

The BEACHCOMBER

COMMUNITY NEWS FROM FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF RICHMOND BEACH

December 2014 - January 2015

A WORD FROM YOUR TREASURER



Last summer, when I was asked if I would consider being elected as the Treasurer of our congregation, I have to confess that I hadn't paid much attention to the financial situation of our church. We had two excellent pastors as well as amazing music, youth, and support staff. The lights were always on, the building was warm, the grounds well kept and there were many exciting groups and ministries one could be a part of. So I was surprised when I started looking into our budget situation to see that things were not as positive as I thought.

During the last 3 years income has not met expenses. During 2012 and 2013 we had to dip into the Capital Reserve account to cover expenses in the amount of \$37,488. There is no longer any money in that account. During 2013 and 2014, we've had to borrow money from Dedicated Funds to meet our obligations. We now owe that fund \$31,268. Thankfully the staff has been very careful in their use of funds and we have been able to defer making payments on some obligations so we have been able to bump along bottom. I don't like to bump along the bottom though and I don't believe you do either. In an effort to be better stewards, we are currently reviewing every line item of the budget to see where we can make cuts. Maintenance and service contracts will be analyzed as well. Information from those reviews will be presented at the Semi-Annual Meeting. We also have three volunteers who are conducting an audit and will make recommendations.

We have a generous, loving God who provides for our every need. Everything we own belongs to God and his greatest desire is that we use what he has given us to do the work of his church and to reach out into our neighborhoods and beyond bringing the message of Christ's salvation to those who may not know him. We have been called to be a blessing to others and we are doing many wonderful things in that regard at FLRB. Youth mission trips locally and in neighboring states, medical and education missions to Nicaragua, In-as-much quilts, Thanksgiving baskets, Operation Christmas Child. The people

who volunteered their time though paid for the costs of the majority of those ministries; the rest was supplied through fundraisers. I wonder though how much more we could do, how many more lives could be impacted and how many more people could be involved if lack of funds weren't limiting us. Isn't that what we're supposed to be about?

I don't know about you, but I love giving gifts to people. Does it excite you too? During this Thanksgiving and Christmas season, will you please look at how you might increase the gifts you are giving back to God through your support of First Lutheran? I know from personal experience that during the downturn money was tight, but now that things are improving, will you please look at your giving over the past five years. Has it been stagnant? Are you still giving the same amount you gave three years ago? Could you do more? For some of you the answer might be no... for some of you the answer will be a resounding YES! I have been trying to increase my giving to church and to organizations that hold a special place in my heart. I can't tell you how much joy that has brought me, and what has been really special is that when a surprise expense came along, God provided. I believe He will do the same for you. Praying you will feel an extra measure of God's presence and love during this coming season.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

--2 Corinthians 9:6-11

—Anita Riksheim, Treasurer

Financial Budget Update

As noted in the last Beachcomber, we ended the fiscal year with a net loss of \$27,282. This sum has grown to \$31,268.83 through the fall as giving has been lower than expected. We have managed to keep meeting our obligations by borrowing from our dedicated funds such as the Youth Fund, the Memorial Fund, and the Upper Room Remodel Fund. We've been lucky that we had these reserves to borrow from, as we didn't need to get a loan from a bank and pay interest. However, this is still a loan that must be repaid, and we can't do that without an increase in your support. As we come into the Christmas season, we know there are many worthy tugs on your pocket books. We need you to keep us on your list so we can continue to do our mission work now and in the rest of the year.

Karen Ewing—Bookkeeper

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY



*December 21st
Christmas Pageant and Celebration*

*8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
9:45 am Christmas Coffee, Crafts and Celebration
11:00 am Dream of Change Christmas Pageant*

Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior as told through the youth and children of our congregation. This will take the place of our 11:00am Worship service. Come before the pageant for Christmas Coffee and Crafts fun for all.

Fun at Sunday School!!

This fall kids were able to jump into the Bible stories. Kids experience the stories through games, crafts, food and special guests. We have had a doctor come talk about germs while learning about Naaman and Leprosy, a hair dresser talk about Samson and cutting hair and a fire fighter teach about fire safety while learning about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and the fiery furnace. We are always looking for more people to come connect with our wonderful kids. Talk to Terry Baird to get connected ffd@flrb.org



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 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.

As always, if you have any health or emotional concerns, would like a visit in the hospital or at your home, want prayer for yourself or a family member, or would simply like someone to talk with, please feel free to reach out to the Parish Nurse, Cathy Thomas. She is available Tuesdays and Wednesdays at church or at other times by appointment.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday Night!

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

- Bethel Series 6:30-7:30
- Youth Group 6:30-8:30
- Kidz Klub 6:30-8:30
- Cantorei Choir 7:30-9:00

Music Rehearsals

- Jubilate Bells -- Alternate Mondays, 6:30 pm
- Cantorei Choir -- Wednesdays, 7:30 pm
- Sounds of Grace -- Wednesdays, 6:00 pm

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

new community

Each Sunday you are invited at 9:45 am 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! New Community will be taking a break December 14th through the holidays and will resume Sunday, January 11th.

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 pm in room 221. If you have any questions please contact Fran Uchida [425-778-7846](tel:425-778-7846).

Online Advent Devotional

Spirit 105.3 FM has a fabulous online Advent devotional written by local pastors. Our own Pastor Elizabeth has written some of the devotions. Check out this great resource at: <http://allmomdoes.com/>

Also, Pastor Elizabeth will be "On-The-Air" at Spirit 105.3 FM in the near future. We will post dates/times, that you can listen, when we find out the details.



Lutheran Heritage Tour with Pastor Bjorge

April 8-20, 2016

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. Join us as we travel to Krakow, Auschwitz, Prague, Erfurt, The Wartburg Castle, Wittenberg, Eisleben, and Berlin. Germany, Poland, and the Czech Republic, all in 13 days! Cost: \$4698 from Seattle. Brochures are available at the Hospitality Desk.

OFFERING OPTIONS

Ways you can give:

Simply Giving: You can setup automatic payments by checking/savings or by debit/credit card. Forms are on the bulletin-board behind the Hospitality Desk.

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 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 (parishadmin@flrb.org).

Word Of Life

Wednesday mornings, at 10 am, 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.

Carhartts For Christ— Men's Ministry

Our men's group meets on Thursday nights in the library at 7 pm. For more info, contact Alan Herr at alanherr@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 meets at noon on the third Monday of the month, 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

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 meets the Second Thursday of the month at 10am, in the library. New members welcome.

InAsMuch

We work from 9-12, each Tuesday, 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!

2015 Daily Texts Have Arrived!



The practice of our Faith is the way to grow closer to Jesus in our lives. Making our spiritual life a part of our daily routine helps to remind us that all things come from God. To keep us closer to God we share our Daily Texts from the Bible.

Daily Texts is a devotional book with an Old Testament verse, a New Testament verse, and a prayer for each day of the year. Inside you will find instructions for our T.R.I.P. prayer method which helps to guide you through your daily reflection. **Pick up yours at the Hospitality Desk. They make great Christmas gifts!**

FLRB PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten

We have had some very busy months here at First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten. The Pre-Kindergarten Lions had Pumpkin Carving, the Kindergarteners had a Pumpkin Math Night, the Kangaroos, Lambs and Doves had all kinds of transportation themed fun at their annual Dads night— “Dad’s and Dinos!”



Outreach: We have chosen “Mary’s Place” as our outreach emphasis this year. We collected backpacks and school supplies in September and October. In November and December we are collecting socks, mittens, hats for both adults and children. We have a collection box outside the school office if you would like to contribute.

Christmas Programs: If you need a little something to get you into the “Christmas Spirit” First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten has just the ticket for you!!! Join us on either Tuesday or Wednesday December 16 or 17 at 10:30 AM for the Doves and Lambs Christmas programs. On Thursday December 18 the Pre-K Lions & Kindergarteners will present “A Night of Great Surprises” written by Elizabeth Jordan at 11:00 AM. Please join us for one or all of these events. Refreshments will be served in the Upper Room following each performance!

January Registration: January will be here before you know it and with it brings In-House and Congregational Registration for First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten for the fall of 2015. If you are interested in more information or would like a tour— please call Kären in the school office after the first of the year. We will again have classes for 2 1/2 year olds through Kindergarten. Join us for our 43rd year.....Please tell your friends and neighbors as well!

Why We Use Simply Giving

I LOVE “Simply Giving”. Scott and I have used it since First Lutheran signed up—at least 12 years ago (might be longer—I just can’t remember!). With Simply Giving automatic payment system I don’t have to remember to write my check each week—or remember to mail it if we are out of town. It’s easy to change when we want to up our giving. If we have extra to give I can then write a check for the offering plate. If there is an outreach or youth event we want to support, I don’t even think about my normal offering, I just write a check to FLRB with the designated outreach on the memo line. I will admit, it did take some time to get used to not putting an envelope in the plate each Sunday, but after a while it became very “freeing”. My offering is between God and our household, not me and the offering plate. Now we can go out of town to vacation or visit the grandkids and not wonder if we would remember to mail in our envelope. Our advice to you: Try it—you may like it!!!

—Kären & Scott Beasley

A Word from Pastor Elizabeth Felt



This year our annual Women’s retreat focused on the Sabbath. In the lead up to the retreat I reflected on how I keep the Sabbath. The truth is I stink at it. Life is so busy! Who has the time to take a WHOLE day off? I know that honoring the Sabbath is one of the Ten Commandments, but it is one I tend to ignore or forget, which is fascinating because it is the longest commandment. It’s tucked right into the middle of the commandments, between the ones that teach us who God is and how to love and worship God and the ones that teach us how to treat each other. It serves as a bridge between our relationship with God and our relationship with each other. It appears that God thinks that we need a little rest in our lives. Even God gets to rest and enjoy what God has created. As Walter Brueggemann says, “*This God is not a work-a-holic.*” God did not work for six days and then say, “I better keep at it. There is more creating to do. I can do better. I can do more.” No, YHWH, takes time to rest and enjoy creation. We are all desperate for a day like that. We live in a world which believes that you have to grasp and claw and cling to every little thing. You are your accomplishments. You are your work. You have to fight your way to the top and you are only going to get there by working harder and working longer and working early and working late. Work week-ends, work holidays, work, work, work. Our stores are open all night and all day and you can shop on line and you can watch cable news 24 hours a day. Then we go home and we work on our marriages and work in the yard and work around the house and then we go and work out!

That is a lot of work! The message is that there will never be enough – there won’t be enough money or enough food or enough whatever – so just keep working. No one ever gets to stop.

But when we honor the Sabbath, we take one day and refuse to participate in this anxiety producing world that says you will never have enough. God seems to know that we will serve God better if we are well rested and so we won’t take part in a society that works people into a frenetic exhaustion. We look at the craziness that surrounds us and say, “Well, I didn’t create the world, I didn’t save the world, and I don’t have to run the world. I guess I’ll take twenty-four hours to worship God and enjoy the world.”

It might take some practice. I am not very good at relaxing and letting God run the world. In the book Jewish Renewal, Rabbi Michael Lerner says that anyone engaged in the practice of Sabbath keeping can expect a rough ride for a couple of years. That is because Sabbath involves pleasure, rest, freedom, and slowness, none of which comes naturally to North Americans. I imagine that when you first start to observe the Sabbath it might bother you to watch the housework pile up and not be productive. You’ll see your friends and neighbors scurrying around and you might feel a little lazy. I think God must have realized that we wouldn’t be very good at Sabbath keeping – so God gives us this day every week to get us used to the idea that we aren’t in charge and a long nap might be a great way to honor God. In the words of the Rabbi, the day is a gift – open it up and use it.

In Christ,
—Pastor Elizabeth

NICARAGUA MISSION UPDATE

FLRB's purpose is to:

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

FLRB Medical Mission Trip brings Joy! It was pure joy to worship at Iglesia Roca Eterna! Clapping our hands and singing (without musical accompaniment!). It was pure joy seeing 240 people leave the "medical clinic" (set up at Iglesia Roca Eterna) with bags of medication making a difference in their lives. It was pure joy seeing the faces of those working with the people, caring and smiling... reciprocated with the joyful faces of children and adults playing! It was pure joy to see the girls at the Villa celebrating 4 girl's Quinceaneras, and playing and having fun...even seeing a couple married for 50 years dancing! It was joyful to see Benny speaking Spanish so well and helping out! It was joyful seeing everyone working together painting, and also teaching First Aid and CPR! Thank you for your prayers and support! We were blessed, and they were blessed...and our Lord rejoiced!!



LEADERSHIP

Church Council

Your current Church Council is: **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 **Pastors John Bjorge** and **Elizabeth Felt**. The Council normally meets the second Tuesday of each month.

MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

After having numerous meetings and soliciting input from the membership with a survey, FLRB now has a "Director of Music Ministries" posting on the ALCM (Association of Lutheran Church Musicians) website. We look forward to soon having candidates to consider for this open position! If you have any questions about the process, feel free to talk to the Hiring Task Force leader: Scott Beasley.

CALENDAR

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Women's Bible Study - 7pm	2 InAsMuch Quilting - 9am	3 Word of Life - 10am Prepare for Christmas Luncheon 11:30am	4 Writers' Group - 11:30am HolyYoga - 5:30 Carhartts - 7pm	5	6
7 8:30/9:45/11am [Advent 2] Blue Christmas - 2pm SCC Concert - 7:30pm	8 Stephen Ministry 6:30pm Women's Bible Study - 7pm	9 InAsMuch Quilting - 9am Church Council 7pm	10 Word of Life - 10am	11 HolyYoga - 5:30 Surrendered Life 6:30pm Carhartts - 7pm	12	13
14 8:30/9:45/11am [Advent 3]	15 Women's Bible Study - 7pm	16 InAsMuch Quilting - 9am	17 Word of Life - 10am	18 HolyYoga - 5:30 Carhartts - 7pm	19	20
21 8:30/9:45/11am [Advent 4]	22 Women's Bible Study - 7pm	23 InAsMuch Quilting - 9am	24 Christmas Eve Services 4:30/ 8:30/ 10:30pm	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 Day After Office Closed	27
28 8:30/9:45/11am [Christmas 1]	29 Women's Bible Study - 7pm	30 InAsMuch Quilting - 9am	31			

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 Day After Office Closed	3
4 8:30/9:45/11am [Epiphany]	5 Women's Bible Study - 7pm	6 InAsMuch Quilting - 9am	7 Word of Life - 10am Bethel Bible - 6:30pm	8 Mary-Martha Circle - 10am HolyYoga - 5:30 Carhartts - 7pm	9	10
11 8:30/9:45/11am [Bapt of Lord]	12 Women's Bible Study - 7pm	13 InAsMuch Quilting - 9am Church Council 7pm	14 Word of Life - 10am Bethel Bible - 6:30pm	15 Writers' Group - 11:30am HolyYoga - 5:30 Carhartts - 7pm	16 Queen City Musicians Concert - 7:30pm	17
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EVENTS

Blue Christmas

The holidays are joyous and festive occasions for many of us. However, for some people this time of year can be quite painful and distressing. For those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, a job, or who are separated from family, friends and the familiar, loneliness is often more acute at Christmas. While others are singing carols and feasting at parties and family reunions, these folks feel cut off and isolated.



We know our Savior as Emmanuel, which means God with us. Jesus comes to all, especially the downcast and brokenhearted. He reaches out to bring comfort and solace to those who are grieving.

First Lutheran will offer a special worship service on Sunday, **December 7th, at 2:30 pm.**, for all who may be feeling alone or down this year. The service is called “Blue Christmas, a Service of Remembrance and Hope.” Blue Christmas worship is quiet and meditative, with candles and soft music, and speaks of hope, comfort, and light in the midst of darkness. It will be followed by a time for light refreshments, fellowship and suggestions on how to make it through the holidays.

No need to RSVP, our doors will be open to all who come, so please feel free to invite others to come with you, as your support or if you know that they too are finding that Christmas hurts. This service is especially designed for our neighbors who may not have a church home. Do you know anyone who is lonely or hurting? Please invite him or her to come to the Blue Christmas worship. Offer to pick up and sit beside your friend through the service. (The present that is most appreciated by others is often the gift of our presence!)

Our Lord Jesus comes among us to heal, restore and save, and invites us to join Him in ministry to our neighbors.

Sponsored by Stephen Ministry

Upcoming Events/Dates

- Shoreline Community College Chamber Chorale & Shoreline Singers Concert on December 7th, 7:30pm at FLRB.
- Queen City Musicians Concert on January 16th, 7:30pm at FLRB.
- Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting - Upper Room at 12:15pm on January 25th.
- Watch for a Special Evening and Auction coming the end of January! We are planning a special event off site to benefit our ministry in Nicaragua and Pastor Eliezer! Details to follow! It promises to be a special time of sharing and support!
- Seattle Children’s Chorus Concert on February 22nd, 7pm at FLRB.

Look for additional details in the weekly Navigator and the FLRB website; www.flrb.org

Preparing For Christmas Luncheon

Please mark your calendars ahead of time to attend our special **Preparing For Christmas Luncheon** on Wednesday, December 3rd at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. You will not want to miss this luncheon! Good Fellowship & food, Our speaker is Pastor Jan Nesse, Christmas Carols and receiving God’s blessings! Sign up at the church, no later than 11/30, and feel free to invite friends! Contact: Dorothy Clausen 425.776.2694 and Emma Pedersen 425.771.4651

Holy Yoga — Practice Yoga / Worship Jesus

Interested in trying some yoga centering on Christ? As part of our health and wellness outreach, FLRB has launched a **free** weekly Holy Yoga class in the Upper Room, **Thursdays 5:30-6:30 pm**. In Holy Yoga we use movements, music and mindful breathing practices for God’s glory and meditate on truth in scripture. The only flexibility required is in your willingness to try something new! Please arrive a little early to sign in and bring a mat, towel, water and block/strap, if you have them. These are ongoing classes so you can join at any time. Instructor Terri Fenn is a Yoga Alliance 200 hr Registered Yoga Teacher and a Registered HolyYoga Instructor. www.hollyyoga.net terrifenn@holyyoga.net

A Word from Pastor John Borge



I think most of us set our life on cruise-control and we do enough to just get by. We care enough to get by; we love enough to get by; we serve enough to get by; we give enough to get by; we pray enough to get by. What if we did all these things, “*and-then-some.*” What would it look like to be a passionate “*and-then-some*” kind of person?

In the Bible we read that God calls his people not to be hard-hearted, or tight fisted, but to be open-handed and generous. I want you to imagine what it would mean for you to live that way. I want you to imagine the transformation that would occur for you — perhaps in your work, relationships, marriage, with your children, in your mind and intellectual life, your physical health, or the well-being of your soul — if you did what you did with all that you’ve been given and with all your strength.

My friends, it’s not about doing more, or becoming a workaholic. It’s about doing it better. When I get to my life’s end, I yearn to be known as someone who loved well, lived well, gave well, and served well. I don’t want to have given just enough to get by, but to have given and to have lived with passion... to have lived, loved, and served... *and then some...* as Jesus did.

As you consider your prayer life, your stewardship of resources, your relationships, may you be transformed by living, giving, loving, and serving generously, abundantly...*and-then-some.* May this season of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas fill you with a generous and open-handed spirit and may it do wonders to your relationships, and to your heart, and to your soul!

—Pastor John



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M-Thurs. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm,
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Fri. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



WORSHIP TIMES

Program Year Worship Schedule

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

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

4:30 pm Family Christmas Worship
8:30 pm Candlelight Worship
10:30 pm Candlelight Worship



Staff/Office Holidays

12/25 - 12/26 & 1/1 are "office closed" holidays

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Follow us on Facebook or check out our website to keep up to date on events happening. 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 bimonthly Beachcomber newsletter electronically, please contact the front office, 206.546.4153.

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December

Give Gifts of Hope This Christmas Season

Visit the Heifer International booth in the narthex every Sunday of Advent and learn how simple gifts of livestock and training are lifting families worldwide out of poverty and hunger. Honor loved ones with gifts of cows, chickens, honeybees, llamas (and much more). See how passing on the gift helps entire communities flourish. Since there are only 3 Sundays in December this year before Christmas, the Heifer International display will be available in the narthex starting on **Nov.30**. This will give you more time to choose a gift in honor of a loved one who appreciates helping others.

Mary's Place

Participate in preparing and serving Christmas Dinner as well as collecting items such as gifts and hygiene supplies. Outreach dollars go to Mary's Place. More details to come.

January

Community lunch on Capitol Hill

Outreach offerings on 01/18 and 01/25 will go to this mission. More details to come.