00 Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY, September 18th, 2019

-2:30 Walking Group

THURSDAY, September 19th, 2019

-9:00 Duct Tape

-10:00 Coffee w/Duct Tape

-6:30 Quarterly Visioning Meeting

FRIDAY, September 20th, 2019

-No Meetings

SATURDAY, September 21st, 2019

-No Meetings

Events This Week!

Come to the Table – Table Catechism

Table Catechism begins this week! Join us for dinner, drinks, and Martin Luther's Small Catechism this Tuesday, September 10th at 5:30pm at Vernie's Pizza (900 Triangle Shopping Center)

Dates will be Sept 10th, 24th, October 8th, 22nd, & November 5th

Highlander Festival

At beautiful Tam O'Shanter Park on Saturday, September 14th, 2019 the festivities begin!

Bethany will have a booth at the festival with all kinds of excitement happening!

Sign-ups for volunteering available now!

Sunday Adult Education Returns – "All Are Welcome"

Returning from our summer vacation, Sunday Adult Education will be coming back after coffee hour on September 15th with a new series, "All are Welcome." This series will look at different stories from scripture where God extends welcome to those we might not expect. From Ruth to the Samaritan woman at the well, join us as we explore the ways God calls us to extend welcome and grace to all people.

September 15th, 22nd, 29th, October 6th, 13th, & 20th

Lower Columbia Conference of ELCA Churches

Join us at 2pm on Sunday September 15th at Saint Paul Lutheran in Castle Rock for our quarterly meeting with our fellow ELCA churches. We'll be discussing our upcoming Reformation Sunday Worship service, the ELCA Hunger Grant, and sharing updates with our siblings in Christ.

RALLY DAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choose Your Own Adventure Confirmation

Our 2 year Choose Your Own Adventure Confirmation program begins today! Our students will be using workbooks, videos, readings, and a worksheet to explore their faith over these next two years.

If you're interested in how you might support our confirmation students, chat with Pastor Megan for more information!

Building Discipleship – Pledge Series

Each year, we take some time to focus on what it means to be stewards of God's creation. Stewardship isn't just about finances, but about all the ways we experience God's gifts in our lives, and pledges are just one way we respond to the generosity God has already shown to each of us.

Join us this month in embracing stewardship, in sharing stories of gratitude, of God's gifts, the gifts we share, and the amazing grace each of us are given. We invite you join us in prayer, in joy, and in thanks-giving during this stewardship month as we celebrate God's gifts in our lives and in our world.

Pledge Sunday will be October 13th

Quarterly Visioning Meeting

September 19th 6:30pm

Each quarter we gather together to vision the future of our congregation through a discussion of the upcoming calendar, policies, events, and other items Council would like to bring to the greater congregation. Please join us in discussion this quarter on new Church Policies regarding sale/donation of church items, emergency procedures, and kitchen procedures. Updating our Mission and Vision Statement and Goals for our church.

Fall Salad Supper

The Fall Salad Supper will be held on Thursday, **September 26th at 5:00pm**. This year's theme is "Christ the Rock".

Carol Thompson will be our speaker with a special presentation about "Rocks". Bring your favorite salad... potato, pasta, fruit, or jello to share. We love variety! Dessert will be provided. Mark your calendars for this awesome evening! More information will be coming soon.

Interfaith Potluck

The Lower Columbia Interfaith Community invites you to join them at St Stephen's Episcopal Church on Saturday **October 12th at 4pm** for an interfaith potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share and join for good conversation with our siblings of faith with guest speaker Ophelia Noble.

Updated Photo Directory

It's time to update the church directory. We have new members and others who are no longer with us.

If you were not pictured in the current directory, are new to Bethany, or need to update an address, anniversary, birthday, email address or phone number, please contact Kim in the office, Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 to 3:00.

Family Promise

*We have agreed to be a support congregation for Family Promise of Cowlitz County. This means we will be working with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Rose Valley Friends Church, and Renewal City Church to provide a hand-up to families who are experiencing homelessness. Our hosting dates are **Sept 29-Oct 6, Oct 13-20, Nov 24-Dec 1**. We are asking for you to volunteer your time, gifts, and funds to help provide a reasonable stay for the families. If you would like to help, or would like more information about Family Promise, contact Greg Filer in person or via email: filergj@gmail.com. Thank you all for all that you do.*

Oktoberfest & Silent Auction

This fall we be having another Oktoberfest on **October 19**. As part of our event, we will be hosting a silent auction. We hope to include some wonderful donations as well as some themed baskets as part of our silent auction. Examples of themed baskets might be a "movie night" basket with movie tickets, candy, and popcorn; "spa day" basket with soaps, lotions, and face masks; "game night" basket with cards, a board game, etc. If you would be interested in donating items or sponsoring a basket, please contact Carol Lane at church or 360-431-3564 or Barb Wilson. Thank you.

Reformation Sunday Worship & Potluck

Each year we join with our fellow Lutheran churches at Trinity Lutheran Church in Longview for our Reformation Sunday worship service.

Worship will begin at **10:30am on October 27th** at Trinity Lutheran followed by a potluck lunch. We will not be having worship at Bethany that day.

Please bring a dish to share and if possible help to clean up after the potluck has ended!

ELCA Hunger Grant & Go-Bags

We are trying to add more protein to the GoBags so the addition of canned chicken or tuna, pepperoni sticks, etc. is most welcome!

We are now this fall serving all 24 Kelso-Longview schools—served by E.A.T.S. with F.C.R.C. for Longview, Faith Center for most Kelso schools, and United Methodist Presbyterian for Barnes Elementary.

Please make the hygiene bags separate as some families will want both but some families will not—this changes as we get feedback from folks. Please donate your shopping bags to pack foods into.

If you're interested in helping to maintain the memorial garden, or just want more information about the project, please contact Barb Wilson, Tori Gosch or Joyce Croy.