

# The Beachcomber

## Community News from First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach

### A WORD FROM PASTOR JAN

Fall has been an exciting time here at First Lutheran. Pastor Jim and I have commented to each other what a wonderfully active congregation this is. It cannot be more easily demonstrated than by the focus on the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. We have seen a hundred people at the adult forums learning about our history and how the Lutheran church began. And it was in preparing one of those presentations, Women of the Reformation, that I was surprised to be awakened to a new appreciation of the dynamics of change in the church.

The Reformation was not a simple modification of church practice. It upset a whole system, not just in the church, but in society as well. Two things that I pulled from the several books and articles I read that prevail over the details of the stories were 1) change is always resisted and 2) important change takes sacrifice. I suppose we all knew that, but it was brought home in a new way as I compare the church and culture of Martin Luther's day to ours today.

First, change is always resisted. In Luther's day, the Catholic church had a stake in keeping things the way they were. Certainly, the printing press was a major factor in getting others involved in change, but the resistance came from the ones who benefitted from the status quo.

As I presented ideas of change in congregations in my role on the synod staff, I often referred to this research:

In every situation there are people who will innovate and initiate change and there are others who will resist it. This is most notable when the degree of change being sought is large and involves significant new behaviors and the loss of significant ways of doing things. The following curve gives a good picture of how people are likely to align with regard to a significant new idea:

**Visionaries:** These people see new ideas – things that have not yet been. They are few and far between and rarely can make a change happen without allies to give it traction.

**Early Adopters:** These people like new ideas and enjoy picking up new concepts, making them concrete and pursuing their implementation. Much practical change comes from these people. Note! Only visionaries and early adopters actually like change. They total about 20% of the population in most cases.

Most major new ideas are 4:1 disliked initially! But this next group (middle adopters) makes up over 50% of the population. Win them over with reason, participation and ownership that is real and you will have over 2/3 support!

**Middle Adopters:** Although this group prefers not to change things, they are reasonable and open. If ideas are communicated, ownership is in place, and the idea can be shown to be a reasonable way to make a genuine improvement – they will go with it.

**Late Adopters:** This group both prefers not to change and does not really see the point of making the change. However, after the idea is in place they will adjust and eventually be comfortable with the new idea.

**Laggards:** This group never likes the new idea as well as the previous way(s). It was always better sometimes in the past. Laggards are usually well under 10% of the population (they just also tend to be loud). Keep the middle adopters involved and the laggards can't speak for "the silent majority."

The second idea that came from reading about the Reformation was that important change takes sacrifice. We saw the start of the Lutheran church and the whole Protestant movement come about as an excommunication from the stable, maybe even rigid, arbiter of the Christian message. Protestants were sacrificed by torture in prisons as well as burning at the stake. And it was all about the spreading of God's grace to all people – without rules, requirements, and payments.

What I see now is a church in a new age of Reformation, with new ways to communicate into a culture that could not have been even imagined in Luther's day. I see changes coming that may create a church of our children and grandchildren that we may not recognize today as even church. But I also see the changes moving in the direction of Luther who was clear about our guidelines for change; that is, sola scriptura. The Word is our guide, our focus, and our arbiter of change.

So... "what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

Blessings, Pastor Jan

# CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

## Christmas Pageant 2017

December 17th – Both Services

The talents of our congregation will collide together to tell of God's love through the gift of his Son. Children and youth are encouraged to participate.

### Ways to Participate:

**Kids singing:** Kids going to JaM and Sunday School will be learning the songs for the pageant.

**Kids Speaking:** There will be a few short parts for Elementary students.

**Youth Speaking:** The youth will work on speaking parts during youth group.

### All Speaking parts Rehearsal:

Wednesday December 13th, 6:00pm-8:00pm – Dinner Provided

Dress Rehearsal: December 16th, 9am– 11am

**Do you have talents you can offer? Contact Terry Baird [ffd@flrb.org](mailto:ffd@flrb.org)**



## Parents' Night Out

December 9th

5pm– 10pm

Children 4 months-6th grade

\$30 for 1st child

\$15 for 2nd child

\$10 for each additional child

Dinner will be provided.

Crafts ~ Games ~ Movie

Christmas Fun!!!

Fundraiser for FLRB

Youth.

Contact Terry Baird:

[ffd@flrb.org](mailto:ffd@flrb.org)



## Youth Group—Upcoming Special events

**November 8th**—Pump it Up—meet at church at 6:30pm or at Pump it Up in Lynnwood at 7pm bring socks and eat dinner before.

**November 15th**– Sorting food for Thanksgiving baskets.

**November 22nd**– No YG or JaM

**December 13th**- Pageant Speaking parts Rehearsal 6:00-8:00pm

\* Regular youth group unless noted

### Youth Group Christmas Lock-in

7th-12th Graders

December 20th—21st 6:30pm– 8:00am

Bring \$10 and a friend



Sauerkraut is  
coming!!

Jim Shilt and the youth made  
Sauerkraut again this year.

Watch for it to be on sale!!

Makes a great Christmas Gift!



# REFORMATION 500

## Reformation Celebration

Thank you to all the people who made FLRB's celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation possible. Several generations took part in this celebration. The children of FLRB contributed to the celebration by singing:



## Candlelight Christmas Dinner With "The Dickens Carolers"

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

Saturday, December 9th 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

## EVENING ACTIVITIES

### Monday Night

6:30pm Bell Choir

### Wednesday Night

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

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



## HARVEST CARNIVAL

### Family Fun

This year's harvest carnival had plenty of food and fun—carnival games, trunk-or-treating, crafts, and hotdogs. A chance for families to talk, laugh, and test their skill at carnival games.



## 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—Fall into Fall.



**Outreach: Backpack Kids** – The children have been collecting food each week so that our congregational volunteers can bag it up to be delivered to Syre. They provide 6 meals & 2 snacks for the weekend for needy children. We are collecting high protein foods, 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**. Look for the Christmas Tree under the Noah's ark picture near the elevator. There will be tags for toys for the kids and gifts for the kids to give their parents. Please return them by December 10.



**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 12 or 13 at 10:30am for the Doves and Lambs Christmas programs. On Thursday December 14 the Pre-K Lions & Kindergarteners will present “The Light of the Whole World” at 11:00am. Please join us for one or all of these events. Refreshments will be served in the Upper Room or Fellowship Hall following each performance!

### January Registration:

January will be here before you know it and with it brings In-House and Congregational Registration starting January 29th for First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten for the fall of 2018. 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 46th year!  
Please tell your friends and neighbors as well!

## FLRB SCHOOL IN WORSHIP AND OUTREACH



Students singing in worship at FLRB School Celebration Sunday (above).



Helping pack Backpacks for Kids with food (right).

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION

### Word Of Life

Each Wednesday morning at 10am join the Pastor 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 on the first and third Thursday of each month. Even if you don't write, you're welcome to attend and hear the writers read their work. Arrive between 11:30am and noon. Bring a sack lunch. Adjournment is typically about 2pm. The writers are a diverse group... some write children's stories, others write poems or memoirs, some writing is fiction, some non-fiction... it's always a surprise. Questions? Contact Marian Schroedl: 206-533-8994 or [mariann\\_ps\\_mo@frontier.com](mailto:mariann_ps_mo@frontier.com)

### InAsMuch Quilters

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

A look back at the quilts our quilters made this past season...



## new community

Each Sunday, you are invited at 9:45am 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

As we look ahead, the remaining meeting for this year will be Monday, November 13th. We will meet again after the New Year on Monday, January 15th. We extend an open invitation for all women to join at any time to study God's Word, have fellowship, and prayer as well as help with the planning of events and luncheons. We meet on the third Monday of each month in the Library at 12pm. If it is necessary to change the date, it will be posted. All you need is your Bible, pen and paper, a sack lunch and an expectation for God's blessing. Dessert and beverage is provided. Contact Person: Dorothy Clausen - 425-776-2694 or [daclaus@comcast.net](mailto:daclaus@comcast.net)

### "Mom Prayer And Coffee"

Join us Tuesdays from 11:30am to 1pm 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 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](mailto:ffd@flrb.org)

### Carhartts For Christ— Men's Ministry

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

### Mary-Martha Circle

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

## LEADERSHIP

### Church Council 2017- 2018

The Church Council is your elected leadership at FLRB. Please contact council members with your questions, concerns or suggestions.

President - Jim Borrow

Vice President - Laura Schleede

Past President - Phil Turcotte

Secretary - Laura Marchisio

Treasurer - Mike Laslavic

At-Large - Duane Hoffmann

At-Large - Cory Heins

At-Large - Bev Klein

The Council usually meets the second Tuesday of each month.

## OFFERING OPTIONS

### Ways You Can Give

- Simply Giving: You can set up automatic payments from 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.

# NOVEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

| Sun                                                                                                                                             | Mon                                                                                                                     | Tue                                                           | Wed                                                                              | Thu                                            | Fri                               | Sat                       |
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| Tuesday's regular activities include:<br>9am InAsMuch<br>11:30am Mom's Group<br>2pm Staff Meeting<br>7pm Yoga-Exercise                          | Wed. evening activities include:<br>5pm JaM<br>6pm PraiseBand<br>6:30pm Youth Group<br>6:30pm Carhartts<br>7:30pm Choir | 1<br>10am Word of Life<br><i>Wednesday evening activities</i> | 2<br>11:30am Writers' Group                                                      | 3                                              | 4                                 |                           |
| 5<br><i>All Saints' Sunday</i><br>8:30am Classic Service<br>9:45am Education Hour<br>11am Praise Service<br>12:10pm Service of Prayer & Healing | 6<br>6:30pm Bell Choir                                                                                                  | 7<br><i>Tuesday Activities</i>                                | 8<br>10am Word of Life<br><i>Wednesday evening activities</i>                    | 9<br>10:00am Mary-Martha Circle                | 10<br><i>Office/School Closed</i> | 11<br><i>Veterans Day</i> |
| 12<br>8:30am Classic Service<br>9:45am Education Hour<br>11am Praise Service                                                                    | 13<br>12pm Women's Bible Bunch<br>6:30pm Bell Choir                                                                     | 14<br><i>Tuesday Activities</i><br>7pm FLRB Council           | 15<br>10am Word of Life<br><i>Wednesday evening activities</i>                   | 16<br>11:30am Writers' Group                   | 17                                | 18                        |
| 19<br>8:30am Classic Service<br>9:45am Thank-you celebration for Pastors Jan & Jim<br>11am Praise Service                                       | 20<br>6:30pm Bell Choir                                                                                                 | 21<br><i>Tuesday Activities</i>                               | 22<br><i>*No Wed. evening activities*</i><br>7pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service | 23<br><i>Thanksgiving Office/School Closed</i> | 24<br><i>Office/School Closed</i> | 25                        |
| 26<br>8:30am Classic Service<br>9:45am Education Hour<br>11am Praise Service                                                                    | 27<br>6:30pm Bell Choir                                                                                                 | 28<br><i>Tuesday Activities</i>                               | 29<br>10am Word of Life<br><i>Wednesday evening activities</i>                   | 30<br><i>Staff Off-Site</i>                    | Dec 1                             | Dec 2                     |

# DECEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                  | Mon                                         | Tue                                                                                     | Wed                                                                                                                       | Thu                                                 | Fri                                                 | Sat                                                                       |
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| 3<br><i>Advent 1</i><br>8:30am Classic Service<br>9:45am Education Hour<br>11am Praise Service<br>12pm Coffee Hour - Welcome back Pastor John<br>12:10pm Service of Prayer & Healing | 4<br>6:30pm Bell Choir                      | 5<br><i>Tuesday Activities</i>                                                          | 6<br>10am Word of Life<br><i>Wednesday evening activities</i>                                                             | 7<br>11:30am Writers' Group                         | 8                                                   | 9<br>5pm-10pm Parent's Night Out<br>7pm Christmas Dinner/Dickens Carolers |
| 10<br><i>Advent 2</i><br>8:30am Classic Service<br>9:45am Education Hour<br>11am Praise Service<br>2 pm Blue Christmas                                                               | 11<br>6:30pm Bell Choir                     | 12<br><i>Tuesday Activities</i><br>10:30am School Christmas Program<br>7pm FLRB Council | 13<br>10am Word of Life<br>10:30am School Christmas Program<br><i>Wednesday evening activities</i>                        | 14<br>11am School Christmas Program                 | 15                                                  | 16                                                                        |
| 17<br><i>Advent 3</i><br>8:30am Christmas Pageant<br>9:45am Education Hour<br>11am Christmas Pageant                                                                                 | 18<br>6:30pm Bell Choir                     | 19<br><i>Tuesday Activities</i>                                                         | 20<br><i>School Closed</i><br>10am Word of Life<br>No JaM; No Youth<br>6pm PraiseBand<br>6:30pm Carhartts<br>7:30pm Choir | 21<br><i>School Closed</i>                          | 22<br><i>School Closed</i>                          | 23                                                                        |
| 24<br><i>Advent 4</i><br>10am Morning Worship<br>5pm Family Christmas Eve<br>9pm Candlelight Worship<br>11pm Candlelight Worship                                                     | 25<br><i>Christmas Office/School Closed</i> | 26<br><i>Office/School Closed</i><br><i>*No Tues Activities*</i>                        | 27<br>Office Hours: 9am-1pm<br><i>School Closed</i>                                                                       | 28<br>Office Hours: 9am-1pm<br><i>School Closed</i> | 29<br>Office Hours: 9am-1pm<br><i>School Closed</i> | 30                                                                        |
| 31<br>Check Navigator for this Sunday's worship times closer to the end of the year.                                                                                                 | Jan 1, 2018<br><i>Office/School Closed</i>  | 2<br><i>School Closed</i>                                                               | 3<br>School Resumes                                                                                                       |                                                     |                                                     |                                                                           |

## EVENTS

### Candlelight Christmas Dinner

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### Christmas Pageant and Celebration

**Sunday, December 17th**

8:30am Christmas Pageant

9:45am Education Hour

11am Christmas Pageant

### Christmas Eve Services

**Sunday, December 24th**

10am Sunday Morning Worship

5pm Family Christmas Eve Worship

9pm Candlelight Worship with Brass Quintet

11pm Candlelight Worship with Brass Quintet

### Semi-Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars! The Semi-Annual Meeting is scheduled for **January 28th**.

### Blue Christmas Service



We are in the "final approach" to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, and many of you may have experienced the loss of a loved one, or the loss of health and you find yourself without the "joy" of the season. Your loss has made a huge difference in sharing and experiencing the holidays. Let us walk with you.

On **December 10th at 2pm**, our Caring Ministry has "A Service of Remembrance and Hope", often called The Blue Christmas service. It is a time to honor

and remember your loss, and to offer support and resources as you grieve and face the "familiar" in a different way. The service is a small, quiet gathering in the church Library. We will have invitations available if you want to invite someone you know.

Our Parish Nurse, Cathy Thomas, invites you to share your concerns/worries if you would like, in a conversation with her... you can contact her through the office or email her at [nurse@flrb.org](mailto:nurse@flrb.org), or reach out to her when you see her!

### Welcome Back Pastor John

Help welcome Pastor John back from sabbatical!

Mark your calendars for a Welcome Back Coffee Hour:

When: Sunday, **December 3rd** following the 11am service.

Where: The Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to help with the coffee hour, contact Dorothy Clausen 425-776-2694 or [daclaus@comcast.net](mailto:daclaus@comcast.net)

## 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 12:10pm. 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

Cancer Support Group

Join us on Tuesday, November 28 (or in December - date TBA) at 6:30pm in the FLRB Narthex. This is for cancer survivors, cancer patients in treatment, newly diagnosed people and caregivers or family members who have a loved one with cancer. Questions, contact Sherry Shellman 206-794-6508.

### 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.

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

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M-Thurs. 9:00am - 5:00pm  
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Return Service Requested

## WORSHIP TIMES

### Program Year Worship Schedule

|          |                 |
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| 8:30 am  | Classic Worship |
| 9:45 am  | Education Hour  |
| 11:00 am | Praise Worship  |

### Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

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|----------|----------------------------------------|
| 10:00 am | Sunday Morning Worship                 |
| 5:00 pm  | Family Christmas Eve Worship           |
| 9:00 pm  | Candlelight Worship with Brass Quintet |
| 11:00 pm | Candlelight Worship with Brass Quintet |

### Staff/Office Holiday Closures

11/10, 11/23-11/24, 12/25-12/26 & 1/1

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Stay Connected

Follow us on Facebook or check out our website to keep up to date on events happening this fall. 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

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### November: Thanksgiving Baskets

**November Outreach: Thanksgiving Baskets** - Help give 50+ families a Thanksgiving Meal and more! The Thanksgiving Baskets we fill and distribute will help families right here in Shoreline. Four ways to help:

- Pick up a grocery bag with a suggested shopping list after services on Sundays through November 12th. Fill this bag and return it to the church. There will be collection boxes in the narthex for your donations.
- Sign up to bring a turkey.
- Sign up to deliver the baskets.
- Donate money for the purchase of fresh foods for the baskets. All items will be needed on or before Sunday, November 19th, the day they will be distributed. Any extra food not used in the baskets will be donated to the Shoreline Food Bank and used for other hunger programs.

### December

For December we will be conducting a Sock and Hygiene Drive for Compass Housing Alliance.