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# Dungeness Valley Lutheran *Currents*

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## **Pastor's Notes**

**"PC?!"**

**"Political correctness** (adjectivally: **politically correct**), commonly abbreviated to **PC**, is a term that, in modern usage, is used to describe language, policies, or measures that are intended not to offend or disadvantage any particular group of people in society. In the media, the term is generally used as a [pejorative](#), implying that these policies are excessive." (Wikipedia)

"A theologian of glory calls evil good and good evil. A theologian of the cross calls a thing what it actually is." (Martin Luther: The Heidelberg Disputation)

"We are to fear and love God so that we do not betray, slander, or lie about our neighbor; but defend them, speak well of them, and explain their actions in the kindest way." (Martin Luther: What does the 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment mean for us?)

You could hear the exasperation building up in his voice.

"Things have sure changed. Used to be you could call a spade a spade. Now, with all this politically correct nonsense to worry about, people are afraid to say anything, even though it's what they're really thinking. I surely do wish we could all go back to the good old days."

I came away from our conversation wondering. What about political correctness (PC) in today's society? Has it gone far enough? Or too far? What place should PC rightly have in helping shape and guide our public discourse?

One way PC may go too far is when it leads to breakdowns in communication. When politically-correct language obscures or creates confusion regarding what it is

you're trying to discuss, Luther's call to "call a thing what it actually is" comes to mind. Most of us would probably agree that the goal of communication ought to be clarity, transparency and mutual understanding. That means telling the truth in a straightforward way.

Yet as Christians, we are called to speak the truth with love. As Luther points out, that means treating our neighbor with respect by "defending them, speaking well of them, and explaining their actions in the kindest way." I see no room here for "betraying, slandering or lying about our neighbor." Do you?

Nor do I see any room for name-calling, belittling or biased behavior based on race, age, religion or gender identity. Yet what I hear people most frequently complain about is "not feeling free to tell it like it is." Meaning, I gather, that they wish all of the filters would go away, so that they wouldn't have to worry about being impolite or disrespectful in the way they talk about or act toward other people.

Surely such a retreat from civility is neither right nor acceptable. Not for Christians. Not for anyone.

Over time, the pendulum is bound to swing back and forth. If what now passes for PC isn't perfect (what is?), I'm hopeful that a form of PC will evolve with which the vast majority of us can live.

But until then, given the propensity some have for hateful speech and action, I'll take our current exasperating form of PC over "the good old days" of "calling a spade a spade" anytime.

**Pastor Jack ☺**

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## **Church Council Highlights for September**

- **Motion #3** Marian Needham made a motion to cover the cost of renewing Office 365, at \$100 2<sup>nd</sup> by Orlin  
Action: Motion passed
- One Service at 9:30 am  
**Motion #4** Irv Brock made a motion to continue with the one worship service at 9:30 am. It was noted that we will continue with one service until we can find a pianist for the early service. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Eide  
Action: Motion passed
- Education: God's Work Our Hands was a successful day with over 50 volunteers and 13 projects. Question was raised about holding the event every year or every other year. This will be an annual event!
- Fellowship: Tailgate party was a hit! 65 people attended. Leftover food went to the Food Bank. This will be an annual event. Next event is Chili and Trivia in January.
- Mission Concerns: 11 people have signed up for the mission trip.

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### **Pastor's Report – August 2016**

15 – Meetings	2 – Hospital Visits
0 – Funerals	2 – Classes
8 – Home Visits	0 – Weddings
10 – Office Visits	0 – Baptisms
0 – Confirmations	
1 week vacation	

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### **AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:**

Average Sunday Attendance for

**August 2016: 98**

**August 2015: 98**

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## **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); **Gladys** (Gordon Zander);  
**Mike Pierce** (Sue Pierce);  
**Anne** (daughter of Sue Pierce);  
**Christine** (LaNice Korus); **Jan** (Sue Pierce);  
**Marsha & Lee Richard** (LaNice Korus);  
**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);  
**Debbie Moore** (Ruth Geiger);  
**Caroline & family** (Jan Webb);  
**Candice Olsen** (Kathy Lohrman);  
**Laurie** (Brenda Jennings);  
**Terry** (Jeanette Fischer)

### **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

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## **The Reflections Group**

The Reflections Group Bible study, led by Pastor Ruth Geiger, will not meet in October. Their next meeting will be on November 16, 1:15 pm at the home of one of the group's members. They will be reflecting on Romans 13. Contact Pastor Ruth at 206-349-4082 for more info.

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## Service Helpers for October

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 fall

Lectors: Oct. 2 Judy Lynn  
Oct. 9 Christie Foster  
Oct. 16 Ray Dangman  
Oct. 23 Andra Smith  
Oct. 30 Jan Boyungs

### Ushers:

Oct. 2 Jan Boyungs & Ray Dangman  
Oct. 9 Marian Needham and John Norgard  
Oct. 16 Bob Fulhart and Eliza Main  
Oct. 23 Chris & Myrna Juergens  
Oct. 30 Ted Johnson & Carol Pope

### Communion Assistants:

Oct. 2 Carleen Bensen and Gloria Virak  
Oct. 16 Diane Isaac and Betty Zander  
Oct. 30 Mary Deckebach and Judy Lynn

## DVLC Birthday Corner

### Birthday celebrations for October:

1 – Klaus Hintermayr  
2 – Elena Carrizosa  
6 – Mark Freed  
6 – Dawn Langjahr  
7 – Andra Smith  
10 – Beryl Middleton  
14 – Lucille Caughron  
14 – Gene Zimmerman  
15 – Janice Crist  
16 – Matthew Anderson  
20 – Elaine Nelson  
20 – Connie Conway  
21 – Debbie Bradbury  
21 – Craig Tenhoff  
25 – Eleanor Olin  
28 – Chris Juergens  
29 – Freddie Kraus

**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.

## WOW! Working On Wellness Free Community Lecture for October

The program is *Open Enrollment Tips to Save You Time and Money*, presented by Phil Castell, Castell Insurance

**Wednesday, October 12**  
**2:30 – 3:30 pm**  
**at Trinity United Methodist Church**

### Upcoming Programs:

**November 9** - *Dynamic Balance Ideas*, presented by Barb Pascal, Retired Physical Therapist

**December 14** - *When to Call 911 and What to Do*, presented by Captain Derrell Sharp, Clallam Fire District #3

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

## August Financial Results

In August Operating Fund income totaled **\$23,413** which is **\$920 less than our monthly budget** but **\$1,353 higher than our actual August expenses**. As a result, Operating Fund income for the first eight months of 2016 totaled **\$186,468** which is **\$2,586 lower than our YTD Budget** but **\$5,622 higher than our actual expenses**. The Operating Fund is summarized below.

### Operating Fund

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Planned Income	\$24,333	\$194,676
Actual Income	23,413	192,090
Actual vs.		
Planned Income	(920)	(2,586)
Planned Expenses	24,444	195,660
Actual Expenses	22,060	186,468
Actual Income vs.		
Actual Expenses	1,353	5,622

**Finance Committee**

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## Women of the ELCA

In this month's Bible Study we learn about the parable of the workers in the vineyard in Matthew 20, about the difference between what seems fair to the individual and what God sees as fair for us all.

We will meet in the DVLC library at 10:00am Thursday morning, October 13. With lots of sharing, the "study" lasts about 1 ½ hours. We welcome new ladies any time and have extra copies of the Gather magazine.

Rosemary Freed, secretary

Lutheran World Relief Babycare Kits: There will be another assembly time on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am in DVLC narthex. Last assembly time we packed 30 kits and still have leftovers, but soap and socks are needed all the time!!

Rosemary Freed -681-0956

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## Monday/Friday Exercise Class

Are you stiff in the morning or find it hard to get up off your chair? You might consider coming to the exercise session on Monday and Friday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 or 10:45. The session involves stretching from head to toe, light weight and band exercises, some aerobics, and working on our core. You would need a mat, weights anywhere from 1# to 4# and bands if you want to use them. Come check a session out to see if it is something you would be interested in. Our need to keep flexible and keep our balance is very important to us whatever age. Exercise on our own at home, never I'm too busy, but if I commit to two days a week with a group and have fun to boot I just might do it. So come check it out and join us everyone who comes works at their own speed.

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## Mission Concerns Committee

The **Sequim Cares** group working with the Sequim Police Department to assist the homeless, heard from Police Chief Dickinson about the outreach efforts of his officers. Several individuals have been assisted with food, clothing vouchers and other resources. Word of the effort has spread through the homeless community of Sequim and folks are seeking help at the Police Station, as well as on the streets. Churches have experienced a decline in the number of people asking for assistance.

The police have a written set of policies and procedures to guide them when interacting with the homeless folks. There are also policies dealing with the voucher system itself. No cash is distributed.

The group also heard an update about Sequim Community Aid. The Board is in the process of reorganizing and clients are presently being referred to St. Vincent de Paul for needed assistance and referrals.

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## Yuletide Bazaar – November 19

Fall is here and it's time for everyone to be thinking of the Yuletide Bazaar on November 19. Start reminding all your friends and neighbors, printed information will be forth coming. People love to come in the front door and head for the delicious baked goods we have to offer; especially the lefse. That means we need everyone to start looking up good ethnic recipes to try out for the bazaar. The crafters have been busy all year long and are finding time is drawing near. Anyone making items at home for the bazaar may bring them to the parish house on a Thursday or leave them in the office marked bazaar. Please give us a price suggestion for your item.

## **DVLC supports LGBTQ community (lesbian, gay, bi, transgender and queer/questioning).**

The GSA (gay straight alliance) high school club meets here at DVLC once a month. Brochures about this group are available in the narthex.

The GSA a student-run club in a high school or middle school that brings together LGBTQI+ and straight students to support each other, provide a safe place to socialize, and create a platform to fight for racial, gender, and economic justice.

GSA Network is a next-generation LGBTQ racial and gender justice organization that empowers and trains queer, trans and allied youth leaders to advocate, organize, and mobilize an intersectional movement for safer schools and healthier communities.

**Coming Soon!  
A group to support  
parents and friends  
of the LGBTQ  
community**

Jan Webb and Bev Horan  
coordinators of these endeavors.

### **MINDFUL MEDITATION**

In the Parish House  
2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAYS  
9:00 – 10:30am

## **EDUCATION AT DVLC**

**Bible Classes & Discussion Groups have been in session Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.**

**Lots to choose from!  
Check out the Christian Education  
brochure in the narthex!**

### **TAI CHI CLASSES, Fridays at 3:15**

**Health Benefits of Tai Chi: This gentle form of exercise can help maintain strength, flexibility, and balance. Could be the perfect activity for the rest of your life. Tai chi is often described as "meditation in motion," but it might well be called "medication in motion."**

Youth/kids are meeting October 2 to package food and toiletries for Lutheran Community Services. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for future needs as we head into the colder season.  
**Socks, Hats, Gloves, Granola Bars, Soap, Toothpaste**



Friends and families had fun on Saturday, September 24 as 14 of us gathered to play board games at the Webb's.



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