

January 4, 2026- Volume 6 - Edition 1

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Saturday, January 3, 2026

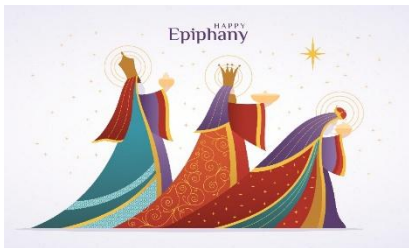
9:00 AM – Women's Breakfast

Sunday, January 4, 2026

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
10:45 AM – Coffee Hour
1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure
5:00 PM* –Worship, YouTube

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 (Epiphany)

10:00 AM – Worship and Music Committee Meeting



Saturday, January 10, 2026

9:00 AM – Men Meet at Volcano Coffee

Music Notes



Here is a link to some of this week's communion songs:
"Day after Day":

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBUqY_Bk7XQ&list=RDkBUqY_Bk7XQ&start_radio=1

"El Shaddai":

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mY_oUmzpLJk&list=RDmY_oUmzpLJk&start_radio=1

"Bless His Holy Name":

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2JOZ9h8MU&list=RD_z2JOZ9h8MU&start_radio=1

Sunday, January 11, 2026 (Baptism of Our Lord)

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
10:45 AM – Coffee Hour
11:05 AM – Gather Time in the Sanctuary
11:15 AM – Sunday School
12:15 AM – Choir Rehearsal
1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure
5:00 PM* –Worship, YouTube

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

10:00 AM – Women's Ministry Committee Meeting
6:30 PM – Church Board Meeting

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

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Full Lectionary for January 4, 2026;

1st Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm Psalm 147:12-20
2nd Reading Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel John 1:1-18

Full Lectionary for January 11, 2026; Baptism of Our Lord

1st Reading Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm Psalm 29
2nd Reading Acts 10:34-43
Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Second Sunday in Christmas

Parament Color Is **White**

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LOOKING AHEAD

January 3, Saturday, 9:00 am

Women's Ministry Breakfast

January 4, Sunday, 9:30 am

Worship Service - No Sunday School

January 6, Tuesday, 10:00 am

Worship & Music Meeting

January 10, Saturday, 9:00 am

Men meet at Volcano Coffee

January 11, Sunday, 9:30 am

Worship Service

11:05 am

Sunday School

January 13, Tuesday, 10:00 am

Women's Ministry Meeting

6:30 pm

Church Board Meeting

January 25, Sunday, 9:30 am

Worship Service

Immediately after worship

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

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WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Start the new year with the Women's Ministry Breakfast on Saturday, January 3rd at 9:00 am. Our guest speaker will be Sarah DeBord, sharing information about the Heritage Girls Organization that meets on Tuesday evenings at Living Word. We look forward to seeing you there!

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JUST A REMINDER: IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Just to refresh everyone's memory, following a safety seminar several years ago, it was recommended that we have an airhorn in the narthex to alert everyone in case of an emergency. The airhorn is located on the Security person's table to be used only in a church emergency. The Security person will use the airhorn to alert everyone there is an emergency and then will immediately call 911 to report it.

In the event of an emergency, you will hear:

- ▶ **ONE BLAST** of the air horn directs that you are to shelter in place.
- ▶ **TWO BLASTS** of the air horn directs that you exit the building.

There are evacuation instructions on the wall in each room of the church. Please become familiar with them. Also, this is a reminder that we have an AED machine located in the narthex on the wall by the flags.

Children and Youth 2025 Christmas Program

Warming Up at Julian Estates, December 14, 2025



At Living Word Lutheran Church, December 21, 2025



On Sunday, December 14th the children and youth presented a Christmas Program for the residents of Julian Estates where they were enthusiastically welcomed! And then, on Sunday, December 21st they presented the program again during worship service at Living Word. The program was wonderful and added so much to the Christmas season.

A very special **"thank you"** to Mary Kaye Owen for organizing the program and to Mary Loshbough, all the Sunday School teachers, and parents for their assistance and support.

"What deeds of power are being done by His hands!"
--Mark 6:2

In His Hands

The Hands that made the world and gave the sun and moon their light
are the tiny Hands of a baby born one cold December night...
The Hands that stilled the wind and tamed the fury of the sea
are the calloused Hands of a carpenter who lived in poverty...
The Hands that held the power to break the binding chains of sin
are the gentle Hands that washed the feet of tired and dusty men...
The Hands that cleansed the leper, healed the blind and raised the dead
are the praying Hands of one who cried, "Not My will but Thine instead..."
The Hands that shaped the universe and flung the stars in space
are the nail-pierced Hands of a dying man who suffered in our place...
The Hands of our Creator, Lord and King of Heaven above,
are the Savior's Hands, forever reaching out to us with love.

B. J. Hoff



THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY BAKE SALE was a huge success!

Thanks to all who brought baked goods,
set-up, and purchased the baked goods!
Total monies raised was \$516.00!
This will go toward church needs.

A new 2026 Chancel Flower chart is located in the narthex. With a new year, there are many empty slots on the flower chart for chancel flowers. You don't need a special occasion to bring flowers. Please sign up on the flower chart in the narthex, or email, text or call the church office at 253-846-1275 if you want to fill one (or more!) of those empty slots. Thank you!



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:

Andrew Thompson (Griswold)
Josh Jepsen, USAF Utah

Elijah Lundberg, USMC Yuma, AZ
Owen Daubenspeck, USAF Spokane (Owen)

Comfort those who are bereaved, having lost loved ones recently:

Holli and Grace Reichl in the passing of her father/grandfather
Sarah DeBord and family in the passing of her aunt

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:

Maurice Hedlund
Jeff Brennan
Bill Marsh
Debbi Zavadil
Duane Claiborne
Kitty Jepsen

Darlene Luberts
Carolyn Martin
Yvonne Olson
Wallace Duggan
Lori Schmidt
Lena Duggan

Terry (and caregiver Ron)
Cheryl Hedlund's aunt, Sue
David Martin (son of Bob and Nancy Martin)
Sue Doll (sister-in-law of Duane & Valerie)
Johnny Beck (son of Sharlene Parker and brother of Toni Sherman)

Carol Brennan

Amy Cruver

Tina (daughter of Judy Williams)
Julie Mendoza (Heidi Sturdivant)

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
Victims of War in Ukraine and Israel/Middle East

Living Word Leaders

Persecuted Christians
Elected Government Officials

Prayer and praise for healing and continued recovery:

Bonnie Socey
Sharon Johnson

Cheryl Hedlund
Steve Vonderau

Jan Williams (sister in law of Judy Williams)

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

Names in Bold are new additions. Please let the office know if you wish your request to remain on the list. Otherwise, requests are removed after a month.
