
Dungeness Valley Lutheran *Currents*



February 2016

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Pastor's Notes

Pruning Time!

Some people call them suckers. Others water shoots. Still others, water sprouts.

Whatever you want to call them, they're unsightly and unproductive. According to Andrew May, this is the time to deal with them. While it is still winter, before the sap starts running. This is the time to sharpen up the shears and loppers, get out the ladder, and get busy pruning.

At our place, that means dealing with four ornamental fruit trees. Three of them are short, and so it's a snap to reach the top-most branches without a ladder. But these same three trees usually have a small forest of suckers coming up from their roots, which means there is a lot of tedious, ground-level clipping to do. Poor knees! Poor back! Ouch!

On the other hand, the remaining tree – a tall cherry – usually has very few suckers coming up from its roots. It makes up for it, however, in being difficult to prune at the level of the tallest branches. A long, pole-mounted lopper helps. But after a session reaching up over my head, my shoulders are aching.

At the end of the day, I'm usually sore all over. No wonder I don't look forward to the annual winter pruning ritual!

And yet, when I'm done, and have a chance to stand back to survey my work, it all seems worth it. Worth the fuss, worth the time, worth the temporary aches and pains. Well worth all the trouble, even though I know that come next year, another crop of suckers/water shoots/water sprouts will have

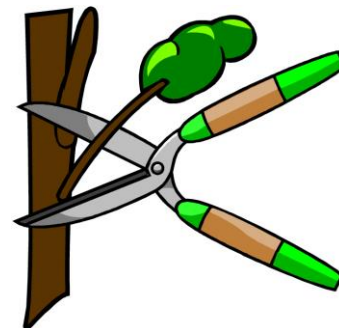
grown up to be pruned off all over again.

Maybe it's no coincidence that Lent also happens about this same time of year. Besides being a traditional time for reflection and repentance, Lent is also a suitable time for personal pruning: a season especially well-suited for doing away with habits, activities and ways of thinking that are unsightly and unproductive. Sure, it may be tedious, difficult and uncomfortable work. And yes, it will probably have to be repeated, one way or the other, sometime in the future.

But when your work is done – or rather I should say, when you and God are finished with you - and you have a chance to survey the results of a changed life, it will be worth it!

So what are you waiting for? First things first. Make an inventory of what needs to be done. Get your tools ready. And then, have at it! The pruning season we call Lent is just around the corner. But don't feel like you have to wait until Ash Wednesday. God is always ready to lend a hand. There's no time like the present to get busy taking care of the yard work – and the spiritual work – that needs doing in your life!

Yours for a blessed Lent,
Pastor Jack ☺



IN OUR PRAYERS



ILLNESS/SURGERY RECOVERY MEMBERS

Les and Ruth Skogman;
Loren Kreutner; Annette Lindamood;
Ginger Little; Tracy Williams; Bob Hardy
Lee Raymond; Mark & Rosemary Freed
Susie Herrick; Sandy Jones

Friends or Relatives of DVLC Members

Carl Skogman (Les and Ruth Skogman);
Bernie (Judy Green);
Anita Little (Duane and Nancy Little);
Alexis & Ari (Jolie Will);
Gladys (Gordon Zander); **Mike Pierce** (Sue
Pierce); **Anne** (daughter of Sue Pierce);
Karen and Felix (Jolie Will);
Christine (LaNice Korus);
Jan (Sue Pierce);
Marsha & Lee Richard (LaNice Korus);
Barbara Wixon (Jolie Will);
Tami (LaNice Korus); **Cody** (Judy Green);
Joanne (Judy Green) **Anne** (Judy Green);
Agnes Elmer (Sandee Lange);
Pat Martin (LaNice Korus);
Larry (Bob Green); **Rhonda** (Judy Green);
Jay Thomas (Betty & Gordon Zander);
Kathy Baumgaertner (Jim & Sandy Jones);
Paul McFarland (Gordon & Betty Zander);
Pat Van Gerpen (Diane Isaac);
Lester Boyd (Jeff Boyd)

OUTREACH PRAYERS

All those serving in the military;
Risen Faith Fellowship;
Sunshine Ministries in Vietnam.
Lutheran Community Services;
The Dream Center;
The Living Stones Ministry: LWR Water
Project; Panama

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:

Average Sunday Attendance for
December 2015: 106
December 2014: 110

Church Council Highlights

Pastor's Report – December 2015

29 – Meetings	0 – Hospital Visits
1 – Funeral	10 – Classes
5 – Home Visits	1 – Wedding
6 – Office Visits	0 – Baptisms
0 – Confirmations	

1 Week Vacation

January Council Meeting Highlights:

- Council Decided to leave the balance of the Cheiko Cliff memorial where it is at this time, in case it is needed
- Irv Brock will be added to the Agape Fund account and Andra Smith will be removed
- Note in suggestion box suggesting that 50% of funds raised at Garage Sale and Yuletide Bazaar stay in the church and 50% go to charity. Council voted not to send a recommendation to head committees of the fundraisers and keep things as they are at this time.
- Council retreat is set for February 27 here at DVLC.

Ash Wednesday Service

February 10, 3 pm

at Trinity United Methodist Church

We will gather with our friends from TUMC for our Ash Wednesday Service. This service ends with the imposition of ashes and is a powerful way to begin our Lenten Journey. We hope everyone will join together for this special time.

Peninsula Men's Gospel Singers

Annual Spring Show

“Let This Be Our Prayer”

Saturday, February 20th, 2016 7:00 pm

Port Angeles High School Auditorium

For tickets call 452-1581

Reserve tickets are \$15, \$10
and \$8 for students.



Knitters ! Crocheters !

Have fun with us while providing for others. We make prayer shawls, lap robes, premie caps, and more. All levels of ability can help, work at

your own pace. We get together once a month to coordinate and help each other. Call church 681-0946 or LaNice Korus 683-5524.

A Special Thanks to:

I would like to thank all those who faithfully gathered quarters. Parent Line uses your quarters to help people with laundry, bus fare and for those who drop in needing a little cash. Your quarters for the year 2015 amounted to \$450. Great job! It's a little more than the widow's mite but just a little amount may make all the difference in a persons life. Again thank you.

Gwyn Wessel

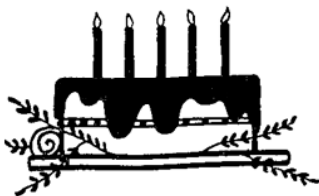
DVLC Birthday Corner

Birthday celebrations for February:

- 2 – Shirley Eaton
- 6 – Jeanette Fischer
- 8 – Pamela Cortes'
- 15 – Dale Rudd
- 21 – Kari Olsen
- 23 – Gary Capouch
- 28 – Nancy Little
- 29 – Judy Kenyon

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.



The Reflections Group

The Reflections Group Bible study, led by Pastor Ruth Geiger, will meet on February 17, 2016, 1:15 pm at the home of one of the group's members. The scripture they will be reflecting on is John 12:1-8. Contact Pastor Ruth for more info [206-349-4082](tel:206-349-4082).

Service Helpers for February

Thank you for your participation in our worship life here at DVLC! Your service is an asset to our members.

8:30 Service -

Lectors:	Feb. 7	Jolie Will
	Feb. 14	Ted Foster
	Feb. 21	Judy Lynn
	Feb. 28	Christie Foster

Ushers:	Feb. 7	Judy Lynn
	Feb. 14	Carleen Bensen
	Feb. 21	Jan Boyungs
	Feb. 28	Marian Needham

Communion Assistants:

Feb. 7	Gloria Virak and Betty Zander
Feb. 21	Andra Smith and Samantha Smith

11:00 a.m. Service

The following is the list of service participants for the **month of February for the 2nd Service.**

Usher: Eileen Larsen and Duane Little

Communion Assistants:

Nancy Martin, Chris & Myrna Juergens, Marvin Wendeborn
Louise Lemley (2/7 only)
Jerry Enzenauer (2/21 only)

Lectors: Gene & Debbie Bradbury

Greeters: Bud & Ellen Fullhart

THANK YOU!

The end of January the Education Committee hosted a **SOUPER BOWL of CARING**, an event to raise funds for a local charity. This year, as in the past few years, we designated our donations for **HOMELESS CONNECT**.

This one day event is to be held on Friday, March 4. There are a large number of services that are provided to those who are homeless or in circumstances that may lead to homelessness. You can also help at this event! There is a huge list of volunteer jobs and job descriptions along with an application form on a table in the narthex.

SOUP POTS WILL BE OUT ON FEBRUARY 7 TO TAKE ADDITIONAL SOUPER BOWL DONATIONS.

TEAM DVLC is awesome in giving! A staple in our church's playbook.

DVLC YOUTH

MEET AFTER 2ND SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 14 FOR LUNCH AND ACTIVITY. MORE INFO. TO FOLLOW IN A TEXT MESSAGE!

PLAN TO ATTEND AND BRING A FRIEND!



SOCK IT TO THE COLD

is a youth project that includes collecting socks, gloves and mittens for inclusion in a care bag for those experiencing homelessness.

There are boxes in the narthex for these items to be donated. This is a project in conjunction with Parent Line.



Join Us for Tai Chi

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese exercise with many benefits. The Tai Chi we do here at DVLC is an easy exercise for balance and mobility. We use an easy to follow 20 minute video with additional explanation by Jan Webb. The video includes standing and sitting exercises. **Come check it out on Fridays here at DVLC, 3:15pm.**





The Lands of Martin Luther

On the eve of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Pastors Don Cornell and Neal Snider have organized a tour of "The Lands of

Martin Luther" that will take place in October, 2016. If you are interested or would like more information about the tour, please contact Jim or Sandy Jones (683-1620) who have brochures that describe the details and itinerary for the tour.

December Financial Results

December was a very good month with Operating Fund income at \$32,119 which is **\$6,150 higher than our monthly budget** and **\$4,085 higher than our actual expenses for the month**. As a result, Operating Fund income for the year totaled \$294,944 which is **\$15,307 less than our budget** and **\$1,891 less than our actual expenses**. The Operating Fund is summarized below. In addition the Year-end Financial Summary for 2015 is also included in this newsletter.

Operating Fund

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Planned Income	\$25,969	\$310,251
Actual Income	32,119	294,944
Actual vs.		
Planned Income	6,150	(15,307)
Planned Expenses	25,969	310,251
Actual Expenses	28,034	296,835
Actual Income vs.		
Actual Expenses	4,085	(1,891)

Finance Committee

WOW! Working On Wellness Free Community Lecture for February

The program is ***Consciously Cooking with Love***, presented by Chef Kathryn Kitts of The Sweet Beginning

**Wednesday, February 10
2:30 – 3:30 pm
at Trinity United Methodist Church**

Upcoming Programs:

March 9 - *Bowenwork: Relieve, Restore, Renewal & Relax*

April 13 - *Applied Kinesiology: The Triad of Health*

May 11 - *Healthy Living with Parkinson's Disease: Tips for the Entire Family*

June 8 - *Palliative Care: Volunteer Hospice*

"Working on Wellness" is a program of the Dungeness Valley Health & Wellness Clinic

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**Friday, March 4, Noon to 1:00 p.m.
at Sequim Community Church**

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer held in 170 countries. It began in 1920.

Each year women from a different country write the worship service, interpreting the Bible in their own context, and lifting up issues of mission, justice and peace. The mediation, music and dialog have been written this year by the women of Cuba.

Women from various churches in the area will be participating in the program.

***Mark your calendars for March 4,
12:00-1:00! All are welcome.***

YEAR-END FINANCIAL SUMMARY - 2015

	<u>12/31/2015</u>	<u>12/31/2014</u>
Number Of Giving Units	111	112
<u>Assets</u>		
<u>Operating Funds</u>		
Available Funds	\$33,815	\$30,752
Prepaid Offerings	<u>24,200</u>	<u>29,000</u>
Total Operating Funds	\$58,015	\$59,752
<u>Reserves</u>		
Opportunity Fund	\$25,745	\$25,965
Nelson Memorial Fund	0(1)	23,296
Cheiko Clift Memorial Fund	10,281(1)	0
Major Repair Reserve	19,704	7,883
Pastor's Sabbatical Fund	1,369	1,369
Mortgage Reserve Fund	<u>5,113</u>	<u>5,113</u>
Total Reserves	\$62,212	\$63,626
Designated Funds_	<u>\$13,764</u>	<u>\$23,718</u>
General Fund Grand Total	\$133,991(2)	\$147,069
Mission Endowment Fund	\$118,329(1)	\$75,435
Agape Fund	<u>\$ 2,444</u>	<u>2,088</u>
Grand Total All Funds	\$254,764	\$224,619
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Mortgage (2011 – 10 years @ 5.375%)	\$193,207	\$231,652
<u>Operations</u>		
Income (excl. reserves drawdown)	\$294,944	\$300,939
Expenses	<u>\$296,835</u>	<u>\$306,313</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(1,891)	\$(4,688)
Sabbatical Fund Drawdown	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 5,031</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(1,891)	\$ (343)
Christmas Eve/Day Offering To Charity	\$1,544 (Food Bank)	\$1,074 (FoodBank)

Insured replacement cost for buildings and content = **\$2,437,500** (excludes value of property)

(1) In 2015 DVLC received \$35,281 from the Cheiko Clift estate from which Council approved depositing \$25,000 into the Mission Endowment Fund. The Mission Endowment Fund also received \$15,000 in memory of John Behrens to use for scholarships. Council also transferred \$5,000 from the Nelson Memorial Fund to the Mission Endowment Fund and the balance of the Nelson Fund to the Major Repair Reserve Fund.

(2) The General Fund includes \$62,696 in our First Federal Money Market and checking accounts and \$5,083 in a First Federal CD which matures in 2017, and \$66,223 is in our ELCA Mission Investment Fund account. The Agape Fund is held in a separate account at First Federal, and the Mission Endowment Fund is held in a Charles Schwab account.