



April 2018

Dungeness Valley Lutheran *Currents*

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From our Interim Pastor....

A few weeks ago, in a sermon about change, I threw out the question, “If you could rename our church (don’t worry, we’re not....), what name would you choose?” Lorelee Wade came up with the best idea I’ve heard in a while, “All People Lutheran Church.” I asked her why that name; she answered, because all are welcome here.

What a great legacy and reputation for a gathering of Christians!

I know I don’t always welcome everyone as much as I try. I know there is more welcoming we can do. But to have this as our goal is a fine Easter thought!

Mark’s Gospel ends with the words,

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus’ body]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell

*his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they **said nothing to anyone**, for they were afraid.*

It’s easy to understand how the women would be afraid...but impossible to comprehend that they “said nothing to anyone.” We like to talk! They had something to say! It may have taken some time, but the words came out, “Alleluia! He is risen!”



And Jesus goes before us, **welcoming all people** to the community we call “church.”

DVLC continues this welcome, always asking, “How can we include more people?” We are exploring ideas, talking about “friendly visits” and small groups to meet in homes. YOUR ideas are welcome!

Easter Blessings, one and all,

Pastor Beth

Do you know your church council members? One of them fits each of the following:

- * once worked in a candy factory,
- * once visited Antarctica,
- * worked as a hypnotherapist,
- * once was a lifeguard,
- * is a licensed ham radio operator,
- * once helped with the Iditarod,
- * was born in Germany....can you guess who???



OUR PRAYERS - ILLNESS/SURGERY RECOVERY MEMBERS

Ruth Skogman, Loren Kreutner,
Nona Kessler, Ray Dangman, Mary Massey, Bud Fullhart

Council minutes available on bulletin board

Ever wonder what your council is doing? Minutes from the most recent Council meeting are posted in the narthex. Take time to read them and stay abreast of happenings at DVLC.

Average Sunday Attendance:

February 2018: 86

February 2017: 100



February 2018 Financial Results

The Operating Fund received only \$19,759 in February which is \$3,664 below the monthly Budget and \$1,534 less than our actual expenses. As a result, the Operating Fund YTD receipts were \$43,335 which is \$3,535 less than Budget and \$3,241 less than our actual expenses. The Operating Fund is summarized below.

	<u>February</u>	<u>2018 YTD</u>
Planned Receipts	\$23,423	\$46,870
Actual Receipts	19,759	43,335
Actual vs. Planned Receipts	(3,664)	(3,535)
Planned Expenses	24,259	48,639
Actual Expenses	21,293	46,576
Actual Receipts vs. Actual Expenses	(1,534)	(3,241)



APRIL

1	Nancy Martin
9	Tom Freeman
22	Gene Bradbury
24	Susie Herrick Samantha Smith
26	Bev Horan
27	Jan Webb Shani Floyd
30	Joanne Hallett

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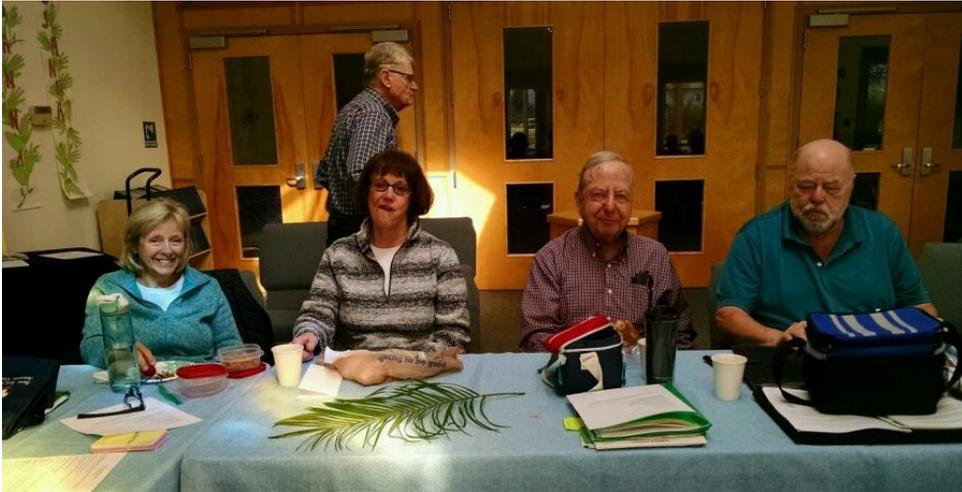
REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Members use Thrivent generosity programs to help communities affected by natural disasters.

RELIEF AND REFORMATION

SEQUIM, WASHINGTON—At Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church, the 500th anniversary celebration of the Reformation that was originally planned took on a second purpose. William Herrick led a Thrivent Action Team of a dozen people to raise funds for hurricane and wildfire relief. Members from a number of area churches attended, enjoying food, entertainment and a silent auction. More than \$3,400 was collected. Early this year, we used Thrivent start-up funds to buy supplies for the Children's Choir Supper and Pancake Supper, which brought in \$700 for the choir and \$764 for the Scholarship Fund.





The church council met for their annual “retreat” right here in the narthex. Pastor Kim Latterell from the Synod Office met not only with the Council, but also with the Call Committee. He answered many questions in depth about the Call process and, with Pastor Beth, led the combined groups in an informal Communion service around the lunch table. He commented that when we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed,” we might open our eyes and look around the table to thank God for the gifts of one another. A productive and upbeat time was had by all.



Thank you for all the Easter Lilies.

*Thank
You*

THANK YOU to all who helped on the church spring clean-up day!!!!

THANK YOU to musicians, Altar Guild, and all who helped make our Lenten and Easter season meaningful.

Sunday Coffee Hour!

If we enjoy goodies on Sunday morning, here's how help provide them. Sign up on the sheet outside the kitchen door. You may bring your goodies anytime before the office closes at 3:00pm on Thursday (they can be put in the freezer with a note on the counter that goodies are in the freezer). The church is closed on Friday and Saturday. The exercise class is there Friday mornings from 9:30 -10:30 and the church door will be unlocked, so you could bring them during that time.

What to bring:

Homemade or bought cookies, fruit, vegetables, cheese and crackers. If you don't want to bake or buy, Randi Cooper is willing to shop for you, suggested money donation for this is \$10. Thank you!

Guided Meditative Retreat, led by Rev. Stan Jacobson, will be on April 14, leaving from church at 9 a.m. and returning at 3 p.m. Meeting at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in PA. Please sign up in the narthex. This will be an opportunity to spend part of a day listening and praying and asking God to speak to you through God's Word and Nature.



Did you know that our monthly newsletter is available both **on line and in print**? When Jennifer sends you her monthly email, she includes a "link" which takes you directly to the newsletter on our website. If you are not getting these emails, please call or email the office

(dvlcoffice@gmail.com). If you want a print copy, or a print copy of the calendar, you will find these located at the welcome-book door of the church. You may also request that a copy be mailed (over \$1 postage) or laid out on a table in the narthex with your name on it. Blessings as you keep informed!! **Website: dvelca.org, click on NEWSLETTER/SERMONS**



Christian Education – join in, learn, and enjoy fellowship!

We continue our **Thursday Bible Studies** in the church library. Please feel free to drop in any week at 1 p.m. We read and study one of the three lessons to be read in church the following Sunday.

On **Sundays, at 9:45**, we have been enjoying viewing an excellent set of videos on Martin Luther.

Beginning April 4, and continuing **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**, we will study the book of Genesis, following a book by Karen Armstrong. Paul Wessel will lead this class and we are taking orders for the book. You'll see a sign-up at church or you may call the office to order your copy.

The Cascadia Earthquake and You. A disaster preparedness talk, open to the public, will focus on the particular threat to the Sequim area. It will be presented at our church, beginning at 6 PM, Thursday, April 12. The presentation by Fire District 3 Assistant Chief Dan Orr, Disaster Planner Blaine Zechenelly and Jim Buck of Joyce will be comparable to the many presentations they have already made in the Sequim and Port Angeles areas. For comparison purposes, they will discuss the effects of the 1964 Alaska earthquake, the last comparable earthquake to hit the United States

Emergency planners say that Clallam County will be isolated for weeks because bridges will collapse, roads will be blocked by slides, and the county will be divided into numerous micro-islands that have no transportation connections remaining. The characteristics of a category 9 earthquake are that the earth will shake violently for 4 or 5 minutes, and there will be tsunami waves 30 to 40 feet high in some places.

Being aware of what might happen is the first step toward being prepared. Quakes of 8 or 9 magnitude have struck the peninsula repeatedly over the past thousands of years. The last "Big One" was on Jan. 26, 1700. Geologists say it is not a question of "if" such a quake will happen, it is just a question of "when".

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home. ✝



There are a couple overhead projectors at church. They are never used. Can you help them find a good home???