

**D**UNGENESS **V**ALLEY   
**VOICE**

**Do You Hear What I Hear?**

The classic Christmas song is a good segue to ask are you getting the Dungeness Valley Voice (DVV) – our weekly email with content including reminders of upcoming weekend activities and notes about our congregation and its ministries? Email the office at [dvlcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:dvlcoffice@gmail.com) to be included!



Dungeness Valley Lutheran  
***Currents***

December 2018

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Pastorous Thoughts – December 2018

Pr. Russ Britton

"No fim, tudo dá certo. Se não deu, ainda não chegou ao fim."

Fernando Sabino, Brazilian writer (often wrongfully attributed to another Brazilian writer Paulo Coelho) - translated: "In the end, everything will be ok. If it's not ok, it's not yet the end." Popularized by its use by Sonny in the movie *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*

The anticipation of Christmas as benchmark of Advent has been a source of curiosity this Advent. We as humanity, when under the influence of our better nature, earnestly long for restoration, reconciliation, resolution, redemption, resurrection. Sadly, tyranny and oppression as expressions of malevolence masquerading as noble cause still slither insidiously through institutions but *never* indefinitely. Promised faithfulness and fruitfulness of God is the story and hope of God's people then as it is the story of ourselves as God's people today. In that spirit, I affirm and offer the quote mentioned above about indwelling a mindset of perseverance. Clinging to a will that yearns – and works towards - the better days of a future.

When we cling and claim the life given in God's promises through baptism, we have the blessing and opportunity to dream big. There is an IMAX movie called *Dream Big* about the marvels of engineering and innovation. While it is an excellent movie in its own right, it includes a splendid song by the artist Matisyahu called *One Day*. It as well names the deep longing of the human condition for harmony among

Sometimes I lay under the moon  
And thank God I'm breathing  
Then I pray, "Don't take me soon,  
'Cause I am here for a reason."

Sometimes in my tears I drown  
But I never let it get me down  
So when negativity surrounds  
I know some day it'll all turn around because...

All my life I've been waiting for  
I've been praying for  
For the people to say  
That we don't wanna fight no more  
There will be no more wars  
And our children will play  
One day [6x]

With the hopeful spirit of that quote and lyrics as we look to Christmas as a day that proclaims God's promise incarnate, allow me a few brief comments about our Christmas Worship schedule. On Christmas Eve at 5p we will have a casual service based on the ABCs of Christmas with carols and communion. One might say that it would be the family friendly service though they all will be. The 7p will be traditional with liturgy of carols and hymns, sermon and communion and our choir offering an anthem. At 9pm then we will offer a meditative worship in the spirit (but not the late night) of a midnight worship with liturgy of carols, sermon, communion, and special music of a reflective nature. It is our intent to have Silent Night by candlelight at all three services. Then Christmas Day a 9am offering of Carols and Lessons. As you are able and willing please join us for one of those festive celebration worships. If you are traveling, blessings on your celebrations and time with those near and dear. O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

Pastor Russ

### 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)

### December Birthdays

1	Else Turner	16	Alan Mace
2	Beth Pallai	17	Judy Lynn
3	Mike Crayton		Bonnie Vorvick
5	Diana Graham		Jim Widsteen
8	Mollie Smith	20	Emmalee Pope
	Mary Deckebach	22	Marsha Omdal
9	Bill Herrick	26	Syrene Forsman
13	Judy Green	28	Jim Fitzpatrick
14	Mary Ann Dangman		Karin Pease
15	Lee Raymond	29	Ted Johnson
	Sue Brock		

*You are invited*

### Invitation To Invite

There is a warmth God has built within us that comes from fellowship with one another that brings joy to the heart. Consider inviting neighbors or friends to join you at worship or fellowship events of Dungeness Valley Lutheran. 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, Advent, and Christmas offerings – and invite another to the blessings of warm community and worship!

### Invitation To Join

If you are one who has been in the practice of joining us for worship but have yet to officially join or happen to be curious about DVLC or are interested in what membership looks like, consider taking part in New Member sessions in January. Our planned New Member Reception Sunday will be on January 27th. You are welcome to participate in the sessions regardless of your resolve to join. Feel free to just come to learn and decide later. Prior to that date, we would ask that you attend 3 sessions. 1) Lutheranism 101 - A survey of what characterizes the Lutheran beliefs as professed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. 2) DVLC & Me - A survey of the story and ministries of Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church with focus on becoming aware of areas for you to become involved. 3) An appointment with Pastor Russ - This can be in the form of a home visit, a coffee and conversation, a meeting at the office, basically a chance to get to better know another and speak to specific questions or concerns. DVLC & Me offered Sunday, January 6th and Thursday, January 10th at Noon Lutheranism 101 offered Sunday, January 13th and Thursday, January 17th at Noon. Call or email office to schedule a visit with Pastor Russ.

## October 2018 Financial Results

The Operating Fund received \$26,892 in October which is \$3,469 higher than the monthly Budget and \$3,154 higher than our actual expenses. As a result, the Operating Fund receipts for the first ten months of 2018 were \$229,662 which is \$4,592 less than Budget and \$11,026 less than our actual expenses. The Operating Fund is summarized below.

	Operating Fund	
	October	2018 YTD
Planned Receipts	\$23,423	\$234,254
Actual Receipts	26,892	229,662
Actual vs. Planned Receipts	3,469	(4,592)
Planned Expenses	24,239	242,671
Actual Expenses	23,738	240,689
Actual Receipts vs. Actual Expenses	3,154	(11,026)

As a footnote, we would like you to be aware that we have two designated funds with negative balances due to the fact that the amount we spent from those specific funds exceeded the money available in the funds. The Kitchen Fund balance is currently -\$340.84 as a result of the cost required to replace a piece of equipment in the kitchen exceeding the available funds. The God's Work Our Hands Fund balance is currently -\$87.95 because the cost of the shirts we purchased exceeded the amount of money available in that fund. We are hoping that one or more of our members who have an interest in either of these areas will be willing to make a designated donation to one of these two funds to eliminate these deficits. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Finance Committee

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## WOW! WORKING ON WELLNESS

Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 - 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
100 South Blake Street in Sequim

“Gastroenterology: The Full Scope”  
Speaker: Dr. Colin Wolslegel, Olympic Medical Physicians

## From your Finance Secretary, Betty Zander

Your finance committee has an option for you to consider in making your regular contribution: ELECTRONIC BILL PAY. Not only will it eliminate writing checks or carrying cash, but by scheduling a regular payment, your sincere commitment to DVLC will then become a part of your financial plan as we reach out to share God's love.

Contact your bank or credit union to see if they offer this service at no charge. You will need to provide them with:

- DVLC's mailing address: PO Box 1916, Sequim WA 98382
- Your envelope number
- Amount of your donation and the automatic payment date(s).

(Note: these payments can always be changed or canceled.)

Feel free to call either Betty at 360.683.2529 or Betty's assistant, Susie Herrick at 360.681.6872, should you need your envelope number.

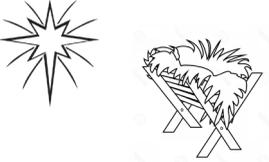
Thank you for your generous support!

## DVLC Christian Education 2019

With Advent Worship in place of Wednesday courses and our forthcoming Sundays with Annual Meeting on December 9th, we look to January 2019 for our forthcoming course offerings. On Sunday mornings Pastor Russ in between worships offer a course on *Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith* using a resource from Augsburg Fortress that looks at the many religious expressions in America. As well, we plan to offer an additional education offering on Sunday as well. Keep an eye out for those times and courses. Other forthcoming course offerings will include looking at ELCA Social Statements and considering Brian McLaren's *Generous Orthodoxy*. Wednesday evenings in January and February, Ruth Geiger will offer a course on *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus Borg then Lenten worships. Take a step, big or small, to grow spiritually!

## Bread Run Ministry

Many of you are familiar with DVLC's Bread Run Ministry where we take bread or other baked items along with an information packet to first time visitors who have signed our guest book. The idea is to acknowledge and thank them for their participation in our worship service, answer any questions they may have, and to invite them back again. This ministry was started back in the 90s by Phil and Bonnie Vorvick. Over the years many of our members have participated in this ministry, but the number has been declining over the past several years. We are now down to three two person teams which is not sustainable for this ministry. We are inviting you to consider joining this worthwhile ministry for 2019 with the hope that we can at least double the number of teams to six. If we are unable to add teams, this ministry will not be continued in 2019. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jim/Sandy Jones, Bill/Susie Herrick.

12/9	Sunday, Advent 2		8:30am	11:00am
12/12	Wednesday, Advent 3		12:00pm	6:30pm
12/16	Sunday, Advent 3		8:30am	11:00am
12/19	Wednesday, Advent 4		12:00pm	6:30pm
12/23	Sunday, Advent 4		8:30am	11:00am
12/24	Christmas Eve		5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm	
12/25	Christmas Day		9:00am	