



Paint, Sip & Support

Olympic Peninsula Academy Fundraiser

Date: 2/14/2019

Time: 6:30 - 9:30

Location: DVLC Sanctuary

Tickets: Single: \$45, Couple \$75

Includes: A glass of wine & table snacks featuring local delights from WindRose Cellars and WeDo Fudge. Painting supplies included.

Tickets will sell out quickly. We do accept credit cards

Call Julie Carrizosa to reserve your spot: 360-808-2411



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**DUNGENESS VALLEY LUTHERAN
NEWSLETTER**

Reaching Out In Sharing the Good News

February 2019

**FOOD BANK
SUNDAY**



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You are invited

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 Sundays in the spring will be January 27th and May 5th. 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. Watch coming bulletins for session times. Sessions with Pastor Russ can be scheduled through the office or with Pastor.

WOW! WORKING ON WELLNESS

Wednesday, February 13th, 2019 - 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
100 South Blake Street in Sequim

“Why Loneliness Is So Toxic”

Speaker: Dr. Michael McBride, Licensed Psychologist



Dungeness Valley Lutheran *Currents*

January/February 2019

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Pastorous Thoughts – January/February 2019

Pr. Russ Britton

*You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.
Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV)*

In our world of constant motion, how the verb ‘stayed’ stands out to me! To stay is an act of the will, desiring to abide in a certain place. When you are made to ‘stay’ against your will, that often feels more like being stuck, doesn’t it?

So where is your mind these days? Are you more acutely aware of the blessings in which you abide? Or are the things you wish were different the primary energies engaged in your thinking? Is it that simple? I venture likely not and that in the course of a day we move from peace to frustration to myriad emotions. That is where this notion of perfect peace enters. Who among us would not wish to abide in perfect peace?! Perfection is an evasive yet desired phenomenon and often outside of the human purview to create. Yet when we are talking about what God can make possible in our midst do we ponder that God is working and fashioning a promised and perfect future in our lives and for Dungeness Valley Lutheran? I cherish abiding in the thought that our collective trust of God shepherding and keeping us contributes to a lasting peace of spirit about those things that remain outside our understanding.

Our world of constant motion charges onward and the pace of change and the things that are changing might not seem perfect or desirable at any level to you. Steady onward in trusting the Lord through prayer and worship and discipleship and may you know peace... a peace that surprises you in its fullness.

Blessings on staying your mind,
Pastor Russ

The Operating Fund is summarized below.

Operating Fund

	December	2018 YTD
Planned Receipts	23,423	281,100
Actual Receipts	21,948	271,124
Actual vs. Planned Receipts	(1,475)	(9,976)
Planned Expenses	24,236	291,143
Actual Expenses	30,974	295,860
Actual Receipts vs. Actual Expenses	(9,027)	(24,736)

Finance Committee

The Mission Concerns Committee consisting of: Duane Little, Jerry Enzenauer, Jim Jones, Andra Smith, Bev Horan, Nancy Jacobson and Ken Eide met to distribute DVLC’s gifts to local and not so local agencies and programs for 2018 funding. DVLC has been blessed with numerous salutary and spiritual gifts throughout 2018 and giving back to others is what our Lord has told us to do.

Isaiah 58 tells us that God will guide us, our light will rise in the darkness, He will strengthen us, we will be like a spring and find joy. All of this when we do away with the yoke of oppression, seek justice, feed the poor, provide shelter and clothe the unfortunate.

The Committee donated a total of \$4,000 to the following programs:

Sequim Food Bank—High School Snack program	\$1,000
Volunteer Hospice	\$2,000
The Warming Center for the Homeless	\$1,000

We have left \$2,000 designated for urgent and immersing needs.

The Ladies of DVLC meet once a month for lunch/chat time the last Thursday of every month (except during the Christmas holidays). We meet at different restaurants almost anywhere, and suggestions are always welcome. We will start 2019 with our first get-together on Thursday, February 21, 11:30 a.m., venue to be announced (possibly Paradise Cafe—again suggestions are welcome). We hope ladies from both service times will join in, so we can all get to know one another.

For more info or to make suggestions, call Barb Enzenauer at 360-797-4253.

DVLC Fellowship 2019

Following a robust fellowship meeting, here are some upcoming events to anticipate and look for the details and specifics as we get closer.

- Sunday, February 17th 4pm show, Rhythm of the Dance with National Irish Dance Company through Juan de Fuca Foundation

- Sunday, March 17th, Saint Patrick’s Day lunch - corned beef & cabbage! At church, following 11am worship. With enough votes, Pastor Russ might be in a dunk tank or a leprechaun costume.

- Sunday April 21st Easter Brunch in between worship services.

- Weekend of May 17th-19th date to be decided - Congregation Progressive Dinner

- Weekend in June/July date to be decided Texas BBQ



Contact Jennifer in the church office - she will gladly take your votes!

Prayers

Illness/Surgery Recovery Members

Ruth Skogman; Loren Kreutner; Diana Graham;
Eleanor Olin; Ken Olin; Pat Capouch; Gordon Zander

Friends or Relatives of DVLC Members

Anita Little (Duane and Nancy Little); Kathy (Sue Pierce);
Karl Behrens (grandson of Jerry); Margaret Crouse (Shirley Eaton);
Belle Moore (Gordon Zander's niece); June Wright & her caregivers (Sherry Wright);
James Jones (Jim and Sandy Jones); David Wessel (Paul and Gwyn Wessel)

January Birthdays

3 Louise Lemley
4 Terri Bristow
14 Ruth Skogman
16 Alan Slind
23 Randi Cooper
27 Don Hall
29 Sandy Jones
30 Connie Jean
31 Ruth Macki

February Birthdays

2 Shirley Eaton
6 Jeanette Fischer
8 Pamela Cortes'
15 Dale Rudd
19 Kristi Widsteen
22 Susan Gerard
23 Gary Capouch
26 Bud Fullhart
28 Nancy Little
29 Judy Kenyon

DVLC Faith Formation 2019

Sundays during January and February, Pastor Russ is offering a course on Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith using a resource from Augsburg Fortress that looks at the many religious expressions in America. Sunday courses to follow include Psalms, Galatians, and a book by Burke and Taylor The Heretic's Guide to Eternity. In May on Sundays following 11am worship, we plan to offer a class considering the Christian doctrines around hell with Beck's book Reviving Old Scratch: Demons and the Devil for Doubters and the Disenchanted. Wednesday evenings in January and February, Ruth Geiger will offer a course on The Heart of Christianity by Marcus Borg. Lenten Worshipers will take place during March and April. Then in May, Pastor Russ will lead a discussion of the book by James Johnson called Crossing the Bar: Home By Another Way. Of course, pastoral led Bible studies looking at the Bible texts used for Sunday worship continue to meet regularly Mondays and Thursdays at church at 1:30pm. Take a step, big or small, to grow spiritually!

Seek to Serve

Our worship each Sunday enlists many faithful hands to do our best to offer our best to God. If you would be interested in serving as an usher, a greeter, a communion server, a lector, or a sound system monitor please venture to

<https://signupschedule.com/dvlcvolunteers>

to sign up for opportunities to serve during worship. Of course, if you have questions about the expectations of serving in those capacities, please contact Pastor or the church office.



*Be on the look out for DVV
on Thursdays!*

December 2018 Financial Results

The Operating Fund received \$21,948 in December which is \$1,475 lower than the monthly Budget and \$9,027 lower than our actual expenses. Traditionally, December has been one of highest receipt months of the year, but that didn't happen in 2018. As a result, we end the year with Operating Fund receipts totaling \$271,124 which is \$9,976 less than Budget and \$24,736 less than our actual expenses. A deficit of this magnitude is of great concern. When we put together the 2018 Budget, we anticipated that we would end the year with a deficit of \$10,043 which would be more than offset by the 2017 year-end surplus of \$12,981. It was well understood that when we called Pastor Russ to be our Pastor, our expenses would exceed our 2018 Budget a bit. What we didn't anticipate was that receipts would be almost \$10,000 less than our Budget. The major reason that this occurred is that contributions from our members totaled only \$255,235 which is \$24,371 less than in 2017. Such a large decline is the reason for our concern. In fact contributions from members have not been this low since 2004. Our congregation has been blessed by God in countless ways over the years, so we have faith that with God guiding Pastor Russ and our congregation, we will see our faith community grow in numbers. But beyond that, as a family, we all need to do our part in order to cover our operating expenses as well as continuing to provide financial support for the Southwest Washington Synod, ELCA, and to people of need in our community. The Year-end Financial Summary, which is included in this newsletter, shows that since the end of 2017 our General Fund has declined by \$44,745 to \$84,890 primarily due to this deficit and the resurfacing the parking lot project in 2018 which was not part of the Budget. Even though we expect to have another deficit in 2019, we will be attentive to our expenses and hopeful that our receipts will begin trending upward. Finally, we look forward to 2020 when our mortgage will be paid off which will relieve us of that significant financial burden.