

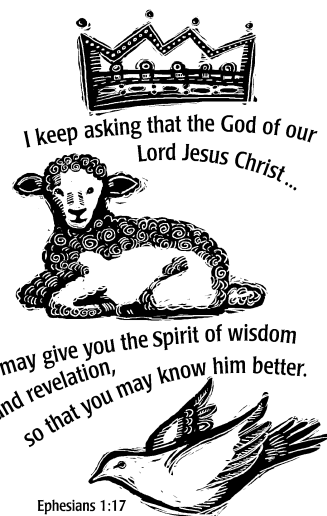
CHANGES BEGIN FOR PASTORS BECK

By Pastor John Beck

Things are changing at my house these days. A new call for Joan to the seminary in Chicago (see article below) means that I, too, will be heading East when I receive a call. But I can't tell you when that will be, and that creates ambiguity. I love serving as pastor of St. Timothy. But another page in this chapter of ministry is beginning to turn. So I ask that you keep me in your prayers and talk to me with any questions. In the months ahead I will continue to focus on our ministry.

God is doing wonderful things at St. Timothy and I have lots to do. Soon we will be sending kids to camp. Our 5th Sunday Sharing on May 30 is one way we support this ministry and our youth. I will be with our confirmation youth at Lutherwood in July. We are gear-

ing up for VBS July 18-23. A new task force is considering further renovation to the Hospitality House. Our ministry with the food bank brings us weekly in touch with our community and its rich diversity. During this time I will also be doing my continuing education. The first week in June I will catch up on pastoral reading at Holden Village. The third week of June I will attend the annual meeting of the Society for Pastoral Theology, the folks who teach pastoral care at seminaries. My focus in the months ahead is to help clarify our direction so that we are prepared well for our next steps.



Editor's note: The following article is from the weekly newsletter (May 16) of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the congregation served by Rev. Joan Beck, spouse of Pastor John Beck.

Pastor Joan Beck has accepted a call to serve as director of spiritual formation and pastor to the seminary community at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago (LSTC). The five-year term begins July 1. Pastor Joan says, "I prayed and labored over this decision. I love the people of Bethlehem, and I have given my heart and soul to this ministry for 15 years now. It's hard to leave! Members of the congregation impressed me with their faithfulness as they assured me that they trust God to guide Bethlehem in the future. They told me they would be sad if I left (I am sad, too) yet encouraged me to follow God's guidance.

"The LSTC call will allow me to specialize in areas that give me great joy: working with seminary students and promoting and teaching spiritual practices." Pastor Joan expects to plan the details of her remaining weeks at Bethlehem with the congregation council, meeting today after worship. Pastor Susan Kintner, assistant to the bishop of the Oregon Synod, will be present at the council meeting to answer questions about what

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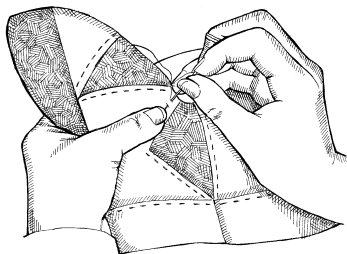
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happens for a congregation when a pastor leaves. Everyone interested in this topic is invited to attend the meeting at noon in the chapel. Pastor John Beck has told his congregation, St. Timothy, about the move to Chicago. He expects to leave a little later than Pastor Joan. The Becks are a two-income family. John wants to have a position lined up in Chicago before leaving Portland. The prophet Jeremiah said, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope" (Jer. 29:11). Let this be our expectation and prayer.

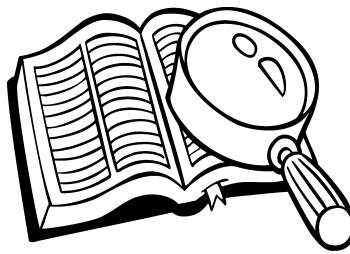
There will be a farewell event at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 4 p.m. June 27th to say goodbye to Pastor Joan. All are welcome.



QUILTING GROUP

Celebrates in Stitches

A lot of work and creativity have been put into the quilts and lap robes made by the quilting group at St. Timothy. Called the Cover Girls, they meet most Wednesdays from September to May at 10 am. Before they break for the summer, the Cover Girls will meet for a luncheon on June 2 at noon. Ask Irene Borchers for details.



Bible Study Begins in June

A 6 week course on the Parables of Jesus will begin June 15. Meet at St. Timothy at 1 pm every Tuesday for study and fellowship.



ELSIES' Sets Early Brunch

June 19 marks the end of the women's group meetings until September. Every woman at St. Timothy is invited to a brunch at Francis Xavier's Restaurant at 9 am on June 19. This no-host meal is fun! Tell Elenore Keller, Barb Vecsi, or Frances Carpenter if you are attending so they can make reservation at the restaurant.

Enjoy Our Piano Dedication Concert

June 27 at 1:00, musicians from St Tim's and musicians associated with the unique Samick Piano we purchased from Ogden Music in March will join in a special concert to dedicate



the instrument to the service and Glory of God. The concert will follow a potluck luncheon for the congregation after the Sunday service. This event is open to everyone and a free-will offering will be taken.

Health Matters

Thanks to all who participated in the bake sale to benefit Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on 5/18/10 for the American Cancer Society. We raised \$66 which was donated by walkers Sherry Willmschen and Karen Kohl. Karen walked 5 miles!

We hope all the ladies enjoyed their Mother's Day gift and hope you continue to keep your health in mind! Men, stay tuned for Father's Day gifts on June 20th.

RELAY FOR LIFE IS GETTING CLOSER!



On June 6th the St. Timothy team will be having a Fundraiser and hope to have all the congregation come down for the coffee hour to share your donated treasures with us and to pick up new treasures for yourself. It is a Chinese Auction--tickets sell for \$1 and you can place as many tickets as you want in the container next to the item you wish to own. Come and have fun. There will also be more information about the Relay and Blood Pressures taken.

Remember we are still looking for survivors of any cancer to sign up and join us on July 31 at noon for the sur-

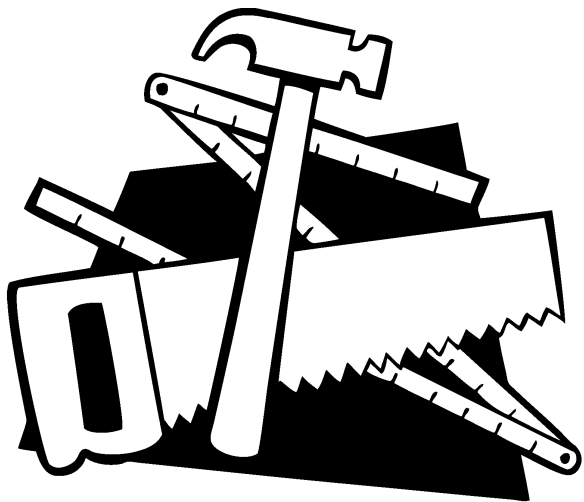
vivor walk. Stay for a while after and enjoy music and chances to purchase fundraising items. Also there are luminaria to honor survivors or to honor those who have died due to cancer. Purchase them and decorate them on the 6th or anytime before and at the event. We still would love to have more team members--if we have too many for one team, why not add another team!!!

We still have had no suggestions for a team name and the lovely prize continues to languish awaiting an owner. As captain I am submitting the following and hope that others have better suggestions for the Carnival theme for the event. Here goes: "Merry Go Hope" or "Fly with a Prayer". Please let's have some others!

Remember the event is July 31 at noon at Centennial High School track and ends at 8 am on Sunday August 1 --in time for church!

Sherry Willmschen, HM Chair





RENOVATION PROJECT

Task Force Begins Work

A remodeling task force met on Sunday, May 23, to begin conversations about continuing the improvements to the Hospitality House. Irene Borchers has taken initial leadership to help launch the project. Sherry Willmschen, Betty Canham, Ray Whitford, Pastor John, Elaine Scott and Jean Whitford all expressed interest in the project.

The project is possible because Karen Burger-Kimber and young men from the Ukrainian Pentecostal congregation have volunteered to do the work gratis. So the cost to the congregation will be for materials only. The next step will be a feasibility study to discover what those actual costs would be. A priority in the process is having a bathroom that is fully accessible. This will involve moving one bathroom wall slightly and re-doing the cabinets in the kitchen. Thanks to all who have kept the torch burning for these important improvements.

More Campers Headed to Lutherwood

St. Timothy will send seven young people to Camp Lutherwood this year, a significantly increase over the recent past. This will include a unique 2-week stint for Julius, Ricky and Ato, who will attend "Altitude Camp." This camp is a leadership training experience. During the first week they will be taught and practice special leadership skills in working with youth. Then, during the second week, they will practice the skills as they shadow a regular camp counselor.

We hope to help kids attend camp through scholarships provided from 5th Sunday Sharing. Camp costs approximately \$300 per youth, (significantly cheaper than the average price of camps these days which often run to \$400 for a week). Our 5th Sunday Sharing special offering on May 30 will support this ministry. We may also be doing a car wash or other fund-raising in the weeks ahead. Thanks for supporting our youth.

5th Sunday Sharing Sends Kids to Camp Lutherwood

Our special offering for the 5th Sunday in May is going to scholarships for the costs of attending summer camp at Camp Lutherwood. Find your decorated offering envelope with each Sunday's bulletin or send it in your regular offering envelope, but marked "Summer Camp Scholarships".



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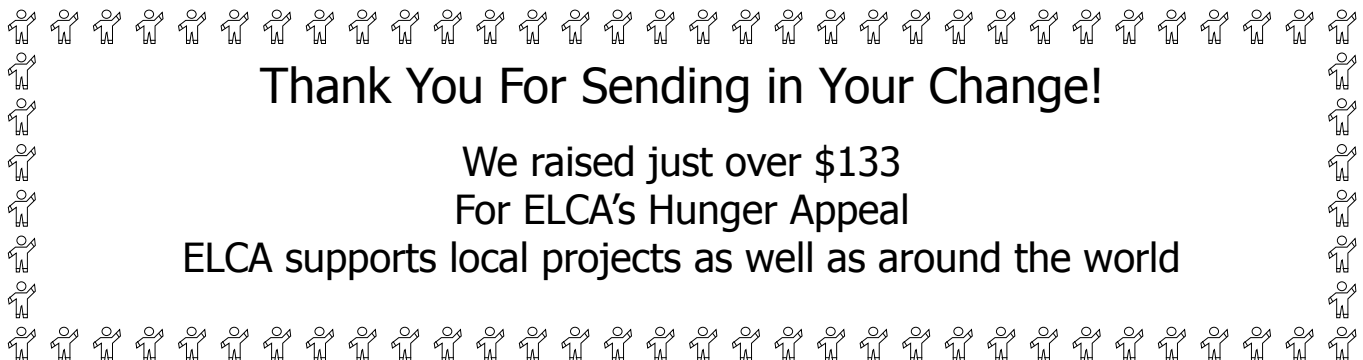
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		1	2	3	4 9 am Food Bank	5
6 10 am Worship Coffee Hour Chinese Auction Blood Pressure Taken 5:30 pm Softball Game	7	8 7 pm Council	9	10 6 pm Good Spirit	11 9 am Food Bank	12
13 10 am Worship 3:45 pm Softball Game	14	15 1 pm Bible Study	16	17	18 9 am Food Bank	19 9 am Women's brunch at Francis Xavier's
20 Fathers Day Food Drive 10 am Worship	21	22 1 pm Bible Study	23	24	25	26
27 10 am Worship Potluck 1 pm Piano Dedication Concert 2 pm Softball	28	29 1 pm Bible Study Newsletter Mailing Day	30			

Worship Schedule for June 2010

	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
Table	Sherry Willmschen	Tim Henderson	Ray Whitford	Sherry Willmschen
Lector	Barb Vecsi	Betty Caramella	Don Weber	Dorian Willmschen
Acolyte	John Burtlehaus	Ato Ta'ale	Ricky Sam	Julius Olomua
Greeter	Elenore Keller	Greta Christensen	Elaine Scott	Clyde Dunbar
Usher #1	Allen Perhus	Steve Tobias	Mike Tokstad	Greta Christensen
Usher #2	Don Severson	LeAnn Tobias	Pam Tokstad	Grace Derschmidt
Announcer	Karen Kohl	John Beck	Don Weber	Ray Whitford
Video Sound	Ricky Sam	Ray Whitford	Julius Olomua	Ato Ta'ale
Percolators	Deanna Hess and Candace Olvera			
Counters	Fran and Deanna	Jean and Teddy	Shannon and Mary	Don and Gene
Lockup	Ray Whitford	Jean Whitford	Ray Whitford	Jean Whitford
Plant Care	Teddy Whitford			
Care Coordinators	John Beck and Karen Kohl			

Volunteers! If you cannot serve on your listed Sunday, call other volunteers and switch days. Also, alert the office so we can change the schedule in the bulletin.

We are going to hammer down the schedule for the next quarter on **June 6 at the coffee hour**. Think about what Sundays you are going to be able to serve in July, August, and September, then mark them on the master schedule.



Thank You For Sending in Your Change!

We raised just over \$133
For ELCA's Hunger Appeal

ELCA supports local projects as well as around the world



Birthdays

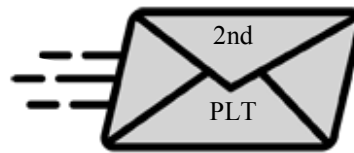
June

- 1 Karen Ropar
- 9 Chris Burg
- 11 Renee Sam
- 12 Amber Strutz
- 13 Donna Coffman
- 16 Keegan Reilly
- 19 Ernest Rippe
- 21 Carol Canchola
- 25 Kayla Verdier
 - Judy Edelman
 - James Markell
- 27 Kasey Markell
- 28 Ernie Thoreen
- 30 Holly Pendleton Walcher
- 31 Red Burchfield

DEREK'S NEW ADDRESS You may write to Derek Henderson at his new digs in AZ (probably until December):

Pvt. Henderson, Derek
2nd Plt
E Co. 309th MI BN
Ft. Huachuca, AZ 85613

Be sure to put **2ND PLT**



I want to apologize to all those who have been planning the May Tea, especially Karen Burger-Kimber, for causing the conflict that led to the cancellation. I failed to check the church master calendar before I set the time for the memorial service. Willy always encouraged us to "always check the calendar first" and I didn't. I am truly sorry and will try to always check first. Pastor John

Hooray, Lutherwood Day Camp is coming!

Parents, set aside the week of July 18 through July 23 for your children to enjoy the Day Camp/VBS Lutherwood experience! Crafts! Games! Music! Also, are there folk out there who would be interested in working as aides, helping staff present the program? We'd especially be grateful for someone to lead the Preschool module. Another opportunity to help would be if you could host the Lutherwood young teachers in your home for four days. Anybody? And if you can do none of these things, how about saving magazines for us, with pretty pictures that the children can use for crafts?

Betty Canham, Lisa Sanders, and Karen Kohl



Softball

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All games are at
Portland Lutheran
and new team
members and
fans are
very welcome.

- June 6 5:30 Pm
- June 13 3:45 pm
- June 27 2:00 pm
- July 11 2:00 pm
- July 18 3:45 pm

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