
Dungeness Valley Lutheran *Currents*



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Pastor's Notes

Net Minding

"As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and his brother, Andrew. They were casting their net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of people.' And at once they left their nets and followed him." Matt. 4:18-20

We begin today with a riddle.

Question: What do fishermen, trapeze artists, and Christians all have in common?

Answer: They all rely on nets.

As Simon Peter and Andrew and many fishermen before and since have known, nets are practically indispensable for catching fish. Commercial fishermen who are serious about their craft invest a great deal of money in buying good quality nets, and also a good deal of time and effort to keep their nets in good repair.

Too often, weak and unreliable nets translate into lost catches and less money in a fisherman's pocket. Those who fish for a living know that it simply pays to mind one's nets.

Likewise, trapeze artists know the value of nets kept in good repair. But for them, the issue isn't money, but safety. A fall from the high wire into a good net might mean no more than a short delay before the act resumes once again. But a fall into - even through - a faulty net: that might mean either broken bones; or much, much worse.

So serious trapeze artists also insist that when they use a net, that it is in good repair.

And Christians? Down through the ages, Christians have more often thought about themselves as fishermen, and their work of fishing for people as evangelical work done in-house. Their nets were and are the congregation members themselves, who link themselves together in such a way as to hold onto human "fish" who might otherwise swim by. The emphasis in this way of thinking is primarily spiritual: bringing people into a saving relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

But there is a growing sense within Christian circles that it is not enough for us simply to think of ourselves as fishermen. We must also acquire the safety-conscious mindset of trapeze artists, who are concerned not just about nets for themselves, but also for others. Thoughtful observers of our recession-plagued society note that our societal safety net - that combination of public and private agencies whose efforts are devoted mainly to seeing to the welfare of the poor, the weak and the vulnerable among us - has lately developed large and growing tears in it. Helping federal funds have dried up. Declining revenues have also led to human services cutbacks at the state and local level.

People are starting to fall through the cracks in the safety net in increasing numbers.

So who is left to help?

Time was, before the era of big government, that faith-based and other charitable organizations provided the only safety net available to people in need. We're familiar with the concept. The Dungeness Valley Health and Wellness Clinic is now

busier than ever. So are the local food banks and charity-based assistance venues. Some organizations are being stretched to the breaking point.

Yet for the short run, at least, this much seems clear. As much as we have done in the past, as much as we are doing now, we in the churches are going to be called on to step up and do even more. To do even more to help the poor and the needy, the weak and the vulnerable ones among us. To help plug more of the holes in the societal safety net. And to see that there is more to being the body of Christ than just being soul-winning fishermen, who once left their nets to follow Jesus.

For time, and circumstance, and God are now calling us all back to mind the nets once more.

May God continue to give us strength and hope and optimism for the work that lies before us. May the Spirit encourage us and show us how best we can help. And may we find Jesus ever present in the faces of those who reach out to us in need.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Jack :-)

Church Council Highlights

Pastor's Report for September:

38 - Meetings	4 - Hospital Visits
0 - Funerals	12 - Classes
14 - Home Visits	0 - Weddings
12 - Office Visits	0 - Baptisms

Parish Nurse Report for September:

10 - Congregational contacts
2 - Community Contacts
6 - Meetings
3 - Sunday School classes
0 - Memorial Services
4 - Nursing Home Visits
8 - Worship services
1 - Sherwood Assisted Living Service
Comfort and care of individuals, health education, health advice. provide health resources, newsletter article, Health

Resources Sunday, education preparation, 20 hours of vacation

1) Member Visitation Results and Projects

- a. Information Ministry for Shut Ins – this would be tied to the Sound System Manager Project
- b. Sound System Manager
 - 1) a consultant came in and looked at the sound system and made some suggestions
 - 2) Mary's microphone needs to be replaced
 - 3) a sound buffer is needed because there is no carpet and nothing on the walls to catch the sound.
 - 4) As a trial, quilts will be placed on the walls to see if this helps.
 - 5) After these changes have been made, he will come back and make more adjustments to the system.
 - 6) Pastor Jack suggested using some of the display banners and hanging them nicely on the walls.
 - 7) After doing the research Pastor Jack has found that a microphone that will work with the current system cannot be purchased for under \$150.00. The Council had previously approved the expense of \$150.00
- c. Transportation Ministry
 - 1) Insurance liability was discussed regarding people using their vehicles to transport others.
 - 2) Jim Jones will talk to Jerry Enzenauer about this and see what the insurance company says.

MOTION #3

Motion made by Ken Olin to allow Pastor Jack to purchase the Shure Wireless System and microphone. He will use the funds remaining in the Sounds System Designated Fund of \$321.90.

2nd by: Ken Olin

Action: Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Budget
 - a. The Council reviewed the first draft of the proposed 2012 Expense Plan
This will be voted on by the Council at the November meeting.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:

Average Sunday Attendance for
September 2011: 113
September 2010: 118

Blessings to Our New Confirmands and Their Families!

On October 30th we rejoiced with Ella Christiansen, daughter of Lisa and Sten Christiansen; and Emily Webb, daughter of Jan and Mac Webb, on the occasion of their Confirmation. We especially pray for both Ella and Emily as God continues to lead and guide them on the journey of faith they have each begun. God has blessed them; with God's help may they now lead lives that are a blessing to others!

Thank You

A big "thank you" is in order to Pastor Jack and the congregation of DVLC for the show of love and appreciation you expressed on the occasion of my retirement as Director of Music. And it is indeed a very special honor to have a room in this church named in my honor. It really doesn't get any better than that!

This has been a bittersweet decision. I know I will miss directing the choir but Ron and I will be around to sing from time to time. And the music program is in very good hands with Valerie as the new director.

Marilyn Carlson

IN OUR PRAYERS



PEACE, WELL-BEING MEMBERS

**Bea Carpenter at the
passing of her
husband, Paul**

ILLNESS/SURGERY RECOVERY MEMBERS

**Carol Coleman; Margaret Brown;
Bob Hardy; Alan Sawyer;
Gloria Fitzpatrick; Nancy Martin;
LaRay Greene; Alan Slind**

Friends or Relatives of DVLC Members

Gale Taylor (LaRay Greene);
Carol Howard (niece of Gordon and Betty Zander);
Marian Johnson (Karin Anderson);
Anne (Sue Pierce);
Darla (Mel & Marie Breitsprecher);
Jessie Grinstad; Terry Stratton (Alberta Baker); **Dora Kramer** (Albert Baker);
Karin (Bob Green's Niece); **Bob Paulson** (Susie Herrick); **Charlie** (Judy Green);
Steve (Judy Green);
Nancy (LaNice Korus' daughter);
Mary Horne (LaNice Korus);
Bill (Judy Green);
Amy, Tyler & Garrett (Terri Bristow);
Ginger Little (Duane & Nancy Little);
Becky Kramer (Elizabeth Sump);
Janice (Maxine and Vern Simmons);
Randie Quast & Sue Murray (Lou Schlaffman); **Hans Kask**

OUTREACH PRAYERS

**All those serving in the military; Risen
Faith Fellowship; and Sunshine
Ministries in Vietnam. Lutheran
Community Services; The Dream Center;
The Living Stones Ministry**

Veteran's Day

We would like to recognize the veterans in our congregation. If you or a family member has served and you would like to include a picture in our Annual Veteran's Day Video, please e-mail **dvlcoffice@gmail.com** the picture to the church office along with the branch of service and years served. You can also drop a picture off at the office. Please turn in picture before November 9th. Call Rose at the office if you have any questions.

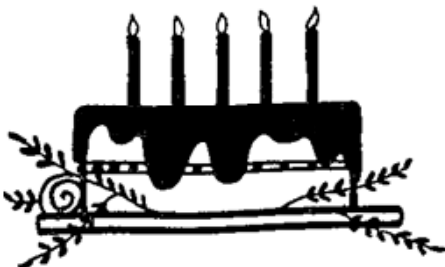
DVLC Birthday Corner

Birthday celebrations for November:

- 3 – Jeanett Gamlem
- 5 – Vern Cooper
- 6 – Everett Longstaff
- 9 – Bob Crist
- 9 – Myrtle Lemley
- 9 – Collis Massey
- 10 – Gloria Fitzpatrick
- 10 – Gwyn Wessel
- 11 – Carol Coleman
- 14 – Jo Uht
- 15 – Maureen Roberts
- 15 – Jan Webb
- 18 – Frankie Carrizosa
- 18 – Don Monson
- 23 – Irv Brock
- 24 – Jim Jones
- 25 – Vicki Naumann
- 25 – Susan Sorenson
- 26 – Jolie Will
- 27 – Gloria Virack
- 27 – Bob Green

Happy Birthday to all!

By the way, please let us know if we have reported your birthday incorrectly or omitted it. If we have, we apologize.



Yuletide Bazaar

The count-down has started with November 19 being the big day. All who are donating craft items to sell please bring them to the church Wednesday the 16th or Thursday the 17th between 9:00 – 12:00. Please have a suggested price on your item. If that is inconvenient call Gwyn Wessel 457-2859 to make arrangements.



Thank you all for participating in our bazaar for charity by baking, crafting, setting up and working on the 19th.

E-Scrip at Safeway

The MORE group is currently receiving a small rebate from the Safeway Stores escript program. Current members need to renew their membership by going to escript.com before November 1, 2011. You can renew after that date but no credit is given until you renew. The rebate comes automatically from church member purchases when members use their Safeway card and are signed up for the program. We can increase the amount received if more members were signed up.

It is easy to sign up or renew. You can do it by phone by calling 1-800-400-7878. By computer go to escript.com and follow the prompts. You need to mention the MORE ID number 163941462. You will also need your Safeway card number. It is best if one household has only one escript account number. In that case each member of the household could have a card with one common number. You can also give your phone number for each purchase if you don't have a separate Safeway card. The amount of the rebate is based on the monthly purchases per account number.

Call Ken Olin, program coordinator, at 681-6858 if you have questions or need help with signup.

Parish Nurse Report

It is that time of year to again talk about influenza. Influenza is serious and anyone can get sick.

On average, 1 out of 5 Americans suffer from influenza every year. In addition, the flu and its related complications result in approximately 226,000 hospitalizations in the US each year. Depending on virus severity during the flu season, deaths can range from 3,000 to a high of about 49,000.

Between 15 and 60 million Americans suffer from influenza in an average year. From late April 2009 through mid-May 2010, the CDC reported 341 pediatric deaths from the flu. Complications from the flu occur most often among people 65 years of age and older. Nearly 90% of deaths caused by the flu and its complications occur among people 65 years of age or older.

Combined with pneumonia, influenza is the nation's eighth leading cause of death. So it is important to get vaccinated.

Some of the symptoms of influenza include fever (usually high), headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. Stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, also can occur, but are more common in children than adults.

Complications of the flu can include viral or bacterial pneumonia and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as asthma, congestive heart failure, and diabetes. Children may experience sinus problems and ear infections.

Influenza spreads in respiratory droplets caused by coughing and sneezing. They usually spread from person to person, though sometimes people become infected by touching items contaminated with the flu virus and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

Help protect yourself and your loved ones against influenza this flu season by getting vaccinated, and as always talk to your physician if you have questions.

Mary Griffith

Upcoming Christian Education Classes

Sundays

October 30 – December 18: Ephesians – Eugene Peterson material – Paul Wessel

January 8 – February 26: How the Bible Came to be – Gene Bradbury

March 4 – April 1: Saving Jesus series – Kari Olsen

April 15 – May 27 – Saving Jesus Series – Kari Olsen

Wednesday

October 26 – November 23: The King James Bible – Gene Bradbury

November 28 – December 19: Advent Services

January 4 – to?: The Book of Revelation – Pastor Jack

INDULGE

By Jan Webb

As we head into November, our thoughts turn toward the holidays. Many of us think we want the perfect holiday, planning meals, decorations, ... We get busy, we want it all! When we get this way we can look at kids to see how to "get it all." I am reminded of this when I see kids take communion. Ever watch how they savor the bread, stick their tongues in the little cups, getting every drip of juice? When I first observed this I thought how this symbolizes that they want "all of Jesus." When Olivia first started taking communion she called the bread "Jesus Bread" and this is very appropriate! This is something we can indulge in, can never get too much of! When we are thinking of indulging this holiday season let's take a hint from the kids and indulge in "all of Jesus" and all He has to offer us. In giving thanks this Thanksgiving, in preparing for Christmas, remember to indulge.

Share a unique nativity set with the church for our annual Sunday School Christmas program.



We are looking for nativity sets from around the world that we would use for our Christmas program on December 11. If you have one to share please leave your name with Rose Sanders in the church office 681-0946 so the Ed. committee can contact you. Unique meaning the figures are of a different nationality. We look forward to your sharing with the congregation.

SHARING IN COMPASSION

Here at DVLC the Sunday School has been supporting a child from Southern India for 11 years now. Our focus in giving has changed and we would like to move our giving to other world projects. In India, they keep children in the Compassion program through age 21 to get them through a Technical School program so they don't quit school and continue the cycle of poverty. We still have 4 years to go! S. Varbin Subash is 17 (Nov.). We would like to offer the opportunity for someone to take on this support for the next 4 years. The cost is \$38 per month with \$20 for birthday and \$20 for Christmas. This comes to \$496 per year. See one of the Education Committee members if you are interested, either as an individual family or group of families. The Ed. committee is: Mary Griffith, Jan Webb, Karin Anderson and Gwyn Wessel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: PLANNING AHEAD

November: The Good Samaritan – workshops
 November 27 – First Sun. in Advent, special event
 December 4 – practice for Christmas program
 December 10 (Saturday, morning), practice for program
 December 11 – 9:40 am, Christmas program
 December 18 – Party
 Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 – No Sunday School
 January: Daniel & the Lions Focus on prayer especially in difficult times

FRIENDS/VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME! INVITE SOMEONE TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

September Financial Results

During September our Operating Fund had a total income of \$25,423 which was less than our monthly Budget by \$1,598 and less than our actual expenses by \$358. For the first nine months of the year our total Operating Fund income was \$238,981 which is \$4,274 below our Budget and \$1,153 less than our actual expenses. The Operating Fund is summarized below.

Operating Fund	September	Year-to-date
Planned Income & Expenses	\$27,021	\$243,255
Actual Income	25,423	238,981
Actual vs. Planned Income	(1,598)	(4,274)
Actual Expenses	25,781	240,134
Actual vs. Planned Expenses	(1,240)	(3,121)
Actual Income vs. Actual Expenses	(358)	(1,153)

Finance Committee

Wellness Forum: “Protecting Yourself From the Diabetes Epidemic”

Monica Dixon will present a free WOW! Working on Wellness Forum entitled **“Protecting Yourself from the Diabetes Epidemic”** on Wednesday November 9, 2:30 PM at Olympic Medical Park, 840 North Fifth Avenue, in Sequim, in the second floor conference room.

The Diabetes rates have tripled in the past 30 years, and with them, a host of serious physical complications. Learn simple steps that you and your loved ones can take to protect yourselves from this chronic disease.

Monica Dixon, PhD, R.D. is a Nutritionist and Registered Dietitian with over 25 years experience in developing award-winning health promotion programs at the local, state and national level. She presents to thousands of people a year across the country, is an internationally published author and a frequent guest in the media.

WOW! Working on Wellness is a health education program of Dungeness Valley Health & Wellness Clinic, Sequim’s free, nonprofit clinic. The Clinic provides basic urgent care and chronic health care services to uninsured community members. Our work is supported by more than seventy volunteers, including physicians, other professional health care providers, and laypersons, as well as private and public donations from the Sequim community and beyond.

Volunteers for Hygiene Center Operations

Dear Community Partner:

The Hygiene Center is run completely on a volunteer and donation basis. The facility is owned and utilities paid by Serenity House of Clallam County. However, it has operated now for over a year and half at 516 E. First Street thanks to efforts of a

dedicated group of volunteers. The shower, laundry, and clothing opportunities for unsheltered people have been well used daily on average by 17 individuals from 7:00 am to 10:00 am six days per week (Sunday through Friday). Donations of soap, shampoo, shaving items, soap, toilet paper, laundry detergent, and clothing have been adequately provided by many generous folks giving to help the most vulnerable members of our community meet their personal hygiene needs. However, the need for donations is ongoing.

We also must renew the volunteer base (2 people for each day) to keep the Hygiene Center facilities operating. The way that has worked best over the last year and a half is for two people to regularly volunteer for one day per week. So, someone comes every Tuesday or finds a relief person for a week that they cannot be there. Another example would be for a church group of volunteers to pick a day of the week and rotate who might be there for given week.

If your group or an individual would sign up for one day each week from 7:00 am to 10:00 am, that will go a long way to helping the Hygiene Center stay open without missing a day for want of two volunteers for that day of the week.

And, because the cold weather season is approaching, I want to remind the community that the Hygiene Center functions as a “Warming Center” or drop-in center when the weather falls below, and stays below freezing. Often people with no permanent housing need a place they can be for a few hours during the day, to sit down, rest and perhaps have a cup of coffee or tea.

Thank you for your willingness to help those less fortunate. Please contact me at the phone number or email address below to send me the names and contact information for volunteers or to become a regular Hygiene Center volunteer.

Brad Collins,
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Serenity House of Clallam County
452-1439 or
serenityhouse.brad@gmail.com
