



March 17, St. Patrick's Day, 12:30pm

Please join your fellow worshipers to enjoy a St. Patrick's Day Meal with Corned Beef & Cabbage. A vegetarian option will also be available. Everyone is invited to come, eat and enjoy some fellowship. Please sign-up so we have an idea how much food to prepare. In lieu of tickets, donations will be accepted on the day of the event.



Paint, Sip & Support

Olympic Peninsula Academy Fundraiser

Date: March 22

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

March 2019

**FOOD
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SUNDAY**

	Church Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm		March 31 SW WA Synod Bishop Rev. Richard E. Jaech Guest Preacher		1 9:30am Exercise Class 3:15pm Tai Chi Class	2
3 8:30am Worship 9:40am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship	4 8:30am Men's Breakfast 9:30 Exercise Class 1:30pm Adult Bible Study	5 9:30 - 3PM MOSAIC	6 Ash Wednesday 4:15pm Choir Practice 5:45pm Potluck 6:30pm Christian Ed	7 10am Crafts 9am Finance Meeting 1:00pm Quilting 1:30pm Adult Bible Study	8 9:30am Exercise Class 3:15pm Tai Chi Class	9 9:00am Meditation
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Dungeness Valley Lutheran *Currents*

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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 December and January. Our planned New Member Reception Sunday will be Sunday, March 31st. 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 – tentatively Sunday 17th in between services for DVLC & Me and Thursday 21st at 11a for Lutheranism 101. Sessions with Pastor Russ can be scheduled through the office or with Pastor.



*You are
invited*

Pastorous Thoughts – March 2019

Pr. Russ Britton

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

While I suppose I could be called a ‘cook,’ the designation of chef would be a stretch. But I do have an appreciation for the enhancement of flavor that is drawn out in the art of seasoning. In most of our houses I trust we at least have salt and pepper, but many of us likely also have a drawer or shelf with an assortment of little jars with various colors and scents of powder, leaves, and spices. We try to be equipped to make the food taste just right because seasoning can make the difference in an entree. Recently, while not often one to get captivated by cooking shows, I have really enjoyed watching with family the Netflix series based on the superb book [Salt Fat Acid Heat: Mastering the Elements of Good Cooking by Samin Nasrat](#). It is incredible and inspires wonder at how our five senses can be engaged.

In our faith lives we have seasoning as well. But in a liberty taken with the verb, our lives are affected by the seasons in which we live and the milestones which characterize those times. The endeavor of worship and forming faith at Dungeness Valley Lutheran must recognize how fundamental seasons are in our lives and how it is a holy thing to acknowledge prominent times during those seasons. The church has often acknowledged milestones in the lives of our young people. How could the church consider honoring milestones in later seasons of life?

How do you engage the seasons of your life? I would suggest that it is primarily by being attentive to the “flavor” of the life you are leading. Where we are cherishing joys, we often say life is sweet. Where we are recovering from betrayal or disappointment we may say that things are bitter. Then there are those times of life that are truly bittersweet where the ambivalence around an event that is good for some but tough for others testifies to the fact that often life simply is not simple.

The writer of Ecclesiastes names this in the third chapter of Ecclesiastes in a passage widely known through its rendition as the song Turn, Turn, Turn by The Byrds. The newer Lutheran hymnal has a wonderful hymn #723 called the Canticle of the Turning which also names that the seasons will change and often, if we're honest with ourselves, we can see the signs. After eight months as your new pastor, I am better aware that I am being seasoned. Acclimating to a role that has marked differences from my previous expressions of service in ministry is profoundly rewarding but also comes with challenges I must remind myself that are characteristic of living into a new season.

Whether the season you find yourself in right now is easy or difficult or you are not quite sure what it is, trust that in every season God has promised to be with and for us. That would be a reference to Matthew 28:20. Next time you sprinkle a teaspoon or pinch of seasoning may you see how you too have been sprinkled with the seasoning of challenges and blessings. Thanks be to God.

Please pass the salt.
Pastor Russ

Do you have Thrivent products?

Were you aware that you may have Thrivent Choice dollars for you to designate to a charitable organization like your church Dungeness Valley Lutheran? Check out <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/> or ask Susie Herrick about how to go about assigning those funds.

Wondering About Worship

During Lent while continuing with LBW Setting 1, we will curtail the singing of liturgy, put away the 'alleluia' until Easter, and include the responsive Psalm in our worship practice. It is most certainly true that doing things differently at times helps us hear and see differently what God is up to in our midst.

Seek to Serve

Our worship each Sunday functions only as well as we have 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.

DVLC Fellowship 2019

On Sunday February 17th a group attended Rhythm of the Dance with National Irish Dance Company through Juan de Fuca Foundation. We enjoyed the show and a goodly cohort went to dinner afterwards with a dance in our step!.



Upcoming Events:

- Sunday March 17th following 11am worship, at 12:30pm Saint Patrick's Day lunch (corned beef and cabbage!) at church.
- Sunday April 21st Easter Brunch in between worships
- Weekend of May 17-19 date tbd - Congregation Progressive Dinner
- Weekend in June/July date tbd Texas BBQ

Prayers

Illness/Surgery Recovery Members

Ruth Skogman; Loren Kreutner; Diana Graham; Bill Reinard;
Eleanor Olin; Ken Olin; 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);
Sara B. (Sue Pierce); Francis (Sue Pierce); Judy (Sue Pierce); Barbara (Sue Pierce);
Mary C. (LaNice Korus)

Thank you!

A big thank you to all who kept us fed, sent us cards, visited and called following Ken's February hospitalization. We're looking forward to that Sunday when we can return and thank you in person.

Blessings,
Kendell and Eleanor Olin

DVLC Faith Formation 2019

Sundays during March (3 & 10) Pastor Russ will wrap up Honoring Your Neighbor's Faith then after some sessions on the Psalms (17 & 24) with Bud Fullhart, Bishop Richard Jaech will be with us and take time during our education session to speak about our relationship with the synod and answer questions about church. Wednesdays during Lent will be our Lenten worship services. 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 and 'season'

Lent at DVLC

We look forward to worshipping together at 6:30p during the Wednesdays of Lent using the liturgy *That You May Have Life* by Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl. Come engage your Lenten path with worship together.

DVLC to Host Bishop of our Southwest Washington Synod of ELCA, Richard Jaech

Please make it a priority to join us at worship on Sunday, March 31st where we will delight to host Bishop Richard Jaech of the Southwest Washington Synod to preach and preside. Pastor Russ will be present leading liturgy and assisting with communion. You may learn more about Bp. Jaech and our marvelous synod staff at <http://www.lutheranssw.org/pages/staff>

Council CORNER

As the Lenten Season approaches and winter starts to loosen its grip, its time to get prepared for Easter. In the past DVLC members have been diligent in the upkeep of the exterior of our facilities. Now would be a good time to focus our efforts on the interior of our church in preparation of Easter. A general early spring cleaning, fixing and painting where necessary would do wonders to improve our worship experience and give a favorable impression to those who may be visiting with us. The volunteers of our congregation have always provided the expertise and manpower to do these necessary functions. In the coming days those things that need attention will be identified and you will have an opportunity to sign up. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Peace,
Ken

Consequences of Sunday, February 10th

Last month, we had the unfortunate circumstance of needing to cancel Sunday worship. While it was the right decision given the deliberation of congregational and pastoral leadership and the travel conditions, it understandably appears to have had a slight affect on our church's operating finances. We give a hearty thanks to those who support this ministry through online payments or through mailing their offerings and gifts. Where as well we honor the commitment and practice of those who find it meaningful to place their tithes and offerings in the plate passed on Sunday, if you are willing and capable to either bring your pledge current or respond with an additional measure of generosity it would be vigorously appreciated. The health of the mission and ministry of Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church is entrusted to us all. Thank you!

DUNGENESS VALLEY VOICE



Be on the look out
for DVV
on Thursdays in
your inbox!

March Birthdays

- 4 Gordon Zander
Margaret Crayton
- 7 Mary Griffith
- 9 Phyllis Cowan
- 10 Christopher Britton
- 12 Gail Schwab
- 27 Paul Lemley
- 30 Marie Johnson

WOW! WORKING ON WELLNESS

Wednesday, March 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