

The Beachcomber

First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach, Shoreline, Washington

Summer 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



As you know, our mission statement spells out for us our particular calling as a congregation: **to live, love, and serve as Jesus did...so that all may come to know Him.**

As one program year ends, we already are beginning to look ahead to the next. Our staff has been meeting to see how we can deepen our experience of these verbs of our mission statement: living, loving, and serving, and make our living into our mission even more tangible and real in the year to come.

As we look ahead, what might it mean to **live like Jesus**? Jesus was always open to interruption, always willing to engage in people's immediate needs, questions, and concerns. He opened his life up to others and was accessible. He lived a life that valued people, that valued time with people and fellowship in people's homes. It was often over the breaking of bread that he shared life, offered care and a teaching about God's kingdom, and made those on the fringes feel included giving them a sense of belonging.

What might it mean to **love like Jesus**? First, it means to be loved as Jesus knew himself to be loved by the Father. He often went to a quiet place to pray, to remember his mission, to be refueled by God's Spirit. He came away from those times refreshed and focused. If Jesus needed and yearned for such refreshment, wouldn't we benefit from it as well. We hunger for times of renewal, coming away from worship refreshed and inspired, experiencing grace, love, forgiveness, and belonging in ways that lift our spirits. Only then can we begin to love others as Jesus loved. Only by being loved, can we love. Deeply engaging in the practices of transcendent worship and reflective prayer will refresh and focus us more deeply in the year to come.

What might it mean to **serve like Jesus**? It means sacrifice. It means pouring out all that we have for the sake of others. Jesus didn't serve by giving up his life; he served by giving away his life to those he loved! Serving like Jesus means seeing our lives, not just our "religious" lives, but the whole of our lives as a place where God's love can touch the needs that are all around us and where we can lovingly give our lives away for the sake of others.

This next year we will work to deepen **our living**—our times of fellowship so that everyone can feel known and cared for, where we truly become a family of God; **our loving**—wanting everyone to experience inspiring and renewing times spent with God and his amazing grace; and **our serving**—making sure that the world knows we are Christians by our tangible acts of love. We want our committees, teams, task forces, and groups to all work toward these ends believing that if we all truly did live, love, and serve as Jesus did, the world would be changed!

I look forward to our shared ministry in the year to come. Our staff is amazing—we are in perhaps the strongest place we've ever been staff-wise! Our Church Council is gifted and invested—filled with passion and wisdom. We are in a good place! This September, Terry and I will gather our leaders to begin programming and strategizing around these themes. Until then, pray... talk with others... dream... begin to ask for a vision for how we might do all this in ways that are faithful and effective.

Living into our calling will change the world. May it first change us!

Pastor John B Jorge

Fall Leader Training - September 7, 2019 at 10:00 am

Do you lead a ministry? Organize a Bible Study? Coordinate fellowship events? Host meals? Head up a committee? The church staff will be hosting a training this fall for all leaders within the congregation. This training will go through the theme for the year, train leaders on important procedures and policies of the church, go through ways to reserve rooms and resources of the church as well as how to publicize events. Our goal is that all groups are able to focus on how we live, love, and serve as Jesus did. Please put this on your calendars and make it a priority to come. All leaders who are not able to come will have to find another time to meet with Terry or Pastor John in order to be trained on these matters. *Extended Training for Sunday School & Youth Leaders: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.*

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Summer is a busy time for children, youth, and families at FLRB! Take a look below at all the amazing ways our children and youth are learning to live, love, and serve as Jesus did—so that all may know Him.

ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



EVBS Registration is open!

Dates: July 15 -18 Monday - Thursday

Time: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Cost: \$20 for the first child, \$15 for each additional child,
\$50 maximum per family

(Registration includes a t-shirt for each child and a CD
for each family)

EVBS Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/SbqtD4b3iefrgVEw8>

To pay: <http://flrb.org/worship-with-us/online-giving/>

Contact: Terry Baird, ffd@flrb.org

One small step for your kids...one giant leap for God's Kingdom! Blast off with the first VBS to land on Mars! Cokesbury's *To Mars and Beyond* will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them.

Scholarships

Please include a scholarship request with your registration. No family will be turned away!

Pre-Kindergarten - 3rd Grade

Kids entering Kindergarten - leaving 3rd grade. Rotation based curriculum highlights a daily scripture...

5th-6th Grade Outreach

Kids finishing 4th - 6th Grade. This group actively shares their faith out in our community by participating in community service projects, as well as exploring daily Scripture.

Preschool Program

A self-contained program (3 & 4-year-olds) with the same components as the school-aged group, but in a classroom environment. Each child needs to have a designated volunteer (parent, grandparent, nanny or friend).

Nursery Care offered free for newborns through 2 years of age for parents of on-site volunteers only. (No Fee for the Nursery).

YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

Puerto Rico - July 19-27

This summer 15 youth (9th-11th graders), along with Terry, Pastor John, Joel Bevington, and one other adult 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. Thank you for all your support in fundraising \$13,000+ toward a trip that costs \$25,000 total. Your support makes it possible for our youth to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Puerto Rico. Please pray for this team as they travel and serve.

Tillamook Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip: August 4-11

Every year we take a group of youth (entering 7th grade through 12th grade) down to Tillamook OR to help Habitat for Humanity. Both Habitat and the church we stay at are always excited to have us. We do a variety of service work for both Habitat and the church. This is a great opportunity for youth to live out their faith in service. We spend the week not only serving but talking about why we serve and what God teaches us about service. We will attend worship at the host church on Sunday. All youth are encouraged to go at least once. **Cost: \$300**

SUMMER OUTREACH

Hopelink Campaign to Feed Local Kids

For more than 15,000 children in north and east King County, summer vacation means something other than a chance to spend the day outside playing with friends. It means no longer knowing for sure when you will eat again. End Summer Hunger is Hopelink's grassroots campaign that gathers the support of the local community to help provide low-income families with food for kids who receive free and reduced-price breakfasts and lunches during the school year. Over a quarter of students in the Shoreline School District struggle with food insecurity during the summer months. Together, we can fix that. During the months of July and August, the Outreach Team at First Lutheran is sponsoring a Food and Fund Drive to help feed children in our community. You are invited to bring nonperishable foods into worship to bring forward during processional offering or drop them off in the lobby during the week. You can also designate a monetary donation for "Hopelink" on your giving envelope. Donated funds allow Hopelink to fill in the gaps so they are able to provide people with a balanced variety of foods. Hopelink is often able to use your donation of money to buy more food than the average consumer could get for the same amount.

Food & fund donations will be collected at FLRB in July and August. Outreach offerings collected in July will be designated to Hopelink.

Get involved with the End Summer Hunger campaign and help Shoreline kids enjoy a healthy summer so they're ready to learn when they go back to school in the fall. More info: hopelink.org or Sheri Ashleman, sashleman@comcast.net

CARE MINISTRY

Summer brings such special memories! Praying for all who travel, who enjoy longer days and joy in God's creation near and far. It's a time to refresh, renew, and make memories. Take care of yourselves! You can bike or hike with FLRB – see our weekly announcements, The Navigator, for the dates.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Paul encourages us to "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I visualize each of you, filled with joy this summer that spills into joy in your prayer life as well. Your prayers are so important – not only for those people you know who have needs, but also in our church. The Navigator lists the public prayer requests and those people lean into our prayer warriors with their needs. We have a prayer team available 24/7 for your prayers and if you are interested in lifting others in prayer, please contact Cathy Thomas, RN, Parish Nurse or Pastor John.

For those of you staying close to home, there continue to be people who need care and love. Please join our Care Team, using the gifts God has given to you. Contact Cathy Thomas, RN, Parish Nurse or Pastor John.

We look forward to Fall, and new programs planned around living, loving and serving as Jesus did!
Cathy Thomas, RN, Parish Nurse

PRESCHOOL NEWS

What a year! I can't believe it's May and summer is just around the corner! As usual we have had a very busy year. Chapel, stories, songs, and of course art. We barely have time for snack! Fundraisers, Christmas Programs, Dad's Night, and Mother's Day Tea, field trips, Author's Day and Special Person Celebration. And through it all this congregation has supported us with prayers, made donations to our annual appeal letter, and bought tickets for our basket raffle. What else can I say but a huge THANK YOU!! Lest you think all we do is have fun M-F at First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten, we collected food for BackPack Kids and most of the classes helped pack up the bags for Syre Elementary.

We also are a year of retirements. Randi Johnson and Kären Beasley are retiring in June. Celebrations have happened!! 29 and 30 years respectively – many memories to cherish! As I said when I started out, it's been a busy year. Thank you again from the staff, children, families, and preschool board for all your support, financially, with prayers, and with toilet paper tubes, egg cartons and yogurt containers. We couldn't do our job without them. Have a wonderful summer. September will be here before we know it and a new group of children and their laughter will fill the halls once again.

God Bless you all,

Kären Beasley, Laura Schleede and the Staff of First Lutheran Preschool
Nancy Malek, Stephanie Harper, Randi Johnson, Valya Hart, Leah Ames, Cizzi Berge, Kristen Stevens, Carolina Leitner, Kathie Longe, Gillian McKay, Karen Herr and Joel Bevington

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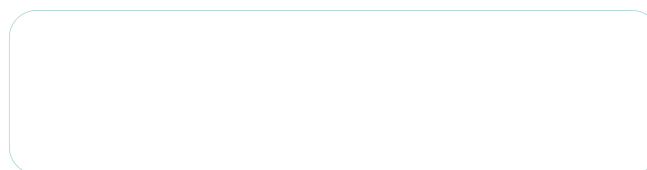
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WORSHIP TIMES

Summer Worship Schedule

9:00 am - Classic Worship
10:30 am - Praise Worship

PLANNING AHEAD

Fall Kick-off with Worship at the Beach

September 8, 2019

8:00 am at FLRB

10:30 am at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

Fall Leader Training

September 7, 2019 at 10:00 am

Sunday School & Youth Leader training: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fall Worship Schedule Returns September 15, 2019

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

FLRB PRESCHOOL

Jesus loves the little children...

If you or someone you know is looking for a quality preschool experience for a child, please give us a call or stop in for a visit.
Laura Schleede, Director

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 season. 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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