

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, Dec 4 The 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary,
10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
10:45 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

Monday, Dec 5

7:45 PM - Bible Study via internet

Tuesday, Dec 6

10:00 AM Worship & Music Meeting-Conference Room

Wednesday, Dec 7

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

Friday, Dec 9

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

Saturday, Dec 10

9:00 AM - Men's fellowship breakfast, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Dec 11 The 3rd Sunday of Advent

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, Dec 13

10:00 AM Women's Ministry Board meeting-Conference Room
6:00 PM LWLC Board Meeting-Conference Room

Wednesday, Dec 14

Noon – Cutoff for Lifeline information

Friday, Dec 16

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

Saturday, Dec 17

6:00 PM - Courageous Generation, Fellowship Hall

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

Women's Ministry Fellowship Breakfast

This Saturday, December 3rd at 9:00 AM, is the Women's Ministry Fellowship Breakfast, there will be a gift exchange and as always delicious food. Please make sure your gift is wrapped and \$10 or less. We look forward to seeing you there.



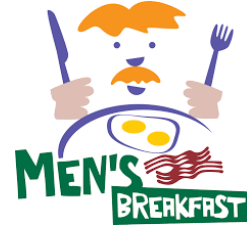
Poinsettias. The holiday season is here! It's wonderful to have beautiful poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas **in honor of, in memory of, or in celebration**. After the Christmas Eve Service, your poinsettia will go home and share your Christmas Day! Please sign up at the table in the narthex for your poinsettia and a \$15.00 donation. December 22 is the deadline for signing up.

Reflection

During Advent, we **prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts**. We love and forgive others. We ask for forgiveness. We are helpful and kind. We pray every day.

Men's Ministry Breakfast -

December 10th at 9:00 AM, will be the men's breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and share great food and encouragement from your fellow brothers-in-Christ. There's a signup sheet on the table in the Narthex, please sign up and we look forward to seeing you there.



CONGREGATIONAL BAKE SALE December 18th WANTED.delicious baked goods



BAKE SALE

The Women's Ministry is having a bake sale on Sunday, December 18th after service in the Fellowship room. The proceeds will be used for church needs. Please come and support this sale! To buy a baked item, use cash or check. Eat your baked foods at the tables, enjoy them at home, or give as a gift to another.

Signup sheet in the Narthex if you would like to bring your goodies to sell. Please put your baked goods wrapped in a clear plastic container that is disposable or dish that won't be returned. Label your item for example: chocolate cookie, no nuts. If your item needs to be cut like a pie or cake, please do it at home. Bring it ready to sell! We will make prices for each. Please bring your baked goods to the Fellowship room or put it in the refrigerator if needed by 9:am. !!!!!
Coffee will be served! This is a great way to start our Christmas giving!!!

Christmas Eve Service

This year December 24th we will hold our Christmas Eve 'Candlelight' Service at **5:00 pm** on Saturday. There will be no Worship Service on Sunday, December 25th.



Call Committee Update

As you know by now Pastor Castillo declined to be considered for call, so we are continuing our search. We will be taking a small break over the holidays and then relisting with LCMC and CORE which puts us back at the top of the call list and gives us more visibility. The Lord has provided the means for us to worship Him after leaving the ELCA and has provided a place for us to worship. Pray for the Lord to reveal His choice for our next pastor. Bless you, your Call Committee.

Special Link

This Sunday, our Praise Hymn will be "**King of Kings**", a very catchy and upbeat tune. If you would like to hear it, click on this link and you'll be able to hear it. Enjoy! By the way this song was written by two 13 year old friends, Naomi Batya and Sophie Conty.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91r2ZVQyZkA>

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	James Lee (Stankovich)	Chris Berentson
Ivan Daubenspeck (Owen)	Owen Daubenspeck (Owen)	

*Comfort those who are bereaved, having lost the following loved ones recently,
Cameron Kesner’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
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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	Darci Weisberg (Brennan)	Darlene Luberts
Amy Braafladt	Bill Utterback (Parker)	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.

Revised/Updated

Worship Assistants for December 2022

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

Coordinators	December 4	December 11	December 18	December 24
USHERS/ *SECURITY Don Brennan	Valerie Claiborne *Bill Zavadil	Judy Williams *Dennis Krumwiede	Sharon Johnson *Ron Johnson	Carol Brennan *Don Brennan
LECTOR Barbara Griswold	Jim Gronhovd	Ron Johnson	Al Luberts	Dan Owen
SOUND SYSTEM Ron Johnson	Raeanne Mitchell	Bill Zavadil	Raeanne Mitchell	Ron Johnson
COFFEE HOUR Kaye Sims	Heidi Sturdivant Mei Barker	Carol Brennan Nancy Martin	Bake Sale	Christmas Eve!!
FLOWERS	Dennis & Judy Krumwiede	Poinsettias	Don & Carol Brennan	Poinsettias
COMMUNION ASST. Ardis Kilber	Sharon Johnson	Al Auge	Nancy Martin	Peggy Byus
COMMUNION Set-up/Clean up Ardis Kilber	Yvonne Olson Sue Fields	Lorraine Stargel Peggy Byus	Nancy Martin Ardis Kilber	Peggy Byus Lorraine Stargel
JULIAN ESTATES WORSHIP LEADERS Ron Heilman	Jeff DeBord Ron Heilman	Tony Deas Linda Deas	Sharlene Parker Ron Heilman	Ron Heilman December 25 Ron Johnson Sharon Johnson

*Security

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

December Meditation

EVENTS THAT SHOULDN'T SURPRISE US

“Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads because your redemption draws near.” **Luke 21:28**

A question I ask myself much more frequently than I used to this. Is COVID 19 is a sign from God of the last days? I've been asked that question numerous times. I would say the answer is *yes*. While the word *pandemic* is not in the Bible, we find the words *pestilence*.

Go to the old Testament story of Moses, making effort after effort to stand before Pharaoh. Each time he spoke of a coming plague and each plague was different. As promised, each of these dangerous plagues swept across the land and took its toll on the people of Egypt including the Pharaoh.

Obviously, each plague was a form of judgement. Scripture makes clear that in the end times, there will be striking diseases and plagues throughout the world. There will be earthquakes that shake, tremble, and destroy. Not least, there will be wars and rumors of wars. It's not a pleasant picture.

But this is not the Great Tribulation period yet. Our Lord compares this confusion and pain the world to that of a pregnant woman. It will be like a woman in labor approaching her time of delivery. Every parent knows this. Her labor pains will become closer together the closer the birth of her baby becomes.

So, as we see more of these unmistakable events around us, we can recognize them as signs of the time, even perhaps, the Lord's second coming in glory! Come Lord Jesus! Treasure His promise. It is true! **“Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift your heads, because your redemption draws near.”**

PAUL BRAAFLADT, Stewardship Chair