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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, Dec 25
Christmas Day

**No Sunday
Service**



Friday Dec 30
2:00 PM - Bonaventure Bible Study led by T Deas

Sunday, Jan 1- The 1st Sunday after Christmas

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
10:30 AM - Kids Sunday School, Conference Room
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

Tuesday, Jan 3

10:00 AM- Worship & Music Board, Conference Room
6:30 PM - Church Board Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, Jan 4

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

Friday, Jan 6

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

Saturday Jan 7

9:00 AM - Women's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

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

Women's Ministry Fellowship Breakfast

January 7, Saturday at 9:00 AM, is the Women's Ministry Fellowship Breakfast. It's time to start off the New Year with breakfast, fellowship and plans for upcoming events. Our speaker will be our own Judy Williams. Ladies, contact Linda Deas for sign up. Here is a picture of our December Gift Exchange Breakfast. It was great fun for all!





Special Link & 'Notes' of Interest Christmas Eve, two of the songs we will be singing is "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "Joy to the World" with a special recording of "O Holy Night". The links below are sung by a very popular 11-member group called "The Voctave", enjoy and get in the spirit of the season!

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CliN1YIxHil>

"Joy to the World" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nziWgvOPj4>

"O Holy Night" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2whYdPtH5Ac>

2022 Contributions

Reminder, if you wish to have your year end contributions to be counted in 2022, please note. The Church office is closed on December 30th and 31st, you must have the contribution to the church office by December 29th for it to count as a 2022 contribution. If you cannot make it to the church office by December 29th, you can still make the contribution online on the church's website <https://livingwordlutheranchurch.org/give-1>.

For those of you, who are 70 ½ or older you may consider making a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) from your IRA this year. By making the contribution from your Traditional IRA, you are allowed to deduct up to \$100,000 of the QCD from the front of your Form 1040 in arriving at your AGI. This could be even more beneficial, if you are in a Required Minimum Distribution, because this also counts to your Required Minimum Distribution. Please consult with your own personal tax advisor to see if you qualify for this type of contribution and to see how this could be of a tax benefit to you.

Building Use And Decor Committee

The long-awaited AED machine (Automated External Defibrillator) has arrived and has been installed in the Narthex. We plan to have training sessions in January on how to operate the AED and will keep you informed of training dates.

If you are interested in serving on the Building Use and Decor Committee, please let Nancy Martin know. The committee is responsible for the development of policies for the use of the church, and is also responsible for decisions on acceptability of donations of painting, wall hangings, and furniture through the building. The Committee does not meet on a regular basis, but as needed.

Coffee Hour

Please consider signing up for coffee hour. We have decided to make a couple of changes, for instance, coffee hour will be self-service. Just bring in your pastries (3 to 4 dozen) and put them in the fellowship hall and clean up after fellowship. You don't have to bring a variety, just cookies or your favorite pastry. We are working on getting a different coffee pot so that clean up and making the coffee will be easier. We're hoping that these changes will make it easier for all to help with our fellowship hour.



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)
Evan Gregory Blodgett
Michael Elliott
Ivan Daubenspeck (Owen)

Josh Jepsen
Devlin Durkin (McKenzie)
Chris Berentson
Owen Daubenspeck (Owen)

Richy Vollmer (Vollmer)
Seth Hearl

*Comfort those who are bereaved, having lost the following loved ones recently,
Donna Kloes’s Family*

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 Sims Jerry Parker Judy Ostendorf Terry Smallwood Yvonne Olson

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 on Ukraine

Living Word Leaders

Elected Government Officials

Persecuted Christians

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

Jack (Jerry Halverson grandson)
Carolyn Martin
Amy Braafladt

Susan Frasier (Byus)
Darci Weisberg (Brennan)
Bill Utterback (Parker)

Chad Nasinec (Auge)
Darlene Luberts
Roger Gjerstad

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

**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.**

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.*