

The Visitor

May 2024

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Shepherd Me, O God

Rev. Brenda Satrum



Last Sunday we sang “Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.”* The haunting tune of Marty Haugen’s Psalm 23 has companioned me for years: on morning jogs and mountain hikes, in tense meetings and sleepless nights, at my dear friend’s funeral and many Sunday services, through our move back to western Washington six years ago. Its melody shapes my prayer and soothes my soul in anxious, confusing, threatening, and ordinary times.

It welcomes the reality of a spiritual Shepherd leading me and those I love through dark valleys into light and life. It invites me to draw near and let him restore my soul.

Years ago I was jogging in a fall downpour with a praise song in my head: “Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house, better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere” (Ps. 84). Suddenly it sunk in: THIS is the house of the Lord. This road. This rain. All creation is the house of the Lord! I and everyone I love dwell in the house of the Lord forever, now and always. There is nowhere we can go to flee from God’s presence (Ps. 139).

Dear friends, my hope and prayer for each of you and all of us this spring is that we meet and trust God in Christ as our Good Shepherd, who gently and firmly leads us beyond all we want and fear, from death to life. And I hope and pray that as we follow him, we each become good shepherds in our homes and communities, loving one another as Christ loves us.

And I hope that you might love and pray Haugen’s tune as I do. Yes. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life. Please. Thank you. Amen.

** From “Shepherd Me, O God” by Marty Haugen*

St. John’s Care Notes

- Thank you for your prayers and support extended to **Nancy Lynch** and her family following the sudden death of her son **Jeremy Lynch** following a stroke on April 25. Tentative plans are for memorial and graveside services in Colton, OR, at 2pm on Friday, May 10; there may also be a service at St. John’s.
- **Myrna Brossard** has also been under the weather and is planning to move temporarily to her daughter’s home in Wyoming this month. Please send cards and letters to Myrna c/o Anne McKune, 760 Big Goose Road, Sheridan, WY, 82801. Many thanks to Lorna Johnson for the update!

St. John’s Lutheran Church Statement of Mission

Rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ we exist to

- **PROCLAIM** God’s unconditional love we exist to
- **GROW** in discipleship as we follow in Jesus’ steps and
- **SERVE** others as instruments of God’s Holy Spirit

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**Office Hours:
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Monday thru Thursday**

Worship

Schedule:

- **8:30a.m. Bible Study**
- **9:30 a.m. Worship**

Council Tidbits

Your 2024 council members are: Mindy Judd (Pres), Rick Michal (VP), Ceci Hauer (Sec.), Donna Moir (Treas.), Sara Blair, Shari Blackwell, Patty Olsen, Julie Hildahl, and Steve Grega. Highlights this month include:

- Council decided to begin publishing financial information in the weekly bulletins rather than in the newsletter. As always, full minutes and financials are available on the bulletin board at church and to members by request.
- The All-Committee Planning Meeting to chart our calendar and ministry goals through September is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, after worship.
- A Council Retreat is scheduled for Sunday, June 2.
- Council discussed facility-related items ranging from repairing the Eternal Flame to carpet cleaning, obtaining an electronic sign and faster computer for the office, and discussing the use of our community center by Lewis County Emergency Management as an emergency shelter in the event of a natural disaster.
- Planned for this year's audit.
- Discussed ways to improve our membership rolls, leadership rosters, and church directory.
- Discussed kids and adults in worship together, and ways to accommodate both.

Please feel free to bring thoughts and suggestions to Pastor Brenda or a council member, or make use of the suggestion box in the narthex on the table under the television. We are happy to work together to improve our ministry.

Preaching Schedule

May 5	Pastor Brenda Satrum	June 2	Pastor Brenda Satrum
May 12	Pastor Randy Faro	June 9	Pastor Doug Peterson
May 19	Pastor Brenda Satrum		(FYI: Pastor Brenda's
May 26	Pastor Brenda Satrum		husband)

Pastoral Care or Concerns and Care Team Contact Information

For nonemergency care (card of encouragement, visit at home or health care facility, or to receive communion), please call the church office to put your (or your loved one's) name on the Care list, updated weekly. If Michelle does not answer, please leave a message that you would like to be contacted by the Care Team. A member will follow up with you within the week.

Church phone and voicemail number: (360)748-4741 extension 2

For emergency pastoral care (immediate or grave health or personal crisis) contact Pastor Brenda Satrum or Paul Brassey, if Pastor Brenda is not available.

Pastor Brenda Satrum: (406) 381-1919

Paul Brassey: (360) 324-7808

Giving to Support St. John's

As a church we encourage those who are part of the St. John's family to be giving to the work of our congregation. We believe you should not feel burdened by the issue of giving but in fact, find it a joy! We are pleased to provide e-giving options as an alternative to giving cash and checks in the offering plate (your cash and checks are always welcome!).

Mobile Phone: Scan the QR code provided here to access our mobile giving site and follow the prompts.

Our Website – on your computer, go to www.stjohnschehalis.net and click on the “donate” button

Online Banking – Arrange to give through bill-pay at your own bank's website. You will be asked for the following information:

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Questions? Contact the Office

Financial Review:

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Gentle Reminder

If you are aged 70-1/2+ and have investments that now require you to make monthly withdrawals, you can have any amount of that monthly money sent as offering to St. Johns TAX FREE. The contribution must come directly from your Financial institution, not directly from you. Contact your financial planner to set it up, and let whomever does your taxes know so you get the tax relief. Its easy to do, and will save you some tax dollars.

Council thanks you



Women's News:

Women's Monthly Bible Study

By Joan Jahnsen

We will continue our monthly Bible study that explores how biblical stories of the natural world help us grow our love for and commitment to God, other people and our beloved earth. We will meet at 10:00 am on Sat. May 18 for Session 4: FOOD. Scripture is like food: It nourishes us and sustains us. We often forget that the

Church Growth

We have tabled our Seder dinner project until 2025. We will be meeting after service May 5 to discuss additional ideas and events. Anyone is welcome to join us and share your thoughts. Up for discussion, a small groups dinner plan, a possible spring tea, a summer bicycle rodeo and a fall chili cookoff. Sue Edwards heart project will also be fleshed out.

Any other ideas can be emailed to Shari Blackwell at undershirt@dslextreme.com



Young at Heart

Seven people met April 17 for a travelogue of Australia and New Zealand presented by Jim and Joan Jahnsen. Photos included the architecture, flora, and fauna of the region. Animals were seen only in sanctuaries as the Jahnsens did not visit the countryside. There was dancing in native costume by Maori students who came in on their school vacation. We learned that the regional pronunciation of Auckland as if "Oakland in the U.S." was surprising and confusing. The Jahnsens had some free time for exploring in a city with some vigorous hikes in addition to planned excursions by the cruiseline. The several hour open sea voyage between the 2 locations was harrowing due to high waves. Joan survived the lengthy travel despite air-and-sea sickness with the use of a high tech wristband which somewhat minimized the symptoms by sending messages to the brain. The final meeting of the season will be Wednesday May 15 at 1:30 in the Conference Room. YAH will be on hiatus from June-August and resume in September.



Submitted by Sue Edwards, Coordinator

GARAGE SALE

**Saturday, June 15
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Annual Garage Sale

Yes, we have a place for you to bring your unwanted treasures! We will be holding our garage sale on Saturday, June 15 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Community Center is rented out for Saturday, June 8, so please **do not** bring any items to the community center before Sunday, June 9. Please place items against the north wall so they are out of the way for setting tables. We will accept household items, gently used clothing, books, tools, seasonal decorations, games and toys. We will be working the week of June 10 to get everything ready for the sale. Volunteers will be needed to help set tables, sort and organize items, work the day of the sale,

Mobile Meals at Gospel Mission

On April 27, Donna Moir, head cook, and Sue Reddick, first time MMM volunteer and assistant cook, prepared a brunch extravaganza of: hash browns, scrambled eggs, and assorted hot sausage/veggie combo. Jim Jahnsen prepped toast choices of white, wheat, Texas, or English muffins with assorted jelly packs or freshly mashed avocado. Other sides were cheese slices, halved bananas, assorted juices, and individual cartons of milk which Shari Blackwell had scored at 100 for \$6 at JJBerrys. Sue Edwards wrapped utensils, beat dozens of eggs, and packaged her homemade dried tart cherry (fruit provided by Shari) muffins for addition to the sack lunches. For the first time I recall since starting May 2023, we were allowed to serve guests with paper plates and plastic utensils. This greatly reduced the dishwashing to serving pans and utensils as we also served directly on paper plates without placing them on serving trays. A total of 80 plates was served, counting a small number of seconds. Guests really seemed to enjoy this hearty brunch. Our crew was finished in just under 4 hours.

May Celebrations!

Birthdays

- 1 Mary Olson
Bob Russell
- 2 Matthew Munz
- 3 Sue Edwards
Mary Lou Sterner
- 4 Louis Wagner
- 5 Lilly Tobin
- 7 Jason Humphrey
- 9 Sierra Gilliland
Ali Kirsch
- 11 Margarite Humphrey
- 12 Christina Jo Leith
- 15 Lillian Tobin
- 17 April Michal
- 18 Zach Stanfield
- 19 Katie Jahnsen
Reid Olson
- 20 Alexandra Dean
- 21 Kristin Jendryka
Mia Suhrbier
- 22 Ethan Barber
Bobbi Haworth
Colleen Touhey
- 23 Aaron Buda
Ryan Buda
- 24 Oliver Heck
- 26 Sandi Gaffney
Amber Gilliland
Cori Jo Duncan
Martina Munz
Susan Russell
- 27 Mindy Judd
- 28 Randy Faro
Brandon Touhey
- 31 Chris Coles
Riley Fisher



Anniversaries

- 18 Jan and Bob Cosser
- 21 Keith and Ceci Birchard
- 23 Sandy and Brian Gilliland
- 24 Katie and Jason Humphrey
- 27 Helen and Joe Buda

Baptism Anniversaries

- 3 Sue Edwards
Serene Johnson
- 5 Jerry Grill
- 6 Nancy Lynch
- 8 Courtney Cox
Kelsey Hoffman
- 9 Cole Swanson
- 10 Adam Moir
- 11 Jill Carlson
Ali Kirsch
Krystal Sawyer
- 12 Alex Cox
Greg Moir
- 13 Jeff Brown
- 17 Katrin Kreutz
Mary Olson
- 18 Larry & Gail Dean
Kathy Leith
- 20 Anne Gray
- 22 Christina Jo Leith
Hannah Meier
- 23 Katie Humphrey
Stephen Jendryka
- 24 Bob Russell
- 25 Evan Mitchell
- 27 Eric & Billie Melin
Ericka Suhrbier
- 28 Kathy Scott

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, let us know! Call the church office at 360-748-4741 or e-mail: office@stjohnschehalis.net

June Celebrations!

Birthdays

1 Ericka Suhrbier
5 Dee Blair
10 Scott Amrine
 Stuart Cavness
 Steve Grega
 Anthony Grill
 Bette White
13 Lindsey Pollock
17 Stacey Cummings
 Luanne Grill
 Gayle Isaacson
 Quincy Duncan
18 Lucas Jordan
 Anna Russell
19 Steve Dean
 Ava Humphrey
21 Nancy Lynch
 Jennifer Fisher
22 Rachel Barber
23 Shirley Dolman
 Randy Sullivan
 Dorothy Willson
24 Eric Melin
 Durelle Sullivan
25 Carson Newman
 Hudson Newman
28 Drew Schmitt
30 Russ Cox
 Pennelope Tobin

Anniversaries

9 Ken and Kim Wright
14 Sue and Mike Austin
 Denise and Larry Unzelman
15 Diane and Chuck Rudorfer
17 Michelle and Doug Lee
20 Lori and Don Schmitt
22 Marilyn and David Fenn
 Lindsey and Scott Pollock
24 Susan and Brian Jendryka
25 Luanne and Jerry Grill
 Ericka and Ben Suhrbier
27 Cathy and Jamie Scott
30 Kathy and Mark Hoffman
 Janie and Denny Mael

Baptism Anniversaries

2 Ben and Molly Russell
3 Anna Kreutz
9 Cheryl Amrine
 Bill Blair
10 Austin and Veronica Haworth
 Reid Olson
17 Lincoln Duncan
Willian Grega
 Scott Judd
18 Margarite Humphrey



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NORMANNA MALE CHORUS OF TACOMA



April 20, 2024

To the Lutheran Churches of the greater Puget Sound area:

Choral singing is a deep tradition in the Lutheran church and the Lutheran church is a deep tradition of Norwegian culture. The Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association includes 8 choruses--from San Diego CA to Poulsbo WA--who continue this tradition by singing in their local communities and promoting Scandinavian culture. But once a year, they gather to sing together, and it is a magnificent experience. Over 60 male voices will share a program of music in Norwegian and English, including traditional and modern songs.

The Normanna Male Chorus of Tacoma is hosting the 113th **Sangerfest Grand Concert 4PM Saturday June 29 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Federal Way WA.** Their special music guest is the Evergreen Brass Quintet.

We think your congregation will be interested in this event. Let me point out that the concert is early in the day: 4PM. We think this accommodates people who prefer to be home by evening. Also, the venue is very accessible with ample parking. It is very easy to reach from I-5.

Would you help us get the word out? Included here are notices that will be easy to include in your Sunday bulletin. Please contact us if you would like more information and to buy tickets in advance.

Pete Petersen,

President, Normanna Male Chorus of Tacoma
713 E. 7th Ave., Ellensburg, WA 98926
o.petersen@gmail.com (509) 607-9406



Kids of the Kingdom

Who: Children up thru grade 5
What: Songs, Story, Games & Snack
When: Wednesdays 4:15-5:00p.m.
Where: Conference Room
Leader: Joan Jahnsen & helpers
Questions? Call 360-388-5337



May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8 a.m Group Exercise Class 4:15 p.m.Kids of the Kingdom 7 p.m.Adult Choir Practice	2 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. One Little Tree Preschool 1:15 p.m.Fiber Arts	3 7 a.m. Group Exercise Class	4
5 8:30 a.m.Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.Youth and Family 10:30 a.m.Church Growth	6 7 a.m.Group Exercise Class 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. One Little Tree Preschool 10 a.m.Alter Guild	7 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. One Little Tree Preschool 1:30 p.m.Bible Study with Pastor Brenda	8 8 a.m Group Exercise Class 4:15 p.m.Kids of the Kingdom 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	9 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. One Little Tree Preschool 1:15 p.m.Fiber Arts	10 7 a.m. Group Exercise Class	11
12 8:30 a.m.Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worshin 	13 7 a.m. Group Exercise Class 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. One Little Tree Preschool	14 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. One Little Tree Preschool	15 8 a.m Group Exercise Class 1:30 p.m.Young @Heart 4:15 p.m.Kids of the Kingdom	16 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. One Little Tree Preschool 1:15 p.m. Fiber Arts	17 7 a.m. Group Exercise Class 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. One Little Tree Pre-school	18 10 a.m. Women's Bible study
19 8:30 a.m.Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.Council Meeting	20 7 a.m. Group Exercise Class 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. One Little Tree Preschool 6:00 p.m. Worship and Music	21 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. One Little Tree Preschool 1:30 p.m.Bible Study with Pastor Brenda	22 8 a.m Group Exercise Class 4:15 p.m.Kids of the Kingdom	23 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. One Little Tree Preschool 1:15 p.m. Fiber Arts	24 7 a.m. Group Exercise Class 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. One Little Tree Pre-school	25 7:30 a.m. Mobile Meals
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Library/Book Guild

We will meet on Tuesday, May 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room and will be discussing *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. She began her career as a chemist in the 1960's with an all-male team at Hastings Research Institute but a few years later she finds herself a reluctant star of a cooking show. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.

Check It Out!

Don't forget to check out our church library, over 40 new books have been added since summer of last year. If you have any books you would like to donate to our library, or our upcoming garage sale, please leave them in a box/bag in the church library marked "donation". Thank you.



STP Bicycle Ride

Inquiries for midpoint lodging for this bicycle, ride July 13-14, 2024, began in December 2023. As of April 24, there are 51 confirmed registrations. We usually host 90-95 guests, but there is still ample time for riders to register for lodging in the gym or tent camping on the lawn. Semi-private lodging in the Sunday School wing and other rooms is almost full with exception of the Conference Room which can easily house a group of 8-12. STP weekend will be here before we know it!

Submitted by Sue Edwards

Have You Checked Out St. John's Website?

Access the St. John's website at stjohnschehalis.net. From the home page click on the Ministry tab. You will find a highlight of the different plans and programs we offer here at St. John's. Thank you to all who contributed your group's information. If you are participating in a St. John's event and took photos, please send them to Michelle so we can add to our Website.

St. John's QR Codes They are simple to use just open up your Camera on your smart phone, tap your finger on the QR code and it will take you right to the Facebook page, Website and Worship link.

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