

# The Bethel Lighthouse

## Season Six - Episode Eleven - November 2018

*Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.*



The Council is encouraging us to pursue one new outreach per month. Our deacon's fund which is used to help people in need is low on funds. Please consider what you can give to

help us minister to our brothers and sisters in Christ and also to those around us who are in need.

*The Deacon's Fund*

The proposed budget for 2019 was presented at the Congregational meeting on Sunday November 11th. We heard from Pastor Wes & Youth Pastor Abe, reporting on the events of months past. A vote will be taken on the budget on November 25th.

Thanks to Pastor Abe for preaching during the time Pastor Wes has been away, recovering from surgery. It was also great to hear from Steve Welling who spoke about Joy and Generosity and also from Pastor Ben Edstrom on the topic of Lazarus. Thanks especially to Galen Yorba-Gray for leading us in a Spirit filled time of worship. He is a refreshing and wonderful musician.

If you would like to hear these sermons again, they are available on the website [www.betheleverett.org](http://www.betheleverett.org).



### Russian Harvest Outreach

Please pray for Benjamin from **Russia Harvest Outreach**. He is awaiting



completion of paperwork for a sewer project for their church building. The inspector is expecting a large bribe to finish the paperwork but Benjamin says a bribe will not happen. Pray that the inspector will finish the paperwork without the bribe so that the building can be officially licensed. The time to complete this is short; otherwise a whole series of inspections will have to be repeated and quite likely, requirements will have changed and more work will have to be done.

Choose Life is going well and Yura participated in a School of Evangelism last month in Moscow. Pray for him as he juggles tasks for these 2 groups, Choose Life Church and his roofing business.

**From Scott & Ruth Millar** - Thanks so much for your partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We thank Jesus who as our high priest entered once for all in the holy place by means of his own blood securing our eternal redemption (Heb. 9:11-12).

Last year Sandra acknowledged Jesus' death on the cross for her and repented of her sins. After 7 months of chemotherapy and many prayers, 2 doctors told her that her colon looked as if she had never had cancer! Sandra praises God because He is the One who healed her. She seeks God's direction in His Word and prayer, desiring to find God's purpose in healing her. Please pray that Sandra will have ears to listen to God as to why he has her on this earth. God bless you all as you share Jesus with the people in the Everett area.



*Awakenings Prayer Institute*  
*Retreat #1 "My Soul Within Me" November 16-18, 2018*  
*Island Lake Camp, Poulsbo, WA*

Thanks to everyone who attended our retreat! It was a wonderful time in the Lord. We gathered at the beautiful Island Lake Camp in Poulsbo, WA, where we pondered the depths of God's character revealed in Scripture...and in nature! Our special guest was Pastor Caleb Smith, originally from New Zealand. He presented his doctoral research on how people experience an increase in God's peace through Scripture and Nature Immersion (SNI). Pastor Smith shared his own journey out of disabling anxiety into the surprising peace of God which came to him through immersion in contemplative prayer. His is a testimony of healing grace which is spreading to more and more people. As Isaiah 26:3 assures us, *"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in Thee."* His presentation fulfilled one of the requirements of his Doctoral studies in Spiritual Formation and Spiritual Direction at Tyndale University College & Seminary in Toronto, Canada. Caleb is the pastor of Gardiner Community Church in Sequim. Join us on our next API retreat, **February 15-17, 2019 (Pastor's Package Feb 15, 16)**. **Thanks, everyone, for your prayers!**  
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Retreat Attendees

When **Kevin Craik** was called to plant an Anglican church here at Bethel, it was very clear to see how God led him and his family to move from California to the Everett area. All the details fell into place and it was nothing short of miraculous. But things change and God continues to lead.



Now Kevin and his family have been called once again to plant a new church in Southern California. They are settling in well and being close to their families is an added benefit. Please pray for Kevin and his team, now working towards the new church plant.

Ben Edstrom was installed and confirmed on October 27th and is now the pastor of All Saints Everett. Serving alongside Ben is Galen Yorba-Gray (Deacon), Lei Edstrom (Music/Marketing), and DJ Jackson (Music/Business Admin.).



Pastor Ben



Galen Yorba-Gray

More information is at <https://www.allsaintseverett.com>





**Salt of the Earth serves Thanksgiving Lunch to homeless.** - On the Monday before Thanksgiving, the crew of this S.O.T.E. cooked up a wonderful meal with all the "fixins" to serve to the many people in our community who find themselves without a nice, hot meal during the holidays. And, true to form, on Tuesday, the familiar smells of turkey, gravy, stuffing, two kinds of potato dishes and several desserts were present throughout the building.

Quite a few people showed up for the noon meal and received a plate full of great food and a warm place to stay for awhile.

During the holiday season we hear of many organizations that do various things to help those less fortunate. This is a good thing, especially when the emphasis is on spreading the love of Jesus to those who need him. The mission statement for S.O.T.E. is "Serving needy and homeless families as we seek the Holy Spirit's leading in our ministries". This is what happens every Tuesday here at Bethel with the hot meal, the warm smiles, friendly greeting and genuine love for people.



The Bethel **MOPS** group packed and shipped 13 boxes full of items for teenagers for the Operation Christmas Child which is a worldwide outreach especially for children. Thanks to everyone who helped. We will be able to track our packages online and see which country they are delivered to. Thanks to all who helped and contributed.



**Christmas Bake Sale/Fundraiser** - We are looking for able bodied men and women to prepare baked goods for a Women's Retreat scholarship fund. Items will be available during fellowship times here at church. If you would like to help please contact Carol Toikka (information below). Thanks!

**Women's Retreat**  
*Designed By Him!*  
May 31-June 2, 2019

Make plans NOW to attend! This retreat will be at Lake Retreat Camp and feature Dr. Kathleen



Troll as our speaker. She is the Dean of Seattle Bible College, Director of By His Grace Ministries and involved in Awakenings Prayer Institute. Music will be provided by Robin Alexander & Tammie Williams; formerly of the group *His Harmony* and presently in the *Lullaby League* and long time friends of Lake Retreat. Please share this with all our friends and let's see how many women we can get together for an awesome weekend! For more information please contact—

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**Dr. Mary Hoppa** is available for personal or family counseling on Sundays through Wednesdays. You may sign up for an appointment on your registration card, or contact Dr. Mary personally at 425.879.5283 or by email at [lighthousecounseling@frontier.com](mailto:lighthousecounseling@frontier.com)

**December 2018  
Calendar Events**



**Salt of the Earth Ministries**  
every Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
**All Saints Evening Prayer**  
every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
**Jehovah Jireh Church** every Friday at 7:00 p.m.  
**All Saints Church** Worship every Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

- ◆ **Saturday December 1st** - 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. API #1 Disciple Apprentice. Noon-3:00p.m. Disciple Leader.
- ◆ **Sunday December 2nd** - 11:30a.m. Decorate Church for Christmas  
**Also - 6:00p.m.** Deacons & Deaconess Meeting
- ◆ **Tuesday December 4th** - First Tuesday Fast & Pray. Theme: Peace on Earth.
- ◆ **Saturday December 8th** - 9:00a.m. Church Work Day & Second Saturday Sewing Circle.
- ◆ **Sunday December 9th** - 11:30am. Christmas Caroling to Bethel Shut-ins.
- ◆ **Wednesday December 12th** - 9:30a.m. MOPS meeting
- ◆ **Saturday December 15th** - 9:00a.m. Days for Girls. Meets in the Annex. Potluck Lunch is served.  
**Also - 9:00a.m.** Shopping w/Delta at Winco for Christmas Baskets
- ◆ **Sunday December 16th** - 6:30p.m. Church Council Meeting
- ◆ **Wednesday December 19th** - MOPS Playdate  
**Also - 6:00p.m.** Potluck & Gift Wrap Christmas Basket Party @ Delta.
- ◆ **Friday December 21st** - 10:00a.m. Christmas Basket Assembly @ Delta.  
**Also - 6:30p.m.** Ground Zero Grinch Christmas Party
- ◆ **Saturday December 22nd** - 10:00a.m. Christmas Basket Distribution.
- ◆ **Sunday December 23rd** - Date Sunday
- ◆ **Monday December 24th** - 11:15p.m. Christmas Eve by Candlelight
- ◆ **Tuesday December 25th** - All Saints Christmas Service.
- ◆ **Wednesday December 26th** - 5:30p.m. Lights of Christmas at Warm Beach



*Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor— and whereas both*

*Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness. George Washington - October 3, 1789*

*"A spirit of thankfulness is one of the most distinctive marks of a Christian whose heart is attuned to the Lord. Thank God in the midst of trials and every persecution." -Billy Graham*

*"When we choose thankful prayer over wallowing in anxiety and worry, we are demonstrating an unwavering trust in God." - Priscilla Shirer*

*"We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is good, because it is good, if bad, because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country." -C.S. Lewis*

*"A thankful heart is one of the primary identifying characteristics of a believer. It stands in stark contrast to pride, selfishness, and worry. And it helps fortify the believer's trust in the Lord and reliance of His provision, even in the toughest times. No matter how choppy the seas become, a believer's heart is buoyed by constant praise and gratefulness to the Lord." - John MacArthur*