

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, July 24

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 26

1:00 PM – Communications Team, Zoom

Wednesday, July 27

NOON – Cutoff for *Lifeline* Information

Thursday, July 28

7:00 AM* – *Thursday Thought* on YouTube
10:30 AM – “The Bible as History” Forum, Zoom and
Conference Room
1:00 PM – Pierce County Fair Booth Planning,
Conference Room

Friday, July 29

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

Saturday, July 30

6:00 PM – Courageous Generation Worship,
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 31

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, Aug 2

1:00 PM – Communications Team, Zoom

Wednesday, Aug 3

NOON – Cutoff for *Lifeline* Information

Thursday, Aug 4

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

Friday, Aug 5

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

Saturday, Aug 6

6:00 PM – Courageous Generation Worship,
Fellowship Hall

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

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 and the church office if you want copies of previous articles.
- Living Word members conduct weekly **worship services** at **Julian Estates** and **Bonaventure**. Contact Ron Heilman (253-840-2623) or Pastor Mike (253-653-7428) for more information if you want to help with this ministry.

SUPPORT MINISTRY

- **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 anniebyus58@hotmail.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 lwloffice@gmail.com or anniebyus58@hotmail.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** facilitates smooth ministry. 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


LIVING WORD
LUTHERAN CHURCH
GRACE ALONE - FAITH ALONE - WORD ALONE



PASTOR MIKE BYUS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

- **If you want or need prayer**, reach out to the church office at 253-846-1276, email lwloffice@gmail.com. Your requests will be forwarded to the prayer chain, 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.

PIERCE COUNTY FAIR BOOTH PLANNING IN FULL SWING

“Share Your Miracles – Your God Stories” is the Living Word Lutheran Church Pierce County Fair booth theme. Visitors to the booth will be offered one of these shopping bags, which will be a practical and useful souvenir of their time with us. The Evangelism Committee would love to have your help and your ideas. Please consider joining this team. This is the most visible outreach activity Living Word engages in during the year. Everyone’s participation is valued. Contact Ron Heilman for more information: (253-840-2623)



MUSIC NOTES BY DAN OWEN

THE STORY OF THE HYMN “HOW GREAT THOU ART”



Starting life as a poem penned in 1885 in Sweden, one of the hymns we are singing today, “How Great Thou Art,” didn’t generally start appearing in American hymnals until the late 1950s and early 60s. And only then after taking a remarkable journey. Let’s take a look.

Carl Boberg witnessed a dramatic thunderstorm in his native southeastern Sweden in 1885. After the storm passed, the calm that followed seemed even more dramatic to him - so much so that he penned a poem that he titled “O Store Gud” (“O Mighty God” in English). It was published in a local paper and someone set the words to a Swedish folk tune. In the first decade of the 20th

century, the song was translated into German and a few years later into Russian.

Stuart K. Hine, an English missionary to Ukraine along with his wife, sang the Russian version of “O Store Gud” he learned from local Ukrainian Christians in the early 1930s. After singing it there for a few years, he decided he should translate it into English (probably unaware of a less-known translation by Swedish-American E. Gustav Johnson in 1925). He took a few liberties with the translation such as adding verses of his own and changing its title to the present “How Great Thou Art”. Our current verse three is his based on what he heard local Christians declare in their meetings: “And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die I scarce can take it in. That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.” So from Swedish to German to Russian to English.

In 1954 British-American theologian and evangelist J. Edwin Orr traveled to India to preach. There he heard a choir sing “How Great Thou Art.” He liked the song and brought it back to America and had it performed at a conference for college students where he was speaking. The son and daughter of actor, singing cowboy, and Christian music publisher Tim Spencer were at the conference and borrowed the music to show their father, who liked the song and quickly bought the rights to it.

As part of its promotion, the song landed in the hands of George Beverly Shea and Cliff Barrows, who used it in the Billy Graham Evangelistic campaigns. That might seem like enough attention for a song, but then Elvis Presley earned his first Grammy (Best Sacred Performance) with it in 1967. Churches and current popular artists such as Carrie Underwood continue to make it one of the most popular hymns today, second only on some accounts behind “Amazing Grace.”

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)	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.

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:

Carl (Sturdivant)	Chad Nasinec (Auge)	Jessica (Sturdivant)
Carolyn Martin	Darlene Luberts	Marlie Johnson (Johnson)
Bailey & Harry Harder (Sturdivant)	Jack (Halverson Grandson)	Gaylan (Ostendorf)
Bill Tipton (Steeves)	Maurice Hedlund	Terry (Krumweide)
Great Granddaughter (Martin)	Clay Hart (Gjerstad)	Richey Family
Zavadil (Endicott)	Nancy (Zavadil)	Vera (Zavadil)
Alec and Olie Rivera	Kaye Sims	

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	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:

Snookie Pankratz (Hospice)

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

PRAISE:

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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