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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

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

Monday, February 26

10:00 AM – Décor Meeting

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

Saturday, March 2

9:00 AM - Women's Breakfast

Sunday, March 3

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

Tuesday, March 5

10:00 AM - Worship & Music Meeting

Wednesday, March 6

10:00 AM - Living Way Bible Study

12:00 PM – Prayer @ Noon

3:00 PM – Cutoff for Lifeline Information

Thursday, March 7

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 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

Full Lectionary for March 3, 2024; 3rd Sunday in Lent

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm Psalm 19

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel John 2:13-22 Parament Color: Purple

LIVING WORD LEANING INTO LENT

LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday was 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 signup 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.

Ash Wednesday Noon Chapel Service





Visitors Ed and Grace Schott, part of the Julian Estates congregation, were celebrating their 76th wedding anniversary on this Valentines Day/Ash Wednesday!

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, MARCH 2, AT 9:00 am

Come and enjoy fellowship, conversation, and always wonderful food!

Please indicate on the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are coming, and if you are planning to bring a food item.

We look forward to seeing you!

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 for 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 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.

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 HedlundHarold LawrenceRosalynn GallagherJon ZavadilAl LubertsAmy CruverAl AugeJeff BrennanCarolyn Martin

Terry (and caregiver Ron) Richard Mitchell (and caregiver Raeanne)

Bonnie Socey Amy Braafladt

Duane and Valerie Claibornes' niece

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 in Ukraine and Israel Elected Government Officials

Prayer and praise for healing and continued recovery:

Katie Darlene Luberts Diego Huber Rachel Harder Savvy Errol Lynne Marsh Ryan Steve Vonderau

Debbi Zavadil Toni Sherman Reuben Sturdivant

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.