

# The Beachcomber

First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach, Shoreline, Washington

Fall 2019

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Let me tell you what I love about this community of faith—I love that amidst our diversity of opinions, political views, perspectives on social issues, and ways in which we desire to serve our Lord, that we have a unity of spirit that doesn't divide over the non-essentials. We know that the gospel is what gives us our unity and not our politics or desires for advocacy. We have a mission as God's people and a set of values that unify us. But at the heart of those is the gospel itself. We lead with Jesus and end with Jesus. He is the center of our life together. We need Jesus and the world needs Jesus.

I came across a quote by Philip Yancey the other day:

Jesus forgave a thief dangling on a cross, knowing full well the thief had converted out of plain fear. That thief would never study the bible, never attend synagogue or church, and never make amends to those he wronged. He simply said, "Jesus remember me," and Jesus promised, "Today you will be with me in paradise." It was another shocking reminder that grace does not depend on what we have done for God but rather what God has done for us.

That says so much. It is what he has done for us and what he has done for our brothers and sisters that allows us to be one. It's what allows us to accept each other, as broken as we are, and to extend love, grace, and care to one another.

Thanks for being a community of grace that accepts each other and accepts those who are new to our community of faith. Again, I just love that we are so different, think so differently, and are filled with such differing passions, beliefs, political views, and social agendas. This is our strength. Let us honor our diversity. And may this be a year where we grow in our ability to listen well to each other even as we allow ourselves to be stretched to look at things in new ways.

Pastor John Bjorge



Hospitality Teams • Small Groups • Task Forces  
CYF Volunteers • Coordinators • Hosts • Organizers  
Interest Groups • Committees

### Save the Date! 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.*

## FALL KICK-OFF - SEPTEMBER 8, 2019



### A day of worship, food, and service!

Kick of the program year on September 8 at 10:30 am with worship at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. *We will have a simple worship service at 8:00 am at the church for those who can't make the 10:30 am service.*

Our worship service will be held at the picnic shelter near the north end of lower main parking lot. After the service there will be sack lunches provided so people can eat and head out for a time of service with ELCA's program: *God's Work. Our Hands.*

### God's Work. Our Hands.

On September 8 in thousands of congregations across the ELCA, folks will be wearing yellow *God's Work. Our Hands.* shirts (optional) and volunteering to serve in a variety of ways in their communities. FLRB will be blessed to participate and bless others with the gift of service. That Sunday we will worship at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. Following the service we hope all members will participate in one of the following out-in-the-community opportunities: Beach Clean-Up, YMCA Spruce-Up, FLRB Member Household/Yard Chores, Compass Meal/Childcare and at church/indoor activities with Faith Action Network, Earth Ministry, and Preschool. Mark your calendars for *God's Work. Our Hands.* on September 8, and invite a friend. A sack lunch will be provided. There will be more information and sign-up sheets in the coming weeks.

"God's work.  
Our hands."  
Sunday

SEPTEMBER  
**2019 8**

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# FALL PROGRAMS

## Adult Education

2019 Adult Education topics to deepen your faith.

Plan to join us every Sunday, 9:45 am to 10:45 am in the FLRB Upper Room.

- September 15 "The Apostle Paul, the Law, Jews and Gentiles" by UW Prof. Michael Williams, PhD
- September (TBD) "50th Anniversary of First Humans Landing on the Moon" by Dr. James Joki
- October 6 "The Ten Commandments" by Dana Wright, PhD
- October 13 "Ruth" by Dana Wright, PhD
- October 20 "The Christian Communities of Iraq: A Historian's Perspective" by UW Prof. Joel Walker, PhD
- October 27 Reformation Sunday
- November 3 "Roots and Branches: Religious Heritage of Washington State" by Junius Rochester
- November 10 "Immigration and the Shaping of American Christianity" by PLU Prof. Seth Dowland, PhD
- November 17 "East Asian Religions and Christianity: A Personal Journey" by Maija Rhee Devine
- December 1, 8, 15 "Songs of Christmas" by Pastor John Bjorge, PhD

## Activities are Beginning for the Program Year!

For more details, refer to announcements in our weekly Navigator published for Sunday Worship or our eBlast.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p><i>Begins September 15</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday School for children, youth, &amp; adults. 9:45 am, weekly</li> </ul>	<p><i>Begins September 9</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm weekly</li> </ul> <p><i>Begins September 16</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Bible Bunch 12:00 pm, monthly</li> </ul>	<p><i>Begins September 10</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inasmuch Quilters 9:00 am, weekly</li> </ul>	<p><i>Begins September 11</i> <i>except as noted:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Word of Life Bible Study 10:00-11:00 am, weekly</li> <li>• JaM 5:00-6:00 pm, weekly</li> <li>• Acolyte Training, 4th - 6th Graders 6:00-6:30 pm, weekly</li> <li>• Praise Band Rehearsal 6:00 pm, weekly (Ongoing)</li> <li>• Youth Group (&amp; parent meeting on 9/11) 6:30-8:30 pm, weekly</li> <li>• Choir Rehearsal 7:30- 9:00 pm, weekly (Begins September 4)</li> </ul>	<p><i>Ongoing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writers' Group 11:30 am - 2:00 pm, 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays</li> </ul>

## A NEW YEAR FOR OUR PRESCHOOL

This September, First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten will begin its 47<sup>th</sup> year of ministry to and with children and families in the local community. Thank you for sharing God's love as you welcome each and every one of the 110 children and 98 families we will be partnering with this school year.

This year brings many changes for our school. Kären Beasley retired after 30 wonderful years as our leader and I am humbled to follow in her footsteps as the new director. We are welcoming 4 new teachers and 10 returning teachers to our staff. We ask for your prayers for the staff, board, children and families as we all learn, play, teach and grow this year. Ways you can help:

**Teacher Needed:** We are looking for one more teacher in our 3 & 4-year-old Doves classroom. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact me at 206-546-0320 or [preschool@flrb.org](mailto:preschool@flrb.org).

**Backpack Kids:** We will be supporting Backpack Kids along with the congregation by collecting food for Syre students receiving free or reduced lunches to take home over the weekends. Please look for a list of foods to donate on our Preschool News bulletin board and bring your donations whenever you can. Thank you for your support!

**School Board:** If you would like to support the school in a deeper way, please consider serving on the school board. This group of dedicated individuals provides guidance and support to the school in so many invaluable ways. Contact me at 206-546-0320 or [preschool@flrb.org](mailto:preschool@flrb.org) if you are interested.

Blessings!  
Laura Schleede, Director

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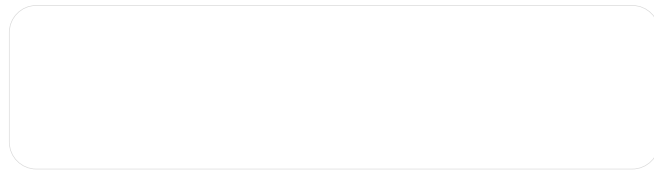
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## Office Hours

M-Th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
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## TIMES TO NOTE

### Fall Leader Training

September 7, 2019 at 10:00 am

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

### 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 Worship Schedule

**Returns September 15, 2019**

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

## 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](mailto:office@flrb.org)

### Church Staff

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Joel Bevington, Director of Music Ministries

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## 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

## ONLINE GIVING

### Download the GIVE+ App Today!



**Give+ Mobile**

The GIVE+ app shows the same giving options as our website. You can make regular offerings and youth trip fees payments here. If you need more help, or if you have questions, please contact Karen Ewing. Direct links to app stores:  
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