



# Dungeness Valley Lutheran *Currents*

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## Pastorous Thoughts – November 2018

Pr. Russ Britton

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

1 John 1:8-9

If there is one area of life where none of us are as adept as we think, it is driving. A very interesting book by Tom Vanderbilt called Traffic: Why We Drive The Way We Do and What It Says About Us, recently came to my attention and it offers some interesting if sometimes counter intuitive insights. While it may seem hyperbolic, it has been my experience that traffic never draws out the better angels of our human nature. Yet as more humans inhabit any particular area, the more traffic we encounter. Could traffic spur theological reflection? I think so.

A few takeaways from the book. One of the biggest things I found interesting is how *depersonalizing* driving is and, consequently, how we readily treat other cars in obnoxious ways regarding them not a vehicles in which another travels but an *obstacle* to our *own* travel. The author notes that once eye contact is removed from communication people treat each other remarkably differently. Another good

example of this is the vapid communication that characterizes social media where a screen is not the same as another's eyes.

Another quote that stood out was: "As the inner life of the driver begins to come into focus, it is becoming clear not only that distraction is the single biggest problem on the road but that we have little concept of just how distracted we are." This is probably true of many endeavors in our life. We do not see that uncritical reflection on what is *actually* important allows disparate things to vie for our attention. How does that translate to the Christian life?

And as a final thought for the road: "There is a simple mantra you can carry about with you in traffic: When a situation feels dangerous to you, it's probably more safe that you know; when a situation feels safe, that is precisely when you should be on guard. Most crashes, after all, happen on dry roads, on clear, sunny days to sober drivers." In 1 Peter 5:8 the exhortation is shared, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour." When you see a lion you're a lot more aware than when you don't think a lion could be around and they actually are conniving and present.

After those thoughts, the above Scripture passage often used as a part of the Confession and Forgiveness at the beginning of the liturgy brings me to the Matthew 7 text of noticing the speck of dust in another's eye while the plank in our own goes unnoticed. It is good news that God is faithful and just and meets us with mercy. May we strive to do so with those whom we share roads and cross paths.

Be kind out there. Yes, first that will mean recognizing and admitting to yourself you are not the only one out there. Blessed good luck to us all with that so that the better angels of our nature prevail.

Pastor Russ

**Knights of the Toro!** The HUGE lawn gets mowed.

The watering system gets shut down for winter. Machines get serviced. Bark gets spread neatly. Leaves get blown off walks and parking lot. Magic, you ask? Nope.

The crew of the Knights of the Toro has struck again.

A big shout out to Bryan Bock, Irv Brock, Gary Capouch, Ken Eide, Jerry Enzenauer, Jim Fitzpatrick, Jim Jones, Paul Wessel, Marlin Baeth.



~ Faith is Love in Action”

“Adopt-A-Plot list of volunteers is coming back to keep our garden green!

\* The landscape plan will be posted in Narthex after Thanksgiving. Sign-ups are open through February.

\* Each Plot has a number. If you are already an enthusiastic Plot Parent, please put your name next to the number of your plot on the sign-up sheet.

\* If you want to Adopt A Plot 🤝, sign up for its number on the sign-up sheet. Please include phone # and email address.

\* More than one person can team up to Adopt A Plot.

\* Each Plot needs weeding and trimming. You can contact the Lawn Wizards if you want bark. Syrene Forsman or Jerry Enzenauer to recommend a new plant or ...

Thanks for your help in keeping the church garden green!”

Thanks!!

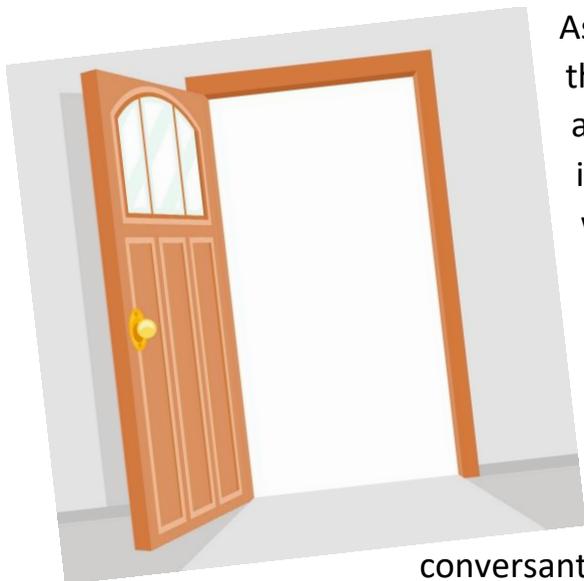
Syrene Forsman

## GUEST PASTOR NOV 11<sup>th</sup>

We welcome Pastor Walter “Tyg” Taylor of Trinity Lutheran, Monument, CO who joins us in worship leadership and preaching on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and preach. As a formative and ongoing mentor pastor to Pastor Russ and the officiant of Russ and Sarah's wedding, Tyg has been a faithful encourager and teacher anchored in God’s grace and whose fervent love of Jesus is contagious. He will continue to function as a coach with and for Pastor Russ into 2019.



## INVITATION TO INVITE



As we venture into the time of year where the rain and cold might seem (ok, will likely actually be) very prevalent, consider inviting neighbors or friends to join you at worship or fellowship events of Dungeness Valley. There is a warmth that comes from fellowship with one another that brings joy to the heart. An invitation from an acquaintance or friend is most named as the catalyst that brings new people to connect with a congregation. Become

conversant in the times of our worships – Sunday and holiday offerings – and invite another to the blessings of warm community and worship!

# MORE PIZZA

Did you know the men of the church serve pizza once a month as a fundraiser?

The second Wednesday of each month, (except during Lent, summer and next week when the building is taken over for the Christmas Bazaar), instead of potluck the MORE men's group cooks pizza. The meal always includes salad and ice cream. A donation is asked for and 100% of the receipts go to a local charity. Recipients include the Food Bank, Volunteer Hospice, Habitat, Mosaic, Sequim Cares and others. During the year approximately \$2000 is collected and distributed. For a good time and good pizza come join us.

## **CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING**

Mark your calendars to join us between services on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Meeting. Significant business items include election of new council representatives and other posts, approval of 2019 budget, and reports from various ministry leaders. Please make it a priority to have your voice present in celebration of the future and the possibilities in mission and ministry!

## **DVLC Annual Meeting**

Reports need to be emailed to Jennifer in the church office no later than November 16, 2018!

## DVLC Memorial Garden

Most of you are aware that DVLC has a Memorial Garden which includes a Memorial Wall where we place the name and year of death of all members who have passed away. Ashes of members who have passed away can also be interred in the Memorial Garden which will include a granite marker with name and year of birth and death. There is an application that needs to be completed when it is time to inter ashes. However, Memorial Garden sites can be reserved in advance, if you wish. If you are interested in making a reservation or would like more information, please contact Jim Jones (360)683-1620.



## September 2018 Financial Results

The Operating Fund received \$24,031 in September which is \$608 higher than the monthly Budget and \$2,823 higher than our actual expenses. As a result, the Operating Fund receipts for the first nine months of 2018 were \$202,501 which is \$8,330 less than Budget and \$9,461 less than our actual expenses. The Operating Fund is summarized below.

	<u>September</u>	<u>2018 YTD</u>
<u>Operating Fund</u>		
Planned Receipts	\$23,423	\$210,831
Actual Receipts	24,031	202,501
Actual vs. Planned Receipts	608	(8,330)
Planned Expenses	24,239	218,432
Actual Expenses	21,208	211,962
Actual Receipts vs. Actual Expenses	2,823	(9,461)

Finance Committee



For balance & mobility

## CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer is simply leaving the busyness of the day at the door and gathering in silence to let God do God's work in you. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. It adds depth of meaning to all prayer.

**Fridays 3:15pm**  
**In the church**  
**narthex –**  
**an easy to follow**  
**30 min. exercise**  
**video**

**For beginners focusing**  
**on balance & mobility.**

If you are interested in learning more, please join us on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 – 4:30 in the church library.

## The Yuletide Bazaar Needs You!

The doors swing open to the Yuletide Bazaar at 9 a.m. on Nov. 17, and we hope you'll be first in line for the lefse, krumkake and hundreds of handcrafts and vintage gifts...and the crafters and kitchen elves appreciate help in advance, too. Some important dates:

**Now:** Randi Cooper is accepting donations for the vintage table between now and Nov. 9.

**Now:** If you're on Facebook, please "like" the Yuletide Bazaar page, and recommend it to your friends (real and Facebook). Mini-posters advertising the Bazaar are also available in the narthex and church office for you to share with friends. See <https://www.facebook.com/dungenessvalleyyuletidebazaar>.

**Thursday, Nov. 8:** If you are finishing craft projects or note cards, your contributions need to be inventoried and labelled with price tags. To allow time for this, please deliver your creations to the church office by noon on the 8th.

**Monday, Nov. 12:** All able-bodied men, especially those attending the men's breakfast, are encouraged to stack the chairs in the sanctuary and bring out tables.

**Friday, Nov. 16:** If you're one of the many who contributes to the bake sale, please deliver your heavenly desserts and holiday treats between 10 and 3 to the kitchen with a copy of your recipe. (Susie Herrick can provide more information if necessary.)



# **Yuletide Bazaar: BAKESALE!!**



## **Guidelines for Baked Goods!**

- PLEASE BRING A COPY OF YOUR RECIPE OR LIST OF INGREDIENTS!
- PLEASE PACKAGE GOODIES (EXCEPT FOR FUDGE)!
- PLEASE BRING FUDGE UN-CUT; IT WILL BE PACKAGED FOR YOU.
- PLEASE DO NOT BRING GOODIES REQUIRING REFRIGERATION.
- PLEASE DELIVER TO THE CHURCH ON FRIDAY (11/16) 10 am-4 pm.

**ALWAYS IN DEMAND: Pies, cakes, dinner rolls, cobbler, and biscotti!!**

**Requests from last year's bazaar: small, individual-sized pies and baked goods with cranberries! You lense bakers, get those rolling pins and griddles going!**

**For questions, call Randi Cooper 683-9627  
or Susie Herrick 681-6872.**

## **WOW - Working on Wellness**

Free Community Lectures

Trinity United Methodist Church

100 South Blake Street, Sequim, WA

"Flat Tires: Treatment of Lower Extremity Wounds"

Speaker: Dr. Dekker Mc Keever, DMP

Coho Foot and Ankle Medicine

Wednesday, November 14 2:30-3:30pm

## **CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP: FAREWELLS**

Dungeness Valley Lutheran is blessed to have the engaged leadership that it does. In that spirit we give thanks for the faithful and dedicated service of the following people who will depart their roles at the end of 2018.

### **Congregational Council**

Bill Herrick – present president, Irv Brock, Nancy Jacobson, Ted Foster

### **Nominating Committee**

Rob Campbell, Amanda Beitzel, Nancy Jacobson

### **Endowment Committee**

Betty Zander

## **CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP: WELCOMING**

Through the thorough and diligent work of the nominating committee, we hope to welcome the following folks in the roles duly noted. Per the congregation constitution, nominations are required to be taken from the floor at the annual meeting and we will abide in that practice. Where best practices averting the hurt of contested elections suggest the favorability of a slate offered by the nominating committee, the following are offered as candidates.

**Church Council** - Ken Eide, Jim Widsteen, Pat Capouch, and Mike Crayton

\*For your reference, continuing in service on Church Council are:

Louise Lemley - present Secretary, Kathy Lohrman - present Vice-President, Jim Fitzpatrick, Gail Schwab, and John Norgard.

**Nominating Committee** - Sandy Jones, Dale Rudd, and Bill Herrick.

**Endowment Committee** - Jim Jones and Mary Hendrickson.

**Representatives for the 2019 SW Washington Synod Assembly** - Stan & Nancy Jacobson

This event June 8-9, 2019 in Vancouver, WA is the annual event at which the business of our synod takes place. This year will include this year the election of the synod bishop. Bishop Richard Jaech is running for reelection, at present other candidates are not yet announced.

## **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)

# **100** Days Reflection

A look back at the first 100 days of a new pastor's ministry – and a look forward.

## **Led by Pastor Russ Britton**

Wednesday, November 7th - 6:30p at DVLC

*October 31 was Pastor Russ' 100th day at Dungeness Valley Lutheran! He shall present a **100 Days Report** in which he shares what he has learned and observed with accompanying thoughts, reflections, and hopes for our shared future. Additionally, he plans a time for questions and follow up. A highlights document will be available on Sunday, Nov 11th for those unable to attend that evening.*

# Thanksgiving Worship Service

Wednesday, November 21, 5:30pm



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP - In celebration of our many blessings and in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday, DVLC will offer a worship Wednesday, November 21st at 5:30pm. We plan to use Holden Evening Prayer, offer communion, and include recitation of the 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation given by President Abraham Lincoln. Join us for an evening reflecting on gratitude before the day of feasting and fellowship.

## November Birthdays

2	Nancy Schroeder	21	Dennis Isaac
3	Jeanett Gamlem	23	Irv Brock
10	Gloria Fitzpatrick	24	Jim Jones
	Gwyn Wessel		Janie Raye Wehman
	Kathi Hamilton	25	Susan Sorenson
15	Hayden Webb	27	Gloria Virak