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*To be a gathered people living, loving
and serving as Jesus did--so that all
may know Him!*



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Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Everyone is invited to share in our Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, June 14th at approximately 11:45 am (following the 10:30 AM worship service). This is a time for us to review all we have achieved during our church year, which runs from August through July, and to celebrate the fruits of our labors! We have much to appreciate and many people to thank for this wonderful 2008-09 year.

We will gather in the Upper Room for light refreshments and our meeting. In addition to the year in review, we will be voting on new Council members and review and vote on our 2009-10 budget. We all benefit from your participation!

Youth Mission Car Wash - Clean your car while we meet!

The high school youth going to San Francisco will be washing cars starting at the end of first service through the end of the annual meeting.



Summer Worship Hours: 9:00 a.m.—Classic Worship 10:30 a.m.—Praise Worship

The Beachcomber

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF RICHMOND BEACH

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June at FLRB



Summer Worship at FLRB

We are so thankful for the gifts of Lisa Van Horne, Adam Creighton, David Lepse, and Don Crawley for their dedicated service to us during this interim period as we await the hiring of a new Music Director. Their gifts and willingness to serve are a blessing to us all!

**Join us this summer for worship at our *Summer worship times*—
9:00 for Classic worship; 10:30 for Praise!**

We will welcome several guest preachers this summer while Pastor Bjorge is away for several weeks. May this summer be a time of refreshment for us all!

Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 14th

11:45 a.m. in the Upper Room

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OUR MISSION: To be a gathered people living, loving and serving as Jesus did—so that all may know Him!

This Summer—

Put First Things First...

- › Find a place that will help you build a confident faith!
- › Get connected to a ministry that will equip you with a faith that works in real life!
- › Be part of a ministry that shares God's love with others!

Every member is a minister!

Find your particular ministry this year!

Get connected to Jesus and to his church in a new way! It'll be a blessing to you and to so many others!

FROM PASTOR BJORGE

In her book *The Vision of His Glory*, Ann Lotz wonders, “What would it be like to be able to ask one question of people in the Bible and ask the question, ‘Was it worth it?’”

- › What would it be like to be able to ask **Abraham**, “Was it worth leaving your home, everything familiar, everything you loved, spending your life wandering around as a stranger all for a single child and an unfulfilled promise? Was it worth it?”
- › Or to ask **Moses**, “Was it worth leaving the treasures and pleasures of Egypt, a position of power and prestige, was it worth carrying a whining people on your back through the desert for 40 years only to end up dying before you even made it to the Promise Land? Was it worth it?”
- › Or to ask **Jeremiah**, “Was it worth devoting your one and only life to a preaching ministry that never seemed to make a dent, never convinced anyone of anything, never changed a life?”
- › What would it be like to ask **Mary**, “Was it worth conceiving a son out of wedlock and pouring your heart out in love, only to have him grow up to say that the real members of his family are those that do his will? And in the end to stand helplessly by and watch the baby that you gave birth to die on a cross?”

Take it a step further. Ask **yourself**:

Is it worth it to make the financial sacrifice of giving to God when you could keep the money to buy things you need or really want? People around you are keeping and spending a fortune.

Is it worth it to go on serving when you feel tired or unappreciated or misunderstood, or it feels like somebody else is getting all the recognition and not you?

Is it worth it, really, to obey God? Is it worth it to always try to tell the truth when you know a lie could get you out of trouble?

Is it worth it to persevere day after day, year after year in a painful marriage when part of you wants to run from it so badly?

Is it worth it to sacrifice time, effort, and energy to come here after a full day when you'd love to just go home and relax? Is it worth it when you invest yourself in a dream for ministry? You ever ask that?

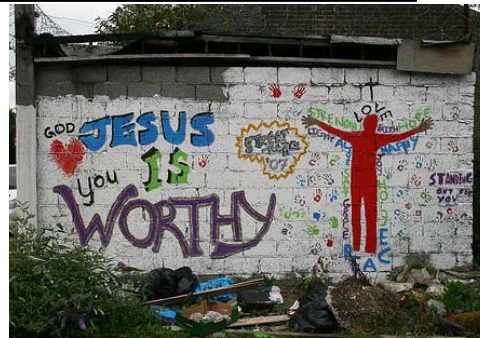
There are days I ask that! Recently we had to give our foster daughter, a precious little girl we love and had hoped to adopt, back to her biological mother. Because of the circumstances, we did so with some fear and trepidation. It was one of those times when all we could do is pour our hearts out to God. And, after all we had done for her and all that we had gone through for her sake, was this question: Was it all really worth it?!

I want to tell you what God's Word told me, what I believe to the core of my being, and what I'm willing to stake my life on. I believe that one day you and I will stand before the One we have served with our whole life and on that day he'll look us in the eye and then we'll know. On that day every question, every doubt, every reservation you and I have ever had will be blown away, and we'll know that it was worth it for one reason. Not because it led to some sort of great reward, but we'll know that it was worth it all because at the center of human history stands a Lamb that was slain and *HE* is worth it.

The Bible says that he is worthy. He is worthy of every act of obedience ever offered to him. He is worthy of every temptation ever resisted. He is worthy of every song of worship ever sung. He is worthy of every tear of repentance ever shed. He is worthy of every ounce of labor ever expended. He is worthy of every expression of love ever shared. He is worthy of every drop of blood ever shed. He is worthy. He is worthy of my life. He is worthy of your life. He is worthy of this church's life. He is worthy! *He* is worth it!

—Pastor John

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” Rev 5:12



High school Youth group this year will run through the summer. Wednesday nights 6:30-8:30. Youth entering 9th– leaving 12th. We will be taking this opportunity to do activities that are difficult during the year. Times may vary a schedule will be coming out soon. See Terry if you have any questions

Graduation Sunday will be June 7th This is where we honor our High school and College graduates. If you are graduating this year please inform Linda in the front office of where you are graduating from and where you are going next year by May 28th.



Holden Village – High school youth enjoyed a weekend up in Holden village connecting to God in new and exciting ways.



Families made 23 percent more visits to Hopelink's food banks between September and December 2008 than the same period in 2007. More than 20% of the children in Shoreline public schools receive free or reduced-fee meals. The proceeds from End Summer Hunger will stock Hopelink's six food banks for the high-demand summer months when subsidized meal programs at schools are not available and parents need more food to fill their children's stomachs. The proceeds also support Hopelink's homelessness prevention programs for families.

FIRST LUTHERAN CAN HELP!

During the month of June, the Outreach Team will be sponsoring a food and fund drive to help feed children in our community. Look for drop off boxes in the narthex. Food items most needed during the summer months are applesauce, juice (100% juice only), canned fruit, peanut butter and other nut butters, jams and jellies. Please do not include items that have expired or those in glass containers.

Your cash donation can be leveraged to buy much more food than the average consumer would pay for the same dollar amount. Make donations online at <http://www.firstgiving.com/firstlutheranofrichmond1> or list your donation under the "Outreach" section on your donation envelope.

Please help End Summer Hunger
Visit www.hope-link.org

hopelink
helping people. Changing lives.



Sunday school Musical- Children shared their year of faith through skits and music.

The 2008-2009 Program year is over. This has been another exciting and faith filled year. Now it is time to look forward to the new church year, which begins in September. Please start praying about what ways you would like to be involved in the life of our congregation. We always are looking for volunteers to help in many different ways of sharing their faith with the youth and children of our church.

New Volunteer opportunity next year

This next year, we will be starting a new mentor program for our confirmation youth. Mentors would each be paired with one youth and commit to meeting with their youth four times a year, sending them birthday cards, coming to two events at church: a meet-and-greet and an end-of-the-year celebration. In addition, mentors would be encouraged to go to band concerts, sporting events, dance recitals ect.. We are looking for 13 or more "empty nesters" that we can pair up. Please contact Terry Baird if you are interested

Children's News

Parents Night Out June 6th 6pm-10pm

Cost: \$20 \$5 for each additional child

Bring your kids to a fun night at church while you enjoy a date night out.. Games, movies and food provided. This is a fundraiser for the High school youth going on a mission trip to San Francisco this summer. Please call ahead to reserve your spot 206-546-4153.

Registrations now Available EVBS July 13-17

ROME PAUL AND THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH

Rome immerses learners of all ages in Bible-times culture, helping kids and adults explore what it might have been like to live as the church was just beginning. Families will experience new traditions, taste new foods, try new arts and crafts projects, and discover that God's love is the most powerful gift.

Volunteers needed – see Terry Baird for information

Youth

High School mission Trip to San Francisco CA

This summer 8 high school youth will be taking the train to San Francisco to serve with Center for student missions for a week. San Francisco has the third largest homeless population in the nation. While there youth will have the opportunity to help with many different local ministries. Youth will also be learning about the culture of the city and experiencing the diversity first hand by eating different ethnic foods.

Car Wash June 14th

The high school youth going to San Francisco will be washing cars starting at the end of first service through the end of the annual meeting. Come hear what has gone on at church this year and leave with a clean car.

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Confirmation Retreat—Camp Barracha, Auburn, WA Youth worked on faith statements, learned to work together, and spent time with leaders talking about faith.



**11-DAY
LANDS OF JESUS AND MOSES**

Including Petra and Mt. Nebo

Hosted by: Pastor John Bjorge

Departure Date: October 20, 2009

*The Lands of Jesus and Moses
(Jordan and Israel)*

Trip to the Holy Land is on! Join Pastors John and Jim Bjorge for a journey of a lifetime—depart Oct. 20th for 11 days— Brochures are available at the Welcome Center. Travel and explore the land of our faith. Reserve your seat now for this inspiring journey! You'll never read the Bible the same way again. Cost: \$3239 from Seattle and the tour includes Petra and Mount Nebo.

ALL FAMILIES!!

Intergenerational Mission trip to Tillamook Oregon

July 26th– August 2nd

Cost: TBD under \$200

This year we offering a unique opportunity to our congregation: an intergenerational mission trip for people 13 years of age and above! This is a great week of serving with Habitat for Humanity. Since this is an intergenerational mission trip, chaperones will not be provided. All youth who are under 18 must come with a parent or other responsible adult. One of the four keys of nurturing faith in the home is to do service together. Faith is not taught, it is caught. Please consider joining this mission trip and letting others catch your faith. If you are interested in joining, please see Terry Baird for more details.

SUMMER ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Food for Thought

Join this small group for a meal and discussion the first Sunday evening of each month. Contact Marin Brustuen for details.

Women's Ministry

Mary and Martha Circle

This Bible study group meets the 2nd Thurs at 10 am at Top Food in Shoreline.

Monday Nights

Fran Uchida leads this weekly study at the church each Monday at 7:00 pm.

PRISM

Weight loss with a Christian influence. Contact Sue McCormick or Leslie Phillips to learn more.

Deborah Circle

This Circle meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at noon in the Library or a members' home for a Bible Study and is led by Dorothy Clausen.

All of these Adult Discipleship opportunities are open to new people! Check them out and deepen your faith!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THE END OF OUR SCHOOL YEAR IS HERE! WHAT A BUSY YEAR WE HAVE HAD! SNOW, WIND AND RAIN—THE WEATHER HAS BEEN INTERESTING TO SAY THE LEAST!

THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ENTHUIASTICALLY PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, COLLECTED CHANGE FOR TENT CITY SHOWERS AND COLLECTED NON-PERISHABLE FOOD FOR HOPE LINK. IN BETWEEN WE LEARNED OUR ABC'S AND 123'S, MADE NEW FRIENDS HAD CHAPEL WITH PASTOR JOHN, TERRY BAIRD, ELIZABETH JORDAN, AND THE REST OF THE PRESCHOOL STAFF. "JESUS LOVES ME" CAN BE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE HALLS.

WE HOSTED THE ANNUAL ELEA (EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION) TEACHER CONFERENCE IN MARCH. WE HAD 173 TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS FROM WASHINGTON AND OREGON HERE FOR TWO DAYS.

MOTHER'S DAY TEAS, SPECIAL PERSON CELEBRATIONS, CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS, PUMPKIN CARVING AND DAD AND ME NIGHTS ROUNDED OUT OUR SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS THIS YEAR.

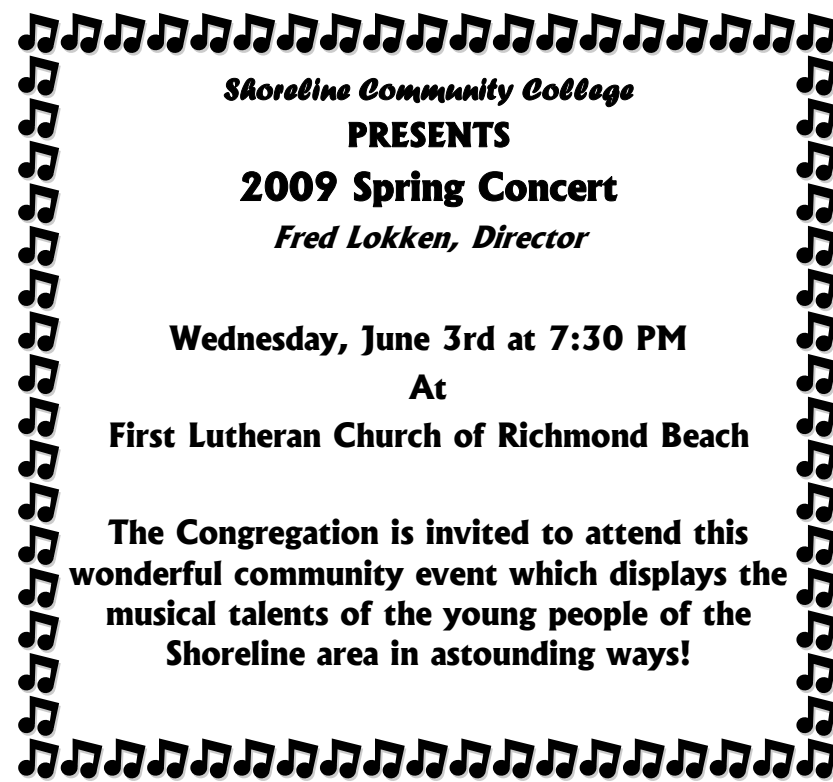
WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO STARTING OUR 37TH YEAR OF MINISTRY IN SEPTEMBER. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!



2008-2009
First
Lutheran
Preschool

Front row: Shannon Honka, Laurie Harris, Kären Beasley, Mim Brustuen. Back row: Kimie Uchida, Debbie Sturm, Nancy Malek, Melissa Hart, Randi Johnson, Kathie Longé.

Staff



Shoreline Community College
PRESENTS
2009 Spring Concert
Fred Lokken, Director

Wednesday, June 3rd at 7:30 PM
At
First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach

The Congregation is invited to attend this wonderful community event which displays the musical talents of the young people of the Shoreline area in astounding ways!

WOMEN OF FAITH WEEKEND

Attention Women!
You are invited to experience a time and place to be renewed & refreshed!

It's an incredible event! Two days of laughter, music, stories, drama and encouragement all surrounded by God's unfailing love for you! It will be an experience like nothing else!

Women of Faith Presents - "IT'S A GRAND NEW DAY"

WHEN: Friday, July 24th. 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm & Saturday 9:00 am 5:00 pm

WHERE: FREE seating in a luxury Suite at the Key Arena

Some of the Women of Faith Team: Patsy Clairmont, Luci Swindoll, Marilyn Meberg, Shelia Walsh

Special Guest: Steven Curtis Chapman

RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW!
First come, first serve!

Contact Person:
Dorothy Clausen
425-776-2694

(We'll meet at Church & car pool. We have free parking passes)

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT MY CATCH?

Fishing Trip on the horizon—We are planning our fourth annual FLRB spring fishing trip and extend a welcome to anyone who would be interested in attending. The trip is planned for June 13th. We will be going back to Lake McMurray, where we've had great

success in the past. We plan to meet at church at 7:00 am and get on the lake by about 9:00. We'll fish to lunch time and then fire up the barbeque for a picnic. We should get back to the church by about 2:30. We will have some extra fishing equipment, if anyone is in need. All you need to

bring is a fishing license, warm clothes, and your lucky lure and pole (if you have one). Please call Dan Matlock at 206 542-4121 if you are interested in attending. It should be a great opportunity to catch some rainbow trout for your table and to share some fish stories!

FRIDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

On June 19th, our book club will be discussing Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore.

positive economic life and education who bond together in Christian love. Sometimes we look down on people who are different from us and are surprised at how much better they are than us.

This book can be found at most books stands, including grocery stores!

Join us at 10:00 am on Friday, June 19th.

This is an autobiography about two men from op-

OPENING WORSHIP—SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Opening Worship's theme was one of servitude and not seeking glory for ourselves, but giving the Glory to God. We were lead into the theme by opening with Martin Luther's Morning Prayer, which was followed by Hear, O Lord, Your Servants Gather (ELW 530). The theme was strengthened with the reading of Psalm 98. Today's Gospel reading came from Mark 10:42-45.

Bishop Boerger's message centered on "who is the Church" and "what is the work of the Church." He spoke about our purpose. When we serve ourselves we forget our baptismal call, and we miss the work that we have been sent into the world to do. Being the Church is serving the neighbor, listening before we talk, and putting the Cross in front of us as we go about our work. We are challenged to go where it is not obvious and to try something new with the reassurance that the empty tomb is our hope. Our job is to take the gift that we received in baptism and go to work as Christ went to work, not for his own glory, but for the glory of God.

It is our time to share the hope and forgiveness that we have been given and to invite others to sit at the table while we serve them. It is time for the church to claim its mission and to get to work for Christ and hope, not for our own glory.

The message of servitude and giving the Glory to God was reinforced with the Gospel Canticle The Song of Zechariah. Worship closed with prayer and sharing of the peace at which time Bishop Boerger declared the 22nd Northwest Washington Synod Assembly to be in session.

From 2009 NW Washington Synod Assembly May 15, , 2009.
We thank Mel Pugh for representing FLRB as a Lay Delegate
More info can be found at LutheransNW.com

WHAT'S NEW AT PRESCHOOL?



First Lutheran Scrips

We have started what we think will be the best Fundraising activity yet! First Lutheran SCRIPS! SCRIPS is a program where you purchase "Scrip" or cards for various amounts and to various stores and the preschool gets a percentage back depending on the business. You get the advantage of getting dollar for dollar the Scrip money you want and we get the advantage of a monetary donation from your favorite businesses. EASY!!

Don't forget these cards are great for gifts, but they are even better for your day-to-day shopping too! For example:

1. Each month you spend \$200 at Albertson's.....purchase \$200 worth of Scrip through us, we get 4% and you still get \$200 to spend at Albertson's,
2. Each month you spend \$100 on Gas at a Shell Station. Purchase Shell cards through our Scrips program and we get 1% and you still get \$100.00 to spend at any Shell station of your choice.
3. Your favorite restaurant to eat at is Olive Garden—but you don't know when the next time is you will eat there—that's ok—purchase a couple of cards through our Scrips program and we get 9% back and you can use them anytime you want!

And the list goes on and on!

Best yet!!! - sometime this summer we will be able to add Fred Meyer and QFC to our list of local stores! SCRIPS is a great "Teacher Appreciation" idea too!

We place orders every other Friday!

The June Order dates are: 5th & 19th. You can always find order forms next to the preschool office!

Questions??? Call Kären @206-546-0320, or preschool@flrb.org

STEPHEN MINISTRY - NEED FOR CHRISTIAN CARE

Sometimes it takes more than a parka or a blanket to keep another person warm. Sometimes it takes the presence of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers share the warmth of God's love with those who are in need: the lonely, the depressed, the grieving. Is God calling you to reach out to those who are hurting?

Every day you see peo-

ple who are hurting: those who have lost a job, lost a loved one, are going through a divorce or battling a serious illness. Stephen Ministers are God's representatives who bring his love to those who are hurting.

God is waiting to make a difference in their lives through you! If you want to find out more about how you can be involved in this one-on-one care giving ministry, contact Cathy Thomas - 542-9161, Anita Riksheim -

361-2725, or Pastor John.

We hope to begin a new training class in September so don't wait to call, we'd love to have you join us!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ▶ June 3rd: Come to the Shoreline Community College Concert at 7:30 PM—All are welcome!
- ▶ June 7th: Graduation Sunday—Celebrate
- ▶ June 13th Fishing Trip—see page 8
- ▶ June 14th—Annual Meeting/ Car Wash

June 2009

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Note: *This calendar reflects ONLY FLRB events.* Other groups also have time scheduled in the building. Please contact the office to plan your meeting time.

Next Beachcomber Deadline:
Wed., June 17th

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	7:00 Women Bible Study	9:00 InAsMuch 1:00 Staff Mtg-OOB	6:00 Marriage Course 6:30 HS Youth Group 7:00 PRISM	5:45 Sounds of Grace		6:00 Parents' Night Out
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Graduation Sunday</i> 9:00 Worship 10:30 Worship	7:00 Womens' Bible Study 7:00 Stephen Ministry	9:00 InAsMuch 1:30 Staff Meeting 7:00 Church Council	5:15 Mission Trip Mtg 6:00 Marriage Course 6:30 HS Youth Group 7:00 PRISM	9:45 Mary Martha Circle 5:45 Sounds of Grace		FLRB Fishing Trip
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Car Wash today 9:00 Classic Worship 10:30 Praise Worship 11:30 Annual Meeting of the Congregation	7:00 Women Bible Study	9:00 InAsMuch 9:00 Staff Planning Mtg 12 N Deborah Circle	5:15 Mission Trip Mtg 6:00 Marriage Course 6:30 HS Youth Group 7:00 PRISM	5:45 Sounds of Grace	10:00 Book Club	
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<i>Fathers' Day</i> 9:00 Classic Worship 10:30 Praise Worship	7:00 Women Bible Study 7:00 Stephen Ministry	1:30 Staff Meeting	5:15 Mission Trip Mtg 6:00 Marriage Course 6:30 HS Youth Group 7:00 PRISM	5:45 Sounds of Grace		
28	29	30				
9:00 Classic Worship 10:30 Praise Worship	7:00 Women Bible Study		June 1-August 31: Worship Times on Sundays ARE 9:00 AM — Classic Worship 10:30 AM — Praise Worship			

If you are updating your will, please consider including the FLRB Mission Endowment Fund in your estate plan.

Thank you,
Glenn Nelson Mission Endowment Chair



Farewell, Elizabeth Jordan! On May 17th, Music Appreciation Sunday, we gathered to give a loving send-off to our Director of Music Ministries, Elizabeth Jordan, who moves to Texas, gets married, and begins a new ministry there. *We'll miss you, EJ, but pray for your happiness!*



WE PRAY FOR...

God's blessings and care for the following members and friends who are ill or in need: for Barbara Vemo; for Denise Gits Moss, friend of Leslie Phillips; for Judy Grotjahn; for Doris Hendrickson; for Eric Pedersen; for Jason McNamee; for Dick Craig; for Gary, Leslie Phillips' father; for Lori Marsh, niece of Carolee Grumm; for Tom Heilmann, friend of Bill Meyer; for the nephew of Laurie Rabinishad;

We give thanks and pray for happiness and love for Kari (Brown) and Chris

Gray, married May 23rd. *We pray for God to touch our children* who received Bibles this year, our **Confirmants** as they affirm their faith; our **graduates**; and **Elizabeth Jordan** who moves into many new areas of her life—receiving her Masters Degree, marrying Kurt, moving to Texas, etc., etc.

We give prayers of thanksgiving for the healthy birth of a son to Stephanie Speed and Brandon Avery;

We pray for Baby Janiya, the Bjorge's foster daughter,



We pray for friends in need

ter, as she transitions to her family of origin, and for the **Bjorges**.

We pray for comfort for the family and friends of those who have passed into your loving arms: **Barbara Spinney**; and **Esther Forney**.

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