



Dungeness Valley Lutheran *Currents*

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October 2018 Pastorous Thoughts

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Good people of Dungeness Valley Lutheran, in this month of October with Halloween I have been pondering something very scary. Caveat: Only read further if you are okay with being a little uncomfortable and maybe even frightened. I am looking closely at... mining.



Before you think I mean extracting minerals from the earth, I have a different intent to extract. Ponder the significant amount of time many of us spend on what belongs to us - 'mine-ing.' Some of you may recall the seagulls in the Finding Nemo movies who humorously chirp resonantly and repetitively 'mine, mine, mine, mine.' I think this comes to heart as we venture into this month's faithful focus on stewardship and formation of our ministry plan with our deliberations together on our calling and mission for the coming year. What we will be capable of by God's grace and mercy is a measure of what each



of us uniquely and respectively is capable of offering. In that spirit, I invite you to consider the statement in our worship that we collect our tithes and offerings as a response to God's generosity and in support of the mission and ministries of this congregation.

A few words on God's generosity. Every day, however many we are given, we wake forgiven and free in our identity as baptized Children of God is gift. May we cherish the possibilities that our lives with their life and breath have at every season to be influences in

Jesus' name. And may this so gladden our hearts. One of my favorite Bible verses is Psalm 139:14 which states, "I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made, marvelous are your works, this I know right well." Some days we might be more aware of the fearful within our humanity when we encounter pain or discouraging behaviors of others. As well, some days we recognize the wonderful beauty of a kind word, a timely smile, or the gentle touch, physical or in thought, of friend through reaching out. God's generosity to us is life but the provision to live it as well.

And a few words on supporting mission and ministry at DVLC. Your contributing to Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church certainly supports the ongoing operating funds to steward this marvelous congregation. As well, a portion of those funds go to support the work of the larger church. Take a moment to think about that. On Sunday, as you give what your heart inclines, know that you are supporting our regional church in the expression of the synod and the national church in the expression of the ELCA. While indeed for your labors and investment what you have is, as you think on it 'mine,' know that what is also yours in Christ is the good made possible through your generous sharing. I do recognize that our larger community of Sequim-Dungeness Valley has many superb organizations doing good charitable work and the heart of care in this community is certainly a Holy Spirit inspired and nurtured blessing. When called on this month to reflect on your intent of giving for the coming year, please do so prayerfully and reflectively so myself and those leaders entrusted with being stewards can accordingly prepare our ministry plan. Thank you in advance for your generosity as response and support of God's work through DVLC.

Cannot say this enough, thank you for the continuing love, support, and encouragement for myself and my family as I continue to live into the calling of pastor of DVLC and my family and I become rooted, comfortable, and connected with this community. The installation worship and tailgate with the excellent food and fellowship was an absolute delight. Nourished by community and the many gifts of God's grace, 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)

Steward well that which God has entrusted unto you,

Pastor Russ

August 2018 Financial Results

The Operating Fund received \$19,332 in August which is \$4,091 lower than the monthly Budget and \$5,647 lower than our actual expenses. As a result, the Operating Fund receipts for the first eight months of 2018 were \$178,470 which is \$8,939 less than Budget and \$12,284 less than our actual expenses. The Operating Fund is summarized below.

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	
	<u>August</u>	<u>2018 YTD</u>
Planned Receipts	\$23,423	\$187,408
Actual Receipts	19,332	178,470
Actual vs. Planned Receipts	(4,091)	(8,939)
Planned Expenses	24,252	194,193
Actual Expenses	24,979	190,754
Actual Receipts vs. Actual Expenses	(5,647)	(12,284)

Finance Committee



In our prayers:

Illness/Surgery Recovery Members

Ruth Skogman; Loren Kreutner; Diana Graham, Ruth Geiger

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);

Margaret Crouse (Shirley Eaton);

Belle Moore (Gordon's niece);

June Wright & her caregivers (Sherry Wright);

James Jones (Jim and Sandy Jones)

October Birthdays

- 1 Klaus Hintermayr
- 2 Elena Carrizosa
- 6 Mark Freed
- 7 Andra Smith
- 8 Ruth Brown
- 10 Beryle Middleton
- 13 Kay Withers
- 14 Lucille Caughron
- 20 Elaine Nelson
- 21 Debbie Bradbury
- Rob Campbell
- Craig Tenhoff
- 25 Eleanor Olin
- 28 Chris Juergens

WOW! WORKING ON WELLNESS

*****THE FORUM*****

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
100 South Blake Street in Sequim

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

“Flat Tires: Treatment of Lower
Extremity Wounds”
Speaker: Dr. Decker Mc Keever,
DMP
Coho Foot & ankle Medicine