# BEACHCOMBER

COMMUNITY NEWS FROM FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF RICHMOND BEACH

December 2016 - January 2017

#### A WORD FROM PASTOR JOHN



Is God blessing you? If so what are you giving back to the church, to missions, and to the community?

We're in the season of giving thanks and soon will be thinking about giving gifts. At Christmas and throughout the year we give because God has first given to us. Likewise, we say thanks for all that God has given to us.

So many people say how much they love what's going on in

worship. They talk to me about how God is blessing them through the music (isn't Joel a gift!), through our education programs, and through the messages they hear. But we can never just stay in the glory of great experiences and insights of worship and growth or even riches. There must be a time when we take what we've learned and apply it—not hoard, or be miserly, but to respond with generosity. If there is an in-flow, there must also be an out-flow if we're going to stay healthy, if we're to be faithful.

How can we reset our thinking on stewardship? Be demonstrably grateful for what you have and what Christ has done!

God has given to each of us a lot. Each of us has been given gifts of God's Spirit. The Bible tells us that those gifts are for the common good. In other words, God doesn't give us gifts for our own benefit. They are not for us to hoard but to invest and to use.

This winter our Stewardship Team is going to help us get straight on that. They're going to help us all identify our giftedness. This spring the individuals they will have trained will lead us in small groups so that we can better understand our giftedness and then take our gifts and begin to employ them and to share them for our common good.

When the reality of Christ's power and purpose hits us, we automatically will be at odds with the rest of the world and its values. We see our friends with the latest phone or car or clothes or electronic do-hickey, and we need to pray and ask, is it necessary?

The Gospel is about the one God who is sovereign and loves. This is a God who graciously and passionately seeks us out with a love deeper than we can imagine and wants nothing more than to reconcile with us.

That Gospel is what we have that is of true value and of ultimate importance. Which means that money and things are tools, not a lifestyle. Christ is to be our life and glorifying Him is to be our style. Our experiences and ideas tend to get in the way, so God has to sometimes wake us up, knock us off our stool of pride and complacency, even greed, to remind us to look to him. He is the author of our lives. To give in generosity is our way of being used by him to bless others.

What are you going to do this holiday season so as to demonstrate through your generous giving his plan for your life? Is God blessing you? If Christ is your life, glorifying him through your generosity will more and more become your style!

Blessings to you during these seasons of giving!

—Pastor John

#### **KNIT-WITZ SHAWLS**

Do you know someone who is going through some tough times? Has suffered a loss of some kind? Whose physical or emotional health is fragile? Or who has just gone through a big life change (a move, loss/change of job, divorce)? If you (or someone you know) finds themselves in any of these situations, perhaps they would be encouraged and comforted by a prayer shawl. The shawls are meant to be a tangible evidence of God's loving presence and comfort. The shawls are knit by a group of ladies in our church, affectionately known as "The Knit-Witz". The group meets once a month in members' homes to work on the shawls, as well as knitting on their own. The shawls are kept in the prayer chapel (at the end of the pastor's office hallway) and are available to ANYONE with a need. The shawls will be blessed during the December 4<sup>th</sup> worship services and will also be available for attendees at the Blue Christmas service that afternoon. The group is blessed every time they sit down to knit and, as each shawl is given away, feels honored to pass along God's love and care.

#### **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY**

### December 18th Christmas Pageant and Celebration

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service 9:45 am New Community Class 11:00 am 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 at our 11:00am Worship service.

All youth and children who would like to participate in the Christmas pageant this year please contact Terry Baird as soon as possible at <a href="mailto:ffd@flrb.org">ffd@flrb.org</a>. Dress Rehearsal will be Saturday December 17th 9am-11am.

#### **Upcoming Youth Group Events**

Mark your Calendars for Winter Camp February 10th-12th.

Youth 7th-12th Grade. Combined camp with Bethany community Church North. More Details to come.

#### **WEEKLY HAPPENINGS**

#### **Monday Night**

Bell Choir 6:30 pm

#### **Wednesday Night**

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

> JaM- Jesus and Music 5:00 pm Praise Band 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Carhartts for Christ 6:30 pm Adult Choir 7:30 pm

#### **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.

#### **Cancer Support Group**

We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM This is for cancer survivors, cancer patients in treatment, new diagnosed patients, and caregivers or family members with loved ones with cancer.

#### **Prayer Life**

Have you heard the prayers of our children? In Sunday School and in JaM (Jesus and Music), the children offer prayers to God in one or two word sentences, with the proudest smiles on their faces. Terry Baird, our Faith Formation Director, is opening doors to their hearts and they are learning to be comfortable praying with and for each other. They are comfortable praying aloud – several shared their prayers with the congregation on All Saints Day.

Can we learn from our children the joy of sharing prayer? Prayers do not have to be perfectly performed, but heartfelt! Yes, we have many amazing and wonderful prayer warriors in our congregation, and when hearing some of your stories, I know you pray and love our Lord. Can we be led by the children's example, and can we also be examples to our children? Matthew 18:3 "...truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Cathy Thomas, RN, Parish Nurse

#### SPIRITUAL FORMATION

#### **Word Of Life**

Each Wednesday mornings, at 10 a.m., join Pastor John in the Library. 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.

#### **Writers' Group**

The Writers Group meets the first and third Thursday of each month in the church library from 11:30 to 2. One need not be a church member...nor even a writer... to enjoy the fun in this group.

#### **Mary-Martha Circle**

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

#### **Carhartts For Christ— Men's Ministry**

Our men's group meets on Wednesday nights in the library at 6:30 pm. For more info, contact Alan Herr at alanjherr@gmail.com.

#### **InAsMuch**

We work from 9-12, each Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall, with a break for prayer, coffee and goodies at 10.

## new community

Each Sunday, 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.

#### Women's Bible Bunch

We will be taking a break to prepare and enjoy Advent and Christmas. We will resume on <u>January 16th. 2017</u>. All women are welcome to join us as we discuss the inspiring Scripture in John chapter 15 <u>THE TRUE VINE</u>. A pot luck lunch is planned as a welcome back. Come and receive God's blessings! You will be glad you did! Contact: Dorothy Clausen, 425-776-2694 daclaus@comcast.net

#### "Mom Prayer And Coffee"

Join us Friday's from 11:30 to 1:00 for a time of discussion, prayer and study. This is a time for moms to gather with other moms and share in joys and struggles and find hope and strength in God. We will meet Friday December 2nd and 9th. We will be using the book Jesus Calling as our devotion. It is not necessary to have the book. We meet at First Lutheran. Grab a cup of coffee and join us. Lunch bunch provided for children 2 years and older. Please sign up with Karen Beasley (there is space). Children younger than 2 are welcome to join us. For more information or any questions contact Terry Baird ffd@flrb.org

#### **EXPLORING OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many for one body, and each member belongs to all the others. "

Every member, school age children through adults, will have the opportunity (in the near future) to fill out a spiritual gifts assessment on paper or in electronic form. Members will be encouraged to participate in a small group review, led by a "gift guide", to understand the results. The assessment results are just a beginning of an ongoing effort to determine what gifts can be brought to church/work/community and where these gifts can best be shared. No one individual can do it all, but together we can as we share our gifts.

#### **PASTOR SABBATICAL**

Pastor John was recently awarded a grant to participate in the National Clergy Renewal Program, through the Lilly Endowment Inc. organization. In August he learned that he was awarded a grant of \$50,000 for his 2017 four-month sabbatical. Pastor John and FLRB are one of 146 congregations and pastors across the US selected to participate in this competitive grant program which is funded by the Lilly Endowment and administered by Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. The program's grants allow Christian congregations to support their pastors with the gift of extended time away from their ministerial duties and responsibilities. Pastor John is one of only three Lutheran recipients of the grant in the Pacific Northwest. Pastor John plans to take August-November 2017 as his sabbatical. We congratulate our pastor on being awarded this incredible grant!

#### **FLRB PRESCHOOL AND 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 fun at their
annual Dads night— "A
Camping we will Go!"





Outreach: We will be assisting Calving Presbyterian's "Backpack Kids" this year. They provide 6 meals & 2 snacks for the weekend for needy children in Shoreline. We are collecting high protein foods that are packed with vitamin C and easy to "cook". Some of the items they collect are beef ravioli, fruit cups, Mac & cheese, pork & beans etc. If you would like to help out—look for

the rolling board with our display on it!

We are also hosting a **Giving Tree for Mary's Place**. In the next couple of weeks, look for the Christmas tree under the Noah's Ark picture near the elevator. There will be tags for shoes, toys and gifts the kids can give their parents.





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 13 or 14 at 10:30 AM for the Doves and Lambs Christmas programs. Then on Thursday December 15 the Pre-K Lions & Kindergarteners will present "The Light of the Whole World" 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 starting January 9th for First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten for the fall of 2017. 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 45th year......Please tell your friends and neighbors as well!



#### Please Raise Your Spade in Salute!

Once again, for the sixth year, our church family and surrounding neighborhoods have been blessed and refreshed by the loving stewardship of fifteen dedicated volunteers during the past summer months. These volunteers offered to maintain at their own convenience a particular garden bed for at least three times during the growing season (May through September), removing weeds, spent flowers, and trash. Some have even provided light pruning or installed replacement plants. Additionally, the Preschool staff and janitor have helped with summer watering. Such care has rewarded us with healthy, thriving plants and a beautiful, welcoming presence to our facility—our church home.

We also deeply appreciate the generous donations from those who contributed to our lawn service fund. These contributions were essential in keeping our grass lawns neat and tidy over the spring and summer months.

Thank you so much, garden volunteers: Russ and Dana Davies, Mike and Martha Laslavic, Dorothy and Glenn Nelson, Jim and Pat Shilt, Walter Miller, Margret Voetmann, Janet Caruso, Phil and Marian Thom, Margrethe Farr, and Karen Neumeister.

#### **NICARAGUA MISSION UPDATE**

Pray for us please! We are so excited to be returning to Nicaragua February 18-25, 2017! Fourteen members of First Lutheran will be working with our partner congregation Iglesia Roca de Eterna, near Managua, Nicaragua. Many of us are returning members, and some new members. We have two teams, a Medical Team which will hold 3 medical clinics in the church reaching 250 individuals each day!

Our Construction Team will continue building Pastor Eliezer's home (damaged in the earthquake, demolished by our youth team, foundation built by our construction team last year, and now building the walls).

We stay at Villa Esperanza and are blessed to interact with the girls and staff who live there; this is founded and run by Forward Edge International, and it is our "home base". These people of God work with us and support our work in their community.

Thank you for your financial support (see more information on our January fund raiser), and we lean into your prayers for travel, for safety, for God's will and work to be done for His people. We will send pictures of God's people in follow up! Cathy Thomas, RN, Parish Nurse and Team Leader.





#### **SARATOV, RUSSIA MISSION UPDATE**

Archbishop Dietrich Brauer has announced that Pastor Alexander Scheiermann of Saratov Evangelical Lutheran has been elected Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East! The announcement was made during the recent Synod Assembly held in Omsk. He will be ordained on April 23, 2017 in Omsk.

We have been closely associated with Pastor Scheiermann since the fall of 2003 when First Lutheran of Richmond Beach agreed to "partner" with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saratov as part of the NWWA Synod outreach to Russian Lutheran churches. He has visited FLRB several times and we also sent groups to Saratov. We are presently functioning as a collection point for donations from around the United States and northwest Canada and have sent almost \$312,000 to support this congregation. These funds have helped the church rise from a rented space beneath a casino to a brand new church home near the Volga River and facilitated expanded internal and outreach programs of their own.

Pastor Scheiermann is already serving as Dean of the Saratov region churches. We do not yet know what effect his elevation to Bishop will have on the Saratov church, but we are very excited for our hard-working friend. It would seem he has some extended travel in his future!

#### **LEADERSHIP**

#### **Church Council**

At the annual congregational meeting this past June, new members were elected to Church Council. Your Church Council Leaders this year are: Phil Turcotte, Council President; Marin Brustuen, Immediate Past President; Jim Borrow, Vice President; Sue Fulkerson, Treasurer; Laura Marchisio, Secretary; Duane Hoffman, Cory Heins, and Jim Annenberg, At-Large members, and Pastor John Bjorge. The Council usually meets the second Tuesday of each month.

#### **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.

### CALENDAR

### December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov. 27 Advent 1				Writers' Group - 11:30am SCC Chorale 7:30	Mom's Prayer & Coffee 11:30am	3 Marian Waldal Memorial - 2pm
4 Advent 2 8:30 Classic Service 9:45 Education Hour 11:00 Praise Service 12:00 Service of Prayer & Healing 2 pm Blue Christmas	5 Bell Choir - 6:30pm	6 InAsMuch - 9am Staff Meet - 10:30am CancerSupport - 7pm RBCA - 7pm YogaFaith - 7pm	7 Word of Life -10:00am JaM- 5:00-6:00pm PraiseBand - 6pm Youth Group 6:30-8:30 Carhartts for Christ 6:30 Cantorei Choir 7:30-9:00	8 SSC Concert - 7:30pm	9 Mom's Prayer & Coffee 11:30am	10
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### January 2017

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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.

This year, we are having our annual Service of Hope and Remembrance on December 4, 2016 at 2pm. This is sponsored by the Care Ministries of First Lutheran.. This is a quiet service held in our library for those who have experienced loss, through death, divorce, depression and other life challenges. We will acknowledge the pain and sadness during the holidays and move forward towards HOPE. We invite the community in addition to our congregation, and we will have invitations available to extend to someone you may know.

It might be easier for someone to come, if they are invited and attend with someone who knows their pain, so please consider sharing this service. There will be coffee and refreshments following the service.

## The Plight of Palestinian Christians on the West Bank

We are blessed to have joining us on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> Michael and Carmen Zoughbi from Israel. Michael and Carmen are Christians who live on the West Bank and who will be sharing with us during the New Community time (9:45-10-45) about what it is that the Christians in Israel and the West Bank are having to endure. He will share his olive wood carvings with us and open our eyes to some things in the Bible that we miss due to our being so far from the lands in which the biblical narratives took place. Join us for this special New Community presentation in the Upper Room.

#### **New Beginning Event**

A NEW BEGINNING EVENT is being planned and you are invited!

WHEN: Jan. 8th. 9:45 (in-between services)

WHERE The Upper Room WHY: Come and See!

WHAT: Inspirational Sharing, refreshments, blessings music

and much, much more!

For questions or to help contact Dorothy Clausen at 425-776-2694 or daclaus@comcast.net

## **Christmas Pageant and Celebration Sunday December 18th**

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service 9:45 am New Community Class 11:00 am Christmas Pageant

#### **Christmas Eve / Day Services**

Join our Community Celebration on Christmas Eve. Services will be at 5:00, 9:00, and 11:00 pm. The earlier service will be a family-oriented service and the later two will be traditional Candlelight services accompanied by a Brass Quintet.

A single 9 am Christmas morning service will be held.

#### **Shoreline Community College Concert at FLRB**

Join us on Thursday, December 1st at 7:30 pm for a special premiere vocal concert by the Shoreline Community College Chamber Chorale & Shoreline Singers, called "Hue". Evan Norberg, Director.

Tickets at the door; \$7 - General, \$5 - Seniors & SCC staff, \$3 - Students.

The Chamber Chorale is a group of 30-40 singers that performs primarily Classical literature.

The Shoreline Singers is a 12-16 voice a cappella ensemble. The Singers perform a wide variety of music including madrigals, vocal jazz, spirituals, world music, and more.

## Candle Light Christmas Dinner With "The Dickens Carolers"

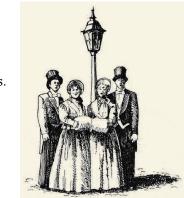
A fundraiser for the First Lutheran of Richmond Beach Concert series.

Saturday, December 17th at 7pm in the FLRB Upper Room. Tickets are \$15.

Come enjoy a 3-course meal in a festive atmosphere with candle light and caroling provided by some of Seattle's finest musicians.

Childcare provided by FLRB's Parent's Night Out.

Contact Joel Bevington for more information: 206-546-4153





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Front Office Hours

M-Thurs. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:15 pm - 5:30 pm Fri. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



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#### **WORSHIP TIMES**

#### **Program Year Worship Schedule**

8:30 am Classic Worship (Traditional)

9:45 am **Education Hour** 11:00 am Praise Worship (Sounds of Grace)

## **Christmas Eve/Day Worship Schedule**

5:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Worship 9:00 pm Candlelight Worship with Brass Quintet 11:00 pm Candlelight Worship with Brass Quintet

9:00 am Christmas Day Service

#### **Staff/Office Holidays**

12/26 - 12/27 & 1/2 are "office/school closed" holidays

#### **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 bimonthly Beachcomber newsletter electronically, please contact the front office, 206.546.4153.

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## OUTREACH Reach Out . Waltoate . Provide

#### **December**

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#### Give the Gift of Hope This Christmas Season

This year in addition to The Heifer Project, our outreach will be Mary's Place. We will be collecting hats, scarves, and gloves. They need all sizes for women, men, and children. We will have collection boxes in the Narthex the Sunday November 27th. Donated items need to be taken to Mary's Place by Sunday, December 18, so please have your donation to the Church by that date. Mary's Place annual Christmas party is on December 19, the donations will be given out at the party. Last year they had over 1,600 guest it has been quite a success If you have any questions or concerns please call Karen or Doug Olson 206 542 6563 or mellolson@comcast.net.

#### January 2017 Nicaragua Mission Trip (Feb. 18-25)

For this mission trip we will be raising funds for construction materials and medical supplies. There will be a fund raiser dinner, in January, at St. Luke Parish in Shoreline, details yet to be announced.