

January 18, 2026- Volume 6 - Edition 3

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, January 18, 2026

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary
 10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
 10:45 AM – Coffee Hour
 11:05 AM – Gathering 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

Monday, January 19, 2026 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

*** Office Closed ***

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

6:30 PM – American Heritage Girls

Music Notes



Here is a link to this week's closing hymn:

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”:

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Living Word Lutheran Church Semi-annual Congregational Meeting will follow the **January 25th** service.

Sunday, January 25, 2026

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary
 10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
 10:40 AM – Congregational Meeting
 10:45 AM – Coffee Hour
 11:05 AM – Gathering 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 27, 2026

6:30 PM – American Heritage Girls

Saturday, February 7, 2026

9:00 AM – Men's & Women's Breakfast

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 (Ash Wednesday)

12:00 PM – Chapel Service
 6:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service

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Full Lectionary for January 18, 2026; Second Sunday after Epiphany

1st Reading Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm Psalm 40:1-11
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel John 1:29-42

Parament Color Is Green

Full Lectionary for January 25, 2026; Third Sunday after Epiphany

1st Reading Isaiah 9:1-4 **Parament Color Is Green**
Psalm Psalm 27:1, 4-9
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

NOTE: The Church office phone, 253-846-1276, has been out of service recently. If you need to call the Church Office, it is still possible to call and leave a message, or call Dan directly at 206-719-7884. All messages will be returned as soon as possible. We apologize for the inconvenience.

DID YOU KNOW?

That *Ardis Kilber* is responsible for people to bake communion bread and assigning communion preparers and assistants each week?

That we have a faithful and excellent custodian, *Holli Reichl*, who cleans the church each week?

That *Carol Brennan* is responsible for the altar flower chart, and provides flowers when no one signs up to bring flowers? (Don't forget to put your name on the flower chart for a specific reason, or "just because".)

That *Lorraine Stargel* changes the paraments in the sanctuary according to the seasons of the church year?

That *Naomi Lundberg* is responsible for arranging for nursery attendants each week?

That *Dick Schmidt* places the "red books" on the pews before the worship service each week?

That *Valerie Claiborne* maintains the children's activity bags located at the entrance to the sanctuary?

That *Pastor Eric* gives a lollipop to the children after the worship service each Sunday with the admonition to "not run in the church"?

**We are very fortunate to have so many faithful servants in our congregation.
And this is only a PARTIAL list!!**

GOD IS THE CAPTAIN

If you look closely at the blueprints God gave Noah in Genesis 6, He was extremely precise about the construction of the ark. He gave the exact length, width, and height. He specified the type of wood and the pitch to seal it, and much more. But God left out some crucial components of boat design. Did you notice that there was no steering wheel, no sail, and no engine? Think about that. Noah was building a massive vessel to survive a global storm, but he would have zero control over it. He couldn't steer it away from rocks. He couldn't turn it into the waves. He couldn't aim for dry land when it appeared. He was completely at the mercy of the wind and the water.

This wasn't an oversight on God's part, of course. God didn't design the ark to be navigated; He designed it just to stay afloat. Noah's job was to be a passenger, not to captain the ship. God was the Captain. He was the one directing the ship's safe passage through the storm to dry ground at the end. It is the same with life. God is in control. He will guide us safely through, if we let him. So stop trying to put at steering wheel into a boat that wasn't designed for you to captain.

IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES

On Friday, January 9th, the CSPOA (Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association), hosted a rally to support and encourage local law enforcement during difficult times in our nation. Law Officials, Congressmen, County Council Members, State Senators, Pastors, Christian leaders and more gathered in South Hill for a time of prayer, encouragement, strategy and inspiration. Our very own Larry and Polly Stickney were very involved in this event as Larry was the emcee for the entire program and Polly worked with registration, planning and constitution education. Living Word is grateful for their Christian witness and dedication to serving our communities in this effort.



Larry Stickney, General Michael Flynn, Jordan Stickney, and Polly Stickney

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

**THE COMBINED MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7
9:00 AM**

This is an annual event we look forward to every year! Lots of good food, conversation, and a special guest speaker, Tony Deas, who will speak about miracles in his life. We ask that you think about a miracle (or more) that have occurred in your life that you would be willing to share. Miracles happen every day, but we don't always recognize them!

The sign-up sheet is located on the table in the narthex.

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.
