
Dungeness Valley Lutheran *Currents*



March 2017

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Pastor's Notes

" [Jesus said] 'For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who listens to the truth listens to my voice.' Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?' "
John 18:37b-38a

" [Jesus said] 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' "
John 8:31b-32

"There are three kinds of lies: lies, damn lies, and statistics."
Mark Twain

Living in a Post-Truth World

Q: What was Oxford Dictionary's pick for 2016's international "word of the year"?

A: "Post-Truth"

So what exactly does "post-truth" mean?

Post-truth has been defined as "relating to or denoting circumstances in which facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief." In other words, if it sounds right; if it feels right; if I want it to be true; and/or if the people who are my peer group want it to be true; it is true. Regardless of any substantial evidence to the contrary.

If any of this sounds vaguely familiar, it ought to. In our school days, a lot of us probably read George Orwell's nightmarish vision of the future of human society: "1984." Orwell recognized that the day would soon be coming when the very objectivity of truth itself will be under attack. In particular, he foresaw that "political language... is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give the appearance of solidity to the pure wind." In such a world, "War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength."

We see this approach to "the truth" being acted out on a daily basis in our recent political discourse. One side insists on its set of "facts," which are quite different than those assembled by the other side. The result is that each side talks over and past one another. Very seldom is there any agreement about the facts of any matter. At best, only a grudging acknowledgement that there is my truth, and well, possibly your truth, too.

I wonder if this deplorable state of affairs hasn't been carried over into matters having to do with our faith. Consider the case of differing Christian core values and concerns among faith-based groups. Many fervent evangelicals insist that there two great evils that confront us: homosexuality and abortion. Equally fervent main-liners point to poverty, injustice and degradation of the earth's ecosystems as examples of primary religious concerns.

The result? Not much different than what goes on in the political realm. A failure to search for common ground. And a refusal to work together even when common ground is identified, unless "my truth" is acknowledged and agreed to as winning out in the end.

Perhaps there is no better time to address the issue of "the truth" than right now. Lent is arriving. We are about to enter a penitential season: a time to take stock, repent, and better reimagine not only our own life, but also the life we have in common. I can think of no better objective than to get back in touch with the truth.

Can you?

Yours for a blessed, sober and thoughtful Lent,

Pastor Jack ☺

Church Council Highlights – Council Retreat

- Paul Wessel spoke of a study he has been working on, improving the sound in the sanctuary. He submitted three bids for acoustic engineering. We have designated funds for improving the sound quality in the sanctuary. Motion was made and accepted for Paul to continue with the study.
- Finance - we have a surplus, 2% over the budget
- Carpet cleaning – sanctuary, Narthex, hallway and classroom on the left. Will be completed before Easter.

Pastor's Report – January 2017

25 – Meetings	1 – Hospital Visit
0 – Funerals	8 – Classes
8 – Home Visits	0 – Weddings
9 – Office Visits	0 – Baptisms
0 – Confirmations	

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:

Average Sunday Attendance for
January 2017: 92
January 2016: 111

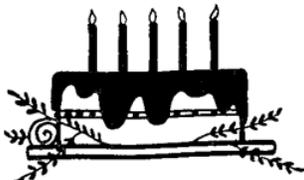
DVLC Birthday Corner

Birthday celebrations for March:

3 – Karen Fluke
4 – Gordon Zander
6 – LaRay Greene
7 – Mary Griffith
9 – Phyllis Cowan
12 – Gail Schwab
27 – Paul Lemley
30 – Marie Johnson

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.



IN OUR PRAYERS



ILLNESS/SURGERY RECOVERY MEMBERS

Sue Stauffer; Les and Ruth Skogman;
Loren Kreutner; Janet Hintermayr;
Annette Lindamood; Lee Raymond;
Ginger Little; Tracy Williams; Bob Hardy;
Mark & Rosemary Freed; Duane Little;
Sharon Grant, Mary Longstaff

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);
Marsha & Lee Richard (LaNice Korus);
Tami (LaNice Korus); **Larry** (Bob Green);
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);
Rebekah, Patience, Parker and Joeigh
(Ruth Geiger),
Kirk Jennings (Brenda Jennings);
Vanessa (Randi Cooper), **Rick and Julia**
Piglowski (Paul and Gwyn);
June Wright (Sherry Wright);
Eleanor (Bev Horan)

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

Come Celebrate

Mardi Gras /

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feast

**February 28,
6:00pm**

Everyone is welcome!



The Reflections Group

The Reflections Group Bible study, led by Pastor Ruth Geiger, will meet on Wednesday March 8 at 1 pm at the home of one of the group's members. They will be discussing Genesis 7. Contact Pastor Ruth for more info [206-349-4082](tel:206-349-4082).

WOW! Working On Wellness Free Community Lecture for March

The program is *The "New" Miracle Drug - Exercise For All Ages*, presented by Dr. Tim Guthrie, Jamestown Family Health Clinic

**Wednesday, March 8
2:30 – 3:30 pm
at Trinity United Methodist Church**

Upcoming Programs:

- April 12 - *Better Dental Health For You***
- May 10 - *The Mental Well-being Challenges of Living Longer***
- June 14 - *Fight the Fall - Strategies and Exercise to Improve Balance, Safety and Fitness***

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

Ash Wednesday Service

March 1 at 3 pm here at DVLC

We will again be gathering with our friends from Trinity United Methodist Church 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.



Understanding the Call Process

“FRIGHTENING & EXHILARATING” are the words used to describe the process of calling a new pastor! This is the opening paragraph of what is called the Synod’s “Call Manual.”

Hopefully this article will open the dialogue of what goes on in the call process.

First, what is a call? “Those called to leadership positions in the Church are gifted with a relationship with the people of God that allows them to be a part of people’s lives at the most sacred and precious events of life.” “A call to proclaim both Law and Gospel. Leaders are called to comfort and console, support and care for God’s people. They are also called to proclaim and live a - corrective and challenging Word from God that may at times cause discomfort.”

The phase our congregation is in now is called the Transition Phase, we have a transition team that is tasked with the self-study and visioning process and congregational profile. **THIS IS THE POINT WHERE THE CONGREGATION NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED.**

The transition team must prepare a “Ministry Site Profile.” “In short, this is the profile of the congregation that shares congregational history, current structures and staffing patterns, hopes for future mission directions, demographic data about the community, as well as the gifts for leadership being sought by the congregation. The Ministry Site Profile is written by the Transition Team, with input from the congregational members. **THE CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS NEED TO HAVE A SAY AS TO WHERE THEY WANT TO GO.**”



Communication is Key

The transitional team, sometime in March, will be setting up sessions where congregational members can participate in the Ministry Site Profile outlined above.

WATCH FOR INFORMATION ABOUT HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS!

During this transitional phase an Interim Pastor will be welcomed to our church to carry out the leadership as we continue the call process.

TIMELINE:

1-4 months – Ministry Site Profile prepared – adequate time must be allowed to hear from the entire membership of the congregation.

4-6 weeks – The bishop’s office reviews possible candidates, decides which will be recommended to the Call Committee and processes each candidate’s Rostered Leader Profile for submission to the Call Committee.

2-3 months – Call Committee contacts candidate and arranges to conduct interviews. This involves inviting a candidate to visit.

1-2 months – Congregation Council receives the Call Committee’s recommendation and schedules a special congregation meeting to vote on issuing a call.

30 days – Constitutionally, pastors are usually allowed 30 days to respond to a call.

30 – 60 days – most congregation constitutions provide for a minimum 30 day period between the time a pastor resigns and concludes his or her present ministry. This allows for a proper and orderly transition.

Service Helpers for March

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

8:30 Service -

Lectors:

March 5 Jan Boyungs
March 12 Andra Smith
March 19 Dawn Langjahr
March 26 Dennis Isaac

Ushers:

March 5 Ray Dangman
March 12 Marian Needham
March 19 Dennis Isaac
March 26 Judy Lynn

Communion Assistants:

March 5 Mary Deckebach
and Betty Zander
March 19 Diane Isaac and
Betty Zander

11:00 Service:

Lectors:

March 5 Karin Lohrman
March 12 Ruth Geiger
March 19 Donna McMillen
March 26 Russ Grant

Ushers:

March 5 Jim and Sandy Jones
March 12 Jim and Sandy Jones
March 19 Bud Fulhart and
Chris Juergens
March 26 Bud Fulhart and
Chris Juergens

Greeters:

March 5 Jack and Ruth Brown
March 12 Lu Mogck
March 19 Jack and Ruth Brown
March 26 Ellen Fullhart and
Lu Mogck

Communion Assistants:

March 5: Louise Lemley, Ruth
Geiger, Ted Johnson,
Sherry Wright
March 19 Louise Lemley,
Ruth Geiger, Ted
Johnson, Sherry Wright

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Grant
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Angelica Lee Grant

to

Erik Kiku Rodgers

Saturday, March 18, 2:00pm

Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church

925 N. Sequim Ave.

Sequim, Washington 98382

Light Reception to follow

RSVP by March 05, 2017

January 2017 Financial Results

In January we were in the "black", which is a good way to start the year. Operating Fund receipts in January were **\$26,967** which is **\$1,814 higher than our monthly budget** and **\$2,423 higher than our actual January expenses**. The Operating Fund is summarized below.

Operating Fund

	<u>January</u>	<u>2017</u>
Planned Receipts	\$25,153	\$25,153
Actual Receipts	26,967	26,967
Actual vs.		
Planned Receipts	1,814	1,814
Planned Expenses	24,970	24,970
Actual Expenses	24,544	24,544
Actual Receipts vs.		
Actual Expenses	2,423	2,423

Finance Committee



2017 Lent Schedule

Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church

Tuesday, February 28, Shrove Tuesday	6:00pm
Wednesday, March 1, Ash Wednesday	3:00pm
Wednesday, March 8 Soup and Bread	5:45pm
Sanctuary open for silent prayer	6:30pm
Adult Ed – Finding Peace	6:30pm
Wednesday, March 15 Soup and Bread	5:45pm
Sanctuary open for silent prayer	6:30pm
Adult Ed – Finding Peace	6:30pm
Wednesday, March 22 Soup and Bread	5:45pm
Sanctuary open for silent prayer	6:30pm
Adult Ed – Finding Peace	6:30pm
Wednesday, March 29 Soup and Bread	5:45pm
Roblealto Presentation	6:30pm
Wednesday, April 5 Soup and Bread	5:45pm
Lent Service	6:30pm
Thursday, April 13, Holy Thursday	6:30pm
Friday, April 14, Good Friday	3:00pm
Sunday, April 16, Easter	8:30am & 11:00am