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Dungeness Valley Lutheran *Currents*

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August 2018 Pastorous Thoughts

What will it look like to be a pastor among you, the good people of Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church? As I think on this and reflect on the hopes and aspirations of serving you faithfully, I recognize central to this presence with you will be caring and proclaiming God's grace at work through Christ. This caring and proclaiming with and for you as disciples of Christ will assuredly come with times that, as God works through me, I will delight and at times I may disappoint – may the former outnumber the latter. As a minister of Word and Sacrament among you, may I always point us towards God who bestows upon us an incredible promise of forgiveness, life, and freedom. In our shared ministry as recipients and stewards of this Gospel, may we have frequent occasion for awe and wonder at what God is doing in our midst. I am tremendously excited and grateful for the opportunity.

The word at the beginning of this section some grammarians will be wont to point out is, in fact, not *really* a word. True, your Merriam-Webster dictionary may not have it, but I want to tell you a bit about 'pastorous.' It occurred to me that my forthcoming title when spoken is as much *request* "pastor us," as it can be *descriptive* "pastorous," where the '-ous' would be like enormous, cantankerous, fabulous, etc. I like to think of it as "of the nature of being a pastor for and with someone." This "being a pastor" has been fashioned in part by many years connected with many congregations learning from faithful and

gifted congregation members and pastors as well as my time spent at seminary. The coming years too will continue to help form the sense of being a pastor with and for God's people.

I resolve to continue to offer within *Currents* a 'Pastorous Thoughts' piece in the months and years to come so that you might come to better know your newest pastor's mind and heart toward Christ and the ministry we share here at DVLC. I do hope you will join me on Sunday, September 23rd at 10am for my installation worship followed by a reception in the form of DVLC's annual tailgate party! May we all individually and as community continue to love our neighbors and love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength! (Luke 10:27)

Blessings,
Pastor Russ



In our prayers

Illness/Surgery Recovery Members

Ruth Skogman; Loren Kreutner; Ray Dangman; Diana Graham

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); Judy (Sue Pierce); Margaret Crouse (Shirley Eaton)

LeRay Greene passed away Sunday, July 22. Please contact the church office for more information.



June 2018 Financial Results

The Operating Fund received \$19,010 in June which is \$4,413 lower than the monthly Budget and \$3,428 lower than our actual expenses. As a result, the Operating Fund receipts for the first half of 2018 were \$132,805 which is \$7,757 less than Budget and \$6,894 less than our actual expenses. In addition to Operating Fund receipts, we also received contributions of \$3,679 during the first half of 2018 that were designated for specific purposes. The Operating Fund is summarized below.

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	
	<u>June</u>	<u>2018 YTD</u>
Planned Receipts	\$23,423	\$140,562
Actual Receipts	19,010	132,805
Actual vs. Planned Receipts	(4,413)	(7,757)
Planned Expenses	24,257	145,689
Actual Expenses	22,438	139,699
Actual Receipts vs. Actual Expenses	(3,428)	(6,894)

Finance Committee

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

2018 PROJECTS

- **TAKING CARE OF SIGNS AT CHURCH** (see info in narthex for details)

- **WEEDING** at a member’s home (2 volunteers needed)
- **PURCHASING FOOD** for the Food Bank kids’ weekend meal bags (2 vol.)
- **DEEP CLEANING** church kitchen (4 volunteers)
- Putting together **SCHOOL KITS** at church (4 volunteers)
- **WEEDING/TRIM BUSHES** at a member’s home (4 vol. needed)
- **VISITATION**: visit Sherry Wright’s mother & others needing a visit at a memory care facility in PA (4+volunteers)

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



DVHWC Fourteenth Annual Fun Walk

The Clinic Fun Walk is our opportunity to raise money for the **FREE** clinic. Benefits the clinic and your own health. Bring a friend, make it a family event and join in the fun. Pets are welcome!

Mary Griffith had a dream in 2001.

What: Free clinic

Where: DVLC parish house

How: by members and the community

Walk: Saturday, September 8, 2018, 9am

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church, 100 S. Blake Avenue.

Please sign up today!

We have a team! Team AKALOO! (Follow me)

Dungeness Valley Health and Wellness Clinic, Sequim's only free health clinic, invites you to participate in its annual 5K Fun Walk. This is a major fund raiser for the Clinic. The Walk begins at 9:00am and follows a monitored train beginning at the church. You may walk as little as you choose or follow the full 5K trail. You may also enjoy the Wellness Fair as part of this event. Entertainment and door prizes will be included! There is no cost to participate this year, but we do ask for a donation. Contact (team captain) Gwyn Wessel to sign up to be part of our team for this event!

Yuletide Bazaar Beneficiaries Continue to Express Appreciation

The crafters who work year-round on DVLC's annual Yuletide Bazaar continue to receive notes of appreciation from the community nonprofits that are beneficiaries. Among those that are supported financially with proceeds from the 2017 bazaar is North Olympic Foster Parent Association, which reports that there are only 40 licensed foster care families in Clallam County---and 150 children in foster care. The all-volunteer association also emphasizes that besides providing funds for the so-called extras that are not covered by state payments (birthday and holiday gifts, shoes and clothing, swim and music lessons, sports and camp fees), the association offers respite care to provide short breaks for foster families.

Captain Joseph House Foundation, which serves the families of those who have died in combat since 9/11, expressed gratitude for a donation that has helped it organize a six-day event of rest, recreation and family rebuilding, and to complete the construction and landscaping of the Captain Joseph House.

Peninsula Behavioral Health's staff wrote to say how much it has appreciated financial support for its programs and physical assistance with its landscaping. "We are deeply grateful for what you do," wrote Rebekah Miller, who received PBH's check in person earlier this year. "It was terrific to see the angels who make [the donation] possible!"

The 2018 bazaar is scheduled for Nov. 17. You can keep up with the crafters' progress at their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/dungenessvalleyyuletidebazaar. And remember, members and community members are welcome to join them on first, third and fifth Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Parish House. (Not a quilter, knitter or painter? The crafters have jobs for everyone, even those who believe they are all thumbs!)

WOW! WORKING ON WELLNESS

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
100 South Blake Street in Sequim

September 12, 2018 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

“Ask Your Pharmacist About Medicare Part D”

Speaker: Vivian Brown, R Ph



Serve kids this summer!

FRIDAY MEAL BAGS FROM THE FOOD BANK

The Sequim Food Bank provides meal bags to kids on Fridays that include food for the weekend. These were provided to school kids during the school year and they now extend it to the summer.

We can help pass these out to kids on Fridays in conjunction with the free lunch for kids that is prepared by the Boys and Girls Club.

What is needed: 2 - two member teams (4 total) to pick up food bags from the food bank at 11:45 on Fridays, take them to the designated distribution sites, hand them out between 12-1, then return any leftovers to the food bank.

THERE IS A **BRIGHT YELLOW SIGN UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX.**

Currently we need:

4 - on August 24 two locations

4 - on August 31 two locations

****Heavy box lifting involved. Need to have teams that can lift up to 80 pounds together.**

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

August Birthdays

- 1 Mary Massey
Jan Bock
Rian Pope
- 2 Doris Norton
- 10 Dana Cowan
Gene Middleton
- 15 Jeff Boyd
Jerry Enzenauer
- 17 Rikki Lynn
Marian Needham
- 20 Diane Isaac
- 21 Barbara Enzenauer
- 23 Amanda Beitzel
- 24 Richard Grothe
- 27 Paul Wessel

