

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, February 18

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary
 10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
 10:45 AM – Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM Choir Rehearsal
 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM Hand Chime Practice
 1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure
 5:00 PM* –Worship, YouTube

Wednesday, February 21

10:00 AM – Living Way Bible Study
 12:00 PM – Prayer @ Noon
 3:00 PM – Cutoff for Lifeline Information

Thursday, February 22

5:00 PM – Lenten Service followed by Soup Supper

LENTEN SERVICE

Lenten services begin this
 Thursday, February 22 at 5:00 PM
 followed by a soup supper.

Sunday, February 25

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary
 10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
 10:45 AM – Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM Choir Rehearsal
 11:30 AM –1:00 PM Confirmation Class
 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM Hand Chime Practice
 1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure
 5:00 PM* –Worship, YouTube

Wednesday, February 28

10:00 AM – Living Way Bible Study
 12:00 PM – Prayer @ Noon
 3:00 PM – Cutoff for Lifeline Information

Thursday, February 29

5:00 PM – Lenten Service followed by Soup Supper

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

Full Lectionary for February 18, 2024; 1st Sunday in Lent

First Reading **Genesis 9:8-17**
Psalm **Psalm 25:1-10**
Second Reading **1 Peter 3:18-22**
Gospel **Mark 1:9-15**

Parament Color: Purple

Full Lectionary for February 25, 2024; 2nd Sunday in Lent

First Reading **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**
Psalm **Psalm 22:23-31**
Second Reading **Romans 4:13-25**
Gospel **Mark 8:31-38**

Parament Color: Purple

LIVING WORD LEANING INTO LENT

LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is February 14th, marking the beginning of the Lenten season. Christians throughout the world collectively observe 40 days (46 minus the Sundays) leading to Easter, reflecting on the suffering, sacrifice, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many Christians use these six weeks for self-examination to either give up something or add a new discipline into their lives. Fasting reminds us that nothing can fill the void in our lives except Jesus. A new discipline does the same, ultimately drawing us nearer to God. So how will you use this season to grow spiritually? Here are a few suggestions:

- Attend weekly Lenten worship services
- Increase ministry involvement at church
- Fellowship with someone you do not know well at Lenten soup suppers
- Add 15 minutes to your daily devotion and prayer time
- Reduce personal spending and increase gifts to ministries
- Join a Bible Study

The Lenten season at Living Word offers several activities to help you savor the sacredness of the season.

LENTEN SERVICES

LENTEN EVENING SERVICES begin at 5:00 PM on Thursdays followed by SOUP SUPPERS

Host Schedule:

February 22	Worship & Music/Choir
February 29	Finance/Human Resources
March 7	Christian Education/Property Maint./Bldg. Use & Décor
March 14	Men & Women's Ministry
March 21	LWLC Board/Evangelism/Stewardship

You do not have to serve on a ministry team to help with **soup suppers**, in fact, we encourage it. To sign up for soup, bread, butter, crackers, or rolls, add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

LENTEN DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Pastor Eric has a daily Bible Reading Schedule for Lent. It starts on Thursday, February 15th and ends March 30th. Copies can be found on the round "sign-up" table in the narthex.

BENEVOLENCE FUND RECIPIENT SHOWCASE

A tithe (10%) of giving to Living Word Lutheran Church is re-given to charitable organizations as determined by the Benevolence Committee. The information below is one of the 23 recipients.

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE - This agency has been serving the needs of the Puyallup community, free of charge, since 1974. They are located at 322 7th St. S.E., in Puyallup. They exist to improve the lives of those in need. They do this by offering a clothing bank, emergency food pantry, emergency assistance/Homelessness Prevention Program, ESL program, back-to-school program, and a Christmas program.

They accept donations:

Monday - Wednesday - Friday: 10 am - 5 pm, and Saturday: 10 am - 2:30 pm.

Please call them at 253-770-3974 with any questions.



WHAT HAPPENS IN PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION?

There are four people assigned to prepare and assist with communion each Sunday. Two people fill the cups with red wine and white grape juice in two trays. They also cut the communion bread into bite-sized pieces. Red wine is poured in the chalice that is on the altar, along with bread and gluten free wafers on what's called the paten (small plate) that is also on the altar, each covered with a white cloth. The tray with bread/gluten free wafers is used by Pastor to serve communion. One person is assigned to assist the Pastor by serving the wine/white grape juice. Another person remains by the credence table behind the pulpit to replace the empty wine/white grape juice tray for the assistant. The communion bread is made by several church members. There is a special recipe used in making the bread, however it is not difficult to make. *Note:* On Maundy Thursday communion is served with a sour wine in remembrance of the wine Jesus was given when on the cross.

If you wish to assist with communion set-up, be an assistant, or a bread baker, please contact Ardis Kilber. Additional communion workers are always welcome!

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 Jordan
Richy Vollmer (Vollmer)
Evan Gregory Blodgett
Devlin Durkin (McKenzie)
Elijah Lundberg, USMC Yuma, AZ

Seth Hearl
Michael Elliott
Chris Berentson
Ivan Daubenspeck, USMC Okinawa (Owen)
Owen Daubenspeck, USAF Qatar (Owen)

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

Tom and Lonna Groce on the passing of his mother
Kaye Sims on the passing of husband Dick

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
Jon Zavadil
Al Auge
Terry (and caregiver Ron)
Bonnie Socey
Duane and Valerie Claibornes’ niece

Harold Lawrence
Al Luberts
Jeff Brennan
Richard Mitchell (and caregiver Raeanne)
Amy Braafladt

Rosalynn Gallagher
Amy Cruver
Carolyn Martin

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

Living Word Leaders
Elected Government Officials

Persecuted Christians

Prayer and praise for healing and continued recovery:

Katie
Savvy
Debbi Zavadil

Darlene Luberts
Errol Lynne Marsh
Toni Sherman

Diego Huber
Ryan
Reuben Sturdivant

Rachel Harder
Steve Vonderau

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.
