A Message from the Pastor . . . Here it comes . . . Holiday Mayhem!

I can feel my heart rate rising as I think about the two big months ahead of me: November and December. I’m anticipating the busy-ness before it’s even here. It reminds me of a story that I read in a book called Daily Readings from the Spiritual Classics, edited by Paul Ofstedal. It’s about a Rabbi who noticed one of his followers rushing around in the marketplace. Here’s how it goes:

“The rabbi said to his student: ‘You are so busy. What have you seen here today?’ The young man replied, ‘Oh Rabbi, I have seen merchants selling, peasants buying, just the usual business of the market on a very busy day.’

‘But Haikel,’ said the Rabbi, ‘have you taken the time to notice the sky? The sky is beautiful today. What is the use of all this rushing and bustling about, if you don’t take time to look at the sky?’”

I relate to that student, “Haikel,” more than I’d like to admit. And, as Haikel had his Rabbi, I often turn to the Psalms when I feel stuck and not sure how to get out of my own self and my perceived busy-ness. Often, the Psalms shake me loose and turn my attention to what’s most important. Here, for example, in Psalm 8:

“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name! When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have established, O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name!”

There are all kinds of wonderful events on the church calendar for November and December. I hope you will read this newsletter front to back and consider which of these will uplift and deepen your busy holiday months. I also hope that you will not over-book yourself either with church activities or with the plethora of other activities going on around us.

Whether you are rejoicing or grieving (or both) in this upcoming season where our culture tell us to shop, party, and just do do do do do do, I pray that you will also take time to take in the sky - to give glory to God for God’s glorious creation. Worship is one opportunity to do that – to just sit in wonder, to sing, to look out our beautiful sanctuary window, to pray and to hear God’s Word and receive God’s Holy Supper.

May you find sanctuary and joy in these months ahead . . . and yes, even some rest!

Pastor Kari
Starting in January the ARISE program, Area of Renton Interfaith Shelter Endeavor, will have a new model. The men will receive their evening meal at the Salvation Army in Renton at 5:30pm each evening, rather than at the facility where they are spending the night. So Lord of Life will no longer be serving meals at Lake Ridge Lutheran Church through the ARISE Program in the month of March. Rather, we will continue to focus our volunteer efforts to serve and provide food at Grace Feast the second Sunday of each month. This way we in our church and in the community serve the men in the ARISE program and many more. Please sign up on the volunteer board in the Narthex to support Grace Feast.

The Christmas Season is on the horizon! Look for opportunities to give through our traditional Christmas "Giving Tree" and a display of wonderful alternative gift giving ideas from around the world. What are some of the special things your family does at Christmas?

The November Benevolence of the Month is the Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School in Tanzania. The school, founded in 1995, has graduated more than 500 girls and over 150 of these girls have gone on to institutions of higher learning. Today, graduates include teachers, nurses, social workers, doctors and other professionals. The school is a critical force for girls who otherwise have no access to education beyond primary school. As Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Thanks so much!
Judy

Dining for Women

Dining for Women is an opportunity to gather together, enjoy a great meal and conversation, and learn about other women around the world and a chance to give to organizations that provide resources to strengthen their families and communities. Dinner is provided – you are welcome to come and bring a friend! Gatherings will happen the 2nd Tuesday in September, November, January, March and May.

Tuesday Nov 12th 6:30 p.m.

Program: ASSET, Uganda

Program Website: www.assetuganda.org

Mission ASSET’s mission is to provide higher education scholarships and mentoring to disadvantaged college-level students in Uganda who demonstrate real potential for success.

Program Summary There are currently significant shortages of Ugandan women who have completed higher education and who are prepared to serve as leaders and advocates for the girls and women who will follow. ASSET recruits and supports Ugandan young women to attend universities, partnering with communities and universities to select, enroll and support promising women to complete higher education. ASSET also partners with local organizations to provide supplementary training, mentoring, and career counseling to enhance each woman's potential to become a successful student, worker, role model, and future leader.

Partial funding for university scholarships comes from ASSET’s Bead 2 Read program which provides workshops to improve the business skills of jewelry-making artisans and provide access to markets. Artisans also gain income to support their own families. DFW’s grant of $45,000 over two years will provide two years of university scholarships to educate 20 young Ugandan women along with leadership and career training. Partial funding will support Ugandan administrative staff and facilities. Our grant will also enhance the Bead 2 Read program by providing training and support to improve the business and entrepreneurship skills of the artisans.

Changing the world one dinner at a time
Caring Ministry

The Caring Ministry will be introducing "Prayer Papers" next Sunday, November 3rd. Each Sunday a basket will be in the sanctuary that has pieces of papers with all of our names in it. Take a Prayer Paper and pray for that person all week. Each Sunday take a new name. You could do this as a family or individually. When the basket runs out, we'll refill it so everyone's name gets circulated through. This can be a good way to get to know each other too! If you don't know who your person is, ask around, or check the photo board. Questions? See Cindy Smith or Dianne Johnson.

Adult Education

On November 17th and 24th our guest speaker for Adult Education will be Mary Beth Leeper speaking on immigration law and policy in the U.S., particularly as it affects the everyday lives of people in our community, and our response as faithful Christians. Mary Beth is a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Auburn. She is an associate attorney at Hanis Irvine Prothero in Kent where her practice focuses solely on immigration defense. She is a graduate of PLU and served for 3 years with Mennonite Central Committee in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, in a program for working children. Returning to Washington State in 2004, she worked for 3 years with the City of Auburn, strengthening the city's network of social services and educational programs for the growing immigrant communities.

Preschool News

Thanks be to God! That is the theme at Preschool for the month of November. It is our hope that the children will become more aware of how fortunate they are to have food, shelter, clothing, loving families, and a loving God. This month the children will have an opportunity to help others who are less fortunate by participating in a food drive for the food bank. All the classes will also have a Thanksgiving Feast. We wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving.

The Preschool Staff
Sandi Jones, Ettie Goldy, Karen Maison, Melinda Wilson, and Victoria Welch

Thank You from the Facilities Ministry

To:
• Mark Locklear, Naok Lucas and Bob Van Horne for clearing the fallen tree branches.
• John Swenson for repairing the lock on the mechanical room door.
• Peggy Adams for purchasing the pansies for the front sign garden.
• Joan Siegfried for weeding and planting the front sign garden and flower pots.
• Stu Allen for plumbing repairs.
• Jim MacKenzie for changing the furnace filters.
• To all those who have mowed the lawns this season.
• Garrett DeCerce for coordinating the grounds keeping.
• Carl Spitzer for clearing lots and lots of ivy.

And to the many, many people who quietly do so much around the church that we don't even know about!! Thank You!!!

Upcoming Activities and Events

Pastor’s Study: November 6th & 20th
The next Pastor’s Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Come and join this informal bible study.

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The Lord of Life Knitting and Handwork group is meeting at the church at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome. The next meeting is November 12th.

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Weekday Lunch: November 6th
The next weekday lunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, November 6th. Lunch is served on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Anyone who is available at lunch time on Wednesday is welcome to join in the food and fun. The food is provided on a rotating basis by the attendees. Please sign up on the Narthex bulletin board if you can bring part on of the meal or help with set up and clean up. Lunch is followed by fellowship and playing cards or games.

Pie Party: November 16th
On Saturday, November 16th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. there will be a pie party at the church. We need at least 10 people to sign up to bring 2 identical home-made pies to the party, one of which will be sold by the slice ($1.50 a slice, a good deal!) and the other will be auctioned off whole. Proceeds will go to the building fund. Please invite family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to the event to enjoy a wide variety of pie and help raise money for building repairs.

COUPONING CLASS: November 24th at 2pm
Mindy Bick will show us ways to find extra cash in your normal day to day, so that you are able to save in your budget, build a savings and be better able to support our congregation. Using coupons effectively—how to combine store coupons and manufacture coupons to maximize saving. How to use store rewards (Rite Aid, Walgreens). Where to find coupons & online discounts for stores at the mall. **SIGN UP on the bulletin board in the narthex.**

Book Club: Tuesday, November 26th
November’s book discussion will be Tuesday, Nov. 26th at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing "The Story Teller" by Jodi Picoult at Lauralee Kunder's house. If you need directions email her at kl_kunder@yahoo.com. Come with book suggestions!

Gingerbread House Party: December 7th at 2:30pm
It is a wonderful family event and the sign up will be up in Narthex in the middle of November.

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**Making a Joyful (Christmas) Noise!**

**Invitation to Lord of Life Musicians**

**Lord of Life Christmas Concert**

**December 22 at 6:30pm**

This is a home-grown event with all congregational talent! Please come and share Christmas music or reading.

Watch for a sign-up sheet to come. If you have questions, contact a Worship Ministry member: Maureen Arseneau, Suzanne Bowen, Dave Cook, John Cox, Nathan Cox, Christie Engel, Charmaine Haaland, Kari Reiten

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**Upcoming Youth Events…**

**Sunday November 17th** 4:30 – 7:30 Faith Thinking Old Testament Review

**Friday November 22nd** – Faith Thinking Visit to Temple B’nai Torah, 15727 NE 4th St Bellevue, WA 98008  **(425) 603-9677.** We will meet with Rabbi Mirel at 7.35pm to get a brief introduction to the temple and what we will see/hear in worship. Shabbat service is at 8pm. Cookies and nosh to follow – probably around 9pm. **Saturday December 7th** – Faith Thinking Visit to IMAN Center Mosque, Kirkland

**Friday/Saturday January 10 – 11** - Faith Thinking Holy Communion Retreat at Lakeridge Lutheran Church
Holden Village Women’s Retreat
Dancing the Trinity: Grace, Love, Communion
February 7-10, 2014
Presenters will include Amy Boers, Tacoma, leading music sessions; Renee Splichal Larson and Taryn Montgomery, pastors from South Dakota and North Dakota respectively, providing Bible study, and Clare Tallon Rune, dancer, teacher and mom from Evanston, Ill. The schedule will also include craft and fun-in-the-snow activities. To attend the event, simply register as a guest during those dates. You can register after November 1st at www.holdenvillage.com.

Birthdays Celebrated in November
Nicholas Brinkley 11/18  Quincy Loreen 11/24
Emily Erdahl 11/14  Jim MacKenzie 11/20
Don Gummere 11/10  Jeff Sandman 11/15
Jeff Johnson 11/24  Ethan Wolff 11/10
Doug Loreen 11/20

Prayer List - Members
Rudy B.  Grace M.
Wayne B.  David M.
Cole B.  Sara P.
Averil G.  Charlene S.
Don G.  Carl S.
Lucille J.  Sue W.
Stan F.  Merle W.

Prayer List - Friends and Family
Peggy’s friends Tony and Jerry  Jackie’s sister Mary
Maureen’s mother  Jackie’s daughter Heidi and nephew Chris
Willy’s sister Shannon  Cindy H. sister Becky
Lynda’s daughter Molly  Lee’s friend’s daughter Barbara
Chuck’s mother Florence  Michael’s friend Randy
Dave and Glenda’s daughter Liz  Ray’s mother Kate
Robert’s mother Lee & father Bob  Doug’s mother
Liz’ mother  Tabatha’s father William
Linda’s brother Rick  Glenn’s friend Sadia
Paul’s father and mother  Lisa’s friends Denise & Nic
Christie’s friend Sandi  Holly’s cousin Nina
Mike’s friend Chris  Anita’s friend Amy
Garrett’s cousin Chloe  Charlene’s neighbor Joe
Garrett’s friend David  Joan’s cousin Keith
Stan and Denise’s friends Judy, Victor & Luke  Lois’ sister Don’s cousin Nancy
Peg’s sister  Scott’s aunt Margie
Gummere’s grandson Alex  Nancy’s nephew Sterling
Katy’s friend Camilo

Life Challenges
Peggy’s Grandson Jacob  Expectant Mothers
Nicci Brewer
Marie’s cousin

Lord of Life Prayer Families of the Month
Mike and Nicci Brewer & family  Ken and Sharon Keil
Jeff and Dianne Johnson  Denelle Wolff & family

Assisting Families
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