
Dungeness Valley Lutheran *Currents*



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Pastor's Notes

"Time for another Emancipation Proclamation?"

I heard it in 2008, and again in 2012, when Barak Obama was running for President of the United States. Maybe you did, too. Not always said exactly the same way. But the sense was clearly the same. "Just who does he think he is, anyway? A black man has no business running for the highest office in the land. Really, a person ought to know their place."

One of the challenges of the Obama presidency has been for us to confront anew the racism that lingers in American society. Now, in 2016, a new challenge presents itself. For the first time, it seems almost certain that a woman will be the presidential nominee of the Democratic Party. The possible election of a female to the Office of President has already raised concern among those who have yet to confront their own bias against women, as reflected in the feeling that no woman ought to be President of the United States.

Where did this gender bias come from? Sadly, it can be attributed in part to the teachings of the early Church.

In his book, "Christ Actually," author James Carroll points to the treatment of two female biblical characters as an example of how the Church has perpetuated bias against women, especially women in leadership roles:

In the eighth chapter of Luke, Mary of Magdala is introduced as one of those followers of Jesus who is well-off enough to provide for him and his friends "out of their means." Mary of Magdala is a benefactor and a sponsor of the itinerants. She is a woman of

standing and power. Yet, beginning in the 2nd century, the image of Mary of Magdala became entirely transformed when she was conflated with another woman in the Gospel, one who has no name, no standing, no place whatsoever in the social structure – a "woman of the city," a woman of the streets...

What the "woman of the city" and Mary of Magdala have in common is an intense love for Jesus, and ointment... That's all. Yet, in the years after the Gospels are composed, the woman with the sordid past and the "many sins" becomes identified with the aristocratic Mary of Magdala... [so that] the habitually brazen behavior of a harlot, even if repentant – become the central notes of Mary of Magdala's story. The portrait, classically combining tropes of whore and Madonna, was irresistible, but it was false – a complete invention that gradually jelled across several centuries...

[Thereby] A powerful, respected woman, no doubt a threatening figure to men, was reduced to a sorrowful object of pity to whom men could feel superior – indeed, who was by trade a sinner. Essential to this reduction was her reduction to object of sexuality. This transformation unfolded over time as one after another of the aptly named Church fathers sought ways to disempower women. The first of those to be disempowered was Mary of Magdala."

Of course, the Church is not alone in trying to get "uppity" women to "know their place." But that doesn't make it right. Maybe

what our country needs is some kind of official declaration to push us to do what we know is right. On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. The Proclamation declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free." What if President Obama were to issue a new Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that people of color, women and all persons previously regarded as second class citizens now be accorded not only the same legal rights and privileges as everybody else, but also the same respect and dignity?

What better way for people to "know their place" then by recognizing their freedom to choose it for themselves! Whether that place be simply "private citizen," or running for the highest office in the land.

A blessed Independence Day to one and all,

Pastor Jack ☺

Church Council Highlights for June

New Business:

- There was a parking lot incident - a member's car was hit in the parking lot. Discussion of church covering the cost of the incident.
Motion #2 was made by Irv Brock to cover the cost out of the Agape Fund.
2nd by Orlin Trandahl
Action: Motion passed.
- Shirley Eaton's retirement. June 26th will be her last day of playing for the DVLC congregation. A reception will follow the 2nd service.
- One worship service. George Lindamood will play fulltime summertime only.
- Motion # 3 was made by Pastor Jack that we move to one service starting July 3rd through the summer.
2nd by Nancy Little
Action: Motion passed.

- There was a discussion about keys to the church. Jim Fitzpatrick and Jennifer Schroeder will look into changing locks as needed.
- Three church picnic - TUMC, St. Luke's and DVLC, August 21st at Trinity United Methodist Church. DVLC will be in charge of supplying desserts.
- Jennifer will look into becoming a notary for the church.
- Computers in the church need to have very limited access. Orlin Trandahl and Jennifer will work on who has access.

Pastor's Report – May 2016

17 – Meetings	1 – Hospital Visit
1 – Funeral	6 – Classes
4 – Home Visits	0 – Weddings
5 – Office Visits	0 – Baptisms
0 – Confirmations	

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:

Average Sunday Attendance for

May 2016: 114

May 2015: 91

Reminder: Single Service at DVLC this Summer!

Have you ever run into someone you didn't recognize at a DVLC gathering, only to be surprised to find out they, too, are a DVLC member? That's what often happens when you have two Sunday worship services: two different congregations! To have these two groups of excellent people get "better acquainted," we are going to a single Sunday service for the Summer season. Beginning July 3rd, our worship time will be at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings.

The Reflections Group

The Reflections Group Bible study, led by Pastor Ruth Geiger, will meet on July 20, 1:15 pm at the home of one of the group's members. They will be discussing Ephesians 3:14-21. Contact Pastor Ruth at 206-349-4082 for more info.

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, Duane Little, Ken Eide, Gary Capouch, Sue Stauffer, Jack Brown

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); **Larry** (Bob Green);
Pat Van Gerpen (Diane Isaac);
Amanda Neff (Kathy Lohrman);
Jennifer Jennings-Shaffer and Ida Fintel
(Brenda Jennings);
Lois and Lorne Kennedy (Donna McMillen);
Renee (Gary & Pat Capouch); **Pastor Richard Hermstad** (Jennifer Schroeder);
Kathy Hart (Sue Pierce); **Sharon and Glenn Jones** (Jim and Sandy Jones);
Rebekah Geiger and David Wilkerson
(Ruth Geiger);
Hayden "Jade" Webb (Jan Webb),
Doug Wood (Betty Zander)
Jane (Jim and Sandy Jones);
Jerri Gowdy (Myrna Juergens)

OUTREACH PRAYERS

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

Save the date:
Sunday August 21, 11:30 am
Three Church Picnic at TUMC
with Dungeness Valley Lutheran
Church,
St. Luke's Episcopal Church and
Trinity United Methodist Church.
DVLC supplies the desserts.

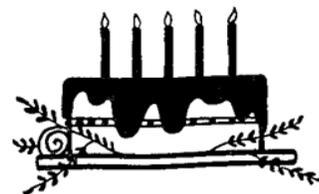
DVLC Birthday Corner

Birthday celebrations for July:

1 – Myrna Juergens
1 – Ruth Geiger
4 – Ellen Bertoliatti
5 – Len Cowan
7 – Jan Hintermayr
9 – Ken Lemley
9 – Hannah Pope
10 – Haley Pope
11 – Etna Hardy
11 – Sue Pierce
11 – Les Skogman
13 – Kathy Lohrman
13 – Marlin Baeth
14 – Marilyn Carlson
14 – Jerry Behrens
17 – Julie Carrizosa
17 – Ron Coleman
19 – Vincent Carrizosa
20 – Duane Little
26 – Lu Mogck
27 – Jennifer Schroeder
30 – Nona Kessler

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.



It's Almost Here!

Saturday, July 23 is the big day. Now that you have collected those things you want to get rid of (that you haven't used for a year or two), you can bring them to the church and stow them in the big classroom at the end of the hall. Someone else may be looking for just that one thing.

Bring small items to church and leave them in the classroom. If you have more, or bigger "stuff", call the church office to make arrangements for pick-up. Let me know if you can help. **All items should be in working order and usable condition.**

Things we **DON'T** want: Older electronics, large exercise equipment and encyclopedias or Reader's Digest Condensed Books. Things we **DO** want: household items, clothing clean and in good condition, hardware, sporting goods, furniture, tools, toys and games, or whatever might sell. Remember ALL proceeds go to charity!

Beginning Monday, July 18 there will be many things to do: set-up tables, get things in place, price them, and get everything ready for SALE DAY, Saturday, July 23. Keep that week open. There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex in July. We'll be looking for you.

Questions? Call Paul Wessel, 457-2859.

WOW! Working On Wellness Free Community Lecture for July

The program is
Cancer: Current Therapies & Treatments,
presented by Dr. Thomas Kummert,
OMC Cancer Center

**Wednesday, July 13
2:30 – 3:30 pm
at Trinity United Methodist Church**

Upcoming Programs:

August 10 - Active Isolated Stretching

**September 14 - How to Stay Healthy in
Cold & Flu Season**

**October 12 - Open Enrollment Tips
to Save You Time and Money**

November 9 - Dynamic Balance Ideas

**December 14 - When to Call 911
and What to Do**

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

Service Helpers for July

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

9:30 - one service for the summer

Lectors: July 3 Dawn Lang
July 10 Donna McMillen
July 17 Ted Foster
July 24 Andra Smith
July 31 Emily Webb

Ushers: Jim and Sandy Jones

Greeters:

July 3 LaNice Korus
July 10 LaNice Korus and
Bill and Susie Herrick
July 17 LaNice Korus
July 24 LaNice Korus and
Lucille Caughron
July 31 LaNice Korus and
Lucille Caughron

Communion Assistants:

July 3 Carleen Bensen, Gene and
Debbie Bradbury, Judy Lynn
and Nancy Martin
July 17 Ruth and Hannah Geiger,
Nancy Martin, Gloria Virak,
and Betty Zander
July 31 Jan Boyungs, Ruth and
Hannah Geiger, Millie Lyon
and Nancy Martin

Healthy Living with Diabetes

If you are interested in attending the class "Healthy Living with Diabetes on July 30th, please call 582-2975 to reserve your space.

This is a fund-raiser event for the Dungeness Valley Health and Wellness Free Clinic and the suggested donation is \$30.00 per person (cash or check). For planning purposes, advance reservations are necessary and the tax deductible donation is collected on class day. Class size is limited to 20 attendees.

For more information, contact Susan Sorensen at www.starladydiabetes.com

May Financial Results

In May Operating Fund income totaled **\$24,110** which is **\$223 lower than our monthly budget** but **\$193 higher than our actual expenses for the month**. As a result, Operating Fund income for the first five months of 2016 totaled **\$121,040** which is **\$637 lower than our YTD Budget** and **\$1,682 higher than our actual expenses**. The Operating Fund is summarized below.

Operating Fund

	May	Year-to-date
Planned Income	\$24,333	\$121,677
Actual Income	24,110	121,040
Actual vs.		
Planned Income	(223)	(637)
Planned Expenses	24,444	122,328
Actual Expenses	23,917	119,357
Actual Income vs.		
Actual Expenses	193	1,682

Finance Committee

DUNGENESS VALLEY LUTHERAN JOINS WITH ALL ELCA CONGREGATIONS FOR A DAY OF SERVICE SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Put in a light post for Shirley Eaton (may require hooking up wires)

Possible Habitat for Humanity house project

Fill SCHOOL KITS for Lutheran World Relief (This is a non-physical activity)
Lists of items needed will be provided by mid-July

Shop for FOOD BANK with money collected prior to 20th

Possible house painting at Webb's house
May be more than a 1 day project

Other projects as you come up with. Please let Jennifer in the church office know of other projects you might have.

SIGN UP TODAY TO
SHARE WITH KIDS THIS
SUMMER!

**SUMMER LUNCH
PROGRAM**

**ONCE AGAIN, THE USDA,
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB,
AND LOCAL CHURCHES ARE
HOSTING A SUMMER
LUNCH PROGRAM FOR KIDS
AGES 1 - 18.**

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

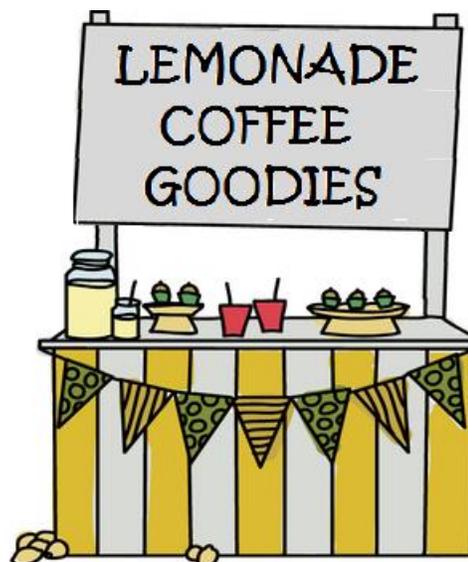
The lunches are made by the staff at the Boys and Girls club then transported to a "lunch site" where kids can eat. **Churches provide volunteers to help transport lunches and interact with kids at each site. This may be the only time these kids have positive interaction with an adult.**

You can join us by signing up for a day or week. This involves meeting at the B&G club the first day, possibly transporting food and interacting with kids at the sites. Tuesday through Friday you can usually meet at the site.

**July 5 - 8 is our week (4 DAYS ONLY)
USUALLY THIS IS A 1 TO 1 ½ HOUR
EVENT EACH DAY.**

**Lunch served 12pm – 1pm, arrive 11:30
on the first day, 11:45 other days.**

See information on the table in the narthex. Jan Webb is in charge of this event, contact her if you have questions.



**KIDS SERVE GOODIES, COFFEE &
LEMONADE DURING THE
GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT OUR
MISSION IN COSTA RICA.
SIGN-UP TO MAKE HOME MADE
GOODIES TO HELP US
RAISE FUNDS.**

**(typically we have raised over \$100 to
help the mission endeavor)**

Flower Chart 2016

Thank you to all who have signed up to provide flowers for Church Services. I appreciate your generosity in helping to decorate the church for Sunday Services. If you are willing to provide flowers, just sign *on* the chart attached to the bulletin board outside the office. If you do not wish to purchase and arrange flowers, please contact me at 582-0358 or send me an email at myrnajuergens@olypen.com. I would appreciate receiving \$20 payment in advance.

Myrna Juergens

