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# Dungeness Valley Lutheran *Currents*

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November 2016

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## ***Pastor's Notes***

### ***"Time to Work on Your 'Inside Life'?"***

When our family moved from Washington to Minnesota, we quickly discovered that we would need to live two separate kinds of lives. In the late Spring, Summer and early Autumn, we live our outdoor life. In spite of mosquitoes and days of extreme temperature and humidity (there were unfortunately many of each!), we stayed outside as much as possible.

During the Winter months, however, there were long stretches when it was just too cold to go out, at least for very long. So, unlike here in Washington – where you can be outside practically all of the time, if you want - we learned to spend most of our time indoors, doing indoor things. You know: music, arts and crafts, playing games, watching TV and the like. This did take some getting used to. But after a while, we adapted, and it worked for us.

Now that it's almost November, and the first frosts have come, I feel the old Minnesota urge growing again to reestablish my indoor life. But in a different sort of way. Let me explain.

The kind of indoor life I now feel called to develop hasn't got much, if anything, to do with music, arts and crafts, hobbies or other leisure pursuits. It has everything to do with finding and sticking with a path of spiritual discipline. The older I get, the more I feel the need to spend intentional time tending to the awakening of my true, inner self: what used to commonly be known in religious circles as the soul. For me, that means spending quiet time alone in meditation, seeking out those with whom I need to mend strained or broken

relationships, and finding ways to be loving and compassionate toward others.

I am convinced that doing this kind of soul work now will pay immediate dividends in terms of enhancing the quality of my whole life, both indoor and outdoor. But it will also be of great benefit down the road, when my life will inevitably become, regardless of the weather outside, more and more an indoor kind of life.

**Taking time to cultivate deep spiritual growth prepares us for the ultimate letting go that we will all need to do in order to peacefully move from this life to the next.**

I am gradually getting a clearer sense about what my own pathway of spiritual discipline will look like. But it may bear little resemblance to what will work for you. That, I think, is as it should be. Each of us must find our own way.

So as the year grows older and darker and colder outside, let me invite you to stoke the fires of your inside life. If meditation isn't your bag, try inspirational devotional reading on for size. Listen to music that feeds your soul. Forgive others, and yourself. Seek opportunities for reconciliation. Do your best to be fearless and at peace, so that when the weather of your life turns frightful, your inside will be a delightful place in which to ride out the storms that come your way.

Yes, it's time, isn't it? Time to work on your inside life!

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all in the name of Jesus,

***Pastor Jack*** ☺

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## **Church Council Highlights for September**

### **New Business:**

**Motion #3** Ken Eide made a motion to accept the Stewardship Letter

2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Herrick

Action: Motion passed

Financial Secretary position, Dave Olson is stepping down and Betty Zander will take over.

**Motion #4** Orlin Trandahl made a motion to accept Betty Zander as our new Financial Secretary.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Eide

Action: Motion passed

### **Committee Reports**

**Education:** Youth met on the second Sunday of the month and put together 50 bags. Bev Horan and Jan Webb met with the principal, the counselor and 2 teachers from Sequim High and Middle School to form a parent support group.

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### ***Pastor's Report – September 2016***

<b>24</b> – Meetings	<b>4</b> – Hospital Visits
<b>1</b> – Funeral	<b>7</b> – Classes
<b>2</b> – Home Visits	<b>0</b> – Weddings
<b>12</b> – Office Visits	<b>0</b> – Baptisms
<b>0</b> – Confirmations	

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### **AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:**

Average Sunday Attendance for

**September 2016: 107**

**September 2015: 105**

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### ***The Reflections Group***

The next meeting of the Reflections Group Bible study, led by Pastor Ruth Geiger, 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 information.

## **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, Henry Fischer**

### **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);  
**Rebekah, Patience, Parker and Joeigh**  
(Ruth Geiger),  
**RaeNell DeJung** (Jennifer Schroeder)

### **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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## **A Special Thank You to Dave Olson**

Dave Olson has served DVLC for many years as Financial Secretary and is now resigning from the position. We appreciate his work and thank him for all his years of service. Betty Zander will be taking over this position.

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## **Service Helpers for November**

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

### **8:30 Service**

Lectors: Nov. 6	Ray Dangman
Nov. 13	Judy Lynn
Nov. 20	Jan Boyungs
Nov. 27	Andra Smith

### **Ushers & Greeters:**

Nov. 6	Dennis Isaac
Nov. 13	Carleen Bensen
Nov. 20	Marian Needham
Nov. 27	Jan Boyungs

### **Communion Assistants:**

Nov. 6 - Betty Zander and Gloria Virak  
Nov. 20 - Mary Deckebach and Andra Smith

### **11:00 Service**

Lectors: Nov. 6	Karin Lohrman
Nov. 13	Sherry Wright
Nov. 20	to be announced
Nov. 27	Karin Lohrman

Greeters: Nov. 6 Bud and Ellen Fullhart

Ushers: Nov. 6	Chris Juergens and Margaret Crayton
Nov. 13	Chris Juergens and Mike Crayton
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Nov. 27	Chris Juergens and Ted Johnson

### **Communion**

Nov. 6 - LaNice Korus, Elaine Nelson, Nancy Martin, Jim and Gloria Fitzpatrick

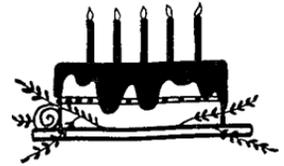
Nov. 20 - Louise Lemley, Elaine Nelson, LaNice Korus and Nancy Martin

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## **DVLC Birthday Corner**

### **Birthday celebrations for November:**

2 – Nancy Schroeder  
3 – Jeanett Gamlem  
4 – Angelica Grant  
9 – Robert Crist  
9 – Collis Massey  
10 – Gloria Fitzpatrick  
10 – Gwyn Wessel  
14 – Jo Uht  
15 – Hayden Webb  
21 – Dennis Isaac  
23 – Irv Brock  
24 – Jim Jones  
25 – Vicki Naumann  
25 – Susan Sorenson  
27 – Gloria Virak  
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.

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## **WOW! Working On Wellness Free Community Lecture for November**

The program is *Dynamic Balance Ideas*, presented by Barb Pascal, Retired Physical Therapist

**Wednesday, November 9  
2:30 – 3:30 pm  
at Trinity United Methodist Church**

### **Upcoming Programs:**

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

**January 11, 2017** - *Plant Based Eating: Good For You, Good For The World*

**February 8, 2017** - *Prevention of Dementia: an Integrative Approach*

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

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## EDUCATION AT DVLC

Things are happening during the week with kids and teens connected with the church – even though we don't see many on Sunday mornings.

- Fridays, once a month, we host the high school GSA (Gay Straight Alliance, aka Genders & Sexualities) club. October 21 we had 9 high schoolers.
- Once a week meeting with kids for homework and hanging out.
- High schoolers meet occasionally at church on Sunday morning for a chat and devotional time and/or a service project.
- Kids serve in our community through helping at the food bank, light lunch and other community events. **Please commend them for their service!**
- **KIDS/YOUTH:** The education committee is open to organizing classes or other events that kids are interested in. Please let them know if you would like to help make something happen here at DVLC!

### ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS NOVEMBER – DECEMBER

*DVLC continues to offer intriguing  
classes on Sundays and  
Wednesdays.*

#### SUNDAY MORNINGS

November 6 at 9:40 am: Final class on  
**Science and Religion Today**

November 13, 20, and 27 at 9:40 am:  
**Worship Practices: Liturgy, Symbols,  
Seasons, and other practices.** Why we do  
the things we do in worship.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Following our potluck, beginning at 6:30 pm.  
November 2, 9 and 16: **Church Councils  
and Their Impact Today.**



## Annual Christmas Program Needs You!

(Adults and kids/youth needed  
this year)

Help us travel around the world to celebrate Christmas. Our program is called **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS ALL AROUND THE WORLD.**

TRAVEL DATE:  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 9:45 am**



You can share about traditions from a country of interest and put something on the tree to signify that. **We have scripts written (short, 1 paragraph) for a number of countries if you would like to participate or write your own.**

**Already scripted countries include:**  
Germany, Romania, Nigeria, Sweden, Scotland, Finland, France, China, Argentina, Netherlands, Haiti, Greece, Italy, Ecuador, Mexico, Iraq, South Africa and Japan.

Contact Jan Webb, Karin Anderson, Andra Smith, or Jennifer in the church office, if you would like to participate.

**Other ways to participate: Bring a nativity scene to display**, especially if they are from another country – and you can **bring a snack or treat from another country to share.**





**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.

**September Financial  
Results**

In September Operating Fund income was very low at **\$21,360** which is **\$2,973 less than our monthly budget** and **\$2,961 less than our actual September expenses**. As a result, Operating Fund income for the first three quarters of 2016 totaled **\$213,541** which is **\$5,468 lower than our YTD Budget** but **\$2,823 higher than our actual expenses**. The Operating Fund is summarized below.

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	
	<u>September</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Planned Income	\$24,333	219,009
Actual Income	21,360	213,541
Actual vs.		
Planned Income	(2,973)	(5,468)
Planned Expenses	24,444	220,104
Actual Expenses	24,322	210,717
Actual Income vs.		
Actual Expenses	(2,961)	2,823

**Finance Committee**

**Sequim United Parish  
Thanksgiving Service at  
Trinity United Methodist**

On Tuesday, November 22, 1 pm at Trinity United Methodist we share our Thanksgiving service with TUMC and St. Luke's Episcopal Churches. We come together to give thanks for all the ways that God is a part of our lives. The Choirs will combine for a practice before the service at 11:30. **All are welcome!**

**NorthWest Women's Chorale  
Presents: Peninsula Men's  
Gospel Singers**

**Celebrating Our Beginnings  
Concert: Friday November 18, 7 P.M  
at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
301 N. Lopez, Port Angeles.**

The NorthWest Women's Chorale directed by Joy Lingerfelt in collaboration with pianist Kristen Quigley Brye will sing several selections to complement the concert of The Peninsula Men's Gospel Singers under the direction of Michael Rivers with pianist Penny Hall. Suggested Donation \$15. Plan to come for this inspiring night of beautiful music.

**Holy Trinity once again  
presents Carols Galore.**

This is an evening of bringing the community together to hear and sing the many Christmas carols of our tradition. There will be a bit of learning about the history of various carols. It will be an informal time of informing and singing together, families are welcome!

The popular event takes place at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall downstairs on Sunday, December 4th at 6:00 pm. A new twist this year will be the sharing of Stollen, a German fruit bread with an iced topping and cups of hot chocolate. Donations will be taken at the door.



## Yuletide Bazaar: BAKESALE!! Guidelines for Baked Goods!

- Please bring a copy of your recipe or a list of ingredients.
- Please bring fudge un-cut; it will be cut & packaged for you.
- Please package all other goodies; label ingredients if possible.
- Please do not bring goodies that require refrigeration.
- Please deliver to the church on Friday, Nov 18, 10am – 4 pm

### **ALWAYS IN DEMAND:**

Pies, cakes, dinner rolls, cobbler, and biscotti!!

Thank you for your tasty baked goods!!! Bazaar attendees always head for the baked goods as soon as they enter the church!!!

For questions,  
call Randi Cooper 683-9627 or  
Susie Herrick 681-6872.

**(No reminder calls will be made this year!)**

## A Worship Practices Class

### Aren't you curious about:

**Why** our order of Service (the Liturgy) is what it is?

**What** is it with the Church Seasons? Liturgical Colors? Lectionary? Sacraments?

**How** about those Christian signs and symbols?  
Church Art and Music?  
Saints?  
Festivals & Celebrations?

**Sundays at 9:40am  
November 13, 20, 27**

It will be worth a few minutes of your time!

