
Dungeness Valley Lutheran *Currents*



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Pastor's Notes

Standing by the Cross

*Beneath the cross of Jesus
I long to take my stand;
The shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
A home within a wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noon-tide heat
and burdens of the day.*
"Beneath the Cross of Jesus," Stanza 1

There are times when you may want to cover up some deplorable thing that has happened. And others, when you need to make it plain so that the whole world can see.

I was reminded of this fact by a recent news story. In a radio interview, Rabbi Daniel Weiner of Temple De Hirsch Sinai in Seattle told of finding anti-Semitic, Holocaust-denying graffiti spray-painted on the synagogue's Old Sanctuary. You might think that after the police had come and gone, that an effort would be made to immediately remove the offensive message. Or at least, cover it up. Indeed, Rabbi Weiner said that within an hour of its discovery, some well-meaning person did come and covered the graffiti with a bedsheet, lettered with a message proclaiming the triumph of love over hate.

Yet after giving the matter some thought, Rabbi Weiner ordered that the bedsheet be taken down. It was not, he explained, that the gesture was unappreciated. In fact, an effort was made to identify and thank the person responsible for the cover-up. But the point Rabbi Weiner wanted to make was that hiding this act of

vandalism from the public eye might signal a willingness to capitulate. To sweep it under the rug. To once again suffer in silence, rather than demonstrate a willingness to confront the issue of hateful prejudice in a public way and not be intimidated by it.

In a similar way, Christians have long refused to cover up the shame and humiliation, the blatant Roman attempt to intimidate, logically associated with the execution of Jesus on a cross. Even though we prefer to prettify the cross as symbol (think about how crosses are most-often now worn as pieces of jewelry made of precious metals and/or other decorative materials), we still wear it as a visible reminder of the means of Jesus' death.

And yet the Cross has come to mean so much more than that!

Traditionally, of course, the Cross represents the price that Jesus had to pay to redeem the sins of a fallen humanity. But it also speaks to the willingness of every martyr before or since who has given up their life for the sake of their ideals, and in so doing, encouraged others to take a similar stand. And still others find in the Cross a call to non-violent resistance against the forces of oppression and domination of this world.

Perhaps one idea that all might hold in common is that the Cross ultimately leads to God's "Yes!" as a response to the world's "No!"

And that the Cross of Jesus ought never be covered up, but always be made plain for the whole world to see.

Yours for a blessed Holy Week (and Easter!)

Pastor Jack ☺

Church Council Highlights

- Carpet will be cleaned April 3, 2017 in the Classroom on the left, Altar, Narthex and hallway from office to Narthex.
- New DVLC Member Dinner April 7th
- Pastor Kim, Associate to the Bishop, is preaching April 30
- Pastor Jack's last day is May 28
- Basketball hoop will be repaired.
- Summer worship hours were set, May 28th – September 4, 10 am (or 9:45 am)
- Finance Committee reported we're in the black!

2017 FOOD BANK Sunday collections:

January – 200 pounds

February – 300 pounds

March – 325 pounds

Pastor's Report – February 2017

19 – Meetings	3 – Hospital Visits
0 – Funerals	9 – Classes
13 – Home Visits	0 – Weddings
6 – Office Visits	0 – Baptisms
0 – Confirmations	

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:

Average Sunday Attendance for

February 2017: 100

February 2016: 108

Kitchen HELP NEEDED

on Sunday mornings. Please contact the church office, dvlcoffice@gmail.com or call [360-681-0946](tel:360-681-0946). We need people to step up and help on Sunday morning with setting up snacks and making COFFEE.

Coming to your House soon by Mail...

Something we don't want you to miss.

You will have an opportunity to answer a survey letting us know what you want to see in the future for DVLC and its new pastor. Please give your answers prayerful consideration.

Your transition committee

Interested in Joining DVLC?

If you're interested in joining DVLC please contact the church office, dvlcoffice@gmail.com or call [360-681-0946](tel:360-681-0946). A new member dinner is scheduled for April 7th!

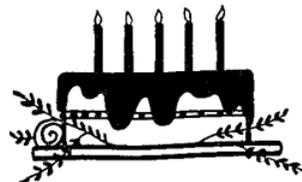
DVLC Birthday Corner

Birthday celebrations for April:

1 – Nancy Martin
1 – Steve Curtis
9 – Tom Freeman
13 – Tory Olsen
20 – Bob Naumann
22 – Gene Bradbury
24 – Susie Herrick
24 – Helen Johnson
24 – Samantha Smith
26 – Bev Horan
27 – Jan Webb
27 – Shani Floyd
30 – Joanne Hallett

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 be April 5 at 1 pm at the home of one of their members. They will be meeting a week earlier than usual. Their topic will be Judas Iscariot. In preparation, please read Matthew 26:14-16, Matthew 26:47-50 and Matthew 27:1-10. You can find parallel scripture on these texts in both Mark and Luke. This will be a very interesting study as we prepare for Easter. Contact Pastor Ruth for more info [206-349-4082](tel:206-349-4082).

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

**Summer worship hours:
May 28 – September 4
One service 10:00 am**

BIBLE STUDY:

Prayer in the New Testament

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.: April 18 thru May 16

Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.: April 19th thru

May 17th

Led by Gene Bradbury



Week One:

Prayer in the Greco-Roman
World

Prayer in the New Testament

Week Two:

Prayer in the Gospel of Mark

Week Three:

Prayer in the Gospel of Luke

Week Four:

The Prayers of Jesus
The Lord's Prayer

Week Five:

Prayer and the Greco-Roman
Letter Form
Prayers in Paul: Philippians &
Ephesians

Inquiring Minds Want to Know...

YES. There will be a garage sale,
July 22. Start saving all those things you
need to get rid of, but that are just too good
to throw away. Hold on to them, if you can,
until the first of June, or later. We won't
have much storage space before then.
Meanwhile, put the date on your calendar
and watch for opportunities to help during
sale week.

Shrove Tuesday Activity

Below is the compilation of the pages people made during the pancake dinner, associating words beginning with each letter of MISSIONS and LENT:

M MOTIVATE, MEALS,
MINISTRY, make more
MONEY

I IDEALISTIC, INVITING,
INVINCIBLE,
INTERESTING,
INDIGINOUS people

S SAVING-SAVIOR,
SIMPLE, SINGING,
SERVICE

I INDEPEDENCE,
INTERGENERATIONAL
, INTERACTIVE,
INCLUSIVITY

O OPPORTUNITY,
OMNIPRESENT, OPEN
TO ALL PEOPLE

N NEAT, NICE, NEEDS,
NECESSITIES,
NEWCOMERS

L LOVE, LITANY,
LUTHERANISM

E EGGS!, EVERLASTING,
EVANGELICAL,
EPIPHANY

N NONSENSE
(FAT TUESDAY), NEW

T TRUE, THANKFUL,
THOUGHTFUL

COMING SOON TO DVLC MINISTRY FAIR

MAY 7, 2017

SUNDAY, BETWEEN SERVICES AND
AFTER 2ND SERVICE. FILL OUT A
MINISTRY RESPONSE FORM, SHARE
YOUR GIFTS OF GRACE.

FIND YOUR FIT FOR MINISTRY!

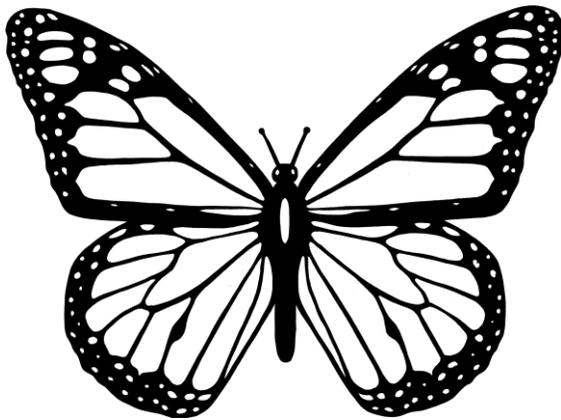
See the additional information in
this newsletter and subsequent
bulletins for more information. The
Education and Evangelism
Committees are sponsoring
this fair.



HOLY WEEK:

**Holy Thursday April 13,
6:30 pm service**

**Good Friday April 14,
3:00 pm service**



EASTER: APRIL 16

EASTER OPPORTUNITIES!

- **8:30 and 11:00am –
WORSHIP**
- **Sign up to bring a food
item for our brunch
between services (sign-up
in the church narthex now)**
- **Sign up to bring an Easter
Lily for display**
- **Invite neighbors, friends &
family**
- **Crafts available in the
narthex for kids/adults on
Easter**

WOW! Working On Wellness Free Community Lecture for April

The program is
Better Dental Health For You,
presented by Dr. Richard (Bud) Davies and
Errin Aidane, RDH, Sequim Smiles

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

Upcoming Programs:

**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*

February 2017 Financial Results

For the first two months of 2017 our
**receipts have exceeded our expenses by
\$3,764.** Operating Fund receipts in February
were **\$23,975** which is **\$1,169 lower than
our monthly budget** but **\$1,340 higher
than our actual February expenses.**

The Operating Fund is summarized
below.

Operating Fund

	February	2017 YTD
Planned Receipts	\$25,144	\$50,297
Actual Receipts	23,975	50,942
Actual vs.		
Planned Receipts	(1,169)	645
Planned Expenses	24,879	49,849
Actual Expenses	22,635	27,178
Actual Receipts vs.		
Actual Expenses	1,340	3,764

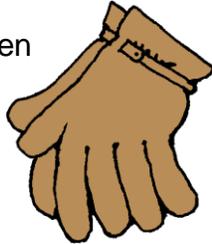
Finance Committee



A Mission Opportunity

Ruth Geiger and Brenda Jennings are leaving soon for Mazatlan,

Mexico. They are collecting gloves for the men and women who survive by recycling items from the city dump. They are also collecting shoes, preferably not thongs or sandals, for the children of the dump workers. Items can be brought to the church and placed in the box in the entry way until Palm Sunday.



Our Mission Trip to Roblealto

What would a dozen senior citizens do on a hillside farm, overlooking San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica, surrounded by a hundred kids under age 12? The obvious answer is that they would work on a foster home for some kids and refurbish a lot of playground equipment - at least that is what the "dirty dozen" from DVLC did from February 25 to March 4. Ask any of them and they will tell you it was a wonderful experience, and they would probably be willing to go again.

Ken Eide, who had earlier worked with the Roblealto Child Care Association, and had sent contributions from DVLC to support their ministry, announced a planned trip and asked for expressions of interest from others in the congregation. I think even Ken was surprised when so many responded so enthusiastically. Each volunteer, in addition to travel expenses, was expected to pay for room and board during the week and to arrange for a contribution of \$150 per person to pay for material and supplies needed for our work there. With help from the congregation and Thrivent we only needed to add \$50 each to meet the target.

So, what did we do? Some worked in a new foster home, specially designed for foster parents and about a dozen children. We put up concrete board, drywall and hauled crushed rock to fill rooms up to the level needed to pour the concrete floors. Each of the eight existing homes has playground equipment that was badly in need of care. So we scraped, sanded and painted four sets of swings, teeter-totters, slides and monkey bars. On four evenings each pair of us was assigned to have dinner in one of the homes to meet the children and see their new home life. Most of us were greeted at our dormitory house by a delegation, escorted to their house for dinner, and then escorted back to our place after dinner and games. It was a great experience.

Most of the children come from homes where poverty, substance abuse and even violence are part of the environment. It's not surprising that there was little discipline and the children were behind in school, or barely attending. Roblealto establishes a caring environment where school, proper nutrition and discipline are all enfolded within a completely Christian context. They also work with the biological parents, usually a single mother, grandmother or other family member, to help them build a positive environment for the children to return to. Only 55% of the support for Roblealto comes from the Costa Rican government, the remainder comes from volunteers, like us, and from contributions from foundations, businesses and individuals. Their goal is to "break the cycle of poverty" by getting poor children on the path of growth and development that will lead to a better life. Many of their alumni are now successful in professions and business, and they are also a source of support and working role models for the children.

Check out the bulletin board in the narthex and I hope you are there for the presentation on Wednesday evening, March 29th.

SAVE THE DATE!

You are
invited to a
Southwestern
Celebration
for
Jack & Karin
Anderson
at DVLC



Reception at 5:00pm • Dinner at 5:30pm
Invitations to follow.

Service Helpers for April

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

8:30 Service -

Lectors:

April 2	Ted Foster
April 9	Christie Foster
April 16	Judy Lynn
April 23	Dennis Isaac
April 30	Christie Foster

Ushers:

April 2	Judy Lynn
April 9	Dennis Isaac
April 16	Carleen Bensen
April 23	Marian Needham
April 30	Ray Dangman

8:30 Service -

Communion Assistants:

April 2	Mary Deckebach and Gail Schwab
April 16	Diane Isaac and Betty Zander
April 30	Carleen Bensen and Gail Schwab

11:00 Service:

Ushers:

April 2	Chris Juergens
April 9	Chris Juergens
April 16	Ted Johnson Chris Juergens
April 23	Ted Johnson Chris Juergens
April 30	Chris Juergens

Here's your opportunity to find your

"Perfect Fit"

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Between and After 2nd Service

Ministry Fair

Here's your time to find your "perfect fit"
and an opportunity to
show off and highlight our ministries here

at

Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church



OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!

Congregational council

Education

Evangelism

Facility Use committee

Fellowship committee

Finance

Library

Memorial garden

Mission Concerns

Personnel Committee

Property Management

Worship and Music

Sunday Service Participation

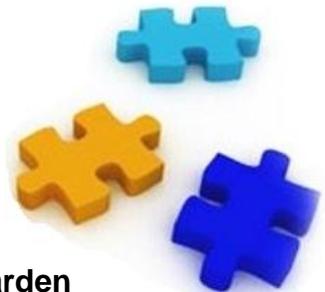
Organizations (MORE/WELCA)

Church Activities

Serving Each Other

Kitchen

And More!



We believe we are called by the Holy Spirit to value the gifts of grace of each person and to share our gifts with others. The Ministry Fair is a great time to check out all we do here at DVLC and choose an interest and share your gifts!

Watch the bulletin and table in narthex for more info.
