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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 a.m. Education

10:00 a.m. Worship

Coffee Hour Fellowship following Worship

Special Worship Service

**June 9th Pentecost
Farewell Celebration for Ed Egerdahl**

BALLARD BLESSINGS

June 2019

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Following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, we at Ballard First Lutheran affirm the dignity and worth of all people. We believe God calls us to be a community of grace, compassion, and justice. With St. Paul, we affirm that, in Christ, "There is no longer Jew or Gentile, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28) We believe that the Gospel, that is, the good news of Jesus Christ, is God's gift for all people. Furthermore, we believe that this gift is to be shared unconditionally, without regard to age, race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic or family status, or physical or mental ability.

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Dear Friends,

"What are we going to do when Ed is gone?" someone recently asked, giving voice to a question I had been keeping to myself as I have considered the departure of our organist of thirty-seven years.

Underneath the question is both a deep appreciation of all that Ed has meant for the people of this congregation and some fear about the prospect of finding a new organist.

So, first, a word of appreciation: We will have an opportunity to express our gratitude to God for Ed in our worship service and in a post-worship celebration on the Day of Pentecost, June 9, his last official Sunday as our organist. It is, as we like to say, our duty and delight, both right and salutary, that we do so. Because, think about it. Ed has provided the "soundtrack" of this congregation's life together for over three and a half decades!

As I think about my twenty-three years spent working with Ed, I am reminded of something Bruce Springsteen said about his drummer, Max Weinberg. Springsteen called Weinberg the "engine" of the E Street band. If you think about it, an engine also provides a fitting image for a church organist. For a long time now, Ed's musical talent has transported us to meaningful, beautiful, sorrowful, hopeful, fearful, and exhilarating places. As a finely tuned engine must perform under different driving conditions, Ed has been called upon to perform under just about every conceivable dimension of the human condition. Whether quietly idling under the laments of human sorrow, deliberately propelling us through the landscape of human regret, revving up hope-filled Easter Alleluias, or speeding through a recessional hymn after a long sermon, Ed has deftly shifted gears as needed.

Comparing Ed to a finely tuned engine speaks to the *quality* of his play. And, I will miss that, to be sure. But, more than that, I will miss the *humanity* of his play. While I have always been impressed with Ed's technical ability, what I admire most is his emotional intelligence. Yes, he understands the *notes* of the hymns and the liturgy. But what I value about Ed is that he understands the *spirit* of a given hymn or canticle or chanted prayer. He also perceives that different moods sometimes flow through a single hymn. He reads music, it's true. He is even better at reading the human condition.

FROM THE PASTOR *continued*

As a preacher, I find comfort in that. If my sermon has ever failed to adequately convey the good news of the Gospel, I have long been confident that there will be a second chance because, seemingly unfailingly, Ed has a way of getting the Gospel across in the spirit of his play.

Second, a word about the challenge of finding a new organist: When Ed broke the news of his retirement, I was not shocked. He has been telegraphing this intention in a very healthy and forthcoming way over time. Understandably, he wants to be free to do things like travel with Laurie and enjoy unfettered time with grandchildren. I am deeply thankful and happy for him.

But, I must say that, when I have shared news of Ed's retirement and the challenge of hiring another organist (I resist use of the word, "replacement") with other organists as well as pastors who have been through a similar process, their tone and countenance communicate a message of "Brace yourself." Church organists do not exactly make up a dominant sector of the human labor pool.

These are difficult times for certain musicians. For example, I'm glad Bruce Springsteen continues to prize his drummer, Max Weinberg. But, more and more, music producers are choosing drum machines over human drummers, thus depressing the number of drummers in the labor market. In like manner, many churches have moved away from the organ to other instruments, leaving that segment of the work force somewhat diminished as well. There are not a lot of people clamoring for church organist jobs.

Only time will tell if there will be drummers and church organists in the future. I think it would be a moral shame to lose either. And I'm not giving up just yet. But we will probably have to be patient as we begin the search process for a new organist. Whatever the future holds, though, I am thankful that Ed has been with us for such a good, long time as we have journeyed on the way.

In Christ's Abiding Love,
Erik

PASTORAL ACTS IN THE MONTH OF MAY

Memorial
Brent Leer May 4, 2019

THANKSGIVING AND CELEBRATION



TUSEN TAKK
ED EDGERDAL

For 37 years of music ministry to Ballard First Lutheran.

Please join us on Sunday, June 9th for a special worship service and a coffee hour celebration in his honor.



Life In Between

By Bishop Kirby Unti

From the Jun 2019 edition of The Spirit

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" --Luke 10:11-13+ + + + + + +

Our Synod Staff has been dwelling on Luke's story of the 10 lepers for the last several months. It has come to our attention that the story takes place where many, many Biblical Stories take place, "in between places." In this case Jesus encounters the lepers in between Samaria and Galilee.

There is a practical reason for this. The lepers would not have been welcomed in Samaria or Galilee. They were living in the only place they were allowed, on the margins. Given that Jesus was constantly on the move plays right into the likelihood that we will encounter him in between places.

But there is more to this than geography. The story of faith, hope and love is forged "in between." For Abraham and Sarah it was formed in between the invitation to leave behind family and home and the promise of becoming a great nation. For the Israelites it was in the wilderness between Egypt and Promised Land. For the people of exile it was between living in a strange land and the hope of returning home. For the disciples it was in between the Sea of Galilee and the cross. And then there is the most holy of time between Good Friday and Easter Morning.

I have never been good at living "in between." The uncertainty creates anxiety for me. I want to know the outcome. I just want to get there. Forty years in the wilderness would have done me in.

It is not easy for me to live in the present. I am often seduced into wanting to go back to the way it was or jumping ahead to what is waiting for me. Little did I know how prophetic the words of those were who said to Kim and me, "Enjoy your children because they grow up way too quickly." It is in the space and time of "in between" that we come to know, to love and to trust. It is precisely the place we are called to live.

Northwest Washington is entering "in between" time. In between two bishops. Please welcome Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee. Bishop-elect Shelley and I both are leaning into this in between space knowing that it is sacred encountering space. I encourage you not to look back or to race ahead. Rather welcome this new time and our new Bishop and take up residency in it. It is where we encounter Jesus.

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you." --Luke 10:20-21



**Happy syttende mai on
May 17th!**

Ballard First Fridays

**at Red Mill Totem House - Friday, June 7th @ 5:00 p.m.
3058 NW 54th Street near the Locks**

Join us for our monthly informal, dutch-treat dinner. No need to RSVP, just show up and look for the table with the BFL sign! Red Mill's menu features fish and chips, burgers, shakes, and more! See you at Red Mill! Questions? Monica Scott - [\(803\) 944-7008](tel:8039447008) or monicakscott@gmail.com.



(Notes: **Red Mill Totem House is cash only!** Also, traffic is a bit more congested around the Red Mill since the Ballard Multimodal Corridor construction has begun, so allow for a bit of extra time getting there. The 44 bus route ends right at the Red Mill if you would like to take public transportation.)

Save the date – note the date change! Because of the 4th of July holiday, we will meet on the second Friday instead of our usual first Friday! Friday, June 12th at Un Bien (6226 Seaview Ave. NW near Golden Gardens)! Let Monica know if you have any suggestions for future Ballard First Friday restaurants!

BFL Brewery Night!



Let's check out of Ballard's amazing breweries together! June's stop: Stoup Brewing (1108 52nd Street) on Wednesday, June 26th at 6:00 p.m. Grab a beer at the counter, look for the BFL sign, and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Stay tuned for announcements on future stops on the BFL Brew Tour. We are exploring other nights of the week that may be more convenient for everyone.



BFL GOES TO THE MARINERS!

MONDAY, July 22ND The game begins at 7:10 p.m.
Watch the Mariner's take on the Texas Rangers. Tickets are \$14.00. Please sign up in Haavik Hall.



SERVANT LEADERS FOR JUNE

Altar Care - Month of June: Sherry Lemmer, Chris McClure, Kristen Wilson Weiberg



Acolytes

June 2 TBD
June 9 TBD
June 16 TBD
June 23 TBD
June 30 TBD

Assisting Minister

June 2 Scott Ingham
June 9 Karrin Daniels
June 16 Chris Bloomquist
June 23 TBD
June 30 Erin Schadt



Communion Assistants

June 2 Kathy Johnson, Edna Peterson
June 9 Monica Scott, Kristen Wilson Weiberg
June 16 Joan Peterson, Kim Peterson
June 23 TBD
June 30 Kathy Johnson, TBD



Counters

June 2 Sue Clauson, Kelly Fahlman
June 9 Jan Holm, Ramona Leer
June 16 Tina Aure, Karen & Malcolm Unseth
June 23 Laurie & Terry McGibbon, Ellen & Geoff Wall
June 30 Kris Breton, Juliet Dickens, Ken Mingeaud

Lectors

June 2 Tom Tocher
June 9 Glenn Hare
June 16 Mary Golden
June 23 Edna Peterson
June 30 Gordon Kramer



Ushers

June 2 David Austin, Laurie Austin, Farid Chouery, Kevin Severud
June 9 Gunbjorg Ladstein, Marcia Nelson, Jim Walker
June 16 Sherry Lemmer, Kim Peterson, Sylvia Vikingstad
June 23 Laurie Fladhus, Eric Green, John & Jennifer Schwartz
June 30 Jenny holm, Jeff Powers, Glenn Hare, Amelia Hare

Van Drivers

June 2 Bruce Webster
June 9 Kim Peterson
June 16 TBD
June 23 Ray Gooch
June 30 Don Torcaso



PENTECOST



Celebration of Pentecost Sunday, June 9th

Pentecost is the culmination of the 50 days of the Easter celebration. After witnessing the resurrection and ascension, Jesus' followers received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

Everybody has within them a spark of God, each one of us carries a spirit spark within us. The Holy Spirit comes and touches that light which then glows.

This year we are continuing the tradition of decorating the sanctuary for Pentecost with **Red Geraniums**.

What lights your spark and kindles the fire? Purchase a geranium in support of one of these organizations.

- Compass Housing Alliance
- Earth Ministry
- Avivara in Guatemala

Order geraniums at \$10.00 each.

Contact the church office at office@bflcs.org or by calling 206-784-1306 if you'd like to place an order.

The geraniums will be planted in the church flower beds for the community to share in our "spark!"

JUNE EVENTS



Graduate Recognition of High School Seniors - June 23, 2019
during worship

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation and Recognition - June 23, 2019

Confirmation End of Year Celebration and Parents' Meeting - June 23, 2019
following worship

Faith Action Network Spring Summit – June 23, 2019 from 2-4pm at St. Mark's Cathedral. Join others to share opportunities for advocacy and to strategize for the coming year.

I CARE FOR JUNE

I CARE FOR JUNE WILL BE IN SUPPORT OF LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

In May, a series of powerful and destructive tornadoes ripped through parts of the central U.S., leaving destruction in its wake. In Missouri, at least three people were killed and homes and businesses were destroyed. In Ohio, at least one person died. Tornadoes have also been reported in Oklahoma, Iowa, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Indiana, and there is a threat of additional severe weather in some locations. Heavy rainfall caused rapid snow melt that resulted in major flooding across at least four states. Three people died and hundreds of homes and businesses were affected. Mandatory and voluntary evacuation orders were given. According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 200 miles of levees were compromised in four states and historic flood levels recorded at 42 locations across six states.

Lutheran Disaster Response works with those in the impacted states, including partnering with local synods, congregations and social ministry organizations to respond with immediate relief.

Kids Camp 2019!

Ballard First Lutheran Church will again be hosting a joint kid's summer camp with Trinity United

*Methodist Church this year. Dates of camp are: July 29 - August 2,
9am - 12pm*

Volunteers middle school age and up are also welcome to join in the fun!

Registration for campers at: tumseattle.org

Interested in volunteering? Please contact: Pastor Elise



ADVOCACY

FAITH ACTION NETWORK

A Partnership for the Common Good

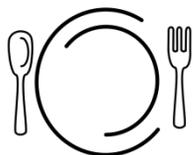
WHAT DID IT ACCOMPLISH IN THIS YEAR'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION?

As we know, Ballard First Lutheran is for Good and against everything Bad, but what are we actually doing about that? One of the many things we do is support Faith Action Network in its work for social justice and equality. One of their activities is to lobby our State Legislators on bills that promote those goals. Here's a partial list of their success with bills passed this year:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) program
- New Hope Act that expunges prison records to help ex-felons re-enter society
- Religious Zoning that helps faith communities build affordable housing on their properties
- Eviction Reform to reduce homelessness
- 100% Clean Electricity by 2045 in Washington State
- Initiative 1000: Restoring Affirmative Action
- Religious Accommodations for Students
- Gun Responsibility laws (two!)
- Workplace Sexual Harassment
- Mental Health System Funding
- WA Health Security Trust

When you come up for air after reading this list, you can go to: <http://fanwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Session-Successes-2019-1.pdf> for more information on all that FAN supported just this year! "

SUNDAY DINNER



Ballard Sunday Dinner Going Strong after Three Years

Time sure flies - it's hard to believe that it's been three years since we started this program to provide a hot meal to all who are hungry every Sunday from 5 to 6 p.m.! Ballard First Lutheran teamed up with Our Redeemer's Lutheran, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amazing Grace Spiritual Center,

Northwest Christian Church, and Sustainable Ballard to launch the program and now we've added Trinity United Methodist to the lineup as well.

Numbers aren't the whole story, but in three years:

- Served on 156 Sundays
- Approximately 12,310 servings have been prepared
- Each week, an average of 45 people join us for dinner (fluctuates between 35 and 65 from week to week)
- On average 14 volunteers each week make the program possible

Karrin and I have felt truly blessed by the abundance of volunteers from the Ballard First Lutheran congregation (you folks are all stars!), and we know our guests have enjoyed the food and hospitality. The guests we have had the privilege to serve have overwhelmingly been humble, gracious, and grateful for this program. Thank you so much to all who have contributed time, donations, and prayers to our work!

Yours in Christ, Erin Schadt and Karrin Daniels

2019 NW WASHINGTON SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Five people represented Ballard First Lutheran at the 2019 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly of the ELCA at the Lynnwood Convention Center on May 17-19. Will Golden, Gunbjorg Ladstein, Jerry Shierk, Pastor Elise Scott, and Pastor Erik Wilson Weiberg participated in the election of a new bishop from a field of nine candidates. Pastor Shelley Bryan Wee was elected on Sunday morning, May 19, on the fourth ballot, effective August 1. Pastor Wee currently serves as Assistant to Northwest Washington Synod Bishop Kirby Unti.

Other actions taken at the assembly included:

- * A resolution directing the Northwest Washington Synod to join the Emmaus Collective, a network of churches that are on the way to, or working on, dismantling white supremacy in church culture.
- * A resolution endorsing the Poor People's Campaign, strongly encouraging ELCA members to participate through organizing, advocacy, and other actions of the campaign.
- * A resolution charging the Northwest Washington Synod to partner with regional organizations to provide diversity training to rostered leaders such as pastors and deacons.
- * A resolution calling for the protection of the human rights of Palestinian children in the Israeli court system.
- * A resolution that the Northwest Washington Synod observe the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in 2020, including a celebration and special recognition of women's ordination at the Synod's annual gathering.
- * A resolution thanking Glen Gersmehl for his faithful work as National Coordinator for Lutheran Peace Fellowship, headquartered in Seattle, from 1994-2018.

In addition, two Ballard First Lutheran members were elected to positions of leadership. Joan Peterson was elected to serve on the Synod Discipline Committee. Pastor Mary Elise Scott was elected to serve on the Synod Consultation Committee.

Thanks to all who attended and thanks to Joan and Pastor Elise for their willingness to serve on our behalf in our Synod!

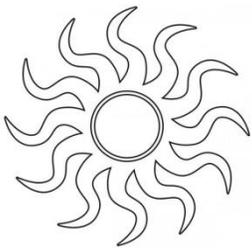
April Financial Report General Fund

	April Actual	April Budget	Year To Date Actual	Year To Date Budget	Year To Date Variance
Envelope/Loose Giving	\$26,618.28	\$32,789.32	\$110,705.46	\$117,961.58	(\$7,256.12)
Other Income	\$6,532.67	\$10,536.24	\$21,246.54	\$27,294.96	(\$6,048.42)
Total Income	\$33,150.95	\$43,325.56	\$131,952.00	\$145,256.54	(\$13,304.54)
Expenses	\$42,721.14	\$42,760.52	\$175,655.55	\$177,593.83	(\$1,938.28)
Surplus / (Loss)	(\$9,570.19)	\$565.04	(\$43,703.55)	(\$32,337.29)	(\$11,366.26)
Cash Balance	\$24,857.30				
Savings Balance	\$ 289,299.31				

Each month this report will show income and expenses for both the current month and year to date. In addition, the last column shows the variance (actual - budget). We are also reporting our current General Fund balance. We hope this helps you to better understand our overall financial situation. If you have any questions of feedback please contact your Finance Committee members.

In April, these are some of the ways our financial support to the mission and ministry budget became Christ's hands and feet in the world: provided a nurturing place for the children of our Childcare, transported members to Sunday worship, hosted and provided Sunday Dinner, Lenten worship and soup suppers, Holy Week and Easter services, three memorial services, weekly bible study, held a church work day, mission sewing, Ballard First Friday gathering, brewery gathering, community Easter Egg Hunt, began the 125th Birthday celebration, provided space for AA groups, LYONS, Renewal, Salmon Bay School, Earth Ministry, Girl Scouts, Ballard Little League, NAMI, hosted weekly text study for area pastors, financially helped support Lutheran Community Services NW Refugee and Immigration Services.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS



With the week of hot weather we had in May, I heard a number of people say they weren't able to do as much as they used to. Painful backs and knees, getting tired more quickly, needing more time to recover. This coming from people in their 40's and in their 80's.

The past winter was more sedentary than most. Getting out in the garden, walking to do errands around the neighborhood or working out in the gym all are harder to do this spring. Other years, cooler weather later into the spring helped us work up to the level of activity we suddenly were doing this spring.

Slowing down due to age, injury or illness gives us the opportunity to pay more attention and, perhaps, to change our perspective. The pain I experience

before my hip was replaced and the recovery time forced me to slow down a lot. In an effort to preserve my energy, I made different decisions about what was important to do. Going to my job and to church were more important than most evening events and weekend activities. As my recovery progressed, I was able to do more and the many of the activities I laid aside are now a part of my life again.

As we head into summer, we can modify our activities to fit our current situation. Maybe it's an hour and a half in the garden instead of three or four hours, or a thirty-minute work-out instead of forty-five. The point is to keep doing things that are valuable to us.

What is important to you to keep doing and how can you change to make sure you still do it?

In Peace, Ann Maki