
Dungeness Valley Lutheran *Currents*



September 2016

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Pastor's Notes

"Encourage One Another!"

"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:23-25

Sigh. How I wish it were already November!

As we head down the home stretch of this interminable electoral season, we can apparently be sure of one thing: that no matter how much negativity has already been expressed, no matter how much political mud has already been slung, there is seemingly always room for more.

While I am quite used to hearing candidates for public office put each other down, I have a confession to make. Deep down inside, hidden away in my heart of hearts, is a secret longing. Perhaps it is one that you and I share. I have a fervent desire, to hear – just once!? – some politician (any politician!) speak a respectful word or two about his or her opponent. And that is not all. Despite the fact that playing up the dire state of things and predicting imminent doom if one's opponent is elected will still win votes for those seeking office, I also want to hear some politician on the outside-looking-in tell us that even though we have significant problems to solve, things aren't really as bad as some people make them out to be. Now, wouldn't that be refreshing!

While I'm not exactly holding my breath waiting for either of these things to happen, I was encouraged by something I read recently in Marilyn Robinson's book of

essays: "The Givenness of Things." These are her insightful and hopeful words:

*"When panic on one side is creating alarm on the other, it is easy to forget that there are always as good grounds for optimism as for pessimism – exactly the same grounds, in fact – that is, because we are human. We still have every potential for good we have ever had, and the same presumptive claim to respect, our own respect and one another's. We are still creatures of singular interest and value, agile of soul as we have always been and as we will continue to be even despite our errors and depredations, for as long as we abide on this earth. **To value one another is our greatest safety, and to indulge in fear and contempt is our greatest error.**" (emphasis mine)*

Beyond hope founded in the potential of our common humanity, we people of faith could (and should!) point to another reason to be optimistic about the future. As somebody once famously said: We may not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future. Ultimately, our fate is in God's hands, and no other. And as the writer to the Hebrews reminds us: *God, the One who has promised, is faithful* (even if we are not!).

Since we need not be paralyzed by fear, then, we are freed for constructive activities. Like helping. Serving. Sharing. And encouraging one another.

What better way to be engaged with the world, as November – and all that it will bring – draws near.

Blessings to you and yours!

Pastor Jack ☺

Church Council Highlights for August

- Ken Eide spoke about the Roblealto informational class he held - 14 people attended. This trip is being planned for late February early March
- *God's Work, Our Hands* day of service had 60 volunteers last time DVLC participated. Shirts and a banner were ordered. Funds to cover expenses will come from Opportunity Fund.
Motion #3 Ken Eide made a motion the funds will be used from the Opportunity Fund, 2nd by Irv Brock
Action: Motion passed
- Council voted that one Service at 9:30am will continue
- Youth and kids will have activities in the afternoons
- This summer a High School BBQ was held at Jan Webb's – 17 people attended.
- Goals: Jan will work with the high school, awareness of the GSA club that has been formed. Check in with the middle school to make sure that resources are available.
- Jan will also check in with the High School about a suicide prevention program. She is also looking into starting a PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) group in Sequim.
- Tailgate party on September 11 is in the works with more details to come. Pickup trucks needed.
- Michael Rivers will join us for worship once a month and play/sing the new liturgical music he has composed for DVLC.

Pastor's Report – July 2016

10 – Meetings	1 – Hospital Visit
0 – Funerals	1 – Class
9 – Home Visits	0 – Weddings
9 – Office Visits	0 – Baptisms
0 – Confirmations	1 week vacation

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, 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);
Lois and Lorne Kennedy (Donna
McMillen); **Kathy Hart** (Sue Pierce);
Karl (Jerry Behrens);
Josh Moan (Gail Schwab)

OUTREACH PRAYERS

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

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:

Average Sunday Attendance for
July 2016: 105
July 2015: 89

Service Helpers for September

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/fall

Lectors: Sept. 4 Dawn Langjahr
Sept. 11 Ted Foster
Sept. 18 Jan Boyungs
Sept. 25 Andra Smith

Ushers: Sept. 4 Ray Dangman
Sept. 11 Marian Needham
Sept. 18 Judy Lynn
Sept. 25 Carleen Bensen

Greeters: Nancy Martin and
on Sept. 18 Ellen Fullhart

Communion Assistants:

Sept 4 Marv Wendeborn,
Gloria Virak and Betty Zander
Sept 18 Marv Wendeborn, Mary
Deckebach and Andra Smith

Garage Sale Success!

On July 23, at the appointed hour (9 am), the crowd surged forward to get the best bargains. And so began the more-or-less twentieth annual DVLC Garage Sale. By most measures the sale was a huge success. Some 60 members of the congregation contributed items for sale, worked on hauling, storing and sorting stuff, or worked at the sale as clerks baggers, helpers, or clean-up crew. It was truly a team effort.

Then there were the crowds. We had quite a few people from throughout the community buying things and even helping with the sale. In addition we know that boxes of usable clothing went to Goodwill or the Seventh Day Adventist collection box and quite a few books went to Friends of the Library. So, many people benefitted from the sale in addition to those who made purchases, often at ridiculously low prices.

The final beneficiaries of the sale will be the four local charitable activities who will

each receive a check for \$1000, and who knows how many lives that may touch. They are Sequim Community Aid, Sequim Food Bank, Volunteer Hospice, and Habitat for Humanity.

Thanks to one and all for the contributions and the time and effort that made our garage sale an outstanding community event.

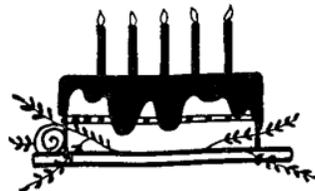
DVLC Birthday Corner

Birthday celebrations for September:

- 1 – Ken Eide
- 2 – Valerie Lape
- 3 – Darlene Freeman
- 3 – Cal Mogck
- 7 – Rosemary Freed
- 9 – Ron Carlson
- 9 – Benjamin Omdal
- 9 – Reed Omdal
- 10 – Turi Anderson
- 16 – Pat Capouch
- 20 – Kimberly Pope
- 23 – Bob Hardy
- 23 – LaNice Korus
- 24 – Nelda Wicklund
- 25 – Ted Foster
- 28 – Dave Olson
- 28 – Helen Slind
- 29 – George Will
- 29 – Craig Smith
- 30 – Abbey Tenhoff

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 September 21, 1:15 pm at the home of one of the group's members. They will be discussing the book of Habakkuk. Contact Pastor Ruth at 206-349-4082 for more info.



Clinic Fun Walk & Wellness Fair

DVHWC to Hold Twelfth Annual Fun Walk

8:30 am Registration, 9 am Walk
Saturday, September 10, 2016, starting at
Trinity United Methodist Church, 100 S.
Blake Avenue.

Registration (\$10 per adult, free for those under 18) opens at 8:30 am for individuals, families and teams.

The Clinic Fun Walk is an opportunity to raise money for the free clinic. **The DVLC team is called Akaloo which means follow me.** We are inviting all members of DVLC to join in and follow our team on the walk. There are three opportunities for you to participate:

1. Walk from the parking lot, sign in at the Akaloo table and return to your car.
2. Walk one mile around Carrie Blake Park
3. Walk 5 miles on the Olympic Discovery Trail.

This will benefit the clinic and your own health. Following the noncompetitive Fun Walk, there will be free medical screenings, a healthy cooking demonstration, entertainment, and a closing ceremony with an array of door prizes.



If you are interested in an AKALOO t-shirt please contact Gwyn Wessel, 360-457-2859, asap. If you do not have an AKALOO t-shirt, please wear your yellow *God's Work, Our Hands* t-shirt. Stick-on labels will be available updating the yellow shirts for the walk.

DO YOU ANNUALLY DONATE TO THE FREE CLINIC? If you do we are asking you to bring your check book and donate it on one of the Sundays before the walk. Last year we were the team which donated the most money for the clinic and people of course we want to win again. Susie and I will be at the table to sign you up every Sunday now until the walk. Bring a friend, make it a family event and join in the fun.

Gwyn Wessel

WOW! Working On Wellness Free Community Lecture for September

The program is *How to Stay Healthy in Cold & Flu Season*, presented by Dr. Carol Vincent-Hall, Naturopathic Physician

Wednesday, September 14,
2:30 – 3:30 pm
at Trinity United Methodist Church

Upcoming Programs:

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

EDUCATION AT DVLC IS STARTING SEPTEMBER 11 WITH AN OVERVIEW. SEE THE BROCHURE AND BULLETIN FOR DETAILS! Our goal is:

EVERY MEMBER. A LEARNER!

Women of the ELCA

10 am, 2nd Thursday each month

This fall's Bible study is titled "When God Forgives the Guilty" and uses as a basis the story of Jonah, God's least enthusiastic prophet and his struggle with the unfairness of a God who forgives the guilty!

The Bible study leader will be Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, a full-time Ph. D. student and mother of three. There are numerous stories in this issue of the Gather magazine that add to understanding Jonah's dilemma.

Come to DVLC's library on Thursday, September 8 at 9:45 am to pray and study God's Word!

Rosemary Freed, Secretary

**GOD'S WORK.
OUR HANDS.
OVER 50 VOLUNTEERS!
13 PROJECTS!**

Thank you to all who participated. Some gave funds for those who shopped for school supplies, some cleaned out a shed and the kitchen, some packed school kits & baby kits. Others went out to paint, spread mulch and do landscaping maintenance and paint dog training equipment.

SEE PHOTOS IN THE NARTHEX
THANKS TO JENNIFER SCHROEDER &
THE KIDS FOR TRAVELING WITH THE
BANNER AND TAKING PHOTOS OF OUR
PROJECTS!

What was "God's work. Our hands." Service event?

"This was an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – **one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.**" Many other churches will be participating on Sunday, September 11. **If you would like to see another service event in 2017, please let Jan Webb know or Jennifer in the church office.**

FOOD BANK NEEDS NEVER END!

Our FOOD BANK BOX got a new look during the Day of Service. Check out the photo below. Thanks to Jerry Enzenauer for constructing it and kids and Karin Anderson for their paint job.

You can continue to bring items for this box on the first Sunday of the month. Watch the bulletin the week before for specific needs the food bank may have.



July Financial Results

In July Operating Fund income totaled **\$25,838** which is **\$1,505 higher than our monthly budget** and **\$3,583 higher than our actual July expenses**. As a result, Operating Fund income for the first seven months of 2016 totaled **\$168,677** which is **\$1,666 lower than our YTD Budget** but **\$4,269 higher than our actual expenses**. The Operating Fund is summarized below.

Operating Fund

	July	Year-to-date
Planned Income	\$24,333	\$170,343
Actual Income	25,838	168,677
Actual vs.		
Planned Income	1,505	(1,666)
Planned Expenses	24,444	171,218
Actual Expenses	22,255	164,404
Actual Income vs.		
Actual Expenses	3,583	4,269

Finance Committee