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*A Reconciling in Christ Congregation*

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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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## **Sunday Morning Schedule**

### **10:00 a.m. Worship**

Coffee Hour Fellowship following Worship

### **Events in August and September**

**August 28th - Picnic at the Locks, at 7 p.m.**

**August 31st - Hike to the Big Four Ice Caves**

**Sept. 7th - God's Work, Our Hands, from 8:00 until Noon**

**Sept. 9th - Rally Day – Blessing of the Backpacks with BBQ after worship**

**Sept. 23rd - Care More/Car Less Sunday – Blessing of the Bikes**

# BALLARD BLESSINGS

## September 2019

### † BALLARD FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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August 21, 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

I remember my surprise when I saw the members of the Ku Klux Klan rallying on the town square. It was 1988. I was visiting a friend in Georgia and we stopped for dinner at a small-town cafe on our way to the state park where we had planned to camp and canoe for a couple of days. After dinner, we stepped out from the cafe and discovered that the KKK had assembled for a rally on the square across the street. My first reaction was shock, based on the naive thought that such explicit and public hatred had been banished to history. My second reaction was to try to talk with one of the klansmen. He took off his pointed hood so we could at least see each other face to face, but we got nowhere in our conversation. Same planet, different worlds.

I am not sure that I ever completely overcame the original shock. Don't misunderstand me. I am aware that racism has been alive and well from the birth of this nation. But, for most of my life, it has been manifested much more subtly than it was revealed on that Georgia town square in '88. Now, over recent days, months, and years, it seems that racism has become more public again... and more publicly acceptable. You know the litany. Charlottesville and "Jews will not replace us." Brown-skinned children in cages at our southern border. A murderous rage in an El Paso Walmart targeted at Hispanic people and perpetrated by a man who justified the act in a so-called "manifesto" that used some of the same words as our president uses, the person we look to as representative of the *best* of our collective values. Outrage that a police officer is fired that actually *exceeds* the outrage over the fact that the officer choked to death a man in custody on suspicion of "selling single cigarettes from packs without tax stamps," even as the suspect was held down by other officers while complaining that, "I can't breathe."

When thinking on such things, I want to weep. What most disturbs me about these events is the reversal; namely, that the ones who actually *are* threats to those they kill act as though their victims are the threat. I cannot help but feel rage at the cowardice of that. Because, make no mistake, at the heart of our racism is an intense cowardice of people we perceive to be different. I firmly believe that, without fear of "the other," racism simply could not persist. That is why I have long held that the opposite of faith is not "unbelief." Rather, I submit to you that the opposite of faith is fear. If faith in one another and in God is the glue that holds our relationships together, that helps us to "act in good faith" with one another, then fear is that which can bring our relationships undone.

In the face of all of this racial hatred, a question that appears more than once in the Gospel of Luke comes to mind: "What then shall we do?" As I seek to answer that question, you should know that I write you on a Wednesday. At Ballard First Lutheran Child Care Center, every Wednesday is chapel day. Every week, over sixty pre-school aged students and their teachers gather in our sanctuary to pray, to sing songs of our Christian faith, and to hear a Bible story from a pastor. This morning we sang, "*Jesus loves the little children.*" It includes these words: "*Varied colors, dark and light; all are precious in God's sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.*" It is an important song for us because a significant number of our students and teachers are people of color. That has been the case for a very long time. "What then shall we do?" At the Ballard First Lutheran Child Care Center, we

## **FROM THE PASTOR *continued***

strive to teach each child that they are a unique and beloved child of God, made in God's image, and that the same is true of everyone they meet. We try hard to be consistent about that message.

But, while teaching children about equality, acceptance, tolerance, and compassion are all important, I have grown in my conviction that it is not enough. I believe that those of us who are adults have not yet mastered these things. Speaking only for myself, I know that I have not always been as accepting or as equitable as I would like in my treatment of people I perceive to be different from me. I have underachieved in my efforts to understand people who experience the world differently than I do. I know I can do better. And I have a feeling that I am not the only person in our church for whom this is the case. These summer months, I have tried to increase my understanding about matters such as racism, anti-Semitism, and white privilege. I have also tried to grow in my understanding of people who come to this country seeking either asylum or work.

I have not done this simply for my own edification. I have focused my studies on these matters in order to prepare for this coming program year. The details are still being finalized as of this writing, but a good portion of this year's adult Sunday school classes will feature opportunities to learn more about anti-Semitism, racism, white privilege, and how we perceive "the other." Guest speakers will include people who can speak first-hand about such things. Whether you have been a regular attendee of the adult Sunday school in the past or not, I hope you will make an extra effort to participate. Please know that the intent is not to inflict shame, but rather to grow in our understanding of what some have called "America's original sin."

I also hope that, later in the program year, probably in the winter or spring of 2020, we can hold a Saturday event so that those who cannot attend Sunday school may participate as well. Stay tuned for details in that regard.

So often, we pass judgment on those we perceive to be different before we really take the time to understand them. My modest proposal is that, before we arrive at judgment, we first seek to understand and empathize with others. It is what I know that I would want before anybody were ever to sit in judgment of me.

So what would I like to gain from this coming Sunday school year? I would like to learn how to do what I was unable to do in Georgia in 1988. It may sound crazy, but I would like to know how to have a meaningful and fruitful conversation with that klansman. I would like to know how to evangelize to him in a way that would listen to his pain, preserve his dignity, and, yes, open his heart a bit wider. But that can only happen if I am willing to open mine.

So here's to open hearts.

Erik

## **SPECIAL 8:00 A.M. SERVICE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH**

We are considering adding an 8:00 a.m. worship service later this fall. As we discern whether or not to do so and what shape that service will take, we will offer some special 8:00 a.m. services in the coming months to "try the idea on for size." The first will be a "Service of Prayer and Meditation Around the Labyrinth" on Sunday, September 15. If you come to worship at 8:00 that morning, you will still be able to attend Sunday school at 9:00, and you will *still* have time to go on a hike or watch most if not all of the Seahawks game at 10:00.

## **PASTORAL ACTS**

<u>Baptism</u>	<u>Wedding</u>	<u>Memorial Service</u>	<u>Committal Service</u>
Mackenzie Elle Weiss July 21, 2019	Michaela Fisher & Erik Egerdahl July 28, 2019	Edel Hansen August 6, 2019	Helene Lysness August 13, 2019

## **Reece Manderson: An Important Commemoration on September 11**

Living outside during the cold days of this past winter, Reece Manderson, the son of Colin Manderson and the grandson of Marilyn Manzlak, died homeless on the Seattle streets. In the immediate aftermath of the tragedy of his death, a memorial service was held for Reece at the Recovery Cafe in downtown Seattle. On **Wednesday, September 11**, a "leaf of remembrance" will be dedicated in his memory at City Hall (600 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104). A prayer vigil will be held from noon to 1:00 pm that day, culminating with the unveiling of his leaf along with the leaves of others who have died under similar circumstances. The observance will be sponsored by the Homeless Remembrance Project. If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Erik or Pastor Elise.



## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Gathering under the theme "We are church," voting members of the 2019 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) made a number of key decisions to further the mission and ministry of this church. The assembly, the chief legislative authority of the church, met Aug. 5-10 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee.

Among other things, the more than 900 voting members:

- \* Reelected on the first ballot the Reverend Elizabeth A. Eaton to a six-year term as ELCA presiding bishop and elected Deacon Sue Rothmeyer (a college classmate of Pastor Erik) to a six-year term as ELCA secretary.
- \* Adopted a resolution to condemn white supremacy, calling all ELCA congregations to engage in a "study of the structures and rhetoric that empower and fuel racism and white supremacy and to take to heart the teaching of Scriptures, so we may all be better equipped to speak boldly about the equal dignity of all persons in the eyes of God."
- \* Adopted a memorial that calls for the development of a social statement and social message on the relationship of church and state.
- \* Adopted "A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment," which will serve as church policy for inter-religious relations. The policy statement was adopted with the witness of 39 ecumenical and inter-religious guests in attendance.
- \* Adopted a memorial that affirms the ELCA's long-standing commitment to migrants and refugees and declares the ELCA a sanctuary church body.
- \* Approved the social statement "Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action" and its implementing resolutions and adopted a memorial to encourage all synods and congregations to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ELCA's ordination of women in 2020, the 40th anniversary of the ordination of women of color in the Lutheran tradition and the 10th anniversary of the ELCA's decision to remove barriers to ordination for people in same-gender relationships.
- \* Adopted the "Strategy Toward Authentic Diversity in the ELCA," which consists of a report and recommendations on how the ELCA exhibits authentic diversity and formulates goals for racial diversity and inclusion.

For a more comprehensive review of the Churchwide Assembly, visit the ELCA website at [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org) and click onto "2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly."

## **GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS**



### **LUTHERAN DAY OF SERVICE Saturday, Sept. 7th (8:00 am – Noon)**

Join Lutherans across our region in a day of service, giving to our community. BFL is volunteering at Food Lifeline, a food rescue warehouse and food supplier to more than 300 food banks, meal programs, and shelters in the area. Volunteers of age 6 and older may participate.

The church van will provide transportation. Here are the necessary details:

- Departure: 8:15 am Church Parking Lot
- Return: 12:15 pm Church Parking Lot
- Volunteer Registration: All volunteers must register here <http://ballardfirstlutheranchurch.foodlifeline.volunteerhub.com/>
- Food Lifeline Location: 815 S. 96th Street, Seattle, WA 98108
- Food Lifeline Telephone: 206-545-6600
- BFL Contacts: Glenn Hare: 864-367-5665 or Monica Scott: 803-944-7008

#### Special Instructions –

Your remarkable volunteer work will begin **promptly at 9:00**. Parking can sometimes be a bear, please carpool if you can. Please arrive at least ten minutes early so you can check in, update your Facebook status, and properly hydrate! Leave the flip-flops at home. Please wear **closed-toe shoes** so you can protect the only ten toes you have. (A dropped can of soup can really hurt!)

You could be packing in the cooler or breaking a sweat in the warehouse so make sure you **dress in layers**. (Just like the weather-responsive Washingtonian you are.) Please make sure all members of your posse under the age of 18 have a signed parent/guardian consent form – available from the church office. Without one, they'll be benched.

## **MUSIC AT BFL**



We are happy to announce that David Lapse has accepted the position of organist. David will officially begin at Ballard First on Sunday, Sept. 8, and will be formally welcomed to our congregation at worship. We will also welcome him at the Rally Day BBQ after worship.

We have been fortunate to have had Cara Peterson serve as organist this summer. We will gather at coffee hour on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> to thank her.



#### CHOIR NEWS

BFL Choir meets every Thursday at 7:00pm in Haavik Hall  
Our "kick-off" rehearsal is Thursday, September 12th

# ***SERVANT LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER***

## **Altar Care - Month of September: The Fera Family**



### **Assisting Minister**

- September 1** Erin Schadt
- September 8** Scott Ingham
- September 15** Chris Bloomquist
- September 22** Karin Swanson
- September 29** Chris Bloomquist

### **Communion Assistants**

- September 1** TBD
- September 8** Edna Peterson, Kristen Wilson Weiberg
- September 15** TBD
- September 22** Monica Scott, TBD
- September 29** Gunbjorg Ladstein, Kathy Johnson



### **Counters**

- September 1** Kris Breton, Juliet Dickens, Ken Mingeaud
- September 8** Laurie & Terry McGibbon, Ellen & Geoff Wall
- September 15** Sue Clauson
- September 22** Jan Holm, Ramona Leer
- September 29** Tina Aure, Karen & Malcolm Unseth



### **Lectors**

- September 1** Gordon Kramer
- September 8** Glenn Hare
- September 15** Kathy Johnson
- September 22** Karrin Daniels
- September 29** Jerry Shierk

### **Ushers**

- September 1** Laurie Fladhus, Eric Green, John & Jennifer Schwartz
- September 8** Jenny Holm, Glenn Hare, Amelia Hare
- September 15** David Austin, Laurie Austin, Farid Chouery
- September 22** Gunbjorg Ladstein, Marcia Nelson, Jim Walker
- September 29** Sylvia Vikingstad, Sherry Lemmer, Kim Peterson



### **Van Drivers**

- September 1** TBD
- September 8** Tina Aure
- September 15** Ray Gooch
- September 22** TBD
- September 29** Ray Gooch



# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

**September 6<sup>th</sup>**

## **Ballard First Fridays!**

Ballard First Fridays at NW Peaks Brewery (4818 17th Avenue NW) - **Friday, September 6th @ 5:00 p.m.**

Join us for our monthly informal, dutch-treat dinner. Our next gathering will take place on Friday, September 6th at 5:00 p.m. at NW Peaks Brewery! No need to RSVP, just show up, order at the bar, and look for the table with the BFL sign! The menu features plates to share, sandwiches, pizzas, and a few other odds and ends. Questions? Monica Scott - (803) 944-7008 or [monicakscott@gmail.com](mailto:monicakscott@gmail.com). See you at NW Peaks!

Save the date – Friday, October 4th – by popular request - at Li'l Woody's (2040 NW Market Street)!

Let Monica know if you have any suggestions for future Ballard First Friday restaurants!

## **Picnic at the Locks with the STRUM Performance, Wednesday, August 28th.**

Picnic at STRUM Performance, Wednesday, **August 28th** at 7 p.m.: STRUM (Seattle's Totally Relaxed Ukulele Musicians) holds their weekly song circle at the Ballard Locks on summer Wednesdays from 6:00- 8:00 PM on the performance patio across from the museum! Meet up to enjoy their beautiful music at the Locks. Bring your picnic dinner or stop at the Lock Spot for some food to go, and join us for a fun evening. (Chairs are provided most Wednesdays, but you may want to bring your own chair or blanket. If for any reason the concert doesn't happen, we'll still meet in that general area for a picnic.)

**BFL Hiking Days!** It's been a beautiful summer, so let's go out and explore God's creation together! On **Saturday, August 31st** we will go to the Mt.



Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest to hike to the Big Four Ice Caves. Meet in the church parking lot promptly at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. We will carpool from there. If you are willing to drive and/or have a National Forest pass, please let Monica know.

Save the date! Our next hike will take place on **September 28<sup>th</sup>** to Cougar Mountain. Meet in the church parking lot at 8 a.m. We should be back to the church before noon.

**Fishermen's Fall Festival:** We will volunteer at the Fishermen's Fall Festival at Fishermen's Terminal on Saturday, **September 21st**. Volunteer registration has not opened yet, but if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Monica at [monicakscott@gmail.com](mailto:monicakscott@gmail.com) or 803.944.7008 to be placed on BFL's list. Volunteers receive a



free t-shirt and salmon dinner! We will likely take a shift in the early afternoon and enjoy our salmon dinners together once we're done volunteering.

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## **September 22nd, Group Bicycle Ride**

We will once again ride to Ivar's on Lake Union after the Blessing of the Bicycles. We will meet in the courtyard after coffee hour and ride together to eat outside at Ivar's.

Not a cyclist? Drive to Ivar's and join us for lunch!

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for this fall. Please consider volunteering for this important ministry that provides hospitality to our members and visitors following worship! Sign up in Haavik Hall.



We are organizing a BFL group visit to Holden Village for next summer. You can visit [www.holdenvillage.org](http://www.holdenvillage.org) for information about Holden or talk with someone who went last summer.

**Please sign up in Haavik Hall with your preferred week; we will aim for a July visit.**

July 11<sup>th</sup> to July 17<sup>th</sup>

July 18<sup>th</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup>

July 25<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>

You might feel it is difficult to commit for a week this far in advance. A group reservation allows for substitutions. We will submit our registration on December 1<sup>st</sup>, (we don't want to miss this deadline), but the final list is not sent until early May.

**Holden is great for kids and families, as well as adults!** There are lots of activities and kids meet other kids from all over. Questions? Contact the church office at [office@bflcs.org](mailto:office@bflcs.org) or call 206-784-1306.

## Wednesday Noontime Bible Studies Resume September 18

This coming Advent, each of the four Sundays of the season will feature Old Testament lessons from the book of Isaiah. To prepare for Advent, we will take a closer look at this prophet and at these lessons. While a book of prophecy, Isaiah is also one of the most poetic books of the Bible. The texts from Isaiah that will come under study over the course of this Bible Study are read by people throughout the world during the season of Advent. With imagery such as the lion and lamb laying down together, the holy mountain of God, and streams in the desert, the words of Isaiah are woven together with great expectations of the life to come.

This 6-session Bible study will first consider the question, "What is a prophet?" Next, participants will be invited to consider, "Who is Isaiah?" The remainder of the study will explore 4 word pictures in Isaiah, encouraging participants to explore this book thoughtfully together. The tentative schedule is as follows:

Session One "What is a prophet?"  
Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Session Four "Hope for God's People"  
Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> Isaiah 11:1-10

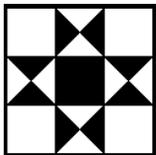
Session Two "Who is Isaiah?"  
Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

Session Five "Joy for God's People"  
Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> Isaiah 35:1-10

Session Three "Peace for God's People"  
Wednesday, October 2, Isaiah 2:1-5

Session Six "Promise for God's People"  
Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> Isaiah 7:10-16

## MISSION SEWING



### OUR EVENING MISSION QUILTING GROUP

**WILL RESUME OUR ACTIVITIES ON OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM.**

If you are curious about what we do – come on down! We meet in the Cross and Crown Room the first Monday of most months at 7pm and assemble quilts until 8:30p. What skills are needed you ask? If you are able to tie a knot, you can help us! If you sew, you can take fabric home and sew a quilt top. If you like to sort fabrics to create packets for someone else to take home and sew quilt tops—well, you can do that too!

This mission not only creates quilts which are shipped all over the world, but it is a time of fellowship with each other. We would love to have you join us! If you have questions, feel free to contact Sue Haugen, [206-334-8046](tel:206-334-8046) or email [haugsm1@gmail.com](mailto:haugsm1@gmail.com).

# FINANCIAL HISTORY REPORT

## July Financial Report General Fund

	July Actual	July Budget	Year To Date Actual	Year To Date Budget	Year To Date Variance
Envelope/Loose Giving	\$21,711.58	\$31,081.22	\$172,722.03	\$192,442.59	(\$19,720.56)
Other Income	\$5,731.52	\$8,286.24	\$93,220.67	\$100,153.68	(\$6,933.01)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$27,443.10</b>	<b>\$39,367.46</b>	<b>\$265,942.70</b>	<b>\$292,596.27</b>	<b>(\$26,653.57)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$36,862.63</b>	<b>\$41,760.52</b>	<b>\$294,174.68</b>	<b>\$308,714.64</b>	<b>(\$14,539.96)</b>
<b>Surplus / (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$9,419.53)</b>	<b>(\$2,393.06)</b>	<b>(\$28,231.98)</b>	<b>(\$16,118.37)</b>	<b>(\$12,113.61)</b>
<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$39,460.23</b>				
<b>Savings Balance</b>	<b>\$ 290,026.37</b>				

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.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR SARAH DERRICK



Sarah was ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on Friday, August 16, 2019 at Zion Lutheran Church in Lexington, South Carolina. She began her called ministry at Faith Lutheran Church in Flower Mound, Texas on Sunday, August 25th. Pastor Erik was honored to have served as preacher at the ordination service.

From Sarah: *I am deeply grateful to the people of Ballard First Lutheran Church for welcoming me in as your vicar. You gave me the space to explore and discover gifts for ministry. You solidified my love for pastoral leadership, and I continue to give thanks for the ways you changed my understanding of how God can use me to serve the church.*

## I CARE FOR SEPTEMBER



I CARE SUNDAY is September 22<sup>nd</sup> and the recipient will be Earth Ministry. God's desire is to bring healing to all of creation – people, plants, and animals – the whole Earth. Earth Ministry is tirelessly working to inspire and mobilize individuals, congregations, and elected officials to put their action where their faith is – to care for all of God's good creation. Your generous gift helps Earth Ministry bring that message of hope to people of faith in Washington State, across the U.S., and around the world (yes, we do have international members!). Your support also helps us provide practical tools for creation care such as worship resources, greening curricula, adult education classes, advocacy training, and so much more.

## Pentecost Sculpture—Ordinary Time

The time after Pentecost Sunday is often called ‘ordinary time’ and is the longest season in the church calendar. This year it is 23 weeks long.



The Gospel scripture lessons during this season focus on the ministry and teachings of Jesus and how they relate to the growth of our faith and mission in our daily lives. Green is used to indicate our growth in faith as we follow those teachings. The color is also a sign of hope or triumph of life over death, like re-growth in springtime.

The sculpture in the sanctuary is being created during this year’s ordinary time. The pieces are knitted or crocheted by several knitters of the congregation and will be added to the trinity rings each of the 23 weeks until Reformation Sunday. The increasing number of pieces, as well as the green color, represents our growth through the season.

Thanks to Kristen Wilson Weiberg, Judy Redpath, Janet McKee and Ann Maki for creating the hanging pieces.

In Peace, Ann Maki

## WORSHIP

### Join Us for Rally Day “Blast Off”



Fun and Fellowship on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>!

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Worship and **Blessing of the Backpacks**

**After Church: BBQ and Fun (including a bounce house)**

**KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL IS STARTING UP SEPTEMBER 15TH!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS!

If you are interested in teaching (pre-k and/or k-5) please contact Pastor Elise at [pastorelise@bflcs.org](mailto:pastorelise@bflcs.org). We have a user-friendly curriculum (you can infuse with your own creative ideas) and lots of eager kids!



**CARE MORE, CAR LESS** We will observe “Care More, Care Less” Sunday on **September 22<sup>ND</sup>**. That day, you are invited to bicycle (with a helmet!), commute, ride the bus, skateboard (with a helmet!), rollerblade (with a helmet and knee and elbow pads!), jog, or walk to church. There will be special activities for all ages during the Sunday school hour and our annual **“Blessing of the Bicycles”** in worship!