

# Heart Matters

Your Connection to Bethany Lutheran Church and Littlest Angels Preschool

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**August 2017**

## News from Pastor Jon

### **"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Psalm 150:6**

In 1963, Walter "Wally" Hartkopf was called to be the Secretary for Education and Youth at the C-N-H District. He and his family were members of Bethany Lutheran Church, here in Menlo Park. It was also the year I was born and in God's plan, our lives would soon be intertwined in a way that would shape my

ministry forever. Wally was the face of youth ministry in the district when he "recruited" me in 1978. He asked me to serve on a youth task force, then had me appointed as a youth delegate to the LCMS convention in 1979 and 1981, while also getting appointed to the District Youth Committee in 1979. He drove me to meetings until 1982 when he retired from the district (well for the first time, since he never really retired.) Karen and I would meet on that committee in 1983.

My lasting memories of Wally are his desire to share the love of Jesus, his willingness to upset the status quo in order to help people see the love of Jesus, and his strong conviction that young people are NOT the future of the church... young people ARE the church. He not only gave me chances to lead, he cleared the path for me to lead, encouraged me to lead, and mentored me in my leadership. In many ways, Wally was the School of Young Leaders (SOYL) for a different era. Wally helped me understand that we can praise the Lord in many and various ways. He was the grandfather I lost when mine died at age 9, he was the one who would not let me walk away from being a pastor, even when I thought it was not my calling, and he was one of the first people to speak with me when I arrived at Bethany.



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**.. and much more!**

When we first began to talk about SOYL I knew it was something that Bethany and I should support because it would follow in the path of the past for Bethany and for me. As much as Wally impacted and led at Bethany, I know that this community also shaped his ministry and his vision for sharing the message of Jesus with all people. When you consider the “young leaders” from Bethany, you have to notice people like Pastor Oswald who started at Bethany in his mid-twenties when Bethany was first organized; Wally, who was always identifying young leaders, and Joel Koerschen who would follow Wally into the district office. Bethany has been a place where young leaders are allowed to lead. My coming to Bethany was no different as the pastor who was youngest to receive the call to Bethany since Pastor Oswald.

SOYL is about encouraging and empowering young people who ALREADY ARE the church, because they “have breath” and “give praise.” The hardest part is letting people assume leadership roles at an early age, because often we feel it implies that we are “losing something.” Yes, in my mid-fifties I prefer not to think about how I might be losing a step here or there. However, I also realize that empowering younger people does not change who I am – but it actually gives me excitement and encourages me to see God at work in the future.

I want to share one more story about how our support of SOYL and how the leadership of the SOYL students led ministry in the weeks they were in the program. In week five the students were at The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Chris Ng had planned an event with Joy Friends. Joy Friends is a Young Life group which serves young adults, many of whom live at home and some of whom are independent. These are young adults who grew up with government services because they were identified with a developmental disability, but they are 23 or older. Our students were told to expect 10-12 guests and our students decided to make dinner for the night.

Paul came down to Bethany to get money, which V was already fronting for the purchases. When Paul got back to S.F. he was surprised that “there was so much chicken.” One of the students, Vanessa, apologized, but said she wanted to make sure there was enough food for the guests. That night 50 Joy Friends arrived – the largest group that had ever come to Holy Spirit. There was enough food, and students from both groups had a wonderful time. At the end Pastor Chris was very grateful to the SOYL students for helping Holy Spirit grow this outreach in a way that was unexpected. God had provided the increase of participants and our young adults in SOYL had led by “making sure there was plenty of food” and providing a great program.

I saved one thought about that event for this newsletter and did not share it with Paul or the SOYL students. Wally and Ida Hartkopf had a number of children, including Carol who lived with them for their entire lives. Carol was developmentally disabled, although I am sure Wally would have used the term “differently abled.” When I heard that the SOYL students had this wonderful adventure God had provided with “differently abled” young adults from San Francisco, I could not help but think that Wally was smiling down from heaven, seeing that all of us who have breath were praising the Lord in a way he had encouraged and empowered.

God has an amazing way of working in our lives. God empowers young people to lead and to be the church. Thank God for SOYL, for all the people who have supported SOYL and for the fruit of God’s plan, which is evident now.

God’s Peace,  
Pastor Jon

# Women's Ministries

**The mission donation for August will go to the Ecumenical Hunger Program, East Palo Alto.**

Since 1975 the Ecumenical Hunger Program (EHP) has been serving the community by providing food, clothing, furniture, household goods, and advocacy to our neighbors to sustain them through immediate crises and to help them regain stability and independence. From humble beginnings in a church basement, EHP now owns a 1-acre campus and serves thousands of working families, seniors, and individuals each year, helping them to get through their most difficult times.



As the needs of the community grew and changed, so did EHP. EHP is proud to offer a broad range of programs to meet the needs of our community and help more families to go from struggling to thriving, from hunger to hope. Some of the programs include: **Emergency Food Assistance** - food boxes, hot meals, and "pack the bag"; **Home Essentials** - furniture, clothing, household items; **Children's Resource Center Programs** - Back to School, Holiday Happiness, Crisis Referrals, Child Care Placements, Celebrating Success, Health & Enrichment; **Support Programs** - Case Management, Client Advocacy, Women's Group, Youth Program, EHP Garden, and Technology Access; **Other Programs** - Holiday Sharing Programs, and Organic Garden.

For more information or to volunteer, please go to [www.ehpcare.org](http://www.ehpcare.org).

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## Save the Date!

### BETHANY BLOCK PARTY

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

9:30 AM . . . . . WORSHIP SERVICE

10:45 AM - 2:00 PM . . . . . FUN & FOOD!

**FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS**

**YOU ARE INVITED**

**TO OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION!**

**CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

**BBQ LUNCH SERVED**

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**\* DUNK TANK \* BOUNCE HOUSE \* SNOW CONES \* FRISBEE SPIN ART \*  
\* FACE PAINTING \* KIDS' TATTOOS \* GIGGLES THE CLOWN \*  
\* BALLOON SCULPTING \* KIDS' CRAFT \* CORN HOLE GAME \***

# Save the Date!

**The Men's and the Women's Breakfast Bible Studies  
begin on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 -10:30 a.m.**

## **Men's Breakfast Bible Study**

Pastor Jon Coyne will lead the men in a study entitled, **"God in the Real World."** The study is tied to the Holy Land and includes a video.

## **Women's Breakfast Bible Study**

Maria Nazari will continue as the women's Bible study leader. This year's study will be **"Psalm 23: Everything that We Need"** by Faye Reynolds. This study is a walk with the Shepherd through the beloved Psalm that has been too long relegated to funeral services when it is so full of guidance for living with confidence, compassion and courage. Reynolds has chosen 10 themes out of the text as jumping points for discussion. Phillip Keller's book, *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* (Zondervan Publishers) continues to be a definitive voice in understanding how a shepherd's life gives insight into the deeper meanings behind the images foreign to many of us in this day and age.

**Plan now to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month** for a delicious breakfast, an inspirational Bible study, prayer time, and a great opportunity to deepen friendships. A freewill donation of \$5 is encouraged to help offset the cost of the breakfast and to help support a World Vision child. Free childcare is available with arrangements made in advance. In 2017-18 the groups will meet on: Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, and May 12.

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## **Announcements**

**Budget Review** – The proposed 2017-18 Budget will be available for review on Sunday, Aug. 13 and Aug. 20. If you have questions about the proposed budget, please talk to Mark Muenchow, Finance Chair.

**Congregational Meeting on August 27** – The Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 27, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service to vote on the 2017-2018 Budget. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important meeting.



*Interactive*

*Community*

*Growth*

*Faith*

*Build relationships*

*Hands-on Spirituality*

**LIGHTHOUSE**

Music Led by  
Avy & Cloud

Sundays at 5 p.m.  
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Now Showing in  
**August 2017**



(for FAQ's)

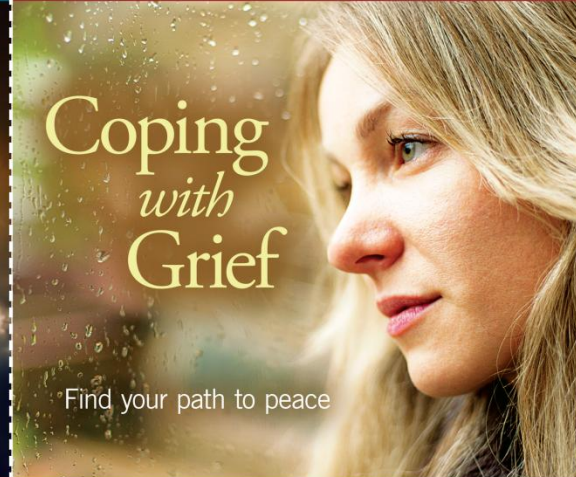


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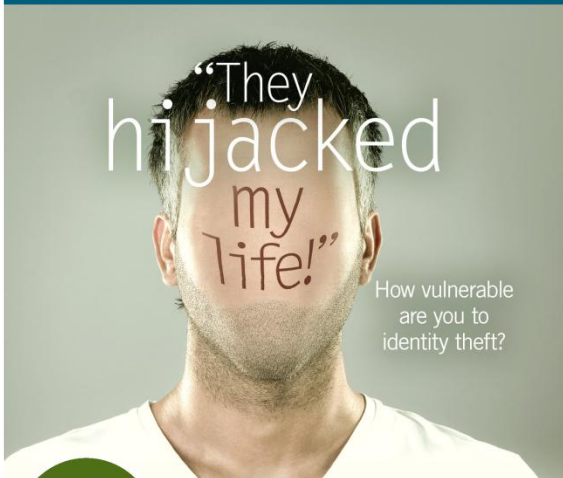
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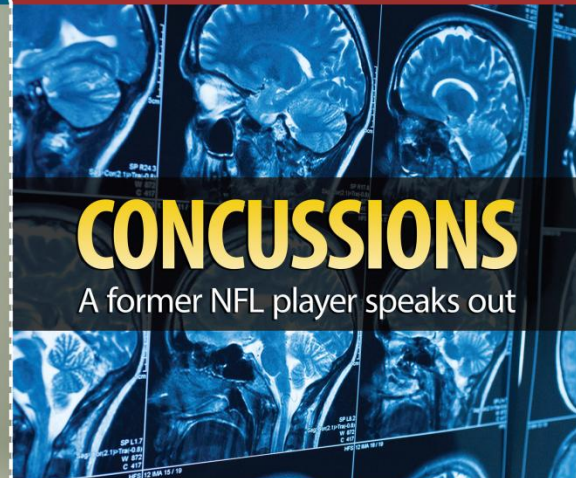
**August 16**



**August 23**



**August 30**



**FREE**  
TO THE  
PUBLIC!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Free Admission

Complimentary Refreshments

Bethany Lutheran Church

1095 Cloud Ave, Menlo Park

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at the corner of Avy & Cloud

# AUGUST 2017

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
<b>30</b> 9:30 AM Worship 12:30 PM Mohk Yang Korean Church Service 3:00 PM The Coffee Shop 4:00 PM "Ave & Cloud" Rehearsal 5:00 PM Lighthouse - A Contemporary Praise Service 6:00 PM The Coffee Shop & Music Lounge Presents: Open Mic Night	<b>31</b> Preschool Summer Session III Begins SOYL moves to Prince of Peace, Fremont	<b>1</b> 9:30 AM Preschool Music 9:30 AM Walking Group 7:00 PM Menlo Park Toastmasters Meeting	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM Preschool Music 1:30 PM Church Office Admin. Meeting 2:00 PM Lifetree Café Set-up 6:30 PM Getting Unstuck: Practical ways to improve your life (Lifetree Café Menlo Park)	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM Walking Group 11:30 AM Knitting Group	<b>4</b> 3:30 PM Parents' Night Out Set-up	<b>5</b> 5:30 PM Parents' Night Out							
<b>6</b> 9:30 AM Worship 12:30 PM Mohk Yang Korean Church Service 3:00 PM The Coffee Shop 4:00 PM "Ave & Cloud" Rehearsal 5:00 PM Lighthouse - A Contemporary Praise Service 6:00 PM The Coffee Shop & Music Lounge Presents: Live Music	<b>7</b> 7:00 PM First Responder Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:30 AM Preschool Music 9:30 AM Walking Group 7:00 PM Menlo Park Toastmasters Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:30 AM Preschool Music 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Lifetree Café Set-up 6:30 PM Science and Religion: Can they coexist? (Lifetree Café Menlo Park)	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM Walking Group 12:15 PM Women's All Church Prayer Group 7:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>							
<b>13</b> *Happy Mail Sunday * 9:30 AM Worship 12:30 PM Mohk Yang Korean Church Service 3:00 PM The Coffee Shop 4:00 PM "Ave & Cloud" Rehearsal 5:00 PM Lighthouse - A Contemporary Praise Service 6:00 PM The Coffee Shop & Music Lounge Presents: Game Night	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 AM Preschool Music 9:30 AM Walking Group 7:00 PM Menlo Park Toastmasters Meeting	<b>16</b> 9:30 AM Preschool Music 2:00 PM Lifetree Café Set-up 6:30 PM Coping with Grief: Find your path to peace (Lifetree Café Menlo Park)	<b>17</b> 9:30 AM Walking Group	<b>18</b> Preschool Summer Session III Ends	<b>19</b> 11:00 AM SOYL Celebration							
<b>20</b> 9:30 AM Worship 12:30 PM Mohk Yang Korean Church Service 3:00 PM The Coffee Shop 4:00 PM "Ave & Cloud" Rehearsal 5:00 PM Lighthouse - A Contemporary Praise Service 6:00 PM The Coffee Shop & Music Lounge Presents: Potluck Sunday	<b>21</b> Littlest Angels Preschool closed 7:00 PM First Responder Meeting	<b>22</b> Littlest Angels Preschool closed 9:30 AM Walking Group 5:00 PM Submission deadline for newsletter articles 7:00 PM Menlo Park Toastmasters Meeting	<b>23</b> Littlest Angels Preschool closed 1:30 PM Church Office Admin. Meeting 2:00 PM Lifetree Café Set-up 6:30 PM They Hijacked My Life! How vulnerable are you to identity theft? (Lifetree Café Menlo Park)	<b>24</b> Littlest Angels Preschool closed 9:30 AM Walking Group 12:15 PM Women's All Church Prayer Group	<b>25</b> Littlest Angels Preschool closed 1:00 PM LWML CNH Summer Retreat, Silver Spur Retreat Center, Tuolumne, CA	<b>26</b> LWML CNH Summer Retreat, Silver Spur Retreat Center, Tuolumne, CA							
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## **Join us for Sunday Worship**

9:30 a.m.

Worship/Communion

5:00 p.m.

Lighthouse

every Sunday