

July 10, 2022 - Volume 1 - Edition 27

## SPECIAL

# Celebration of Thanksgiving

Celebration Sunday, July 10, 2022, at the Congregational Picnic

We have paid off our mortgage with the generous gift from Jo Fletcher.

We are grateful to be holding a

## Mortgage Burning

You won't want to miss this special event!

Come, help us celebrate and give thanks to the Lord!



## THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

### Sunday, July 10 – Church Picnic after Worship

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates  
1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure  
5:00 PM\* – Worship, YouTube

### Tuesday, July 12

1:00 PM – Communications Team, Zoom  
6:30 PM – Board Meeting, Conference Room

### Wednesday, July 13

NOON – Cutoff for *Lifeline* Information

### Thursday, July 14

7:00 AM\* – *Thursday Thought* on YouTube  
10:30 AM – “The Bible as History” Forum, Zoom and  
Conference Room

### Friday, July 15

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

### Saturday, July 16

6:00 PM – Courageous Generation Worship,  
Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, July 17

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates  
10:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall  
1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure  
5:00 PM\* – Worship, YouTube

### Tuesday, July 19

1:00 PM – Communications Team, Zoom

### Wednesday, July 20

NOON – Cutoff for *Lifeline* Information

### Thursday, July 21

7:00 AM\* – *Thursday Thought* on YouTube  
10:30 AM – “The Bible as History” Forum, Zoom and  
Conference Room

### Friday, July 22

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

### Saturday, July 23

6:00 PM – Courageous Generation Worship,  
Fellowship Hall

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

# FAITH FORWARD GIVING

The stewardship theme for 2022 is FAITH FORWARD. But this congregation has been doing that for years by designating 10% of offerings for benevolence. Each month in 2022, we highlight one of the organizations Living Word supported in 2021.

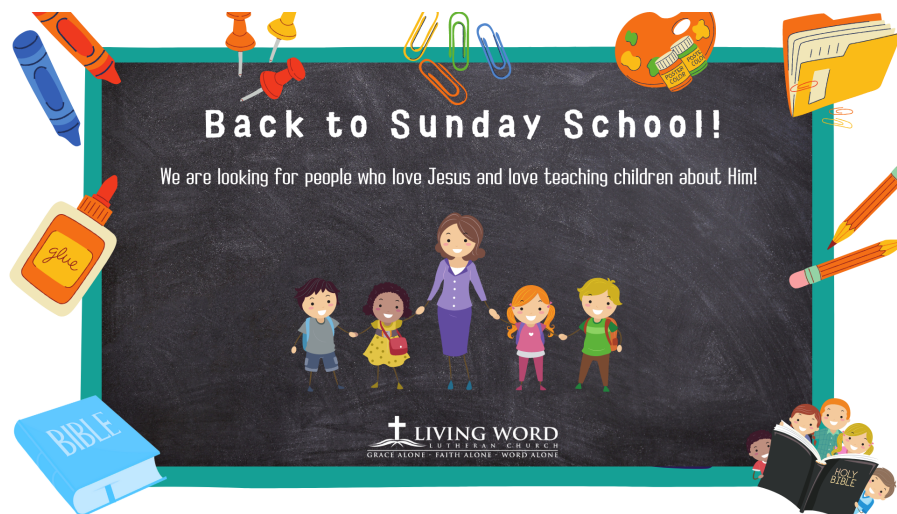
**Beyond the River Academy** seeks to raise up leaders of the church who have a sense of call to the office of public ministry through service as a pastor. The academy provides a curriculum of study that accents individual experience, education, and ability. Participants who have gone through the colloquy process of a district within Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ can be ordained in congregations to serve God's people with all the authority of the tradition for certified clergy of the Lutheran Church.



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In the **FAITH FORWARD** inspiration article for July, Pastor Paul asks: Have you found your way to express YOUR love for Jesus? This month's article, sent via email with this *Lifeline*, is also available on the website.

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Living Word is preparing to offer in-person Sunday School, starting in September. We are looking for individuals (and teams) to be teachers. To be a good Sunday School teacher, one needs to treasure the Lord and want to share Him with young children. This does require time to organize and become familiar with the lesson, but our materials are comprehensive, meaning you will have more activities than time. We are seeking individuals and teams within the congregation, so we can share classes (and have some weeks off).

Why be a Sunday School teacher?

- Every child (and adult) needs a solid, Christian education and the Church has the responsibility to provide it. Parents are our partners in this important mission.
- It is rewarding and fun!
- You learn something new or remember something important with every lesson you teach!

Sunday School will take place after worship. Rally Sunday will be our kick-off on September 10th, with our first classes on September 17. Please contact Heidi Sturdivant if you are interested.

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## REQUESTS, REMINDERS, AND REPORTS

### OUTREACH MINISTRY

- In addition to advertising in the *Tacoma News Tribune*, Living Word is now increasing visibility with advertising in the Eatonville newspaper, the *Dispatch*, and working with KTDD 104.9, a Christian radio station in Eatonville.
- Sharon Johnson continues to write the articles for the *Tacoma News Tribune* twice a month on behalf of Living Word Lutheran Church. They are available on the website if you want copies of previous articles.
- Living Word members conduct weekly **worship services** at **Julian Estates** and **Bonaventure**. Contact Ron Heilman or Pastor Mike (253-653-7428 ) for more information if you want to help with this ministry.

### SUPPORT MINISTRY



*Living Word Lutheran Church will not be renewing the Post Office box when it comes due. If you are still using the PO box to send offering to the church, please update your records, and edit the address with your bank if you use the auto payment feature. The correct address is: 10515 269th Street East, Graham, WA 98338*

- **Communications Team Meetings:** One of the goals of the Communications Team for 2022-2023 is to expand the size of the team and develop leadership. If you are interested in learning more, the Team welcomes you to our meetings every Tuesday at 1:00 PM via Zoom. Contact [debbies.livingword@gmail.com](mailto:debbies.livingword@gmail.com), and she will send the meeting link to you.
- **Ministry Leaders!** Make sure your committee information is included in the *Lifeline*. A "Lifeline Content" form asks pertinent questions, and the editor takes it from there. Lorraine Stargel shared the document with Board liaisons. You can still send information to [lwlcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:lwlcoffice@gmail.com) or [debbies.livingword@gmail.com](mailto:debbies.livingword@gmail.com) directly.
- **Congregational Board Meetings:** Copies of **Financial Reports and Board Meeting Minutes** are available in the church office. Except for when the Board goes into executive session, Congregational members are welcome though voice and vote are for Board members only. If you are interested in attending via Zoom, contact Lydia Auge.
- **Scheduling space and letting the office know of changes** is more important than ever. Thank you for your cooperation.

### GROWTH AND TEACHING MINISTRY

- **Thursday Thought** is Pastor Mike's new video message, set to debut in July. To ensure you receive a notification when videos are posted, subscribe to the Living Word Lutheran Church, Graham, WA, YouTube channel.
- Pastor Mike writes the **Wednesday Word**, your mid-week encouragement. In addition to being sent via email, the message is posted on the [website](#).
- Pastor Mike is leading "The Bible as History" on Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM. Come to the Conference Room at the Church or join via Zoom.

 LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH GRAHAM WA

**thursday  
thought**

**every Thursday at 7AM**



**PASTOR MIKE BYUS**

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

- **If you want or need prayer**, reach out to the church office at 253-846-1276, email [lwlcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:lwlcoffice@gmail.com), or fill out a prayer request form on the website. Your requests will be forwarded to the prayer f7060ce7-9cchain, included in *Lifeline*, or handled in whatever way you prefer. 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.

### WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY

- **The flower chart in the narthex has many openings.** Providing flowers in honor or memory of a loved one is a special way to celebrate life while enhancing worship. Sign up on the flower chart in the narthex for a date that works for you.

## THE 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)  
James Lee (Stankovich)  
Owen Daubenspeck (Owen)

Richy Vollmer (Vollmer)  
Seth Hearl  
Chris Berentson

*Comfort those who are bereaved, having lost the following loved ones recently.*

Richard Socey

Gwena Hedlund

Chuck (Deas)

*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:*

Susan Frasier (Byus)  
Carolyn Martin  
Bailey & Harry Harder (Sturdivant)  
Bill Tipton (Steeves)

Chad Nasinec (Auge)  
Darlene Luberts  
Jack (Halverson Grandson)  
Maurice Hedlund

Jessica (Sturdivant)  
Marlie Johnson (Johnson)  
Gaylan (Ostendorf)

*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.*

Call Committee  
Persecuted Christians

Living Word Members  
Victims of War on Ukraine

Living Word Leaders  
Elected Government Officials

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

Lilly (Safe Travel)

Snookie Pankratz (Hospice)

*Thank you, LORD, for hearing and answering our prayers – even when you do so differently than we would prefer. For all these needs, we pray in the holy and mighty name of Jesus, our LORD. Amen*

**PRAISE:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow, including the legacy gift of Jo Fletcher that allows Living Word Lutheran Church to be mortgage-free.

Lydia Auge (safe return home)

Virginia and Phil Steves (birth of great-grandson and great-granddaughter)

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**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](mailto:chaplainmike316@yahoo.com)