

# THE BEACHCOMBER

COMMUNITY NEWS FROM FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF RICHMOND BEACH

Sept - Oct 2014



One of the hardest jobs a Lead Pastor has is getting good staff and keeping them. And just when you think you have all the right players **in all the right positions and you're all ready** to begin pulling in the same direction, a change occurs which makes it feel like any momentum you were about to have is, once again, lost.

Put on top of that the emotional difficulty of losing a co-worker that you have grown so fond of and worked so closely with. Ministry is done in close-quarters and, just like the **military has it's "band of brothers," so ministry has its close-knit bonds of collegiality. It's hard to lose a friend and a co-worker in God's Kingdom when a new opportunity pulls them in a new direction.**

After five years of ministry with us, this month we lose our dear brother Omaldo Perez as he takes a position in Ohio that offers him many new possibilities to grow and expand his career. Losing him is hard. Hard because we love his music; hard because we love his style; hard because we love him. Omaldo and Sonia were the first to reach out to me after I announced my divorce. They took me out for dinner and listened, and cared. **We've laughed together and we've cried together.** His loss is professional and it's personal.

I get that this is a great opportunity for him. **He's going to a bigger church where he'll have the chance to oversee other musical**

staff and have more opportunities to share his musical leadership. It gets he and Sonia closer to their friends and family in New York. **I understand all that, and I'm sincerely happy for them.** But it also makes me sad... sad for the loss of a great brother, a great co-worker, a great musician. Sad that the momentum we were beginning to feel will now be set back as we, once again, go through a staffing change.

His five years with us were a gift. God blessed us richly with his presence and leadership. We pray God will do great things with him in Ohio and we can feel good that we have set him up for such an opportunity. We pray God will now lead us as we look for a new Director of Music. But my belief is that the same God **who blessed us with Omaldo isn't done blessing us!** The Chinese character for "crisis" is the same one they use for "opportunity." While this certainly is not a crisis, this change gives us, just as it does Omaldo, an opportunity.

May God richly bless us in this time of transition as we await to see what God has next in store for us and our worship and music ministry! Join us September 21<sup>st</sup> as we celebrate Omaldo and Sonia and wish them both Godspeed!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Pastor John

## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR



From time to time someone will ask me what my favorite part of worship is. The answer? I love all parts of worship: singing praises together, listening to God's Word together, hearing the message together, praying together, listening together to the children's sermon, coming together to the Lord's Supper, and together collecting the offering. Yes, even the offering! **Sometimes people think of offering as "paying bills". Of course some of the offering is used to**

pay salaries and utility bills and give some money to support charities, but that is simply the way we further God's work in this corner of the world.

Offering is an important part of our worship. It is the moment in the service when we say to God, **"I know that you have given me everything I need to live and this is my moment to show you that everything I have is ultimately yours. Everything. Even my money."** Money is powerful and when we collect the offering we are saying that money is not the most important thing in our lives. God is.

Billy Graham said it well, "If a person gets his attitude toward money right, it will straighten out almost every other area in his

life." Craig Saterlee looks at the pull money has in our lives and writes, **"We do not overcome the power of money by accumulating more money, by using money for good purposes, or by being just and fair in our financial dealings. We participate in God's work of liberation, reconciliation, and recreation when we give money away, rendering money powerless and freeing ourselves- and all people from its oppressive control."**

As a pastor there is nothing that brings me greater joy than having the ushers bring forward what the people have offered to God and then lifting it before God and placing it on the altar. That simple act reminds all of us that every good thing we have is a gift from God. When we give, we are surrendering our entire lives to God. May God use our lives, every part of us, to serve our generous and merciful God!

In Christ,  
Pastor Elizabeth

# CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

## Summer Wrap Up



**Nicaragua July 2014-** This summer 6 youth, 2 college students and 5 adults spent a week with our partners in Nicaragua. We continued to build our relationship with the church and with Pastor Eliezar.

### Tillamook Mission Trip



**July 2014-** The youth once again headed to Tillamook, OR for a week of service. This year we not only worked with Habitat but also worked with the local food bank, a gardening project, and a lunch program. The youth were able to put their faith in action and serve others.

**40th Annual EVBS-** This summer we were privileged to host EVBS. We had a great week with over a hundred kids and fifty volunteers from our 3 host churches plus many community members. Kids were able to explore the nature of God.



### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade- First

Lutheran church and preschool participated in the Edmonds 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade for the second year in a row. We were blessed to have Omaldo Perez join us and play music for us as we marched.



## Fall Kick Off

**Shhh.... Secret High School Youth Event.** Parents the leaders are planning something special for your high school kids please make sure you talk to Terry Baird or Tamarah Lee by September 4th. Again Parents only.

**September 10th 6:30-8:30-**Youth Group Progressive dinner and Parent meeting. Location still TBD but the youth will enjoy a fun evening of games and food while the adults have time to learn about all the many opportunities for their youth this year including important confirmation information. Then the parents and youth will join together for dessert. This will be the first youth group of the year. Middle school and high school youth group will meet 6:30-8:30 through out the year.

### Wednesday Night Kids Klub-

Who: Kids ages 0 through 6th grade

When: Wednesday night 6:30- 9:00 starting 9/10

What: This is a drop in style kids night. While adults are in the Bethel Study, singing with Choir, helping with youth group etc. kids can come hang out, play games, work on homework, talk about God. Parents can drop off or pick up their kids anytime in the 2 and half hour time depending on what activities they are involved in that night.

**Volunteer Training and Retreat Coming in October-** All children and youth volunteers will be meeting in October to grow in their faith and call to lead children and youth. To pour love and faith out to kids we must first be filled. This will be a chance to be equipped for what God may be calling you to. "God doesn't call the equipped he equips the called" ~unknown

**Teacher/ Leader Installation-** September 14th Preschool teachers, Sunday School teachers and all children and youth leaders will be installed for the year.

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH NURSE

### Service of Prayer and Healing

A Service of Prayer and Healing will be held the first Sunday of every month following the last service, at 12:10. This will begin October 5th This will be a time that we can pray for people requesting prayer and healing; we can also pray in intercession for those people not in attendance. We are hopeful this will be just the beginning of something wonderful happening in the prayer life of our church family and those we care for and with.

### Flu Shot Clinic

A Flu Shot Clinic will be in the church library Tuesday, October 7, from 9am-12:00. Watch for sign-up sheets for specific times beginning mid-September. Other vaccines will be available, so please let me know if you are interested. Rite-Aid Pharmacy is **facilitating this, and will also give "vouchers" if the time is not right for you!** Stay healthy!

— Cathy Thomas, RN, OCN  
Parish Nurse

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

### Begins September 10th!

Watch the Navigator and church website for upcoming news on planned events for Wednesday nights!

### Music Rehearsals

Beginning September 10th:

KidSong -- Wednesdays, 5:15 pm

Jubilate Bells -- Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Cantorei Choir -- Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

Beginning September 11th:

Sounds of Grace -- Thursdays, 5:30 pm

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION

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Each Sunday, beginning September 28<sup>th</sup>, you are invited at 9:45 a.m. to the Upper Room for an hour of teaching that is meant to refresh your soul and be relevant to your daily life. Through a **mix of humor and insight, Pastor Bjorge opens up God's Word** and offers a 45-50 minute teaching that is meant to make your **hearts come alive to God's presence in your life and the world.** This year he will teach on subjects such as *The Essential Habits of Discipleship, Learning to Trust God, Life is Too Short, Living with Attitudes, Caring for the Soul, and Encounters with Jesus.* Join us each and every week for this time of inspiration and this breath of fresh air!

### Women's Monday Night Bible Study

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study would like to invite all women to join in studying the Book of John. We meet Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 in room 221. Our first session begins September 8, 2014. If you have any questions please contact Fran Uchida [425-778-7846](tel:425-778-7846).

### BETHEL SERIES

The Bethel Series is a pastor-led in-depth Bible Study which seeks to address the questions of faith with a unique overview approach of the Old and New Testaments. This program year, Pastors Bjorge and Felt will take the congregation, week-by-week, through the Old Testament. The following year will be the New Testament. Over the course of two years you will be able to not just know Bible stories, but know the whole story of the Bible and more clearly understand **God's redemption of the world.**



When: Begins September 10  
Meets: Wednesday Evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
How Long? Two Years (20 sessions per year)  
Cost: Was \$120/person or couple but because of a generous gift by one of our members, the cost will only be \$60 person/couple.

## OFFERING OPTIONS

Ways you can give:

Simply Giving: You can setup automatic payments by checking/savings or by debit/credit card. Forms are in the office or look for a display in the narthex beginning on Round-up Sunday.

Bill-pay from your bank: Do you already pay your cable and phone bills through your bank? Add us as a payee and they will send us a check when you want to contribute.

Online donations: The link (coming soon) on our website will take you to an online donation page where you can make one-time contributions or setup a recurring payment.

If you have questions or if you are interested and ready to give it a try, phone the office (206-546-4153) or email ([office@flrb.org](mailto:office@flrb.org) or [parishadmin@flrb.org](mailto:parishadmin@flrb.org)).

### Word Of Life

Wednesday mornings, at 10 a.m., the pastors gather in the Library to discuss and study the Scripture passages that will be preached on the upcoming Sunday. This is a time for everyone to share their thoughts, ask their questions, and be guided into seeing what these Scripture readings mean for us and our congregation. This hour of study will help you hear the sermon each week differently and, at times, even allow you to shape it through offering your ideas as to what these Scriptures mean for you. Join the pastors each Wednesday beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Carharts For Christ— Men's Ministry

**Our men's group meets on Wednesday nights in the library.** For more info, contact Alan Herr at [alanjherr@gmail.com](mailto:alanjherr@gmail.com).

### Women's Bible Bunch

Attention Ladies!

If you are looking for a special women's group, you will want to attend our Women's Bible Bunch which is resuming on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 in the Library. Please join us for a new beginning with a pot luck lunch. But if you are new, be our guest and enjoy the fellowship. Bring your Bible, pen, paper and expectations for a blessing!

Contact Person: Dorothy Clausen 425-776-2694.

### Writers' Class

The first meeting of the new program year will be on September 4<sup>th</sup>. This group meets the first and third Thursday of every month in the library, starting at 11:30 am.

Contact: Dorothy Clausen at 425.776.2694

### Mary-Martha Circle

Mary-Martha Circle will have the first meeting of the year on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, in the library. New members welcome.

### InAsMuch

InAsMuch will be back in full swing on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. It would be nice if we could see some new faces this fall! We work from 9-12 with a break for prayer, coffee and goodies at 10. If you are a late sleeper, come and join us for coffee and then sew until 12. If you would like to pick up a kit to sew a quilt top at home, we have the kits available along with bags of sorted 4-5 1/2 inch squares to make into a 10 1/2 square (it takes 48 squares to make a top). We have lots of materials and just need willing hands to **assist us. It's always great to get back in with our old friends and catch up on what has been going on in their lives the past couple of months and to meet new friends too.** Looking forward to seeing you!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Returns September 14th at 9:45!

Children of all ages are invited to participate in this year's Sunday School program. 3 years-4th grade will be part of "First" Kids 5th-6th grade will be part of Club 56 and 7th-9th graders will be in Confirmation. 3year-6th grade will start in a large group by the Elevator.



# FLRB PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

## First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten

### 42 years and counting!!!!

This September First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten will begin its 42<sup>nd</sup> year of ministry and outreach to the local community.



### Mary's Place

First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten is excited to spread the news that we will be supporting Mary's Place again this year! Mary's Place is a day activity center in downtown Seattle, providing food, clothing, social services, resources, and a safe haven for homeless women and children. During the months of September and October we will be collecting new and gently used backpacks which can be filled with supplies for the women and children to take with them at the end of the day. We will also be collecting coloring books, crayons, markers, pens, small toys, and books (things to entertain a child in a sparse hotel room) to fill the backpacks. Look for the collection box near the education wing or you can leave any donations outside the school office.

This year please continue to support us by:

- Praying for the staff, board and families. This year our staff includes – Kathie Longé, Maria Hacker, Randi Johnson, Nancy Malek, Shannon Honka, Terry Anderson, Natalie Henning, Sherry Weber, Karen Herr, Carolina Leitner and Kären Beasley.  
Board- Kristie Timss, Melissa Shook, Tamarah Lee, Sue McCormick, Terry Baird, Kristina Svenkerud, Kelly Oliver & Julie Anneberg.
- Collecting egg cartons, TP tubes and paper towel tubes & clean styrofoam meat trays
- Collecting Campbell Soup Labels-we have a collection bin **outside the school office.....they have changed from needing the front label – we now need the UPC label** from the back of the can or box. Over the years we have been able to **“purchase” supplies and equipment with the labels we bank!**

The staff and families are looking forward to another great year with lots and lots of fun and exciting things happening. Please **remember you are welcome to stop in and say “HI” anytime.**

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

FLRB will be hosting a Flu Clinic staffed by Rite-Aid personnel Tuesday, October 7, 2014, 9-12:00 PM.

These shots are also covered by Medicare B and Secure Horizons which the nurse will bill.

If you have any questions, please give Kären Beasley a call at 206.546.0320

## BUDGET / FINANCE

### A Note From The Treasurer

We have been so blessed as a congregation. Not only have we been blessed with fabulous leaders and staff, we have been blessed with an abundance of faithful volunteers and members who are willing to serve our congregation, our neighbors and the world at large. If there is a need, our congregation is always willing to step up to the plate and help out.

We want to thank you for your faithful stewardship; without your generosity none of what transpires within and outside our doors would be taking place. Unfortunately, we ended the 2013-2014 year with a net loss of \$27,282. Being a good Norwegian, as I know many of you are, (and I know you don't have to be Norwegian to feel this way), I prefer to live life in the "black" rather than in the "red." My hope is you will prayerfully consider looking at your finances to see if there is a way you might increase your monthly giving to our church and its programs so that we may continue to be God's hands of service. If everyone made a small increase, it would make a huge difference.

I have been using the Simply Giving program for the last 4 years; it makes everything so easy! You indicate the amount you would like to donate weekly, bi-weekly or monthly and it's automatically taken out of your bank account. If you would like to make a change, there's an easy notification process. There will be sign-up forms available in the Narthex (entry) or check with Mike Harris, Karen Ewing or me for more information.

I feel so fortunate to be a part of First Lutheran of Richmond Beach. It's because of people like you that I feel that way. Please help get our 2014-2015 program year off to a strong start! Thank You, Anita Riksheim

### Financial Budget Update

All revenues are now in for the 2013-14 fiscal year and we came in \$27,485 short of our budget goal of \$737,270. We were lucky not to exceed our planned expenses this year so we ended with a net loss of \$27,282. I would like to encourage you to prayerfully consider additional contributions this month to help start the year strong as well as taking an overall look at your regular giving. Our budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year has expenses of \$779,317 and we need your contributions to increase to support the programs you want to see. We look forward to an amazing 2014-15!

# NICARAGUA MISSION UPDATE

Our purpose is to:

*“share the gospel with the people of Nicaragua through our service in the areas of faith, community development, and health care”*

Our Nicaragua Medical Mission Trip is happening November 8-15, 2014! We will fill you in on the details on September 14, 2014 which will be a fun Sunday celebrating where our church has been in Nicaragua, and where we are going! There is so much enthusiasm from everyone who has been touched by this ministry.

On Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> the congregation will have the opportunity to hear about this amazing ministry. You will learn how we are serving God while working in partnership with the people of Nicaragua. So much work has begun, yet there is much to do. Last year we sent down a leadership team to begin forming a relationship with our partner church, Iglesia Roca Eterna and then in November we sent our first medical team. What amazing work they did. This year we sent a literacy team in April. They worked with moms, teachers, and students as well as brought books and school supplies to over 100 kids and monetary donations to go towards helping local people with the expenses of educating their kids. While there, the team experienced 5 earthquakes! Then in July we sent a youth team that consisted of high school youth, college students, and parents. **The primary focus for the week for this team became deconstructing Pr. Eliezer’s home that was condemned** after the April earthquakes. We are also looking forward to the return of the medical team in November.

Come and join us on the 14<sup>th</sup> at both services to hear how God has used us in ways we would never have expected and how you can help support this important ministry/partnership.



Pastor Eliezer with his wife, Garnett, and their children, Samuel and Cesia



Literacy training at Iglesia Roca Eterna

## LEADERSHIP

### Church Council

At the annual congregational meeting on June 9th, new members were elected to church council. Your new council representatives are: Bill Neumeister, council President; Bente Klatt, immediate past president; Marin Brustuen, Vice President; Anita Riksheim, Treasurer; Tamarah Lee, Secretary; Judy Borrow, Dick Craig, and Jim Annenberg, At-Large members, and Pastor John Bjorge. Council meets the second Tuesday of the month; the first meeting of the year will be September 9th.

## SARATOV UPDATE

Saratov recently reported that they installed the remaining 10 large windows for their church hall. A large donation of 4,500 euros enabled the completion of the installation, for a total 16 windows. Also, the church is pleased to have a deaconess now. Sister Maren arrived in February after serving 8 years in Moscow, **and Saratov is very excited to have her. The “Report March 2014” newsletter, which contains more information and a picture of the windows, is on the bulletin board next to the work room.**

Joan Rice

# CALENDAR

## September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2 InAsMuch Starts! Meet the Teachers	3 1st day of preschool	4 <b>Writers' Class</b> Starts!	5	6
7 RoundUp Sunday 10 am Worship Only Western BBQ & Live music	8 <b>Women's Bible</b> Study Starts!	9	10 Word of Life Starts! Bethel Series Begins - 6:30pm	11 Mary-Martha Circle Starts!	12	13
14 Nicaragua Sunday, Classic - 8:30 am Sunday School, Par- ent Meeting - 9:45 am Praise - 11 am	15 <b>Women's Bible</b> Bunch Starts!	16	17 Word of Life  Bethel Series	18 <b>Writers' Class</b>	19 <b>Women's Fall</b> Retreat	20 <b>Women's Fall</b> Retreat
21 Omaldo & Sonia Celebration & Send- off	22	23	24 Word of Life  Bethel Series	25	26	27
28 New Community Worship, 9:45 am Begins!	29	30				

## October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Word of Life  Bethel Series	2	3	4
5 Prayer/Healing Service - 12:10pm	6	7 Flu-Clinic at FLRB 9-noon	8 Word of Life  Bethel Series	9	10	11
12 School Celebration Sunday	13	14	15 Word of Life  Bethel Series	16	17	18
19  Quilt Sunday	20	21	22 Word of Life Bethel Series Reformation Party - 5pm	23 Lions Pumpkin Carving Kinders Pumpkin Math	24	25
26 Fall/Harvest Party 5 pm	27	28	29 Word of Life Bethel Series  Preschool Bat Bononza	30  Preschool Bat Bononza	31	

## EVENTS

### Round-Up Sunday — One 10 am Service

Join us on Sunday, September 7th, as we will experience one service at 10 am followed by a Round Up BBQ. There will be games, pony rides and crafts for the kids and entertainment for the adults. This is the time to get out your cowboy gear and your spirit of joy and celebration at the start of the church year. We **encourage you to begin planning not only what you'll wear but who you'll bring as a guest so that more people can experience the love and welcome of Jesus in the midst of our church community.**

A decorating and set-up party will take place the Saturday **before at 10 a.m. We're also looking for people to bring their favorite salad or pie to share.**

Remember, one service at 10 a.m., great food, fun and music. Please feel free to sign up in the Narthex or for information on how to help with this great day, please contact any Pastor John or any of the Staff.

### Fall/Harvest Party

Sunday, October 26th, 5-7 pm

Carnival games, dinner. All are invited to join this community celebration!

### Lutheran Heritage Tour with Pastor Bjorge

April 8-20, 2016

Mark your calendars now!

This is still a long way off, but with such a push by so many groups to take this tour, it was imperative that Pastor Bjorge book early. 2016 is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Plan to travel with him and his friend, Pastor Michael Sparby of Edison Park Lutheran Church in Chicago for a trip of a lifetime. We will visit Krakow, Prague, Erfurt, The Wartburg Castle, Wittenberg, Eisleben, and Berlin. Germany, Poland, and the Czech Republic, all in 13 days! Cost: \$4698 from Seattle. Brochures with a detailed itinerary are available



### Second Annual Women's Fall Retreat

The FLRB Women's Retreat at Bastyr University will be held on September 19th & 20th. Our guest speaker, Reverend Jan Nesse, will be teaching about God's gift to us: **The Sabbath. Our God longs for us to rest and become rejuvenated through weekly Sabbath keeping. Come and meet new friends, connect with old friends, and recharge! Sign-ups for the Women's retreat begin on August 17 in the church lobby. You will want to sign up as soon as possible since space is limited. The fees, which include Friday night dinner, and Saturday breakfast and lunch, are: \$75 for a shared room, \$102 for a private room with bathroom (only 4 private rooms available) and \$50 for the retreat without overnight accommodations.**

### Reformation Party

Wednesday, October 22nd, 5-7 pm

Celebration of Lutheran heritage --instead of youth group and children's activities. **Adults welcome to participate.**

### Preparing For Christmas Luncheon

Please mark your calendars ahead of time to attend our special Preparing For Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 3rd at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. You will not want to miss this luncheon! Look for more details later.

Contact: Dorothy Clausen 425.776.2694,

### Omaldo & Sonia Perez Celebration

Save Sunday 9/21 for a reception event honoring Omaldo & Sonia's music ministry with us for the last 5 years and their new life in Ohio as Omaldo meets new challenges at Zoar Lutheran

### Nicaragua Sunday

As we begin our fall worship schedule, we begin by celebrating a ministry that demonstrates the way this congregation works to **extend God's love and care for those around the world. Join us on Sept 14 as we celebrate how the Lord is working through FLRB to accomplish amazing things for those in Nicaragua and see the difference it's making in our lives of faith!**

## Omaldo & Sonia Perez

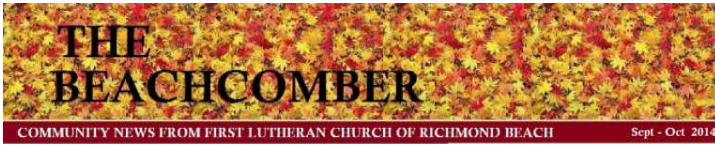
Dear Friends,

Saying goodbye is never easy. But sadly, a farewell is what Sonia and I must announce to you, after almost five great years of ministry at FLRB. Please, know that working in the midst of this faith community has been a wonderful experience. I have enjoyed making music, aiding congregational singing and looking after all of our musical needs. As a result, I know in my heart that the kindness of FLRB's outreach and the vibrancy of FLRB's worship will continue to find its way to many far away places, touching and helping many hearts for generations to come.

As for Sonia and I, we will be moving to Perrysburg -a suburb of Toledo, Ohio on September 22. Once there, I will be assuming new responsibilities and meeting new challenges leading the music program at Zoar Lutheran Church. As you can already imagine, **the geography and the weather will be very different from Seattle's, but there is one thing that will remain the same: I will continue to strive for a healthy balance between Tradition and Innovation, while assisting in the bold proclamation of the Gospel through Word and Sacrament.** For all the wonderful and loving moments of growth and adventure, we are grateful to all of you.

Peace and Joy, Omaldo & Sonia Perez





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## WORSHIP TIMES

### Round-Up Sunday, September 7th

10:00 am One Service  
Western BBQ Lunch and live Bluegrass music to follow

### Program Year Worship Schedule begins

#### September 14th

8:30 am Classic Worship (Traditional)  
9:45 am Sunday School/Confirmation  
11:00 am Praise Worship (Sounds of Grace)

#### September 21th

Special Sunday for Omaldo & Sonia Reception & Sendoff

#### September 28th

New Community Worship Begins, 9:45 am in the Upper Room

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Stay Connected

Follow us on Facebook or check out our website to keep up to date on events happening this summer (watch for our NEW website, which is coming soon). We will be posting photos, events and articles on our Facebook page. If you would like to receive the weekly e-mail newsletter or would like to receive our bi-monthly Beachcomber newsletter electronically, please contact the front office, 206.546.4153.

Like us on Facebook!



### September

#### Compass Center Sock and Hygiene Drive

The outreach mission for the next 2 months will focus on the sock and hygiene drive for the Compass Center once again. The need continues to be great. The generosity of this congregation has been truly amazing, let's keep it going. Last year we collected over 250 pairs of socks (let's try for 300 pair this year). We also collected a very large quantity of toiletries. The items needed are:

- \* New men's socks
- \* New and unopened hotel or samples size shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, bath soap, razors and shave cream.
- \* New men's t-shirts and underwear are also appreciated.

If you have questions please contact Doug or Karen Olson at 206-542-6563.

### October

Compass Center - Prepare a meal & serve in October.  
10/5 & 10/12 Outreach offerings to  
Compass Center.

Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox drive begins.

InAsMuch Sunday - Quilt displays, Blessing & offerings for 10/19 go to InAsMuch.

Nicaragua - Offerings for 10/26 go to the FLRB Nicaragua Fund for medical mission supplies.