



Dear Friends in Christ,

I think of you often, definitely when sharing the sacrament, in preaching the word, and being with you in worship. But I want you to know that I pray for each one of you. I pray for your health, both physical, mental and spiritual. I pray you might have joy, deep faith, and be called to serve God's people in amazing ways. I pray you know you are loved and appreciated.

Prayer changes us. It opens us to the work of the Holy Spirit, the creativity of God, and the new life we have in Christ. I encourage you to pray for your spouse, family, co-workers, neighbors at home and around the world. Tell them "I am praying for you." And do. It will change your relationship with them and with Christ.

Our Call Committee meets July 30 with the new Bishop to hear a report on potential pastoral candidates. I ask your continued prayers that God raises up the person with the gifts needed for the ministry at hand with our youth and family.

Our Preschool received news this weekend that another Anacortes preschool with 90+ students is closing. We have been inundated with parents asking if we have space in our school at ALC. Our preschool board, director and teachers are rising to the challenge and formulating a plan to basically double our preschool ministry by adding two afternoon classes. Currently we only do two morning classes. The board of directors is working with them to ensure we continue our high quality of education, care, and safety for all of our current and new students. This means we would also have 35 more students at weekly chapel sharing in worship. We have the best teachers and congregation working together with servant hearts! I ask your prayers for our teachers as excitement builds for a new outreach.

Our summer VBS prayed for more kids. We got them! We planned to serve 100 meals and ended up serving 200 each night for four nights. It was awesome! We found outside giving through Thrivent grants to cover the 100 meals this year. It was almost like God said. "Wow, these people know how to make it happen, so I will give them 100 more people to feed!" Some would say we are back to square one, still having to use our own budget to pay for food since we doubled in size. I would say, God knows our offerings will rise to the challenge. Please pray that our hearts are opened. The next time you place your gift in the offering – think of adding a little more to offset a few meals that fed more people.

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Our national church the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is meeting for its national assembly this first part of August in Milwaukee WI. Check them out on-line to see how our ELCA church is responding to the needs of the world.

Jesus told a parable of the talents to his disciples that speaks to what is happening in our church at ALC right now. (*Matthew 25:14-30*) Jesus said “a manager gave one servant 5 talents, another 2 talents, and another 1 talent, each according to their ability. The one that received 5 talents doubled it. The one that received two doubled it. But the one that received one talent dug a hole in the ground and hid his masters money. When he returned, the master said to the first two servants “Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”

As your pastor, here is what I see: You are stepping out in faith in many ways. You are doubling and tripling the gifts God originally gave you. And your reward? More people to feed because you do it well. More people to teach, because you do it with joy. More people to serve, because you have a servants heart in word and deed. It is amazing – truly amazing. Thanks be to God for the spirit that is alive in the whole church on earth.

Blessings and joy as you celebrate the summer month of August. Please give me a call if you would ever like to talk. I am around the whole month of August and would love to visit with you in these beautiful summer days before the fullness of fall activities begins again.

In Christ - Pastor Deb Benson

From your Council President:

Our summer picnics will continue Wednesdays at 6 pm at local parks, and I encourage anyone to come and bring your neighbors as we try to expand our outreach efforts to the community.

Over the next few months we will be reviewing and rewriting the Church constitution to update policies and procedures that have been modified over the past 10 years. Although a routine “housekeeping” measure, it is fairly important to keep current with synod and ELCA guidelines. Please consider giving any prospective changes or updates to your friendly church council member for review and inclusion.

Ginny Connelly has done a wonderful job on our Youth Committee so far this year, but we would ask for a few folks to help her out and volunteer if possible, in whatever limited capacity to get us through to years end. We are so fortunate to have an active church council.

If you would recommend someone, or consider volunteering to oversee our Scholarship Committee for this next year, please drop a note in my box outside the office. We are in the process of creating a job description for the position. It is a limited time job and doesn’t require a significant or extensive effort. The job would determine receivers and amounts to be disseminated for the year.

How about that songfest last Sunday?!!! The mix of faithful and patriotic songs that Laurie put together for us was refreshing. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

Thank the Lord for what we have, but ask the Lord for what others need.

Bill LeDuc

3rd Annual Paul Knowles

Men of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America



Saturday, August 3

4:40 till 7'ish

Les Olsen's House

1419 15th Street

Put it on your Calendar...

Bring a friend...

Bring a **Beverage** of your choice...

and a **\$5 donation**,

which will cover the

Chips, Eats and Treats!!

Please RSVP Les Olsen by email :

fairweathersurveyor@gmail.com or

call 360-708-7953

A Funeral for
Goodie Lorentzen

will be held

Saturday, August 24th at 11:00 am

at Anacortes Lutheran Church



SEPTEMBER ~ Usher Schedule

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|----|----------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 9:30 am: | Dan Khile & Tim Hofferth |
| 8 | 9:00 am: | Win Thompson & Paul Phelan |
| | 10:30 am | |
| 15 | 9:00 am: | Larry Thomas & Scott Soes |
| | 10:30 am | Bill & Diane Gusa |
| 22 | 9:00 am: | Rich Berentson & Boyd Veer |
| | 10:30 am | Wayne Olsen & Randy VanSweden |
| 29 | 9:00 am: | Kenny & Anita Holzemer |
| | 10:30 am | John & Kathy Parker |

SEPTEMBER ~ F.A.S.T. #1

Leader • Kathy Khile

360-708-4093

gallery@scottmilo.com

Linda Braski

Jean Brown

DeAnna Claus

Matt & Ginny Connolly

David & Karen Elling

Hoagy Kerr

Bonnie & Matt Kerschbaum

Chuck & Bev Landgraf

Nancy & Jim Loftis

Enid Oates

Patti Carrie Smith

Scott Soes

Mark Tanis

Win Thompson

*Please, sign-up at the Welcome
desk for when you are able to serve
in SEPTEMBER*



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Welcoming of New Members

August 11th

Contact the office if you would like
to make Anacortes Lutheran your
HOME Church.

Bible Study Groups

MEN'S Thursday Bible Study

Thursday Mornings - 7 am

In Conference Room #1

Led by: Boyd Veer

ALC SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY **PRIME TIMERS™**

Friday, August 9

LUNCH AT "THE STORE"

Conference Room #1 at 11:00 a.m.

Monday, August 26

ANACORTES MURAL WALKABOUT

LUNCH AT PEAR THAI

Conference Room #1 at 10:00 a.m.

Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Desk.

Property - "Friends of the Pre-School"

Prayerful Consideration Needed – Gardening Help

Maggie and I are seeking help to maintain the flower beds at the Preschool.

They can be changed and/or modified for easier care and maintenance.

We just need someone or a group that would love to be in charge of the flower beds along the front of the Preschool.

If you would like to take on the responsibility of a flower bed, please let me know...

Blessings in Christ,

Les Olsen; Property Chair



Sewing News - Faith Legan & Julia Rogers

We are serving the Lord with Gladness~

We are planning for our shipment to Lutheran World Relief, sending School Kits with our Baby Care Kits, Health Kits, Sewing Kits & Quilt. We will need your help anyway you can. Prayers, buying supplies or donating items. Anything you can help with will be much appreciated. Thank You!

We will need:

- Spiral Notebooks -70 sheet, wide/college rule 8x10
- Rulers - centimeter & inches
- Pencil Sharpeners -one that collects shavings
- Blunt Scissors
- UN-sharpened #2 Pencils with Erasers
- Black or Blue Ballpoint Pens - (NO gel ink)
- Box of 24 Count Crayons
- Erasers - 2 1/2"
- Bath & hand towels -dark colored, new or used
- Sheets & Flannel
- Sleepers, T-shirts, Onesies & Pj's - up to 18 mnths
- Full size Bar Soap -Dial, Lever 2000, Irish Spring, Ivory & Dove



Lutheran World Relief KNITTING NEWS

Monday, August 19 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

In conference room # 1

Our church usually ships 100-150 layette sets, each 6 month period. One sweater/hat set goes in each layette. We use a fun, one piece sweater pattern. Beginners are welcome & teaching is always available.

<u>FALL shipment GOAL:</u>	<u>We have COMPLETED:</u>
Hats 50-75	19 - Hats
Sweaters 50-75	0 - Sweaters
Sweater/hat sets 60-100	28- Sweater/hat sets.

I Hope to see you all
AUGUST 19 at 1pm

~Linda Anderson, 360-588-1730



Summer - FUN for Students in Grades 4-6

Register by
August 3



Bring a
friend !

call [360-293-9586](tel:360-293-9586) or email info@anacorteslutheran.org

August 13 • Birch Bay Waterslides

Pastor Benson, Ginny Connelly and Rachel Franulovich are adult chaperons.

Depart church 8:30 am—return 5:30 pm.

Cost: \$10 for lunch, ride, slides

- We Need two high school youth leaders: 9-12 grade •

Be a mentor to younger students for a day. Support the adult leader & Have Fun!

ALL CHURCH WEDNESDAY PICNICS 6PM

Aug 7 Causland Park • in the open area on west side of the park

Aug 14 Storvik Park • near the picnic shelter

Aug 21 Annual Corn feed & Worship Service on the Beach
5:30 pm Washington Park • at Reserved Picnic Shelter

Bring a Dish to Share
Dinner ware
Chair or Blanket to Sit On



Children's Ministry News

ATHENS

Paul's Dangerous Journey to spread the Truth



This year's Vacation Bible School at Anacortes Lutheran Church took the kids on a visit to the ancient city of Athens. The entire church complex was converted. The Narthex and Sanctuary were the gateway to the city where the Oikos (the Greek word for family group) met for Celebration time led by the dynamic trio of Camryn Kerr, Talin Kerr and Reese Morgenthaler. I have to tell you, they absolutely stole the show. They were great!

The youth room, downstairs, was transformed into Paul's tent where Bill LeDuc & Les Olsen (pictured above) regaled the kids with Paul's stories. Upstairs in the Sunday school wing, and conference room 3, we had the Market Place. Chris and Rachel Franulovich helped the kids work with air dry clay. Dorothy Engom showed the kids how to build the Parthenon with graham crackers. Paula Olson & Patty Pedersen taught the kids jewelry making. Judy Holmes & Noel Johnson kept the kids going with a slick tapestry project. Kenny Holzemer entertained the kids with neat little Lyres, musical instruments manufactured by Paul Dusenbury. Also upstairs we were all entertained by Carol Olsen & Bob Ford as

they performed some topical skits. Outside, in the parking lot, Don Devine, with the help of his daughter Lilly and her friends, along with Joey & Harlan, helped the kids burn off some energy with Don's own, made up Olympic games. Don did a fantastic job with the kids - they loved it!

All these areas, with the exception of the parking lot, were magnificently decorated by Kendra Kennedy and her crew. Kendra was not only in charge of decorations, she also took on the responsibility of directing a large portion of the program. She organized the leaders, junior leaders and helpers.

It turned out to be quite an accomplishment this year when you consider the following: We had around 112 kids participate in VBS. There were 28 junior leaders, youth from the 5th to 12th grade, and around 48 adult leaders. We had a lot of kids but we had a lot of help too. Our Oikos leaders this year were: Stacey Pestar, Kendra Kennedy, Eryn Hanes, Win Thompson, Pastor Deb and Roxanna Beccera. They did a fantastic job, with the assistance of all the youth and adult volunteers, leading groups of almost 20 children each.

We want to thank all our volunteers for a great job well done. We also thank Jeaneen Brogan and her kitchen crew for the wonderful dinners. Rachel Devine and her registration crew for getting all the kids accounted for. And here is a neat thing: We had a VBS that in essence was a real community effort. We had participants & volunteers from 20 different churches; from Bellingham to Oak Harbor. That's outreach!

Thanks Anacortes Lutheran Church for your continued support of this important ministry. Thank you to everyone who had a helping hand.

Dave White

Director, Children's Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL
STARTS AGAIN
September 8th at 9:00 am

Worship & Fellowship Assistants

F.A.S.T. Leader #5 • Kathlyn Parker / 360-420-4940 / kmpbozeman@yahoo.com

ALTAR Setup • Grace Boggio, Paula Olson & Karen Tavalero

SOUND Team • Jim Carver, Brian Hanrahan, Kenny Holzemer, Dana McCoy, Linda Millo, Mark Tanis

POWER POINT Team • Michael Hanrahan, Anita Holzemer, Pat Carrie Smith

August 4	9:30 am
<i>Acolytes:</i>	CJ & Carter Eggleston
<i>Ushers:</i>	Kenny & Anita Holzemer
<i>Greeters:</i>	Julia Rogers & Ruth McDonald
<i>Readers:</i>	Bev Landgraf
<i>Communion Assistants:</i>	Stacey & Persephone Pestar
<i>Coffee Serve/Cleanup:</i>	Linda Walker, Bev & Chuck Landgraf
<i>Coffee Hour Treats:</i>	Julia Rogers, Linda Walker & Bev Nevin
<i>Altar flowers:</i>	In Celebration of Paul & Julie Dusenbury' 47th Wedding Anniversary
August 11	9:30 am
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Regan Franulovich & Tristyn Connelly
<i>Ushers:</i>	Mike Bastrom & Rexanne Graham
<i>Greeters:</i>	Les Olsen & Greg H
<i>Reader:</i>	John Parker
<i>Communion Assistants:</i>	Carol Olsen & Dave White
<i>Coffee Serve/Cleanup:</i>	Kathryn Parker & Dave White
<i>Coffee Hour Treats:</i>	Kathryn Parker & Ruth McDonald
<i>Altar flowers:</i>	In Celebration of Ron & Lauren Barry Wedding on August 10th 2019
August 18	9:30 am
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Kaylee & Ethan Lust
<i>Ushers:</i>	Paul & Julie Dusenbury
<i>Greeters:</i>	Linda Braski, Mira & Thomas Knowles
<i>Reader:</i>	Pat Carrie Smith
<i>Communion Assistants:</i>	Roselyn Payne & Kathryn Parker
<i>Coffee Serve/Cleanup:</i>	Peggy White
<i>Coffee Hour Treats:</i>	Donuts
<i>Altar flowers:</i>	
August 25	9:30 am
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Erin & Owen Kennedy
<i>Ushers:</i>	Chuck Landgraf & Bud Rock
<i>Greeters:</i>	Dorothy Bjornson & Kathryn Parker
<i>Reader:</i>	Dave Bjornson
<i>Communion Assistants:</i>	Roselyn Payne & Dave White
<i>Coffee Serve/Cleanup:</i>	Kathryn Parker
<i>Coffee Hour Treats:</i>	Kathryn Parker & Dorothy Bjornson
<i>Altar flowers:</i>	



AUGUST
Birthday Blessings To You!

1	Cooper Nichols	18	Madden Nations-Pearson
2	Nathan Thomas	18	Stanley Tracy
3	Randy Arendse	19	Jeanne Anderson
5	Brenda Lorentzen	19	Ensley Cook
5	Reilly Nations-Pearson	19	Ray Fowler
5	Dylan Thomas	21	Matt Connelly
6	Majken Ekstrom	21	Lorraine Kelly
7	Adrienne Eide	22	Ardell Henke
8	Connor DeFrancesco	23	Megan Campbell
11	David Lewis	24	Linda Anderson
13	Jacob Duquaine	25	Zackary Brown
14	Madelyn Berentson	25	McKenna Nations-Pearson
14	David Bjornson	26	Emma Knutson
14	Paula Fors	26	Kevin Long
14	James Parker	26	Mallory Sullivan
14	Yvonne Paul	28	Cadie Engom
14	Blake Trafton	28	John Lindsay
15	Karen Caracciolo	29	William Gusa
15	Paul Phelan	29	Tim Hofferth
15	Bryan Walker	29	Bud Rock
16	Lillian Devine	30	Jennifer Brosten
17	Kira Oates	30	John Parker
17	Cathy Odegaard	30	Adam Salnick
17	Kayla Pierce	31	Jerry Woodall
17	Reese Morgenthaler	31	David Elling
18	Ryan Connelly	31	Daniel Elling



AUGUST
Wedding Anniversary!

2	Loren & Norma Knutsen
3	Ralph Heacox & Colleen Kenimond
5	Paul & Julie Dusenbury
8	Jerry & Mary Beth Pollard
10	Michael & Wendy Atterberry
12	Stacy & Erin Roux
13	Mathew & Johanna Tracy
17	Tim & Connie Walters
18	William & Arlene French
19	Ray & Nancy Fowler
21	Philip & Madelyn Case
24	Robert & Faith Legan
28	Jeri & Dennis Hanson
29	Maurice & Helene Fink



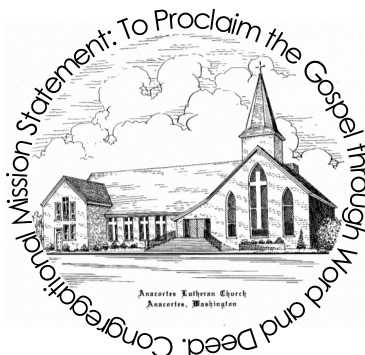
**PASTORAL
ACTS**

BAPTISM

Grace Jeiching Sullivan
July 7, 2019
Daughter of Michael & Janice Sullivan

FUNERAL

Doris Bird
June 30, 2019
~
Jeannie Fors-Krask
July 20, 2019



July Worship Attendance

Date	9:30 am	Nursery	Total
7	182	3	185
14	155	4	159
21	155	0	155
28	146	3	149



“See Me”

Dear Partners,

A short film was shown at our last Josephine staff meeting titled, “See Me.” It inspired these thoughts in me that I thought I would share with you this month...

What do you see when you look at me?

Do you see someone old and past their prime?

Do you see a disease stealing away someone you love?

Do you see someone who can't take care of themselves?

Do you see a problem to be fixed?

What do you see when you look at me?

Do you see my loss in memory?

– or maybe one of my other losses?

– take your pick: sight, sound, mobility, bowels, social graces...

– I've got plenty to choose from.

What do you see when you look at me?

Now, please—look at me.

Don't look past me in shame—look me in the eyes.

Take your time.

See me.

See me...

I still want to be loved.

I still want to be forgiven.

I still want you to be proud of me.

I still want to laugh and sing and enjoy good food and good company.

I still want to smell flowers.

I still want to hear God's promises.

I still want to enjoy chocolate and a good cup of coffee.

I still want to smile and hear a good joke.

I still want to see the wonder in the eyes of children.

I still want to have some good friends.

I still want to be useful.

I still want to love someone.

See me...

I am still a child of God.

As always, dear Partners in Christ, thank you for your support of this ministry and for allowing us to do it on your behalf.

Warmly,
Chaplain Andy



Broken Vessels

By Bishop-Elect Shelley Bryan Wee
From the August 2019 Edition of *The Spirit*

Today in the mail I received a surprise gift of pottery. Two vases and a cup. All beautiful. All treasured. But the most beautiful one has a crack on the top. I worried that it had cracked during the shipping process so I texted my friends who had sent it asking if I should be concerned. One of them replied, “Earthen vessels that we are, with maybe a crack that God can make beautiful.”

I confess that I’m feeling a little cracked right now. As excited as I am for this new call as Bishop, and as excited as I am to work with rostered ministers and congregations in this synod and in the wider church, there is a lot to process and learn. I feel the weight of responsibility and expectation.

But today, looking at this cracked vase, ruminating on my friend’s words, I am awash in grace.

You see, it is so easy when we look at ourselves or our world, to only concentrate on what seems broken. Sometimes we only see the imperfect and despair. We wonder what is wrong with this world, with society, with church, with ourselves.

But what if it is exactly this brokenness that shows God? What if this crack is where the Spirit enters in? Maybe it is in this very vulnerability when we can finally catch a glimpse of who God is and who we are.

I know that just as I have some anxiety about beginning a new call and what the future holds, there is anxiety in your lives, too. I understand both the difficulty and anticipation of moving into the future together.

But as I quoted Acts 17 during the synod assembly, I say to you again, “For in God, we live and move and have our being.” And this is where we begin and end – in God, with one another, trusting in the love that comes from Jesus. For this is who we are: Cracked earthen vessels open to the calling of the Spirit.

As I begin this new call as Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod, I call on all of us to be trusting, accepting, vulnerable, and hopeful, as we anticipate the dance of God’s Holy Spirit – cracked beautiful vessels that we are together.

In God’s Peace and Joy,

Bishop-Elect Shelley Bryan Wee



The Work of the ELCA

- National Assembly**
- Election of a Presiding Bishop with a 6 year term
 - Will vote on “Faith, Sexism, Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action.”
 - Hear Reports from Lutheran Immigration and how to help
 - Please pray for a spirit filled, Christ led assembly

