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Dungeness Valley Lutheran *Currents*

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From our Interim Pastor....

“I wish I had a home like everyone else.”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our congregation has been troubled by the fact that over 100 Sequim school children are experiencing homelessness and all the physical, mental, educational, and psychological issues that come along with that experience.

The first Sunday I served you here at DVLC, a congregational meeting was held to approve the formation of a “Homeless Shelter Committee.” Now, 10 and a half months later, we are calling another **congregational meeting, May 27, at 9:30**, to vote on moving forward with the Business Plan for what we are calling, for the time being, “Dungeness Valley Homes.” This is an exciting culmination of over a year’s worth of work by a very dedicated committee. And it’s just the beginning!

Support has rolled in from various civic and community sources. A Lutheran attorney is standing by, ready to help. He has drawn up legal documents for other churches which are working on affordable housing. An architect is offering some pro bono work. Fund-raising ideas are being brought forward. Ideas for “case management” and “family support teams” are swirling around.

Informal informational meetings to further explain the goals of this ministry will be held here at the church on these dates:

Wednesday, May 23 6:30 p.m. (come for potluck at 5:45)

Thursday, May 24 at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (coffee will be on)

You can chat with members of the committee and ask questions so that our meeting on the 27th may go as smoothly as possible.

During the last 10 months the “Homeless Shelter Committee” learned a great deal about needs, hopes and dreams of people in Sequim, specifically about people with children in our Sequim schools. The committee changed its name to match its focus, which also changed, from “shelter” to “affordable housing.” **The “Affordable Housing Committee” will seek to build a complex which would provide affordable housing to from 4 to 8 families with children.**

The Committee members come from DVLC and from the Sequim wider community. I am an *ex officio* member. You may contact any of these for more information. Please do!

Gerald Enzenauer, Chair

Nancy Martin

Jim Jones

Andra Smith

Samantha Troxler

Paul Wessel

Amanda Rosenberg

Mike Flynn

John Beitzel

Jennifer Puff

In the meantime, it is our profound hope and dream that DVLC can make a difference for some of the families experiencing homelessness in our town.

May God grant that these hopes and dreams come to fruition. “Inasmuch as you have done this for the least of these my sisters and brothers, you have done it for me,” said our Lord.

God bless you with peace,
Pastor Beth

**Pray for our congregational call process,
for the call committee
and for the pastors they are interviewing.**

OUR PRAYERS - ILLNESS/SURGERY RECOVERY MEMBERS

Ruth Skogman, Loren Kreutner, Ray Dangman,

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 for March 2018: 104

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Finance Committee: The Operating Fund received \$22,886 in March which is \$537 below the monthly Budget and \$1,709 less than our actual expenses. As a result, the Operating Fund receipts in the first quarter were \$66,221 which is \$4,072 less than Budget and \$4,950 less than our actual expenses. In addition designated contributions (non-operating funds) during the first quarter totaled \$2,266. The Operating Fund is summarized below.

Operating Fund

	March	2018 YTD
Planned Receipts	\$23,423	\$70,293
Actual Receipts	22,886	66,221
Actual vs. Planned Receipts	(537)	(4,072)
Planned Expenses	24,269	72,908
Actual Expenses	24,595	71,172
Actual Receipts vs. Actual Expenses	(1,709)	(4,950)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5	Jeff Kenyon	6	Henry Fischer	10	Nathan Needham
13	Fred Velpel	17	Brenda Jennings	19	Carol Pope
21	Christie Foster	22	Ken Olin	26	Jim Hallett
27	John Beitzel, Laura Campbell, Loren Kreutner, Sharon Grant				
29	Eileen Larsen and Darel Tenhoff			31	Carynn Grant

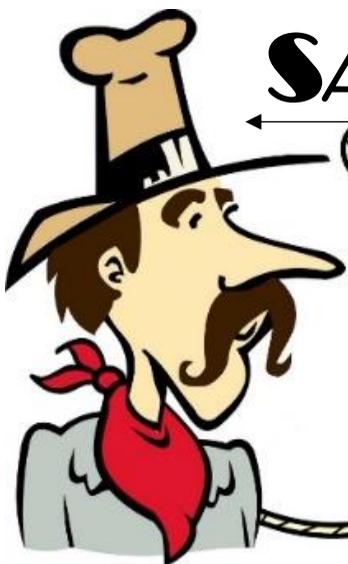
Ray and Mary Ann Dangman, we're glad you're home in Sequim after your months in Seattle for treatment. We keep Ray in prayer for his continued healing and treatment locally.



HELP WANTED AND NEEDED!!

"Baby Care Kits" are sent around the world to mothers who need help starting out with their infants. This past week we sent 31 kits on their way to young moms and babies. Thank you, Rosemary Freed, for making this happen! If you would like to coordinate the assembling of these kits, please talk with Pastor Beth or Jan Webb.

People who care for our **Communion** service (set-up and clean-up of the bread and wine) are a valuable part of our worship team. If you would like to learn to do this important and quiet "behind-the-scenes" work, please talk with Pastor Beth or Jan Webb. You would be on a team and asked to help out once a month at the most.



SAVE THE DATE!!

DVLC
Texas BBQ
June 30th -
5:00pm

Ticket Sales

Sundays
between services
& after second.

May 3, 10, 17, 24

Or contact Irv Brock
360-683-7850



I'm Olivia Webb and I am planning on going to Houston, Texas for the ELCA youth gathering, June 23-July 1, where up to 30,000 Lutheran kids will be attending. The theme for this year is Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."



HOUSTON
THE CITY WITH NO LIMITS

I need \$1500 which includes food expenses and my mother can only cover a small portion of it, so I was hoping to fundraise at DVLC. I feel this youth gathering would be a great time and a learning opportunity. I would get to hang out and learn with other Lutherans my **age who have the same ideals and faith structure as me. Thank you! If you have something you would like me to do for a donation, please contact me! (360) 808-6780 – my mom's cell number. I wash windows, clean, walk dogs, weed and other things, just ask!**

Summer Outreach

Jan Webb and Nathan Needham have been working on a couple ideas for summer outreach to the Sequim community. More info will be forthcoming, but, in the meantime, keep May 31 in mind. Thursday, May 31, from 6 to 7:30 at the Sequim Library we will have an event called "Family, Fun, Food, and Fones". All will be welcome to this intergenerational event. We'll talk about social media, have an activity for kids and conversation for parents and grandparents. We'll share a meal and have a brief "faith talk" at the end. We hope to have such an event once a month, probably with future events here at DVLC. Thanks to you who came out to help discuss and plan; we hope you'll pitch in and help. More helpers will be needed to serve food, help with publicity, and take part in the activities. Talk to Jan or Nathan or Pastor Beth for more info!!

Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 27, 9:30

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 27, at 9:30 for the purpose of voting on the Affordable Housing Committee Business Plan. You will receive copies of this plan soon. Please plan to attend! Informational meetings to discuss the business plan will be held on Wednesday, May 23 at 6:30, and Thursday, May 24, at 10 and 2:30. At these meetings you can ask many questions that will help inform you and will shorten the meeting on Sunday.



Sunday Coffee Hour!

If you enjoy goodies on Sunday morning, here's how you can help provide them. Sign up in the Narthex.

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!



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.

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. we study the book of Genesis, following a book by Karen Armstrong. Paul Wessel leads this class. Feel free to join in as able.

“Controlling Knee Pain Without Medication or Surgery”

Wednesday, June 13th, 2018 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

100 South Blake Street in Sequim

Speaker: Loraine Lovejoy-Evans, MPT, DPT, CLT

Last Chance Items have been found in the kitchen and around the church that are either no longer needed or have been forgotten by someone. These items will be put on a table in the narthex on Sunday, May 13 and 20. Please look to see if any of them are yours; items left will be taken away.

GARAGE SALE! (What? Again? Don't these people ever give up?)

There will be a garage sale, but there are serious limitations. First, we don't know exactly when; that is to be determined. Second, the musculo-skeletal tenderness of our work force, and the sorry experience of last year when we had some beautiful (but heavy) furniture that we couldn't even give away, makes it mandatory that we do NOT take in any heavy furniture this year. More on that later. Third, we do not have the storage space we have had before so we will have to ask that people hang on to things and don't bring them to church until later. Watch this space! There will be more detail as soon as we figure out what we are doing. Meanwhile, put aside those really good things that you no longer need.



Remember, that does not include out-of-date electronics, ancient luggage, books that are fit only for recycling or tools that don't work. We will take clothes that are clean and in good condition, tools, small furniture items like coffee tables and small chairs (no sofas, and especially no hide-a-beds!) dishes, small appliances and other household items. Keep those dates around the end of July in mind. We will need all the help we can get.