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A WORD FROM PASTOR BJORGE



Robert Frost must have lived in Seattle when he penned these lines:

*"I have been acquainted with the night.
I have walked in the rain and out of the rain.
I have been acquainted with the night."*

So have I! Living in Seattle this time of year you get both: a lot of darkness—each day “night” seems to come all too early. And I don’t need to tell you about the rain!

But I don’t think Robert Frost was talking about living in Seattle in February. There are other ways in which we also experience night and rain. Depression, sadness, and a heaviness of the soul can touch us all. There can be a darkness like the night and a cold wet rain that just settles on our hearts under which we find it difficult to even breathe.

I don’t have to tell any of you about the darkness, because in one form or another, at one time or another, it’s touched the life of each of us. You’ve been acquainted with the night as have I. As Christians we don’t naively deny the existence of the darkness. Nowhere in scripture do we receive a pep talk or an argument that things aren’t really as bad as they seem. Rather, it affirms that the darkness is real and is present.

But God cares too much for us to have us live in darkness. So what He does is He comes to us as the light of the world; the light that gives life to us all!

God determined to save the world, you and I both, from the powers of darkness. And that’s what He’s done in Jesus Christ! The Word who became flesh has defeated the power that sin has over your flesh. He has defeated the power that death has over you. Those things which have bound you, that have kept you separated from Him, that have kept you locked up in darkness – they have been defeated forever! The sorrow, the grief, the guilt, the shame, the doubt, the fear... it is all washed away, for all eternity, all because of the love of the One who took on flesh.

God has erased the record that stood against you. He has defeated all that has attacked you. And God has made you His own. He has redeemed you from sin and death. You are His forever.

No one else could do that—no doctor, no therapist, no one but God because no one else has the power to do that!

Nowhere in scripture do we receive a pep talk or an argument that things aren't really as bad as they seem.

If you are acquainted with the night and are walking in the rain, you may well need to see your doctor, or talk to a therapist or pastor, but know that God has made you His! You are safe from both the night and the rain, wrapped eternally in the safety of His loving and gracious arms!

In Christ,
Pastor John

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CARING MINISTRIES



HOUSE OF PRAYER

Last month we chatted about becoming a “house of prayer” when we learn to recognize “I’m utterly dependent on the power of God.” How is your prayer life going? Have you stepped out in prayer in a new relationship, or in an existing relationship? Are you feeling bolder? Allow the Holy Spirit to wrap you in confidence in Christ! Pray for yourself!

Pastor John writes (in one of his classes) “Prayer is partnering with God in his work. In the kingdom, not a second and not a word of prayer is ever wasted.” How amazing it is to partner with God! We seek to do His will. We pray to do His work! Pray for your family, and for our church family! Read the Beachcomber and What’s Happening and pray for those requesting prayers! Those people rely on our prayers, and we thank you in advance!

Prayer Ministers are available on Sundays for individual and confidential prayers. Stephen Ministers wear their blue name badges when they are available for prayer. Seek them out, as they have been trained in one on one prayer. If you can’t find someone to pray with you, ask the Pastor or an usher.

NOURISHMENT MINISTRY

Would you like to bring a meal to a family in need? It’s not much different when making a meal for your own family, to double it, pray for the family as you prepare a loving meal, and bring it to someone who is in a difficult time. We have a list of individuals who participate in this ministry, so if it doesn’t work for you one time, it might another time. We also have people who can deliver meals as needed. I will help coordinate the size of the meal, the dietary restrictions (if any) and the time of delivery. If you know of someone in need of a meal, let me know as well!

Cathy Thomas 206.542.9161 or HCThomas@aol.com



WE PRAY FOR...

We ask God’s blessings and care for the following members and friends of First Lutheran who are ill or in need:

...HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION:

Please pray for the **family of Solveig Schweiss**; Please pray for the **family of Jackie Park**, **Sue Kimpton’s** mother, who passed away in December; Please pray for the **family of Jackie Turcott**. Her father **Walter Winrow** passed away.

...HEALTH AND HEALING:

The Johnson Family, especially **baby Owen**, **Lisa Everett**, **Emerson**, **Sue Metcalf**, **the McElmeel family**, especially **baby Madison Grace**, **Dale Ostlund**, **Terry Granger**, and **Allison Araujo**.

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PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN



YES, IT'S TRUE—IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR!

Registration begins on Monday, January 31. First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten offers classes for children 2 1/2 years of age through Kindergarten. We offer a variety of days, morning and afternoon programs - all are age dependent. The 2011-2012 school year will mark 39 years of early childhood ministry for the Shoreline/Edmonds area.



Pre-Kindergarten Lions having fun building together

If you would like more information, set up a time to tour our classrooms and meet our teachers or you know someone who might be interested in our classes, please give us a call. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Kären Beasley, Director 206-546-0320, preschool@flrb.org or you can check out our page on the church web site @www.flrb.org

OTHER PRESCHOOL NEWS:

On December 20th the staff and families cooked and served lunch at Mary's Place. We put together lunch sacks for over 100 people, served a hot meal and donated several pairs of women's pj's, books and other items. We will be collecting pennies and other change during February and March for Mary's Place to purchase bus tokens and other items needed by the women and children.

We are excited to start registration for the next school year and for the staff to attend the annual ELEA Region 1 Early Childhood Conference in March. This year the conference will be in Olympia WA.



3 & 4 yr. old Doves got a chance to play in the snow before Thanksgiving!!!!

FIRST LUTHERAN SCRIPS

Scraps are gift cards that can be used for everyday items just like cash. They are great as gifts, but they can be used for your weekly groceries, gas and entertainment! A little goes a long way! Don't forget to pick up an order form by the Preschool office!!! Thanks for supporting our school!

WE NOW OFFER TARGET!!!!



FEBRUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 Bishop Boerger Preach 8:30 - Classic Worship 9:45 - Children's Ministry 9:45 - Confirmation 9:45 - New Community 11:00 - Praise Worship	7 6pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Women's Bible Study	8 9am - InAsMuch 1pm - Staff Mtg 2pm - Prep for Sr. Lunch	9 10am - Word Life Bible St 11:30am - Sr. Luncheon 5:15pm - Children's Choir 6:30pm - HS Youth 6:30pm - MS Youth 6:30pm - Bell Rehearsal 6:30pm - Carharts4Christ 7:30pm - Cantorei Choir	10 10am - Mary/Martha Circ. 4pm - Autism Social Skills 5:30pm - Sounds Grace	11	12 4:30pm - Crab Feed @ Innis Arden Clubhouse 5:30pm - Parent's Night Out
13 Boy Scout Sunday PLU Sunday 8:30 - Classic Worship 9:45 - Children's Ministry 9:45 - Confirmation 9:45 - New Community 11:00 - Praise Worship	14 7pm - Stephen Ministry 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Webeloves Pk325 7pm - Wmn's Bible Study	15 Beachcomber Deadline 9am - InAsMuch 1pm - Staff Mtg 4:30pm - Finance Comm. 7pm - Church Council	16 10am - Word Life Bible St 5:15pm - Children's Choir 6:30pm - HS Youth 6:30pm - MS Youth 6:30pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Carharts4Christ 7:30pm - Cantorei Choir	17 11:30am - Writers Grp 5:30pm - Sounds Grace	18	19
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DATES TO NOTE...

SENIOR LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9TH AT 11:30 A.M.

Come and be inspired by renowned adventurer and explorer Helen Thayer

CRAB FEED

SATURDAY, FEB. 12TH AT 4:30 P.M.

Get all you can eat crab legs at this annual fundraising event.

30 HOUR FAMINE

FEBRUARY 25-26

6th-12th grades will be participating in this profound experience.

BISHOP BOERGER PREACHING

SUNDAY, FEB. 6TH AT BOTH SERVICES

Hear the Bishop of the NW Washington Synod preach.

BOY SCOUT/PLU SUNDAY

SUN. FEB. 13TH

Boy Scouts will help with hospitality. PLU will have a booth in the Narthex.

NEWS & NOTES



MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND SUNDAY

On January 23, 2011 Pastor Jim Liestikow preached at both services and lead the adult forum on the importance of the FLCRB Mission Endowment Fund. He challenged all of us, individually and collectively to use our financial resources to make a difference in the current and future ministries of the congregation.

There is a big gulf between being challenged to do something and actually acting on that challenge. It's a bit like praying with the hope that God might do something without me getting too involved and praying with the expectations that God will empower my words and deeds. This is a time for faith to be in action. Decide that others outside the congregation and future generations should hear the Good News and find new life as you have. Follow that up by acting with a major gift, a change in your will or life insurance or any of the many other ways you can act today to insure the vitality and future of mission in this congregation.

The First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach Mission Endowment Fund can put you in touch with professional financial planners who can help you design a charitable gift that works for your situation. You can reach the Mission Endowment Fund through Carolee Grumm, Parish Administrator, at the church office.

HERE'S A SUMMER TRIP IDEA!

SUMMER FAMILY CAMP AT MOUNT CARMEL

Did you know our very own Pastor John is the featured teacher for one week at Mount Carmel Ministries Summer Family Camp? If you're looking for a great family trip, you should think about visiting Minnesota lake country this year. Here are the details:

July 16-22 - Family and Adult Week

Teacher: Pastor John Bjorge

Preacher: Pastor Jim Bjorge

Non-conformity: How to be transformed not conformed in a material world

We're formed by what we're most exposed to—the messages and images of the media and the world that desires to press us into its mold. But the Apostle Paul calls us not to be conformed but rather transformed—turned, renewed, liberated, redirected, empowered... converted!

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The word conversion comes from the Latin *convertere* or *con-versum* and means "turning." It refers more to a life-long process rather than the post-



SARATOV FUND GETS BIG BOOST

The Saratov Committee felt like a Lottery winner in mid-December when it received a large donation from members of First Lutheran and another very large donation from a Canadian couple—together they amounted to \$51,000! Needless to say, Pastor Alexander Scheiermann and his Saratov congregation were overjoyed to hear the news. \$24,900 has already been wired, which Pr. Alexander delivered to the building contractor.

This contractor has stood by the congregation and continued work until it finally said it also needed funds and asked for payments. These donations will put a big dent in that debt. We are awaiting further instructions from Pr. Alexander regarding the balance of the funds.

In our Committee annual report to the Northwest Washington Synod, we were happy to say we wired \$28,000 in donations to Saratov during 2010, \$3,692 of which came from First Lutheran of Richmond Beach. Thank you!

In the meantime, Saratov still needs the support, and if you wish to help, please make donations to First Lutheran Church and mark your check or envelope "Saratov".

Reformation sense of the moment one becomes a Christian. It involves the Word, the Spirit and the human will which responds to God's word of grace and responds to that grace in daily decisions regarding Christian living. As former Luther Seminary professor George Aus once so succinctly defined it, conversion is "that gracious operation of the Holy Spirit in the strength of which the sinner turns in repentance from his sin and in faith to Christ"

Conversion is simply the reshaping and remolding of our will, our emotions, our mind, and our heart. The central question we will explore in this week is "how does the Holy Spirit work in the ongoing conversion and transformation of God's people and to what end?"



Visit mountcarmelministries.com for more details and to register. Or talk with Pastor Bjorge if you have questions.

OUTREACH



CENTRAL LUTHERAN LUNCH PROGRAM

The Community Lunch on Capitol Hill, at Central Lutheran Church, has been providing meals for mostly homeless and some low income people twice a week for nearly 25 years. First Lutheran has been there since the beginning, and February is the month for our annual trek to Capitol Hill to cook and serve lunch on Fridays.

Each year we seem to say that the demands keep going up, and unfortunately they do.

Last year we were serving an average of 275 meals each week. By the end of 2010, that number is reported to have grown to over 300 per week, and in November more than 3,000 meals were served. Needless to say we will be adding to our recipes this year to make sure we have enough for everyone who comes through the serving line.

Signups for volunteers have already started. If you would still like to volunteer, check the board in the narthex. Or if you can't help in person, we can always use cookies or brownies, and by all means monetary donations.

Your monetary donations during February go to offset the cost of the food we purchase in order to prepare these meals. You can just use the "Outreach" section of your envelope to designate your gift to the Central Lutheran lunch program.

If you have questions or would like more information about the lunch program, call Jim Borrow at (206) 546-3716.

VALENTINE'S DAY SENIOR LUNCHEON

FEB 9TH AT 11:30 A.M.

We are excited about our time together! Bob Johnston will grace us with his voice. Helen Thayer will share her expedition stories with us. We are honored to have her!!



Charlie & Helen

Helen Thayer born and educated in New Zealand, began climbing mountains when she was nine. She was 36 when she won the US Women's luge title. At 50 she became the first woman to walk and ski to the magnetic North Pole, from that comes her first book "Polar Dreams." At that time she started her "Adventure Classroom" to bring the four corners of the world into the classroom, speaking to over one million students worldwide.

From 1986 and on she completed a number of expeditions in remote regions. Kayaking 1200 miles through the Amazon rainforest, trekking 4000 miles across the Sahara, 1500 miles in the Mojave & Sonoran Deserts, and in 1997 trekked solo in Antarctica. Next came their year long living with the wolves, followed by the book, "Three Among the Wolves." In 2001 she and her husband, Bill, walked over 1600 miles across the Gobi Desert in Mongolia, hence came the 3rd book, "Walking the Gobi."

www.helenthayer.com

SENIOR VALENTINE LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Feb. 9th
at 11:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall
To reserve your seat, call the church
office at 206.546.4153

Helen is the recipient of many awards. She has been honored by President Clinton at the White House for her expeditions and educational work; The Kremlin for co-leading a Women's Arctic Expedition, and National Geographic as one of the greatest explorers of the 20th Century.

We are grateful to Bev Klein for arranging our speaker, Helen Thayer.

A donation basket will be available for those wishing to support the author's humanitarian endeavors. There will also be books for sale that are authored by Helen Thayer.

Please make reservation by calling Maret (Office Coordinator) at 206-546-4153 or signing up at church no later than Sunday, February 6th.

We also invite you to join us for our Word of Life Bible Study from 10-11 a.m. prior to the luncheon.

NEWS FROM FAITH FORMATION



"Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it" 1 Peter 3:15

This is the memory verse for our next unit in Sunday school. The focus is on sharing faith. How well do we share our faith? I remember when I first stepped into ministry that I was asked to tell about my faith. My faith was well... my faith I had never thought about trying to articulate it before. I quickly learned that the more I told about my faith, and how my faith developed, the more I learned about faith, and the closer I felt to God. As part of our program at FLRB, we try to give the children and youth multiple times to share their faith. One of the most public displays of this is confirmation when youth are asked to stand before the congregation and tell us all about their faith. What I have learned over the years is that so much of our faith comes from our parents whether we realize it or not. I encourage you to share your faith story with your child this month. Tell them about your relationship with God. I think you will find that the more open and honest you are with your faith the more open and honest your kids will be with theirs. It is through the telling of your faith that they will learn to tell about theirs.

~Terry

CHILDREN



ELEMENTARY RETREAT AT CAMP LUTHERWOOD IN BELLINGHAM

MARCH 25-26, 2011 FOR (GRADES 1-6)

A 24-hour camp blast that will leave you wishing for more and dreaming about summer! This is a great way for your kids to get a taste of camp. Kids will get to interact with camp counselors and experience many different aspects of camp. We will meet at church Friday March 25th at 4:30pm and will be back Saturday March 26th at around 9pm. Sign up early because this is a HOT weekend! Cost: \$30 per person Chaperones \$20

YOUTH



30 HOUR FAMINE FEBRUARY 25TH-26TH 6TH-12TH GRADERS.

The 30 hour famine is a week-end long service event where youth raise money for hungry children around the world. Youth will work on fundraising the weeks leading up to the event. During the event, youth will participate in service projects as well as fun activities that will help keep their mind off of not eating. It is possible to participate and still eat. Please

see Terry Baird ffd@flrb.org to find out more information and to pick up the fundraising packets.

CRAB FEED AND PARENTS NIGHT OUT FEBRUARY 12TH

High school youth will be needed to help serve and sell soda and water at the annual Crab feed. Middle School youth and 6th graders will be needed to help with the Parents night out. Please let Terry Baird know if you are available. ffd@flrb.org



HOLDEN MAY YOUTH WEEKEND

MAY 14-16
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH 9TH-12TH
Registration Due Feb. 16th
Cost: \$180, \$50 deposit due
with registration

The high school youth will be heading up to Holden Village on

Lake Chelan for a weekend youth event. Come to the Mountain and PRAY.

Luke 6:12 PRAY ~ alone, together, walking, sitting, in daylight, in candlelight, somberly, joyfully, tactilely, silently, singing.

HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Middle School Youth is being expanded to include 6th grade. Questions? Contact Terry Baird

MUSIC MINISTRY



AN INVITATION

Worship is an interesting thing. We come to church on Sundays attempting to clear the clutter of a busy week and to tune into a different reality. We enter the sanctuary eager to connect with God and with each other in Christian fellowship. We sit in a pew and throw ourselves in holy space and holy time, trusting that we will be reenergized by the divine presence. Yet, sometimes we are not ready to connect. We do not set aside time to truly experience all that God has to offer. Because we are not ready, we do not fully surrender the gift of our presence to God.

Many times, our presence, the part where we say, "Here I am, Lord," is compromised. We use a fraction of our energies in the praising and the praying, because a thousand little thoughts tempt us away from being truly present. Frequently all of this "stuff" keeps us from surrendering our whole being. Just like computers with too many windows open and programs running simultaneously, we do not bring our greatest gigabytes-per-second ratio to the "program" we call worship. We have to exercise caution. If we are not vigilant, we may wind up with a gap, a whole ("what was that about?") instead of a holistic and regenerative experience.

These are busy and perilous times when we run the risk of walking away from church having sung half-heartedly, having prayed without focus, or having listened inattentively without even realizing that these things are happening. All of this may be the result of a reflexive familiarity. A thoughtless approach to worship can quickly result in a judgmental attitude and dissatisfaction. Our senses and our intellect may be dulled to the point where we take the beautiful actions and words of the liturgy for granted. How different, however, would the result be if we were to approach worship as an attentive discipline. Or better yet, if we thought of worship as a skill, a "knack" one has to work at and develop. Certainly not because of any fault in God's part – in deed the Holy Spirit can and does work through and over anything-- but because as Christians, we must practice our openness to God (individually and collectively) all the

time. We must seek an authentic immersion in God's holiness. Think of this worship as our coming together to say "God, I am here, allow me to feel your presence and hear your voice." It is from this nexus that we gain perspective on the many blessings we have, and realize our utter dependence on God's grace. Our praise to God is really God's gift to us. When we finally "get it", our hearts overflow with gratitude, joy and love.

Sunday after Sunday, I wrestle with details that distract me from being "in the moment" at the time of worship. This happens to me even when my worship experience is intimately tied into the physicality of making music. Allow me to ask, how do we prepare for worship? How do we practice being in a receptive frame of mind? What can we do in order to engage worship more fully? Musicians, for example, rehearse; singers and ensembles practice, and we all go over our game plan carefully beforehand. And sometimes, despite our best intentions and hard work, even with all the preparatory "tilling of the soil", our minds wander. We miss our cues.

*Sunday after Sunday,
I wrestle with details
that distract me from
being "in the moment"
at the time of worship.*

Paradoxically, it is by acknowledging my limitations and my "missed cues" that I am able to get past them and focus on God's blessings. That, my friends, is the power of grace! Once past my shortcomings, I am filled with gratitude and more energized to continue to praise in God's temple. I want to sing and make music and give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon me. Would you be willing to join me? Would you be willing to sing in a manner

that gives full expression to your joy? Would you give witness by singing with all the conviction of your gratitude? It is my prayer that you would accept this invitation. Please, accept it knowing that at FLRB, by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, the Gospel will be heard attentively, spoken boldly, and sung lustily. So come to church to praise God with songs of thankfulness and praise, and to be a part God's mighty symphony of redemption. Come to FLRB to deepen your involvement in the life of a community that practices and lives the Gospel – the Good News.

Peace & Joy,
Omaldo

SPRING CONCERT SERIES

March 4th, 2011

*Sounds of Grace and Guests will lead us in a night of exultation and praise!
Come and join us for lots of fun and Christian camaraderie.*

MORE NEWS AND NOTES

HEARTHSTONE ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 24, 2011

The Annual Meeting of the Lutheran Retirement Home of Greater Seattle (dba the Hearthstone) will be held on Thursday evening, February 24, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel at the Hearthstone. Pastors and representatives from sponsoring congregations - corporate members - are encouraged to attend the meeting and also to join our residents and Board of Trustees for dinner in the Independent Living Dining Room at 5:30 pm.

The meeting will include a reports on the continuing growth in ministry and services of the Hearthstone during the past year, future development and vision, financial status, and the election of members to the Board of Trustees. The meeting will conclude by 8:00 pm. Pastors are asked to reply with the name of your Representative to this meeting; and, Both Pastors and Representatives are asked to RSVP regarding attendance for the meeting and dinner. (Guests of pastors and representatives are also welcome.)

HELP SAVE FLRB \$10 PER YEAR

It costs about \$1.00 per copy to produce and mail our monthly newsletter. We send The Beachcomber out 10 times per year, so it costs \$10 per year for you to receive The Beachcomber in the mail.

If just ten people decide to read The Beachcomber online that will save the church \$100 per year. In addition to the cost savings for the church, you'll actually be able to read it sooner than those who receive it by mail. But wait, there's more! If you so choose, you can still print it out at home if you prefer to read a paper copy.

Go to www.flrb.org to fill out a short form to add your name to the list of Digital Only Subscribers. Thanks!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We want to thank all who gave so generously to Solveig Schweiss' memorial on January 23rd. Many people came by and expressed their appreciation for the delicious abundance of food. It was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the groups (Stephen Ministry, Prayer Group, INASMUCH, and others who helped make it a success.

~ Diana Hoffman



Need a marriage recharge?

Give your spouse the gift of your time and love by taking your spouse on a **Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend**.

Upcoming spring dates in Tukwila, WA
at the Courtyard by Marriott:

February 11-13, 2011
April 1-3, 2011



For more information or to register via credit card visit the website at
www.GodLovesMarriage.org

Or contact the area registration couple, Carl & Dallas Anne Presley,
Carl.presley@comcast.net or 206-522-6849.
Registrations are limited, so sign up today to ensure that you can attend the weekend of your choice.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION



NEW COMMUNITY

SUNDAYS AT 9:45 A.M. IN THE UPPER ROOM

In our New Community Class this month Pastor John will be finishing his class on Moses and shift our attention to another great leader in the Old Testament: King David. The Bible says that David was a man after God's own heart. He just had this stubborn love for God. What if, after we spend the next several months considering David's love of God, what if God were to say of us, "This is a people after my own heart. They follow me with reckless abandon, and they worship me from the depths of their heart. And they loved with a stubborn love."

WORD OF LIFE

WEDNESDAYS - 10:00 A.M. IN THE LIBRARY

This class is a conversation based on the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday and is led by Pastor John and Intern Pastor Justin.

CARHARTT'S FOR CHRIST - FOR MEN

WEDNESDAYS - 6:30 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY

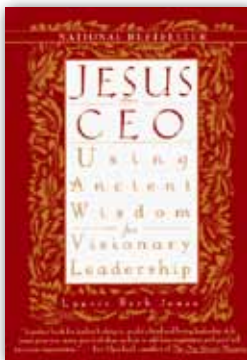
Join Alan Herr Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Library

MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN

MONDAYS - 7:00 P.M.

IN ROOM 207

This class is studying N.T. Wright's material on the book of Hebrews. All women are welcome to share in this fellowship, and feast on God's word. For more information, contact Fran Uchida at 425-778-7846.



TO ALL MEN...

Are you looking for a way to apply Christ and his teachings in the workplace and your life? Come join us at the Richmond Beach Coffee House at 6:30am. Plan for a weekly interesting one hour discussion where we will talk about God, family, life and maybe solve one of the world's problems. Jim Smith will lead off with some of his favorite passages from the book "Jesus, CEO" by Laura

Beth Jones. No need to buy the book, just join us for coffee, fellowship and conversation.

Thank
You

THANK YOU TO OUR HOSPITALITY TEAMS

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers on our Hospitality Teams! We commend you for your ongoing commitment to make First Lutheran a friendly place on Sunday mornings.

If you are interested in joining a Hospitality Team, feel free to contact any of the team leaders below. The commitment is one Sunday per month

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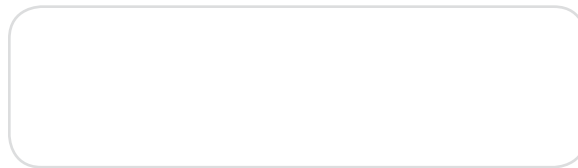
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