

The Beachcomber

First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach, Shoreline, Washington

Spring 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

I can't tell you how many times I've been talking with someone and it comes around to my telling folks what I do and where I work, and the immediate response is, "Oh, my children or grandchildren or nieces or nephews went to Preschool there! They loved it! What a great place!"

The reputation of our Preschool, which now also includes a Kindergarten, is out there...and it's great! We are influencing the lives and families of our community to be sure! For 47 years, our Preschool has served this community by inspiring our community's children to embrace a love of learning and has set up so many children to succeed in both school and in life.

Our Preschool was started by members of FLRB back in 1972. Since then it has always been a ministry of FLRB, one the congregation has always embraced and valued.

We have an enrollment of 120 students supported by 13 teachers and assistants, yet only 10% of those students are members of FLRB and only 50% have any sort of church home at all. What we are supporting through this program is not only education that inspires learning and teaches children the things that will set them up to succeed in school and life, but a place where the faith is taught and embraced. Weekly chapel which includes myself and other church staff, classroom lessons that focus on biblical stories and themes, celebrating Christian festivals, and teaching Christian values has been a way for FLRB to "make disciples of all nations" by sharing our faith warmly, and authentically with others, all within the context of a Preschool learning environment.



For the past 25 years, we have been blessed to have Kären Beasley at the helm serving as our Director. Prior to that she'd been a teacher in Preschool classroom for five years. Her 30 years of care, devotion, leadership, shepherding, wisdom, and gentle spirit have led our program and it has grown tremendously under her direction, at one-

point enrolling as many as 200 students. As a member of FLRB, she has worked hard to connect the church to the preschool and the preschool to the church. She has believed that the stronger the bond between both, the more that both are blessed.

Kären has come to that time in her career where she and her husband Scott are ready to retire. While we all wish

she'd stay on in her role as Director indefinitely, we also honor the 30 years she's dedicated to the Preschool and want to celebrate with her this transition. Fortunately, she will continue to be an active member in the church and will help to facilitate a successful transition.

Last October a Hiring Task Force was put into place and Scott Lindberg has done a fantastic job of leading us in deliberate process for finding a new Director. Scott was a part of a similar process in his last church in Kansas City. The task force has spent many, many hours deliberating—putting together a job description, listening to teachers, parents, congregational members and others as to what they thought were important qualifications in a new director, and working to widely post the position.

After prayerfully reviewing and interviewing applicants, the Preschool Hiring Task Force, supported by a unanimous vote of the Church Council, is **overjoyed to announce that they have offered the position of Director of Preschool and Kindergarten to Laura Schleede.**



Laura holds a Masters of Social Work (MSW) with a concentration in School Social Work. She has worked in preschool, elementary, junior high, and alternative educational settings and has experience as an educator in child and youth development. She has written for and secured large grants and overseen staff that have worked in the area of child mentoring. She is a published author in the area of mentoring and has won many awards and honors. Her work has been recognized by the White House and in 2010 she was honored by President Obama. Laura, along with her husband Matt (the course materials manager of the UW Bookstore) and children Lily and Elise, are members of FLRB. She will work with Kären Beasley the rest of this school year as the Co-Director of our Preschool and Kindergarten and will subsume the role fulltime this June upon Kären's retirement.

Change can be a challenge. We certainly all grieve Kären's imminent retirement. She has been a truly wonderful staff member and teammate. But change is also an opportunity, and we welcome the new ideas and energy that Laura will bring to the Preschool and, in her new role, to the church. Let us welcome Laura into her new role even as we give thanks to Kären for all that she has offered!

Pastor John

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

Wednesday Evenings

JaM - 5:00-5:45 pm

Soup Dinner - 5:45-6:30 pm

Worship - 6:30-7:00 pm

Wednesday Night Youth Group:

6:30-8:30 pm after service. 7th-12th Grade

GOOD FRIDAY

Family Service

April 19th 6:00 pm in the Upper Room. This service is family friendly and covers the importance of Good Friday in an interactive age appropriate way for all. This will be a great way for your family to experience Good Friday together.

*Volunteers needed to help with this service.
Please talk to Terry Baird*

JaM

JaM (Jesus and Music!)

3yr-6th grade kids will get a chance to grow in their faith and participate in Children's Choir. This year we will break JaM into several sessions:

3/13 to 4/14 - Sing Lent and Palm Sunday 4/14
Meets 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm during Lent.

4/24 to 5/15 - Sing 5/19 Music Sunday and 5/22 Talent Show. *Meets 5:00-6:00 pm.*



MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS

This summer 17 youth (9th-11th graders), along with Terry and Pastor John, will be heading to Puerto Rico. Thousands of Puerto Ricans have been living without electricity, safe water or reliable sources of food since hurricane Maria struck. The youth will have the opportunity to work alongside the local church and help families rebuild their homes and lives. During the year, the youth will be working on raising money for their trip this summer. There will be many ways to support the youth throughout the year. Here are a few upcoming opportunities:

144 Envelope Fundraiser

Envelopes numbered 1-144 are hanging in the narthex of the church. Each envelope represents a dollar amount. If every Envelope is taken and returned with the corresponding amount of money we will raise \$10,000. This will cover about half of the trip. When you return your envelope put your name and address on it and the youth will write you a postcard after the trip sharing about their experience



Easter Breakfast

Easter breakfast is our big youth fundraiser each year. All youth wanting to go on any of our mission trips or retreats can work this fundraiser to earn money for their trips. Breakfast is a free will donation and 100% of what you donate goes towards the kids you see working. You are not paying for eggs, you are giving youth an opportunity to grow in their faith and serve others.

Glassybaby Candles

Back by popular demand we will be selling Glassybaby Candles once again. Sales will start Easter morning and go through Mothers Day.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Hello from the music program at FLRB! I'm sure everyone is looking forward to Spring as the snow melts from Seattle's most recent blizzard. I'm truly thankful for the changing seasons here in the Pacific Northwest- it's not Winter for too long before our landscape comes to life again. Just like Winter moving into Spring, our music at FLRB will move from Jesus' teachings, through Lent and Holy Week, and finally to Easter. Musically, we have much to look forward this season:

Friday, March 1st: Compline Choir: England Pilgrimage Concert at 7:30 pm. The Compline Choir from Seattle's St. Mark's Cathedral will offer an hour-long Epiphany season concert entitled "God Made Manifest." Scripture, poetry of Eliot, Guité, and Donne, combine with music by Byrd, Cornelius, Hallock, and Jackson for this unique event—and a rare occasion when the Compline Choir ventures outside the walls of Saint Mark's! A free-will offering will be taken to support their upcoming pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral in England, where they will be leading the music for two weeks this summer. All are welcome.

Sunday, March 3rd: School Celebration Sunday! Kids from our FLRB pre-school and Kindergarten classes as well as JaM will be singing at the 11:00 am worship service. Not to be missed! *Communion will be held at the 8:30 am service only.*

Wednesday, March 6th: Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary with special music sung by our choir.

Wednesday Night Lenten Dinner and Services: Beginning at 5:45 pm with a potluck-style dinner served in the Fellowship Hall, then processing to our Sanctuary for a short service at 6:30 pm, come and hear members of our music ensembles sing and help lead these beautiful times of meditation.

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, April 18th & 19th @ 7:00 pm: These contemplative services at First Lutheran focus on Christ's journey to the cross and help us to pause and meditate on how he suffered. Our music will reflect this journey, leading up to a performance of *Jesus' Seven Last Words* by Dale Wood for our Good Friday service.

Sunday, April 21st: Easter Sunday! We will be celebrating at three services: 8:00 am with our praise band, and 9:30 am & 11:00 am with Brass Quintet, Bell Choir, Choir and Organ. A truly festive morning!

Sunday, May 19th: Music Sunday! Both services will be led by our music ensembles at FLRB: JaM Choir, Praise Band, Bell Choir, and Choir! This will be a service that celebrates the arts and artists in our congregation. Come prepared to be inspired.

Wednesday, May 22nd: FLRB Talent Show @ 6:30 pm! Sign up by talking with Joel Bevington or Terry Baird. This evening will not fail to disappoint! Don't be shy!

We hope to see you at any or all of these services and events! If you have interest in joining (or checking out!) any of these ensembles, need information about how to get your kids involved, or know of anyone who might like to get involved with the music at FLRB, let me know! I would love to talk with you. *Or just show up!*

Joel Bevington



Music Rehearsals

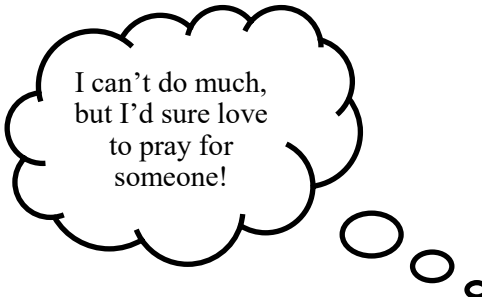
Mondays: Bell Choir— 6:00-7:30 pm

Wednesdays: JaM (Jesus and Music!) 3yr-6th grade kids: 5:00-5:45 pm; Praise Band: 6:00-7:20 pm; Adult Choir: 7:30-9:00 pm

CARE MINISTRY & PARISH NURSE

FLRB's Parish Nurse

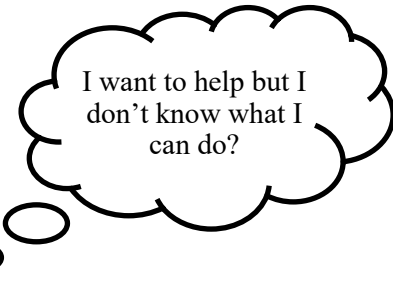
There are times that we all need some extra help and support from our community. We have many ministries (see below) that serve our congregation. For care and support—or to find out how to participate in giving help and support to others—contact Cathy Thomas, our Parish Nurse, nurse@flrb.org



I can't do much, but I'd sure love to pray for someone!

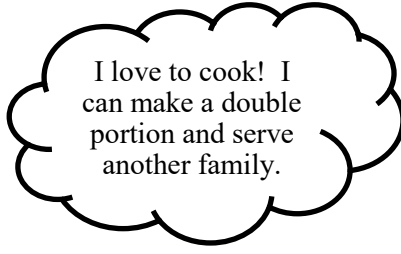
Care Teams

Using the gifts God has given each of us, FLRB Care Teams match people able to help with those needing help. Contact Cathy Thomas (see email above) to let her know what gifts you have (cooking, driving, yard work, prayer, visiting etc) and you will be contacted when there is a need.




I want to help but I don't know what I can do?

If you know of someone with a need or have a need yourself, put a request on the pew card and turn it into the office, contact Pastor John or Cathy Thomas (Parish Nurse).



I love to cook! I can make a double portion and serve another family.



I've always helped others.... and now I need some help!

Prayer Teams

We have a wonderful team of prayer warriors! The Prayer Chain is available 24/7 for the prayers of the congregation, family and friends. Prayers are placed in the Navigator when requested so others can support the prayer needs. We have a Prayer Cord which is for highly confidential concerns.

Monthly Cancer Support Group

You are welcome to join our cancer support group. We meet at church on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm to share our stories and lift each other up. We share bumps in our care and offer support and uplifting suggestions. It is good to be able to share our concerns and thoughts in a confidential group. Members are cancer patients, cancer survivors, and family caregivers. Sherry Shellman, cancer survivor leads the group with medical support from our Parish Nurse, Cathy Thomas, retired oncology certified nurse.

Card Ministry

The card ministry sends seasonal cards to folks as a reminder that their church family cares for them and is holding them in prayer.

Service of Prayer and Healing

Following the last service on the first Sunday of the month, a prayer team will meet with individuals for intercessory prayer and confidential prayer.

KnitWitz/Prayer Shawls

The KnitWitz knits prayer shawls to be given to anyone who may need a tangible sign of God's comforting love and care.

Eucharistic Ministry

Eucharistic Ministers bring communion to those unable to attend worship.

Van Ministry

Our church van picks up members at the Crista Communities, and some nearby neighbors and brings them to and from church.

Inasmuch

The quilts made by our quilting group, Inasmuch, are sent to people around the world through Lutheran World Relief.

FLRB PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

School News

We have had some very busy year here at First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten. Pumpkin Carving, Pumpkin Math and 3 days of Christmas programs!!! It's been lots of fun!

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 that 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!

Registration for 2019-2020: We have started registration for the 2019-2020 School year. We still have spaces if you or someone you know would like the best Early Childhood Experience in Shoreline and Edmonds. If you are interested in more information or would like a tour—please call Kären in the school office. We will again have classes for 2 1/2 year olds through Kindergarten. Join us for our 48th year.....Please tell your friends and neighbors as well!

School Celebration Sunday: March 3 is our annual School Celebration Sunday. The Preschool & Kindergarten children will be leading worship with songs at the 11:00 am service. That Sunday is also the kick off to Lutheran Schools Week. We also will be celebrating Randi Johnson's retirement. Randi has taught at First Lutheran since 1990—come help us celebrate the ministry of the school and Mrs. Johnson!

It's Basket Raffle Time: Friday March 29th will be our annual Open House/Art Walk/Basket Raffle night. Tickets for our fabulous baskets will be on sale March 17 and March 24 (or contact Karen Beasley to purchase). Join us for Ice Cream and the best art show in town Friday night!!! 6:30 pm.



NEW MEMBERS

Introduction of New Members

On February 17, we welcomed a group of new members to our congregation:

Grant Brown & Chris Blackstone; daughter: Ren Abby Coe
Kevin & Sara Gustafson; children: Lenore and Ford Jim Joki
James & Erica King
Marilyn and Rod Madden
Jon Nelson & Cheryl MacDonald

LEADERSHIP

Church Council 2018-2019

The Church Council is your elected leadership at FLRB. Please contact council members with your questions, concerns or suggestions. Council Meeting are usually on the second Tuesday of each month.

President - Laura Schleede
Vice Pres. - Chris Verschuyt
Secretary - Laura Marchisio
Treasurer - Mike Laslavic

At-Large - Bev Klein
At-Large - Cory Heins
At-Large - Stephanie Bertges
Past President - Jim Borrow
Lead Pastor - John Bjorge

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Navigator

Announcements due **Tuesday** for the following Sunday.

Beachcomber

Article submissions due **May 7, 2019**.

The focus for this issue will be on the end of the school year through summer.

Synod Assembly

Election of Bishop

The NW Washington Synod is engaged in a call process for our next bishop. FLRB will be allowed six delegates at this year's Synod Assembly where a new bishop will be elected (May 17-19). If you are interested in serving in this way, please let Pastor John know. We are allowed to have two men, two women, one young adult, and one youth.

LENT BOOK STUDY

A Note from Pastor John

If you were to ask the disciples, “What’s Jesus secret? What enables him to live such an extraordinary life?” I think if they had to answer in one word, that word would be prayer. No one has ever prayed like Jesus. It marked his life. We’re told in the Bible from the beginning to the end about how prayer marked his life.

We’re told that after he was baptized, as he was praying the heavens opened up, and the Holy Spirit came on Jesus. Think about that for a moment. He experiences God in prayer. And then immediately he went into the wilderness for 40 days of fasting and solitude and prayer alone with God as he faced temptations.

In Jesus life, when did he pray?

- He prayed when his schedule got demanding. When he began his public ministry the news spread all the more so crowds of people came to hear him and be healed. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.
- He prayed before big decisions in his life. One night, we’re told, Jesus went out into the hills and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his 12 disciples. Before he chose the 12, he spent a night in prayer. Can you imagine what it would be to have the major decisions of your life just bathed in prayer like that?
- He prayed when he was disappointed. When John the Baptist was beheaded, we’re told he withdrew to a solitary place to be alone with his Father and to pray.
- He prayed when he was worried about his friends. Jesus says to Peter, “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat, but I prayed for you.” Can you imagine what that must have felt like for Peter to have Jesus say, “I prayed for you that your faith may not fail.” Think about Jesus praying for his friends.
- He prayed when he faced his ultimate challenge. On the night of his betrayal, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives to pray.

From the beginning of his ministry right through to the end, his closest friends, his disciples, had a front row seat to watch the greater pray-er who ever prayed. And they saw him filled with peace and wisdom and spiritual power and grace when he prayed.

In fact, they were so awed by Jesus’ prayer life that they asked him one day, “Lord, teach us to pray.” Jesus did and what we know as the Lord’s Prayer is his teaching.

This Lent, we as a congregation are going to learn from the master of prayer. Our Midweek Lenten Series will be focused on the Lord’s Prayer. We have also found a wonderful book entitled “The Revolutionary Power of the Lord’s Prayer” and we are encouraging the congregation to purchase the book as we read it together. After each Wednesday night service, I will lead a conversation on a chapter of the book in the Library. All are invited.

Let’s together take this Lenten season to learn to tap into the power Jesus tapped into as we learn how to pray well.

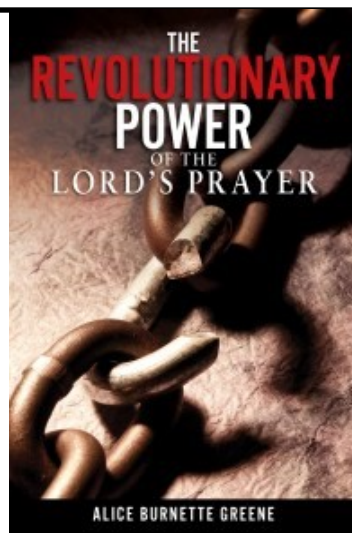
Discussion Opportunity

Meet together during Lent to discuss this book.

Where: The church library

When: Wednesdays
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
(following the worship service)

Who: Anyone is welcome.
Pastor John will guide the discussion.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES

Soup Supper & Worship

Wednesdays during Lent, FLRB will have a soup supper (5:45 pm) followed by a worship service (6:30 pm). Each week the service will focus on a different part of the Lord’s Prayer:

- March 6 – Ash Wednesday – Hallowed Be Your Name
- March 13 – Your Kingdom Come
- March 20 – Give Us Our Daily Bread
- March 27 – Forgive Our Debts
- April 3 – Deliver Us From the Evil One
- April 10 – Yours is the Kingdom, Power, and Glory

Sign up to Bring Soup on Wednesdays

Please sign up on the list in the Narthex (or contact Terry Baird, ffd@flrb.org) to provide a soup for one (or more) of the Wednesday evening soup suppers. Please label your soup with what is in it. Soup suppers will start the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Word Of Life

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am, join Pastor John 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.

Women's Bible Bunch

If you are looking for a fun women's group where you will discover refreshment in studying God's Word, share fellowship, prayer, joy, tears, laughter, and enjoy planning luncheons and events, then you will want to join us! Bring a sack lunch, your Bible, paper, and pen, and an expectation for God's blessings. Beverage and dessert will be provided.

When: 12:00 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Any date changes will be noted in the Sunday Navigator.

Where: The church library

Our annual schedule: January thru May (then a summertime break) and September thru November (then a Christmas break).

Contact Person: Dorothy Clausen 425-776-2694 or daclus@comcast.net

Adult Education

Adult Education series: The Basics of Christianity. Now through April 14 at 9:45 am on Sundays in the Upper Room.

This series is based on the Alpha series exploring the basics of Christian faith. These sessions will be focused on small group discussions. Each week we will watch a short video together on topics such as "Who is Jesus?" and "How can I have faith?" Then there will be opportunity to hear from fellow congregants and share your perspective and understanding in a small group. The goal is to grow our faith through reflection and fellowship. This is not a sequential series and there is no requirement that people attend all of them. Everyone should feel free to drop in and out as the topic interests them. It is also a great way to get to know the church and the congregation for visitors and prospective members!

Mary-Martha Circle

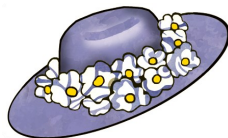
Mary-Martha Circle meets the second Thursday of the month at 10:00 am in the library. New members welcome.

FELLOWSHIP

HATS OFF TO SPRING
LUNCHEON

3/13/2019

WEDNESDAY



11:30 am

FREE OF CHARGE

**Join us as we welcome spring with good music,
good conversation and good food.**

Dazzle us with your favorite spring hat!
(Hats suggested, not required).

Writers' Group

Celebrate the end of winter by visiting the FLRB Writers' Group. This cozy, chatty group thrives on stories, poems, or—even—songs scribbled by anyone who cares to share them. Come and read or just listen and enjoy the fun. We meet the first and third Thursday of every month at 11:30 in the church library. Pack a sandwich and we will take care of the rest. For more information, contact Marian Schroedl: marian_ps_mo@frontier.com or 206-533-8994.

Norwegian Heritage Sunday

Remember to mark your calendars for this special event!

When: Sunday, May 5, 9:45 am

Where: The Upper Room

What: Dave Ellingson will share his Norway Fjord Kayaking experience. Come listen and see slides of his adventure. Also, enjoy some Norwegian refreshments.

Questions? Contact Dorothy Clausen at 425-776-2694 or daclus@comcast.net

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WORSHIP TIMES

Worship Schedule

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

Ash Wednesday

March 6 - Worship Service: 6:30 pm

Wednesdays During Lent

Soup Supper: 5:45 pm - 6:30 pm
Worship Service: 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Lent Book Study: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - April 14: 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Maundy Thursday - April 18: 7:00 pm
Good Friday - April 19: 6:00 pm Family Service
7:00 pm Traditional Service

Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 21

8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11:00 am.
Easter breakfast from 9 am-11:15 am

Sunday, May 26 - Summer Worship

Summer worship schedule begins this weekend.
9:00 am - Classic Worship; 10:30 am - Praise Worship

STAYING CONNECTED

Social Media, Emails, Seasonal Newsletter

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 seasonal Beachcomber newsletter electronically, please contact the front office, 206-546-4153 or office@flrb.org

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