

**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS**

**Sunday, Jan 29- The 4th Sunday of Epiphany**

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates  
10:30 AM – Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting  
after Worship Service  
10:45 AM – Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall  
11:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure  
5:00 PM\* –Worship, YouTube

**Wednesday, Feb 1**

10:00 AM - Living Way Bible Study, Fellowship  
Hall/Conference Room  
Noon - Cutoff for Lfeline information

**Thursday, Feb 2**

10:00 AM-Mid-week Bible Study, **Postponed, continued  
Feb 9th**

**Friday, Feb 3**

2:00 PM - Bonaventure Bible Study, Led by T. Deas

**Saturday, Feb 4**

9:00 AM Combined Men's and Women's Fellowship  
Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, Feb 5- The 5th Sunday of Epiphany**

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates  
10:30 AM - Kids Sunday School, Conference Room  
10:45 AM – Brunch presented by Courageous Generation  
Church, Fellowship Hall  
11:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure  
5:00 PM\* –Worship, YouTube

**Monday, Feb 6**

7:45 PM Bible Study via Zoom

**Tuesday, Feb 7**

10:00 AM Worship & Music Board, Conference Room

**Wednesday, Feb 8**

10:00 AM - Living Way Bible Study, Fellowship  
Hall/Conference Room  
Noon - Cutoff for Lfeline information

**Thursday, Feb 9**

10:00 AM-Mid-week Bible Study, Conference Room/Zoom

**Friday, Feb 10**

9:30 AM – Finance Committee, Conference Room  
2:00 PM - Bonaventure Bible Study,  
Led by T. Deas

**\*Always the goal, but may be impacted by technology issues  
beyond our control**

**LWLC Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will follow today's service**

**Help Wanted: Office Secretary (part-time position).** We are looking for an experienced and efficient Secretary to work in our church office. Office hours are 9:00 to 4:00, Monday through Thursday. Job duties include computer skills with proficiency in the Microsoft suite of products, some photo editing skills and have some website experience or be receptive to learning website skills. Our ideal candidate is self-motivated and has at least one year of experience as a secretary or office assistant. More information is available in the Job Description. Contact the Human Resources Chairman, Larry Vollmer.

## Thank You and Farewell

On Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, Courageous Generation Church will be serving the members and friends of Living Word Lutheran a Brunch in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Courageous Generation held their last worship service at Living Word on January 14<sup>th</sup>. The brunch is their way to say thank you for our support and to say farewell.

### Bible Study

Living Way Bible Study that meets on Wednesdays at 10 AM will be completing the Book of Joshua and begin the Book of 1 Peter on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please join us for Bible Study and Fellowship.



### Special Link & 'Notes' of Interest

The first link is one of the communion hymns, "**The Blood will Never Lose Its Power**" sung by Evie Tornquist and the second link is a closing hymn, "**Victory in Jesus**", sung by Carrie Underwood both with a country flavor.

"The Blood will Never Lose Its Power" [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXHgUYInD\\_0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXHgUYInD_0)

"Victory in Jesus" [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPIsOPDQr\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPIsOPDQr_g)

## WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN WHEN WE PRAY?

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, "**This is the Receiving Section.** Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received." I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section. The angel then said to me, "This is the **Packaging and Delivery Section.** Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them." I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.



Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "**This is the Acknowledgment Section,**" my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed. "How is it that there is no work going on here?" I asked. "So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments." "How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked. "Simple," the angel answered. Just say, "Thank you, Lord." "What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked.

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy, and if you get this on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity. If you woke up this morning with more health than illness. You are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day. If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation... You are ahead of 700 million people in the world. If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world. If your parents are still alive and still married.... you are very rare. If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair....."

"Ok," I said. "What now? How can I start?" The Angel said, "If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you as very special and you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all." Have a good day, count your blessings, and if you care to, pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we all are.

## PRAYER ROOM

“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.”  
James 3:18 (ESV)

*Watch over those who put themselves in harm's way to protect us and grant peace of mind to the families who love and miss them. We praise you for continuing to protect:*

Military personnel deployed to eastern Europe assisting with the impacts of the Russian war on Ukraine

Andrew Thompson (Griswold)	Josh Jepsen	Richy Vollmer (Vollmer)
Evan Gregory Blodgett	Devlin Durkin (McKenzie)	Seth Hearl
Michael Elliott	Chris Berentson	
Ivan Daubenspeck (Owen)	Owen Daubenspeck (Owen)	

*Comfort those who are bereaved, having lost the following loved ones recently,*

**Mei Barker & Family on the loss of her brother  
The family of Darci Wiesberg**

*Relieve pain for all who suffer in any way and restore them to good health of body, mind, and spirit. Encourage them and strengthen their caregivers:*

Thommy Owen	Kaye & Dick Sims	Jerry Parker	Terry Smallwood	Ryan Vonderau
Baby Sawyer Miller	Nellie Hoveg	Steve Vonderau	Barbara Griswold	Brynn Homstad

*Grant discernment, wisdom, and courage to leaders within the church and world. Raise servants to accomplish Your will. May Your will be evident in all decisions and actions.*

Living Word Members	Living Word Leaders	Persecuted Christians
Victims of War on Ukraine	Elected Government Officials	

*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers for these special requests:*

Jack (Jerry Halverson grandson)	Susan Frasier (Byus)	Chad Nasinec (Auge)	Carolyn Martin
Darlene Luberts	Cheryl Hedlund's Father	Amy Braafladt	Bill Utterback (Parker)
Roger Gjerstad	Brady Lindell		

*Thank you, LORD, for hearing and answering our prayers – even when you do so differently than we would prefer. We pray in the holy and mighty name of Jesus, our LORD. Amen*

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The Prayer Room is updated at the end of the month.

Please let the office know if you wish your request to remain on the list.

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**Pastor Mike Byus wants to support you spiritually!** Keep his contact information close by and reach out when you need encouragement and prayer. Church: 253-846-1276 Cell: 253-653-7428 – [chaplainmike316@yahoo.com](mailto:chaplainmike316@yahoo.com).

## Worship Assistants for February 2023

**Please note: If you are unable to meet your commitment, please switch dates with someone.  
inform your coordinator and Office.**

Coordinators	February 5	February 12	February 19	Feb 22 Ash Wednesday	February 26
<b>USHER/ *SECURITY</b> Don Brennan	Judy Williams *Bob Martin	Judy Ostendorf *Dave Ostendorf	Lydia Auge *Al Auge	Carol Brennan Don Brennan	Sharlene Parker *Jim Barker
<b>LECTOR</b> Barbara Griswold	Al Luberts	Dick Schmidt	Lorraine Stargel		Heidi Sturdivant
<b>SOUND SYSTEM</b> Ron Johnson	Raeanne Mitchell	Ron Johnson	Bill Zavadil	Raeanne Mitchell	Ron Johnson
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b> Peggy Byus	Peggy Byus <b>CGC Brunch</b>	Judy Williams Lorraine Stargel	Sarah DeBord Bonnie Socey		Linda Deas Sue Fields
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Dennis & Judy Krumwiede	Al & Lydia Auge	Don & Carol Brennan	<b>Lent</b>	<b>Lent</b>
<b>COMMUNION ASST.</b> Ardis Kilber	Lorraine Stargel	Peggy Byus	Nancy Martin		Al Auge
<b>COMMUNION Set-up/Clean up</b> Ardis Kilber	Toni Sherman Lorraine Stargel	Peggy Byus Nancy Martin	Yvonne Olson Sue Fields		Peggy Byus Nancy Martin
<b>JULIAN ESTATES WORSHIP LEADERS</b> Ron Heilman	Sharlene Parker Ron Heilman	Mike & Gayla Fenimore	Al Luberts Ron Heilman		Tony & Linda Deas

\*Security

"Because the Worship Assistant schedule changes frequently, what is printed may not be the most accurate information. We apologize for any inconvenience."