



July 2018

Dungeness Valley Lutheran *Currents*

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From our Interim Pastor....

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace are yours.

You are a lovely congregation, one which Pastor Russ will be privileged to serve. I join you in excitement over his arrival the week preceding July 29, which will be his first Sunday here.

I have very much enjoyed serving you during the past year.

Along with preaching the Word and faithfully celebrating the Sacraments, these were the goals of the interim time:

- To assist the congregation to reflect on its past, present and future.
- To recognize its strengths, weaknesses and new potential for ministry
- To develop additional leadership
- To reaffirm its ties to the larger church in Conference, Synod & Churchwide
- To commit itself to new pastoral leadership and staffing.

I believe you have accomplished many aspects of each of these five goals.

In addition you have committed yourselves to building “Dungeness Valley Homes,” affordable housing, on your property. I can hardly wait to see this come to fruition!

I am grateful that you also accomplished a few additional projects, as you made your way in this time of transition:

Update of the church archive book – thanks, Nancy Schroeder

Strengthening of the Altar Guild – thanks to all the faithful women who serve

Completion of Personnel Manual – thanks to the Personnel Committee, especially Margaret Crayton

Removal of the “mountain” of trash on the lawn – thanks to Sherry Wright

Fine work on the Transition small group meetings – thanks to the Transition Team

Establishment of Team to bring Communion to our homebound members - thanks particularly to Jan Webb, Sherry Wright, Jim Jones, Randi Cooper, and several others who assist

Beginnings of a youth/adult outreach program and a “younger women” group – thanks to Jan Webb, Nathan Needham, and Susan Gerard

All of you can thank the Call Committee and for their good work and continued faithfulness.

Many other aspects of parish fellowship continued without a hitch: the Garage Sale, the Bazaar, the BBQ and other social events, weekly coffee hours, Wednesday potlucks and education, Sunday education. I have particularly enjoyed the Thursday afternoon Bible studies and I thank those who attend and who occasionally are asked to lead (especially Brenda Jennings). Choir and music are spectacular!

I am probably forgetting a few wonderful things and many other faithful people. We have been enriched with over a dozen new members!

We were privileged to celebrate the Baptisms of Mike Crayton and Cheryl Walther, the wedding of Stan and Nancy (Martin) Jacobson, and the celebration of the life of Ginger Little. We remembered with affection the lives of Gene Zimmerman and Collis Massey. And we have worshiped together Sunday after Sunday.

Please keep up the good work. Maintain or increase your financial giving and offering of time and skill. Don't throw any more junk where the “mountain” used to be. 😊 Keep on visiting and caring for one another. Keep up the outreach to visitors. Remain as welcoming as always!

As you know, it's not “good form” for the departing pastor to continue to show up around the church for worship or for social events. Once Pastor Russ begins, we will spend one day together, and I will depart. I hope to see Pastor Russ and some of you at clergy and synod events. Otherwise, I leave you with great affection and respect.

May the peace of God which passes all human understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus! Amen.

God be with you till we meet again, and then always!

Pastor Beth

New Members received during June and July 2018 – WELCOME!

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LEVN, the Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network, is looking for young adults, age 21 – 30) with Bachelor's degrees for an 11-month program of non-profit volunteer service and learning about social justice (Sacramento CA). From the end of August 2018 to the end of July 2019, the corps members will be provided housing, utilities, health coverage, transportation, spiritual direction and a \$400/month food stipend. They receive a \$1,000 re-entry grant at completion of the program. Visit levn.org or contact Casey Dunsworth at 530-756-1550.

Please contact Jennifer in the church office or Jan Webb if you haven't had your photo taken for the photo wall.



We give thanks for our new pastor, Russ Britton, who will arrive July 23, 2018! Sarah and Christopher will be joining us later this summer. In the meantime, please remember them in your prayers as they plan their transition. God is good!

OUR PRAYERS - ILLNESS/SURGERY RECOVERY MEMBERS

Illness/Surgery Recovery Members

Ruth Skogman; Loren Kreutner; Ray Dangman; LaRay Greene

Friends or Relatives of DVLC Members

Anita Little (Duane and Nancy Little); Kathy (Sue Pierce); Karl Behrens (grandson of Jerry); Lois McGuire (Lucille Caughron's sister); Pat Thaanum (Sue Brock's mother); Pauline McFarland (Betty Zander); Margaret Crouse (Shirley Eaton), Ruth Geiger; Marjory Boyd (Jeff Boyd's mother);



May 2018 Financial Results

The Operating Fund received \$24,393 in May which is \$970 higher than the monthly Budget and \$1,248 higher than our actual expenses. As a result, the Operating Fund YTD receipts are \$113,796 which is \$3,343 less than Budget and \$3,759 less than our actual expenses. The Operating Fund is summarized below.

| | <u>Operating Fund</u> | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| | <u>May</u> | <u>2018 YTD</u> |
| Planned Receipts | \$23,423 | \$117,139 |
| Actual Receipts | 24,393 | 113,796 |
| Actual vs. Planned Receipts | 970 | (3,343) |
| Planned Expenses | 24,257 | 121,432 |
| Actual Expenses | 22,018 | 117,554 |
| Actual Receipts vs. Actual Expenses | 1,248 | (3,758) |

Finance Committee

Prepare for the Garage Sale, Now
The 22nd more or less annual
Garage Sale will be upon us before
you know it. It's time to prepare!
Sale day is Saturday, August 4 at 9
AM. Proper rest and nutrition,
augmented with appropriate exercises, will have you all tuned-up to help on
the big day. But first, some guidance:

GARAGE SALE

We DO want: clothing, clean and in good condition; garden tools; hardware;
shop tools; sporting goods; housewares; small appliances; books, games and
puzzles; small furniture items in good condition, occasional tables, book
shelves, etc.

We DO NOT want: heavy furniture like sleep sofas, large particle board desks
and tables; dated electronics, like CRT TVs or monitors; heavy old exercise
equipment; old luggage; encyclopedias and Reader's Digest condensed books;
video and audio tapes.

Items for sale can be brought to the church, at any time the church is open,
and placed in the large class room on the right-hand side at the end of the
hall. If you have multiple things to offer, call the church office (360-681-0946)
and we will arrange a pick-up. Please have all donations at the church by
Wednesday, August 1.

Watch for the perennial sign-up sheets in the narthex. They pop up like
weeds this time of year. We expect them to appear about Sunday, July 15.
Further warnings will be issued. As usual we will need help all week from July
31 to sale day. PREPARE!

Paul Wessel

DVLC'S "YOUNGER WOMEN" MEET

5 women met for an evening of food, conversation, and support - the first of our meetings. The next meeting of the "younger women's" group (All welcome. You can determine what "Younger" means!), will be on Saturday, July 28, at 6pm again. Place to be determined!

Contact for this event: Jan Webb cedsequim@gmail.com



The younger women of DVLC meet for the first time around a campfire for food, fellowship & support. This **"younger women's" group of DVLC** will have their **next meeting on July 28.**

God's Work. Our hands.

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is a chance for the 4 million members, nearly 10,000 congregations, 65 synods and the churchwide expression to come together for a dedicated day of service. Our congregation will be working in solidarity with other ELCA congregations across the country to do God’s work in the world!

DVLC’S DAY OF SERVICE IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **IDENTIFY PROJECTS –**
inside & outside the church family
- **SIGN-UP TO SERVE**

In 2017 we had 35 volunteers at 7 projects

In 2016 we had 12 projects and about 50 volunteers

ELCA nationwide has marked Sunday, September 9 for GWOH. We chose a Saturday for our projects as that works better for us.

PREVIOUS PROJECTS:

- Landscaping at Peninsula Behavioral health
- Washing windows at a member’s home.
- Building a wheel chair ramp at a member’s home.
- Building at a Habitat for Humanity House
- Purchasing food for the Food Bank
- Replacing fascia boards & painting at a member’s home.
- Deep cleaning church kitchen
- Putting together school kits & baby care kits
- Cleaning out church storage shed

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ONGOING AT DVLC

1. Ride share: pick up Doris Norton for 2nd service (choir practice begins at 10:30). Doris lives a 5 min. drive from church. Requires the ability to fold & put a walker in & out of a trunk or back seat. **There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.
2. Take on organizing and scheduling worship assistant volunteers. Early service has 4 worship assistants, the later service has 10 assistants. Can do both or 1 service. Please see Jan Webb or Jennifer in the church office if this is one of your talents!
3. Make people happy by making coffee and setting out the treats on Sunday mornings. This requires coming a little early, making coffee, putting treats on trays with plastic wrap then setting them out after the service. This can be for early or late service. There is a sign-up sheet on a table in the narthex.
4. Altar Guild: These people (in teams) set up for Communion on Saturday, tidy up between services, and clean up after the second service. Contact LaNice Korus (360-683-5524) or Jan Webb (360-808-6780) for more information. Most teams serve once a month.
5. Assist in planning and implementing our Congregation's Day of Service, "God's work. Our hands." scheduled for August 25, 2018. Let Jan Webb know or Jennifer in the church office.

Save the Date: September 8, 2018

Fun Walk and Health Fair



DVLC Scholarships

Last month's newsletter had a nice article about our high school senior, Samantha Smith, who was awarded a scholarship of \$2,250 from DVLC for her 1st year at Skagit Valley College. DVLC also awarded four other scholarships to our members who are attending college and graduate school this fall. Mollie Smith was awarded a \$2,250 scholarship for her 2nd year in the graduate program at George Washington University, Emily Webb was awarded a scholarship of \$2,000 for her 3rd year at PLU, Ella Christiansen was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship for her 2nd year at Concordia College, and Calvin Wade was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship for his 2nd year at Luther College. The two students not attending Lutheran colleges received slightly more than the others because Lutheran colleges will match church scholarships up to \$1,000. The funds for these five scholarships came from the following sources: Income from the Mission Endowment Fund provided \$9,100, income from the John Behrens Scholarship Fund provided \$900, and the Education Committee Scholarship Fund provided \$500 from fundraisers. The fact that we at DVLC have been able to award our student members with \$10,500 in scholarships this year is a true blessing.

Offering Envelopes

Our church appreciates all your donations. We are asking that anyone that just uses one envelope per month for their contributions to please keep the remaining envelopes and use them next year. It doesn't matter which Sunday is on the envelope. Any questions contact Betty Zander or leave a note for her at the church office. Thanks in advance for your help.

The Finance Committee

Thank you to everyone who contributed to painting the church office and the wall in the sanctuary!

Religious and secular leaders across the U.S. have called for the United States to immediately stop separating immigrant families who are detained at the U.S. border with Mexico. *"[Pharaoh's daughter] saw the child [Moses]. He was crying, and she took pity on him."* Exodus 2:5. Now we pray for rapid reunification.

WELCOME PASTOR RUSS, SARAH & CHRISTOPHER!!

Pastor Russ delights in the relational aspect of ministry and cherishes that God has given everyone a story of their becoming who and what they are! He grew up in Colorado with involvement in his church, music (percussion, piano, and guitar), athletics (soccer and track), as well as achieving Eagle Scout in those years. He attended Saint Olaf College in Minnesota earning a double major in religion and philosophy. After working a few years as a project manager for a multimedia company that worked with medical societies and pharmaceutical companies, the heart's call to ministry beckoned. After serving as a youth minister he attended Luther Seminary and has found pastoral care, worship leadership, and teaching distinctly life giving. He has served congregations in Colorado, Utah, and Minnesota and looks forward to adding Washington to that list! Interests and hobbies include running, CrossFit (he looks forward to actually trying rowing *on water*), reading, time with family, and coffee and conversation.

Russ is richly blessed to be married to Sarah for 14 years after having met at church. She grew up in central Minnesota and is one of eight siblings. Family matters deeply to her. Her education is in psychology and early childhood education. At different times, she has worked as a preschool teacher, a nanny,

and a CrossFit kids coach. Her interests and hobbies are aligned towards fitness, health, and nutrition, while enjoying developing young and old through learning and development. She also enjoys creative endeavors. She would probably tell you she has two kids. 😊

We give thanks to God for our coming together and we all look forward to meeting *you* and journeying with one another in our lives of inquiry, care, and faith!



Christopher Britton

(who wrote his own bio would like you to know this about him):

- I am 9 years old
- I went to Greenwood Elementary school in Greenwood Village, CO
- In my free time I like to play games, send emails to my friends, draw creative doodles and play songs on the piano.
- I am interested in computers and how computers function. For this summer I am doing summer camps that teach you coding and making video games.
- I love to hang out with my friends, mom, dad, cousins and aunts and uncles.
- My favorite games to play include Uno, Guesstures and Blink.
- My favorite book series is Harry Potter and my favorite book is Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.
- My favorite subject in school is STEM which stands for Science Technology Engineering and Math.
- I have 6 fish and snails that are constantly having babies.



July Birthdays

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| 1 | Myrna Juergens Ruth Geiger | 13 | Kathy Lohrman Marlin Baeth |
| 4 | Ellen Bertoliatti | 14 | Jerry Behrens |
| 5 | Len Cowan | 17 | Julie Carrizosa |
| 7 | Jan Hintermayr | 20 | Duane Little |
| 9 | Ken Lemley Hannah Pope | 26 | Lu Mogck |
| 10 | Haley Pope | 27 | Jennifer Schroeder |
| 11 | Etna Hardy, Sue Pierce Les Skogman | 30 | Nona Kessler |

The **MOUNTAIN** has been removed!



Pastor Russ, his wife Sarah and son Christopher visit in Sequim!

It was a grand time during the recent visit of our soon-to-be Pastor Russ Britton, wife Sarah, and son Christopher on June 17 to 20. After arriving late Sunday night, the family was busy visiting schools, checking out housing, and enjoying time together as they explored Sequim and our surrounding, beautiful area.

Jim Fitzpatrick even showed Christopher John Wayne Marina and the various possibilities of Christopher being a sea-going guy. Pastor was most anxious to take the family to his favorite restaurant (the Oak Table). Tuesday evening a social gathering was held in the narthex to share finger food and conversation. It was such a pleasure to meet and get to know Sarah, who has experience as a cross-fit coach for children, as well as Christopher, who has picked Helen Haller Elementary for his fourth-grade experience.

The Britton's spent their last evening in Sequim relaxing around a campfire at Jan Webb's home. Getting to know 2 of the youth in our congregation, playing soccer, roasting hot dogs, making S'mores, and chatting. Christopher found out the answer to the riddle, "how can you never fall off the Webb's trampoline?"



The family headed back to Colorado on Wednesday with 'thoughts of sugar plums dancing in their heads'...Sequim, that is! We are most excited to learn of their travel and moving plans for their return to their new home and church family here at DLVC. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available!

With Pastor Russ and Family; Visit to John Wayne Marina

A beautiful, sunny Monday morning, June 18th and we were honored to have Pastor Russ and Family at DVLC. They were interested in touring John Wayne Marina and I gladly volunteered to be their guide.

The four of us, Pastor Russ, his wife Sarah and son Christopher and I, started by “walking the docks”. Of interest to them was sailing, rowing and the boats in general as well as the clam seed growing operation on Dock E. As an aside they were also interested in tides being caused primarily by the gravitational pull of the sun and moon; coincidentally we were having “King” tides (very low lows and high highs) at the time caused by the moon and sun being close to perigee and a near “new” moon.

The clam seed operation can be seen by anyone during daylight hours (the gates are open at this time) consisting of two barges, one on each side of the dock. The “clam seeds” are started in Hawaii, flown by tanker planes (in water) to the Hood Canal area, grown to about 5 – 6 cm (25.4 cm/inch) and subsequently trucked by tanker trucks to John Wayne Marina to the barges.

The “seeds” are grown to about 12 cm (~ ½ and inch) and then sold to local “clam farmers” – commercial growers than plant them in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Pastor Russ and Christopher expressed interest in our Yacht Club sailing program as well as “rowing” (2 – 4 person racing shells owned by the Yacht Club). We met a friend of mine making final preparations to cast off for a sail to Sidney, B. C. for a Regatta followed by a cruise in the San Juan and Gulf Islands.

All seemed to enjoy the brief tour; we hope they will always enjoy living and worshipping here.

Jim Fitzpatrick