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From My Corner

by The Rev. Elisabeth Seeger



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Well, this is my last article to you. I just can't seem to find words to say all that I might want to say as I leave here after 8 1/2 years as your Rector. I appreciate you all and thank you each for all you have done for this church over the years. I guess, the best thing to say to you is Goodbye.

You all probably know that "good bye" is short for the very old blessing, "God Be With You". I do commend each of you and this parish of St. Elizabeth to the love and care of God. You could not be in better hands. I wish you well in the coming years and that you will find someone who will meet your needs for a new Rector.

All Blessing and Best Wishes,
Rev. Elisabeth A. Seeger ("Pastor Betsy")
Rector, St. Elizabeth

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Musings from Pat Lofstedt:
If anyone speaks evil of you,
so live that none will believe it.



Inviter Cards – As Tools of Faith

By Julie Dosono

Like church business cards – parishioners can use them to tell their friends, neighbors, work associates, etc. about your Sunday school and church services, including email and Facebook page for St. Elizabeth. On the back, there is room to write in their own contact information. They can hand them out all over town as the invite people!

Business cards are effective in that they are small enough to always have on hand for when you need them. They are good as a leave behind, as well as a way to reach the peers of those you've already reached. They are also nice because they can be a soft sell that leaves behind a tangible lifeline to salvation (your phone number).

Promote your church, Sunday school or Study Group. Use it as a tool to find people who want to learn more about Jesus and what he can do for them. Business cards can get the word out about where your church is located. Just asking members to pass out 10 cards each can dramatically increase awareness of where and when your services are.

Not everyone is ready to hear the message that you want to give; leaving a card behind as you leave is a good way to plant the seeds for a return visit when they do need some help. Offering help and your card to use when they need it will enable them to reach out to you when they are being tested. Give them a lifeline to grab onto that can sit for years in their wallet. (continued on page 3)



You can help Hospitality House earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards card. Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards card to Hospitality House at www.fredmeyer.com/community_rewards. You can search by name or HH's non-profit number 80916. Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards card, you are helping Hospitality House earn a donation!

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Inviter cards (continued)

Change the world, one life at a time. Leaving behind your card with your phone and contact information is the best gift you can give to those who need to hear the word. It might take months or even years for them to realize that they can no longer manage without someone else's help. The nice thing about a business card is that it is patient, and can lurk in their wallet for as long as they let it.

There are cards in the office for those that would like them.

The highest honor in the church is not government but service.

John Calvin

O Lord, how great and all powerful you are!
And how beautiful is the world you created for our habitation!

From "Psalms Now" 1973

St. Elizabeth Pledge/Donation Process Policy

During the May 4, 2014 St. Elizabeth's congregation town-hall meeting a question was raised regarding the financial reporting of designated gifts versus pledge donations.

Process Clarification:

1. Designated gifts for a specific purpose (e.g. Sunday school, altar guild, flowers, building, etc.) that are identified as such in the memo section of a check, are recorded to the specific purpose that was identified. Designated gifts are not recorded under the "Pledge" category as that would result in double counting of the entry.
2. Offerings with no designation in the memo section of a check are recorded against the "Pledge" category for those individuals with signed pledge cards. Offerings are recorded against the "Non-pledge" category for those individuals who have not signed a pledge card.
3. Checks for both the designated gifts and/or pledges are reported as a part of an individual's annual donation to St. Elizabeth's and will be reflected in their individual yearly donation summary.
4. Cash donations are recorded to the "Plate Offerings" category and cannot be identified to an individual.
5. Restricted Funds donations/gifts must have legal documentation to be recorded in "Restricted Funds". Generally they must be endowments, legacy gifts designated in estate wills or trusts or other estate planning tools, or accompanied by a formal signed and dated letter from the giver. If donations/gifts do not meet these qualifications, they will be included under the appropriate category in the General/Operating income.

Submitted by Linda Knutson, Treasurer

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Thank you all for your many nice notes, gifts and calls. I appreciate your kind wishes. Thank you also for your wonderful goodbye. I wish you all well and hope things go really very well for the church in the coming years.

Peace and Blessing,
The Rev. Elisabeth Seeger

Last Rector's Discretionary Fund Report as of May 31, 2014 plus two additional notes. This account was audited and found satisfactory on June 17, by Ms. Page Eney, who was referred to me by Barbara Fox from the Diocesan Council, and she submitted a report which was given to Linda Knutson on June 18.

The Rector's Discretionary Fund 1/1/2014- 5/31/2014

\$183.28 Balance as of 12/31/2013
2,715.00 Deposited from 1/1/2014 through 5/31/2014
2898.28 total

Expenditures were as follows from 1/1/2014 through 5/31/2014

Rent: 1,625.00
Gas: 270.00
Food: 70.00
Pastoral: 17.41
Youth: 210.00
Bank OD fee: 60.50
Total: 2,888.41 expenses
Plus Balance: 9.87 as of 5/31/2014
Total 2,898.28 as of 5/31/2014

Note: Two checks included above, one for \$100.00 and one for \$160 were outstanding as of 5/3/2014. The \$160 came in June 2, 2014, but the \$100 check never cleared and I found that it was voided by me. We received \$220 donation into the account on June 18, and, with the \$100 outstanding check (voided) and the balance of \$9.87, as of today, June 18, 2014, the Rector's Discretionary Fund has a balance of \$329.87 which is accurate according to the bank on June 18, 2014.

Since my error caused the \$60.50 overdraft fee, I have chosen not to be reimbursed \$60 owed to me by the account for two checks given to parishioners recently who gave cash to a homeless visitor. I will not use this account again while I am still here. It will remain for the coming clergy to use after June 30.

Dear Friends at St. Elizabeth,
Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and visits during my recovery from my knee replacement surgery. I am doing really well with the therapy so far and hope to be out and about very soon.



Donna Abell



Bishop Rickel visited St. Elizabeth in March and took this wonderful picture with our own Kacey Johnston. It was a great visit and enjoyed by all!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THAIS PEDRO!

Thais was Valadictorian and Speaker at Highline High School Commencement ceremony on Monday afternoon, June 16th and we are very proud of her accomplishments both academically and musically plus excelling in sports, specifically track.

Here's how we have come to know and welcome to our community the wonderful Pedro family: It was in the summer of 2004 that St. Elizabeth Parish offered a program for those new to our country called "Conversational English." The adults not only learned colloquial English, but also how to live in America: about our system of government, schools, banking, libraries, etc. We looked after the children with games and classes so they had their own fun and learning experiences.

The family continued at St. E's and we have watched with delight their lives in our midst. As you know, Thais' big sister Dalia also excelled and will return to St. Martin's, Lacey, for her third year. Both Dalia and Thais were Choir directors!!

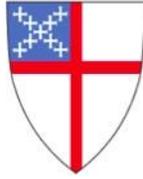
Thais had many scholarship offers, and has chosen Whitworth, Spokane to begin her college work. Because she excels in so many areas, you can appreciate the time and effort she has shown. We know she will pursue her goals with the same perseverance and diligence. Blessings on the whole Pedro family, a wonderful addition to our community.

Father, Cecilio Aguilar, Mother, Ines Pedro, Dalia, Thais, young brother Ajax and little sister Andromeda. We are sure to be telling you of their accomplishments in days to come!!

Submitted by Pat Lofstedt

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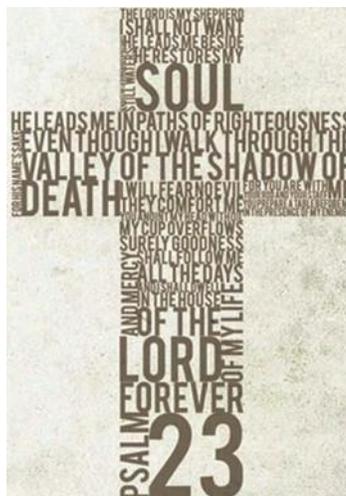


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SOMEONE TO BELIEVE

