

Burlington Lutheran Church



VICAR'S CORNER 8/11/19

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Birthdays and Anniversaries!

The 2nd week of August!

11 Alan Heyntsen &

Rachel Hoke

11 David & Linda Vague

13 Bryce & Lisa Larson

Barbie & Shane Templeton

14 Andy Rudy

14 Cody & Lindsay Logan

15 Chris Hoke

17 Alexandria Dierst &

Tara Van Loo

Church Helpers this Sunday!

Usher: Curt Tveit

Scripture Reader:

Janice Burwash

Deacon: Diana Tveit

Children's Church:

Nate & Erin Rozema

Altar: Rita Forst

Fellowship: Tammy & Rachel

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Thank you everyone who gives of themselves weekly!

Greetings of Grace and Peace!

Vicar Kristi here, as we move into my 1st month at BLC, I want to say a warm-hearted thank you! I have felt loved and honored working amongst you. Thank you for the conversations, hugs, and laughter!



I appreciate all of you taking time to express words of encouragement and looking forward my time here. Thank you Becky, Pat and the BLC Quilting Club for the beautiful quilt that was presented to me my first Sunday of worship.

I am encouraged by God's faithfulness throughout our lives, and in the moments of doubt that keep us up at night.

Blessings, *Kristi*

Upcoming Events:

Mark your Calendar's Aug. 18th BLC Church Council is holding a Special Congregational meeting following worship!

More details during announcements.

Informational meeting is scheduled for this Sunday Aug. 11th during coffee hour to discuss the roof project! Be part of the conversation.

Confirmation class this week Aug 11th after service ! The class will be learning about what other religions believe about God at the girl's request.

Check the bulletin board by the offices for other events happening at BLC!

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A note of thanks!

We received a thank you card from a high school graduate who was given a quilt by our ladies in June. His name is Ole Rodriguez, and he's the grandson of Mary Nolte.

It read: *"Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt! It's very comfortable and I use it every night. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness."* Sincerely, Ole

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Gracious God, we lift Ethel Adams, Chad Agen, Steven Dahl, David Fischer, Amelie Logan, Callie Logan, Karen Powell, Glenn Rickert, Nick Robinson, Lindsey Rosales, Flossie Steiley & family, Giordi Yunge; Diana Tveit brother Mike, Janice Burwash's co-worker suffering from depression and all those who struggle with mental, physical to hold them dear. For those who have tough decisions coming up we ask for guidance and direction. Those we leave unspoken in our hearts, we know you hear our concerns and delights.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers!

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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

