



# Burlington Lutheran Church

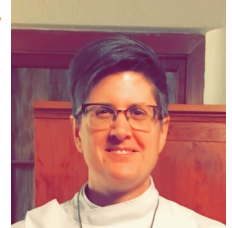
## VICAR'S CORNER



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### Greetings of Grace and Peace!

Vicar Kristi here, I am introducing a new format of weekly communication amongst the



family of BLC. It will take place of the monthly and weekly information formats that are sent out by our lovely Sheri in the front office.

Thank you for the warm welcome these past 2 Sunday's as I have begun my time amongst you. My family and I felt well loved at Lutherwood this past weekend. It was wonderful that so many showed up to camp and those that showed up for Sunday worship and BBQ. It was hard to get my kids out of the lake. I look forward as I live amongst you this year getting to know each of you and your stories.

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Birthdays the 1st week of August!**

**3 Lanney Wixson**

**5 Chuck Eger**

**6 David Bretvick**

**9 Erin Rozema**

#### Church Helpers this Sunday!

Usher: Curt Tveit

Scripture Reader:

Jeremy Dierst

Deacon: Millie Forsberg

Children's Church:

Nate & Erin Rozema

**Thank you everyone who gives of themselves weekly!**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Ethel Adams, Chad Agen, Steven Dahl, David Fischer, Amelie Logan, Callie Logan, Karen Powell, Glenn Rickert, Nick Robinson, Lindsey Rosales, Vern Sorensen, Giordi Yunge; Lord Hear Our Prayers!

#### Upcoming Events:

Special Congregational meeting Aug. 18th following worship! More details during announcements. Informational meeting is scheduled for Aug. 11th during coffee hour to discuss the roof project! Be part of the conversation.

Roof task force: Meeting this Wednesday, August 7 at 5:15 to finalize the numbers and the plan, and create a fact sheet for the congregation.

BLC Border Crisis Team: Learn more this Sunday after worship about how the team is taking action! Be part of the action. (1st Sunday of the Month)

Josephine Caring Community delegation meeting: August 6th at 6p.m., those who are delegates, if you haven't already RSVP with Jill Klein it's not too late at (360) 629-2126.

Grace & Peace BLC,



For several weeks I have been writing to our One Parish One Prisoner (OPOP) inmate, Wally. Before writing to him I had never written to anyone in prison before. I do not know what I expected but I suppose I expected an experience akin to those I have had with pen pals before (FYI I haven't had a pen pal since my best friend – the pastor's kid – moved to Michigan when I was eleven).

I have been floored by how special it is to converse with Wally. It is rare, in the days of cell phones, distractions and social media to feel really seen and listened to. The unique experience of being truly listened to is powerful and holy and it is how I feel when I receive a letter from Wally.

Perhaps it is one of the few benefits of the solitude and boredom of incarceration – the ability to listen deeply and respond with compassion. Or perhaps it is a byproduct from hitting rock bottom and then being healed and filled with grace and new life. Or maybe it is just Wally's personality. Regardless, it has been a tremendous blessing.

Feeling seen and listened to in my correspondence with Wally has inspired me to give others the same gift. It does not take much time or effort to simply put down the phone and look at a person (my kids, my spouse, my friends, you) in the eye and listen deeply. It does not take much more effort to try and empathize with others in a deeper way than just smiling and nodding. Listening is holy work.

My hope for each of you is that you take advantage of the warm, sunny August afternoons and really listen to those around you. I pray that each of you experience the blessing of being heard and seen for who you are – a beloved child of God.

Much love in Jesus,

Pr Bethany

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# August 2019

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4 9 am Praise Team 10am Worship After Worship, BC meeting 12 pm El Camino	5	6 6 pm Josephine Delegates meet at Josephine C.C.	7 6:30 pm Praise Team	8	9	10
11 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship After worship, meeting about Church roof 12 pm El Camino	12	13	14 6:30pm Praise Team	15	16	17
18 9 am, Praise Team 10 am Worship After worship, Special Congregational meeting 12 pm El Camino	19	20	21	22	23	24 Skagit Pride Event!
25 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship 12 p.m. El Camino	26	27	28 6 p.m. Council meeting 6:30 Praise Team	29	30	