

# Bethlehem Star

Bethlehem Mission  
Statement

*“To build the  
family of God  
through relationship  
with Jesus Christ”*

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool

## Here's To Life!

*1 Corinthians 3:19*

I've heard and read the arguments for a woman's right to choose. I've seen the protests, the placards, and listened to passionate speeches. I have little sympathy for Planned Parenthood (*providers of funds for abortions*) who are facing huge budget cuts.

From everything I have read and heard on the "right to choose," advocates have missed the mark entirely. It isn't about "my right" or "your right." Or about "a woman's right." It's about "God is right." It has always been and will always continue to be God's and His alone. It is of the highest offense when we try to put ourselves in the place of God. And that is exactly what *all* sin does. Abortion being but one symptom of the root problem of sin.

It is God who creates life and God who takes it away. (*Job 1:21*). Life and death are His domain, never ours. All of life is sacred and holy (*1 Corinthians 3:17*). Therefore, we are to treat it "like a temple" because that is what it is (*1 Corinthians 6: 19*). You and I have been bought with a price: The precious blood of Jesus. Therefore, we belong to God (*1 Corinthians 6:20*). He is the one who has made us and not ourselves (*Psalms 100*). He formed us in the womb (*Jeremiah 1:5*). He designed our bodies and minds in every minute detail (*Psalms 139: 13-14*). Our bodies are on loan until we get a new one in Heaven (*Philippians 3; 21*). Until then, we are to take care of our bodies and take care of each other (*1 John 4: 7-8*).

Life is sacred. Life is precious. If you have had an abortion, confess it as sin. God completely forgives and completely heals for the sake of Christ, who died for all sin, including abortion. "*If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*" (*1 John 1: 9*). And know that His love will never leave you. That's a promise! And God never breaks a promise! Never!

I thank God everyday for the brave birth mothers of my children. They chose adoption instead of abortion. My life and my wife's life have been immeasurably enriched, fulfilled, and forever changed for the good because of their decision. Here's to life!

Pastor Brad

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Tired of all of the stuff that you don't need sitting around your house? Well, now is your chance to get rid of it! Donate your items to the



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BLC Rummage Sale!

You can drop off items to Bethlehem during office hours or have your items picked up by our wonderful volunteers.

Office Hours: 8am-3pm Mon-Th, 8am-Noon Fri

Items especially welcome:  
usable furniture,  
household goods,  
gently used clothing & toys,  
DVDs

Sorry, but we can't use:  
large appliances,  
TVs,  
paint  
computers

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are looking for volunteers to help pick-up items, sort, set-up, price and clean up afterwards. You can sign up on the LI F board or talk to Joyce Maier or Chris Cullen.

## **COME TO THE SALE!**

Once your house is cleaned out, come over to the Rummage Sale and fill it again!

Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

Tell your Friends! Bring your neighbors!

### **Questions? Contact:**

Joyce Maier 503.626.4239 joycemaier@yahoo.com

Chris Cullen 503.642.1198 ccullen820@hotmail.com

**More information to come!**

# Making the Connection

## Bethlehem Vision Party



Your family is invited to join in a celebration of our vision for ministry on Sunday, March 6 at 9:45 in the Community Center.

**This gathering is for all Bethlehem members - children to seniors!**

Participants will be led through an energetic, experiential, hands-on presentation of Bethlehem's vision. You will learn how vibrant growth in our faith can best happen when we're regularly:

- Connected to Christ and one another in *RELATIONSHIPS*
- Connected to Christ and one another in *WORSHIP*
- Connected to Christ and one another in *DICSIPLESHIP*
- Connected to Christ and one another in *SERVICE*

We need you to join us Sunday, March 6th at 9:45. This is a key opportunity for us to voice our commitment and celebrate our unity as the family of God at Bethlehem as we align our ministries to better help us be ~

*Connected to Christ • Connected to One Another •  
Serving All People!*

# Lenten and Easter Schedule

## Ash Wednesday Communion Worship

10:30am & 7:00pm      March 9<sup>th</sup>



## Lenten Worship Services

10:30am & 7:00pm

**Wednesdays**

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>

## Maundy Thursday Worship

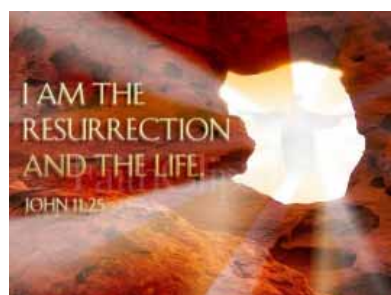
10:30am & 7:00pm      April 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00pm worship includes presentation  
from Jews For Jesus



## Good Friday Services

Noon and 8:00pm      April 22<sup>nd</sup>



## Easter Worship Services

**Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

6:00am ~ Sunrise Service with Communion

8:30am ~ Festival Service with Communion

11:00am ~ Morning Song Communion Worship  
in the Community Center

Join us for an Easter Breakfast served in the  
Community Center from 7:00am until 10:00am



# Mark your summer calendar for Vacation Bible School! July 11-15, 2011

Registration opens on May 2nd.  
Forms will be available in the church  
office and on BLC's website. questions?  
or interested in volunteering...  
talk to Kerry at  
KerryLena@gmail.com



## A BIG THANK YOU!!! TO ALL WHO DONATED TO COMFORTS OF HOME.

We had a wonderful year of giving to our community and to those who are in need. All year we had the things people needed and when we ran low, God stepped in and filled the need through you and the donations of linens and housewares.

### Here is a look at what we gave in 2010:

- 412 people** were served, 231 of them being children.
- 231 sheet sets** and **215 blankets** given
- 24 sleeping bags**
- 224 towel sets**
- 124 tableware sets**
- 130 pillows**
- 40 appliances** and **42 pots/pans** received
- 398 miscellaneous** items
- And many hours of **listening and sharing Christ's love.**





## Join the Journey ~ Destination Known!

"You know... I am the way..." John 14:4-6

### Women's Retreat Weekend April 8 - 10, 2011

Located in Turner, OR, Aldersgate Retreat Center's Hilltop Lodge is nestled among 38

forested acres in the heart of Oregon's beautiful Willamette Valley, 60 miles south of Portland. Go to [aldersgateretreat.com](http://aldersgateretreat.com) for more information about the Center.

The weekend program invites you into an intimate retreat with the God who loves you and friendship with other women seeking the same.

Registration options include:

- **Full weekend with all linens and 4 meals:** Thanks to the generous gift of an anonymous donor, the full weekend price is **only \$100!**
- **One night lodging with all linens and 3 meals @ \$95**
- **Saturday only with lunch and dinner @ \$35**

If you would like to contribute to a retreat scholarship fund, contact Robin Fossum at the church office, 503-649-3380.

**Registration begins February 13<sup>th</sup>. Register with as little as a \$20**

### Why Make the Women's Retreat a Priority? An interview with Susan Dippon by Nan Dubberke

- Q. What are the values you see in attending the Women's Retreat?
- A. An opportunity to get to know people whom you don't normally worship with on Sunday. You can talk with someone on a deeper level than just the usual, "Hi, how are you?"
- Q. Does age matter?
- A. Yes, it makes it nice to have women of various ages. We had a lot of younger women attend last year, and that was wonderful. You have an outlet for discussing anything and everything that affects you. It's not just a bible study; you form new relationships that grow into friendships.
- Q. Can any woman benefit from attending, whether they are new to the congregation, or just new to attending a women's retreat?
- A. Absolutely! The presence of new and very longtime members both, allows us to get to know each other better. It's open to all women, and we have accommodations for everyone's needs –

*interview continues in next column*

including a newborn last year, which we adored getting to hold and cuddle.

- Q. What was your mood upon arriving at the retreat, compared to how you felt at departure?
- A. Generally, my mood is that there is much to get done, arranging for things to get taken care of at home while I'm gone, so there is a high level of stress. Afterward, I feel peace and a sense of calm, especially after the thought-provoking worship service. It builds on the newfound relationships.

Our Women's Retreat supports Bethlehem's vision with opportunities for women to . . .

Befriend all women who attend with a welcoming, relaxed setting...

Grow more deeply in love with Jesus as we study and proclaim what we Believe ...

Be part of a place where you Belong through small groups and conversations ...

Apply what we experience in our lives Beyond the retreat in actions of love with our families, friends and community.



## LWML ~ REBEKAH MISSION SOCIETY

1.27.11 Minutes

Ladies gathered for a luncheon and meeting.

The business part of the meeting included a representative from the Building Use Committee who spoke with us about the use of the kitchen in the Community Center. An inventory is needed of the kitchen so users will know what is available.

Blinds will be purchased for the newly painted Sonrise Room.

The Altar Guild Brunch was recently held and Laurie Siewert is still looking for more volunteers for set-up and clean-up for communion

The LWML Spring Rally will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Scappoose on April 2nd.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 17th, 11:30a.m. in the Sonrise Room.

## LENTEN SOUP LUNCHEONS

Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 9th, and continuing every Wednesday in Lent, The Joyful Singers will be hosting soup luncheons after the 10:30am



Lenten Soup Luncheon

worship services. We hope everyone attending these services will join us for excellent food and fellowship. Please contact Kathy Wagner at 503-533-9994 if you would like to provide a soup or dessert for any of these dates: March 16th, 23rd, or 30th; April 6th or 13th.

## Bethlehem CampOut August 2011

Reserve your site at Nehalem Bay State Park are still available for the weekend of August 12-14, 2011.

Make your reservation now:

- Sign up at the LIF groups board
- Make a \$25 deposit (total CampOut fee is \$55).



Bethlehem CampOut

For questions about reservations, contact Dave Cook, 503-644-9233.

Interested in helping plan activities ~ contact Bob Fossum at the Church Office, 503-649-3380.



**The deadline for the April 2011 Newsletter is March 23rd. Please get all information you wish to have published to the church office before this date!**

**Thanks!**

# BETHLEHEM PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

## Preschool Board Openings:

We have several openings on the Early Childhood Board. If you are interested, please pick up an application at the counter by the church office window and return to Carolyn Meier or Brenda Shults before our next meeting on March 10th.



## Find us on the Internet!

Check out our website at [www.bethlehemecc.org](http://www.bethlehemecc.org) and find us on Facebook at *Bethlehem Lutheran Preschool-Aloha, OR*

## REGISTER NOW FOR 2011-12

We are now accepting registrations for our 2011/2012 3-year old and 4-year-old classes. Please see Brenda at the church office for a registration form or go to our web-site at [www.bethlehemecc.org](http://www.bethlehemecc.org). Our 4-year-old classes are filling quickly, so don't delay! We also offer child care from 7:30am-5:30pm for children registered in our Preschool program.



## Annual Plant Sale

It's time to start thinking about SPRING and about God's colorful FLOWERS and tasty VEGETABLES. Watch for signs and order forms from March 6th through March 27th. Plants will arrive on April 19th, just in time for Easter! Funds raised will be matched by Thrivent.

## FOREST HILLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Building the Kingdom of God through Christian Education



**Enrollment at Forest Hills Lutheran School** is in full swing. Applications may be submitted online at [fhls.org](http://fhls.org). We are enrolling students in grades K-8<sup>th</sup>.

Schedule a tour of the beautiful campus by calling Sharlayne Buuck at 503-359-4853. Visit our website at [www.fhls.org](http://www.fhls.org).



**The Forest Hills Lutheran School Auction** is April 30<sup>th</sup>. There are only 150 tickets remaining to be sold and we expect to sell out prior to the event. Tickets are \$30. Go to [www.fhls.org](http://www.fhls.org) for additional details and to order your tickets. New and slightly used goods and services are being accepted. Help make this a successful event.



# Preschool News



## Mrs. Meier's 4 Year Old Class, Mary Heck, teacher's aide

(Song) "Love, Love, Love - That's what it's all about. 'Cause God loves us we love each other - Mother, Father, Sister, Brother. Everybody sing and SHOUT! 'Cause that's what it's all about.

It's about Love." In February we learned a lot about God's love from the Bible stories we read. God's love is patient, forgiving, and strong and always with us as seen in the stories about Jonah, the Prodigal Son, Esther,

and the Wise Man who built his house on the rock. With God's help, we can love our friends and our family in the same way! During February we also learned about the letters O, P, Q and R had did lots of fun activities. During letter O week we played instruments in an orchestra and OBEYED a conductor. Letter P was so POPULAR we stretched it out over 2 weeks and went to PAPA'S PIZZA PARLOR, had a Valentine's PARTY and wore our PJ'S to school and ate PANCAKES! During letter Q week we had an earthquake drill and hid under tables and during letter R week we colored ROCKS and baked them in the oven. REALLY!!!!

## Mrs. Meier's 3 Year Old Class, Teri Robinson, teacher's aide

(Song) "Jesus LOVES me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong!" Each and everyday we sing this song after our prayer. And after we sing, Mrs. Meier always asks "Boys and girls, does Jesus LOVE you?" And everyone answers "YES!! Jesus LOVES me!!" During the LOVE-ly month of February we learned just how much God LOVES us as we read some delightful books. In **I Love You as Big as the World** by David VanBuren we read how God LOVES us more than all the wonderful things He created like the mountains, the sun and the rain. In **Jesus Loves Me, Jesus Loves Me** by Marti Beuschlein we read about how Jesus LOVES us when we get out of bed in the morning, when we are playing with our friends or helping our parents. He LOVES us ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!! We had fun showing his LOVE as we cut and painted HEARTS which decorated our room and as we gave out VALENTINES to all our preschool friends and families.

## Mrs. Sellke's 3 & 4 Year Old Classes, Mary Heck, Teri Robinson, teacher aides

February was a month full of love. And what could be better than sharing God's love!

"For God so loVed the world,  
That he gAve  
His onLy begotten Son,  
that whosoEVer  
believeth iN Him  
should noT  
perIsh but have  
everlastiNg  
lifE." (John 3:16)

# STAR Lights . . . Stories to Inspire

from Irma Lien

## Ten Gifts That Do Not Cost A Dime

### 1. THE GIFT OF LISTENING

But you must REALLY listen. No interrupting, no day-dreaming, and no planning your response. Just listen.

### 2. THE GIFT OF AFFECTION

The small actions of appropriate pats on the back, hugs, and handholds help demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

### 3. THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER

Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Help people laugh; it's good for their health.

### 4. THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE

It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a little poem. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime and it may even change a life.

### 5. THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT

A simple and sincere, "You look good in that outfit," "You did a super job," or "That was a great meal" can make someone's day.

### 6. THE GIFT OF A FAVOR

Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

### 7. THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE

There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.

### 8. THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION

The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone. It's not that hard to say "Hello" or "Thank you."

### 9. THE GIFT OF SAYING THANKS

Consciously express gratitude to everyone who does something for you, no matter what. Focus on expressing gratitude to those around you very intentionally.

### 10. THE GIFT OF PRAYER

Pray for loved ones, and let them know you are praying for them. Leave a prayer on their answering machine, or drop them a prayer note.



# March Anniversaries

**March** 4 Chris & Kathy Roberts Sr. 44 years  
 5 Kevin & Lisa Krahel 23 years  
 7 Donnie & Sarah Hengel 2 years  
 10 Mark & Sue Temme 21 years  
 14 John & Rosemary Poore 41 years  
 15 Hai & Hope Pearson 14 years  
 15 Steve & Sally Speer 15 years



**March** 21 Kevin & Christy Ritcheson 22 years  
 22 Ron & Sandy Hoffman 36 years  
 22 Andrew & Bell Wiskow 14 years  
 23 Bob & Vicki McLaughlin 37 years  
 24 Joe & Heidi Bossert 4 years

# March Birthdays

**March** 1 Kim Kincaid  
 2 Dave Dubberke  
 3 Kristin Cassidy  
 3 Tom Meier  
 3 Kathryn Sandeen  
 3 Hannah Sellke  
 4 Karen Bernhardt  
 4 Aaron Johnson  
 5 Amanda Kelly  
 6 Kristina Long  
 6 Melissa Shults  
 6 Karen Summerall  
 7 Shellby Amacker  
 7 Nolan Godsey  
 7 Shirley Hawkins  
 8 Shirley Odell  
 8 Jean Stacy  
 10 Nick Maier  
 10 Sue Salzman  
 11 Diane Martin  
 11 Cole Ottum  
 11 Stephen Welch  
 12 Maddie Bernard  
 12 Jim Cullen  
 12 Faith Johnson  
 12 Mary Loseke

**March** 12 Marilyn Thamert  
 13 John Heyne  
 13 Jennifer Weaver  
 14 Aaron Sandeen  
 16 MaryAnn Dent  
 16 Ruth Olson  
 16 Grace Peoples  
 16 Louis Sigrist  
 16 Ben Verney  
 17 Tara Lofdahl  
 17 Erik Sandeen  
 18 Aaron Crisi  
 18 Scott Gray  
 18 Steve Sturm  
 19 Amy Braem  
 19 Marie Halvorson  
 20 Lindsay Beale  
 21 Dale Blase, Sr.  
 21 Terry Cary  
 22 Joann Braem  
 22 Bryant Hedrick  
 22 Danika Hoffmann  
 22 Lori Isaak  
 22 Ian McMeekan  
 22 Rose Shook  
 22 Sue Sturm

**March** 23 Sherryl Boitz  
 23 Alvin Wiskow  
 24 Tom Henderson  
 24 Lily Kachmarek  
 24 Bell Wiskow  
 25 Michelle Estes  
 26 Tracie Hoffmann  
 26 Amy Leinhos  
 26 Dan Seim  
 27 Stephanie Kachmarek  
 29 Jackson Godsey  
 29 Jeff Weiblen  
 30 Nan Dubberke  
 30 Daleen Harris  
 30 Marge Stender  
 30 Mark Vosseler  
 30 Sally Weber  
 31 Tim Christensen  
 31 Lisa Siewert  
 31 Kay Starts



# Parish Nursing Health Update

By Dena Bindewald, Parish nurse



February was heart month so I thought it only appropriate to share some information about heart disease. The following is a brief review of coronary artery disease.

Coronary artery disease (CAD) continues to be a major health problem in the United States. More than 13 million people in the United States have a history of coronary artery disease and 7.2 million have suffered a heart attack (myocardial infarction). Unfortunately, with more and more people being diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes and/or obesity, we can expect an even greater rise in the incidence of coronary artery disease in the future.

## Coronary Artery Disease (CAD)

Coronary artery disease is the leading cause of death worldwide. It occurs when the inner lining of the coronary arteries become damaged or diseased. This process can begin in early childhood.

### Causes

The most common culprit is plaque build-up (atherosclerosis) in the coronary arteries due to high cholesterol. Other causes include:

- Smoking
- High blood pressure
- Diabetes
- Radiation to the chest for certain cancers

### Symptoms

- Chest pain (angina)- occurs when there is decreased blood flow to the heart muscle.
- Shortness of breath and/or extreme fatigue - occurs when the heart cannot pump enough blood to meet the body's demands.
- Heart attack

*Women have less typical symptoms (nausea, back or jaw pain)*

### Risk factors

- Age- simply getting older results in increased damage to the coronary arteries.
- Sex- generally, men are at higher risk for coronary artery disease. However, post menopausal women have an increased risk for CAD (decreased protection from estrogen).
- Positive family history- especially if father or brother developed CAD before age 55 or mother developed CAD before age 65.
- High blood pressure- untreated hypertension can lead to hardening and thickening of the arteries. This can narrow the channel through which blood flows.
- High cholesterol- increases the risk of plaque formation and atherosclerosis.

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- Smoking- nicotine constricts the blood vessels which forces the heart to work harder. Carbon monoxide reduces oxygen in the blood and damages the lining of the blood vessels.
- Diabetes- associated with increased risk for CAD.
- Obesity- worsens the risk factors.
- Physical inactivity- associated with coronary artery disease and other risk factors.
- High stress- acute and chronic stress may damage arteries and worsen other risk factors.
- Sleep apnea- decreased oxygen levels in the blood can increase blood pressure and strain the cardiovascular system. Repeated episodes of low oxygen can lead to sudden death from a cardiac event.

### Complications of coronary artery disease

Coronary artery disease can lead to:

- Angina
- Heart attack
- Heart failure
- Abnormal heart rhythm (arrhythmia)

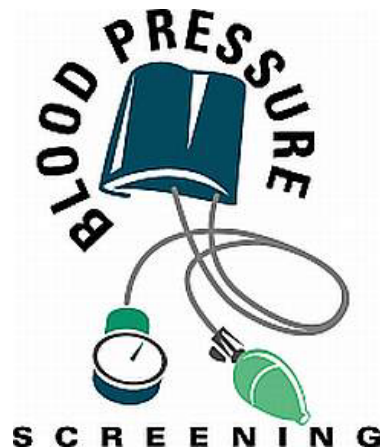


### Prevention

Prevention of coronary artery disease is focused on making significant lifestyle changes which include:

- Quit smoking- eliminates adverse effects of nicotine and carbon monoxide on blood vessels.
- Eat healthfully- fruits, vegetables, whole grains. Choose foods low in saturated fats, cholesterol, and sodium (restrict sodium to 2300mg of sodium /day).
- Exercise regularly- helps maintain a healthy weight; controls diabetes, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol. Recommended 30-60 minutes most days of the week.
- Lose excess weight- being overweight increases risk for coronary artery disease.
- Reduce stress- use muscle relaxation techniques, deep breathing.

Dena Bindewald, R.N. is Therapy Director at Heart Centers of America in Portland, OR. She is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA. Dena completed the 35 hour Basic Parish Nurse Preparation at the University of Portland in 2003. She can be reached at (503) 642-5549.



**Blood pressure screening is available  
between and after worship services  
on the third Sunday of the month**



## HATS OFF TO ANDREA WELCH!!

You are invited to a Bridal Shower for Andrea  
Friday, March 11, 2011, 6:54 p.m.

Shepherd's Hill room in the Community Center

*(use the back parking lot and northwest door  
by covered entryway)*

*Please come in your finest bonnet or one will be provided for you!*

RSVP: Laurie 503-690-0531(lauriesiewert@gmail.com), or Judy 503-645-3374  
*Andrea & Chris are registered at Target, Macys, and Bed, Bath & Beyond.*

## Islam and Christianity, Two Worlds Colliding?

Christ the Vine Lutheran Church

18677 SE Hwy 212, Damascus, OR 97089

**Saturday March 5, 2011 9:30 am to 2:30 pm**

What are the critical differences between Islam and Christianity? Dr. Adam Francsico, author, speaker and professor at Concordia University in Irvine, CA will equip you with a better understanding of the issues that are shaping our world and our future. Dr Francisco holds a DPhil. in Historical Theology and Islamic Christian Relations from the University of Oxford (2006).

**Bring a lunch or purchase pizza or hotdogs on site.**

## Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and School Taking Applications for School Director

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and School, located at 141 NW Cornell Road, has been serving the Cedar Mill community since 1960, and in 1983 added a preschool to the campus. Today, the school serves nearly 300 students from ages three through second grade.

Responsibilities of the Director include staff management, Christian ministry, and administration of teaching methodology. The successful candidate will be responsible for strategic planning, operating policy development, and operations management. The Director will work in team ministry with the Pastor and Family Life Educator.

Must have a Bachelor's degree in education and certification in early childhood education, and experience in teaching, leadership, administration and staff supervision.

Applications must be received by March 4th, when review of applicants will begin. Resumes may be emailed to pdxpop.schoolboard@gmail.com. A full job description is available at the Information Counter.



# World Mission News

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## Focus Ministry

One of the greatest blessings in any ministry is to see the fruit of that ministry. In an active ministry such as focus we often hear of students or other people coming to Christ or leading others to Christ. A few weeks ago I received an email from a former student teacher who is now in Bolivia. This student always seems to have good news to share and a lot of her experience was based on her time in Portland and the people she met at the Coffee House. She told me that she had the opportunity to spend some time with missionaries from Canada while they did their work in Bolivia. She enjoys connecting with other people doing God's work. She invites some of her friends to join her. She has been studying the Bible with that friend. Recently, that friend accepted Jesus into her life.

Another Focus associate met a student from Africa last summer. They two of them spent time together getting to know each other better. Just before the school year started, the student accepted Jesus into his life. The two of them still get together for regular Bible studies.

I've already shared about Muslim students coming to the Coffee House on a regular basis to enjoy the Christian love and fellowship. Our ultimate goal is for them to accept Jesus into their lives.



One of the important things about the Focus ministry is the team work when it comes to leading people to Jesus. It is not the effort of one or two individuals, but the effort of many people working with the Holy Spirit bringing these people to Jesus. Many of the associates come from different Christian denominations; we set aside our differences and focus on leading people to Jesus.

## Update on Don Leonard and Project Video

As I write this month's newsletter article, Don and Pam have returned to Thailand to continue their work with Project Video. His vision is to get more congregations to sponsor a few more video packages so that they can take God's Word to the Karen people. This is a group of people that continues to receive persecution from the local government because of their beliefs. They often have to move through dense jungles and over mountain ranges to survive the persecutions. Many of them don't have steady homes to live in to raise families. Don has a real heart to reach these people for Jesus so that they can place their trust in Him and help them deal with the challenges of daily life.

## Good News from Taiwan!

GEO missionary Rachel Sekki, serving in Taiwan, shares about a new opportunity to share the Gospel with children at a Buddhist orphanage. "The church focuses on outreach during the Christmas season in order to share Christ with the local people. At Salvation Lutheran Church, the youth group and the Saturday school children organized a trip to a local orphanage to give gifts and share Jesus through songs and skit. The really unique thing about this trip is that the orphanage is run by a local Buddhist temple. Recently, we heard that our open invitation (for the orphans to join us at Saturday school activities) has been accepted. Some of the orphans are going to participate and will be given new opportunities to hear about Jesus in a more fundamental way. The Lord truly is amazing!"

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#### **Good News from the Dominican Republic!**

Danelle Putnam shares the following good news from the Dominican Republic: “December 14 was a landmark day for the Good Shepherd Lutheran Group Home in Palmar Arriba, as six orphans made their first visit to their new home! Yes, Praise God, an agreement has finally been made between Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes and the Dominican government-CONANI-for the ‘custodianship’ of six orphans with developmental disabilities into our pilot group home project. The six selected youth will slowly make the transition to living full time at their new home in Palmar Arriba over the next six weeks. Please keep them and their new ‘aunts and uncles’ (caretakers) in your prayers over this time of adjustment.

“After three years of planning and working on this project we are grateful to the Lord, who has heard our prayers, and now we celebrate this early Christmas present. Please continue to pray for us and that our new residents would see their new house become a ‘home.’ Two of these orphans have the last name ‘Conani,’ which is actually the name of the institution in which they previously lived. These orphans come to us without having had a place to call their own, something most of us do not understand, but Christ does, as He entered the world without a home, and made His first bed in a manger.

“We would like to thank all who, in last month’s prayers, have been praying for us and the opening of the group home, and we would ask this month, that those prayers would be returned to the Lord as prayers of thanksgiving! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!”

#### **Good News from Russia!**

Good news from Rev. Matthew Heise in Russia: “Pavel Malinov is my student at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia’s seminary in Koltushi and an evangelist in the remote regions of Siberia. A prison convert, Pavel has since his release been actively engaged in sharing with others the hope in Christ which has given his life new meaning. I first met Pavel and his wife, Alyona, six years ago in the Siberian city of Chita, just north of the Chinese border. Pavel is Russian while Alyona is a member of an ancient Siberian people group. Since LCMS World Mission has helped fund some of his mission trips, Pavel recently filled me in on his activities this past summer traveling the empty spaces of Siberia.

“He and Alyona had initially planned to take a few days of swimming and relaxation after the school year, but upon arrival in the village of her birthplace, that plan soon changed. The people whom Pavel had baptized in the village said to him, ‘Gee, we thought you might teach us some more from the Bible.’ How could he refuse? Pavel told me that as he was teaching in another village this summer, a man came into the house drunk. Pavel continued with his lesson while the drunk man settled into a comfortable position. Afterwards he came up to Pavel, sheepishly and rather soberly asking, ‘Um, would you mind telling me a little bit more about God?’ Of course, Pavel wholeheartedly agreed!

“My other update on ministry in Siberia also relates to the city of Chita. When I was in Chita six years ago, I mentioned that a Boris Lukyanovich had given me a tour of his hometown and the natural wonders in the surrounding countryside. When I began teaching the people there about Baptism, Boris became silent and was clearly deep in thought. He sadly told me that he would like to believe, but couldn’t. I told him that what was impossible with him was not so with God, who desires that all people would come into His family. I then asked

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you to join me in praying for Boris while Pavel continued to witness in the following years. Well, recently when I was teaching at Koltushi, I asked Pavel about Boris. He told me that Boris had become a believer and was now attending a local church! It is timely reminder as we begin the New Year that no witness is ever useless. The Holy Spirit works through our imperfect witness and can bring people to the Lord in His own time and place.”

#### **Prayers**

There has been a lot of violence going on in the world over the past several weeks. We’ve all heard the news about Egypt and other countries in the Middle East. Some of the mission organizations have had to remove their people from these countries.

- Pray for the safety of the missionaries and their families who may be caught up in the violence.
  - For those who can leave the countries, pray for safe travel and that the Lord will relocate the missionaries elsewhere so they can continue their work.
  - For those who are unable to leave, pray that they work with the people caught up in the violence and that they work with the Holy Spirit to reach these people with the peace that only comes from Jesus Christ.
- Thank God for keeping missionary families safe during recent terrorist activities and bombings at airports in Russia and other parts of the world.
- Continue to keep those from our Bethlehem family safe as they continue to do God’s work in Kenya and the Czech Republic.

In the Name of Christ,

Herb Tretzen



**The Lutheran Hour**  
**7:00am Sundays on**  
**FM KPDQ 93.9**  
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### Service Roster for March 2011

Please call the church office (503-649-3380) in advance if you are unable to serve on your scheduled date. Thanks.

	March 6th	March 13th	March 20th	March 27th
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Nan and Dave Dubberke	Cullens	Braem Family	Karen and Chris Wagner
<b>Elder of the Day</b>	Duane Dippon Wayne Moses	Bryan Luttrell Jeff Weiblen	Herb Treizen Rick Refsland	Duane Dippon Bob Baker
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ian Isaak, Lauren Stewart Jaylynn Bernhardt	Michael Cox, David Gehlen Kara Summerall, Aaron Crisi	Daynan Vice, Jarrett Bernhardt Rachel Starts, Sarah Seilke	Jaden Vice, Jaymin Bernhardt Kara Summerall, Jared Beale
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Jeff Weiblen Dale Blasé	Susan Dippon Karen Goode	Dena Bindewald Mark Leinhos	Herb Treizen Jeff Weiblen
<b>Ushers</b>	Scott Gray, Bob Hansen, Roger Lindquist, Hank Modro	Dave and Nan Dubberke, Greg Starts, Bill Weber	Steve Finney, Rich Gohl, Susan Halvorson, Hank Modro	Brad and Mary Loseke, John Loseke, Brian Pfund
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Lonnie Norris, Anthony Norris, Rick Refsland and JoAnna Refsland	Bryant and Rose Hedrick, Hai Pearson, Steve Stewart	Roy Fletcher, Larry Laws, Dan and Sandra Seim	Bryant and Rose Hedrick, Lonnie Norris, Anthony Norris
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bob Fossum, Brad Loseke, Bryan Luttrell, Herb Treizen, Kipp Martin		Jim Cullen, Bryan Luttrell, Kipp Martin, Steve Bindewald, Wayne Moses	Bryan Luttrell, Ivan Weichbrodt, Jeff Weiblen, Roy Fletcher, Wayne Moses
<b>Info Counter</b>	Kathy Wagner Lorna Zimbrick Nancy Furby	Jean Faszholz Susan Sturm Nancy Furby	Sally Jo Weber Sally Jo Weber	Jean Faszholz Ellen Heldt
<b>Guest Hosts</b>	Ivan Weichbrodt, Ron Hoffman, Roy Fletcher, Steve Bindewald	Bob Fossum, Bob Baker, Ivan Weichbrodt, Roy Fletcher, Steve Bindewald	Jan Brown Dorothy Schmidlin	Sarah Hengel Ruth Dally
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Dave and Kathy Cook Carolyn Meier	Jeff Weiblen Stephanie Kachmarek	Harley and Eleanor Olson Mike and Shirley Odell	Jennifer Vice Sheryl Boitz and Dorothy Schmidlin

### LENT SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, March 9  
10:30am

7:00pm

Wednesday, March 16  
7:00pm

Wednesday, March 23  
7:00pm

Wednesday, March 30  
7:00pm

### Altar Guild

Laurie Siewert

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### Ushers

Dave Dubberke,  
Susan Halvorson,  
Rick and JoAnna Refsland

Brad and Mary Loseke,  
Greg Starts, Larry Laws

Dave and Nan Dubberke,  
Dave and Lorna Zimbrick

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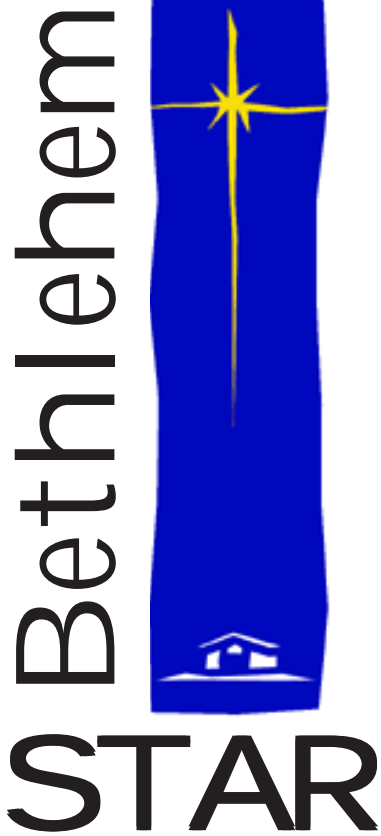
### Elder on Duty

Dave Dubberke

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Robin Fossum, Parish Administrator  
Brenda Shults, Receptionist & Preschool Secretary

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