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The Stewardship Ministry Team is working on a new Time and Talent Survey to share with you this fall. We pray that a fresh look at ministry will generate enthusiasm for ministry amongst Living Word members. One of the ways the Stewardship Ministry Team is preparing you for this challenge is to become aware of your Spiritual gifts.

The **FAITH** FORWARD inspiration article for June discusses the differences between talents, gifts, and Spiritual gifts. This month's article was emailed to the congregation along with this *Lifeline* is also available on the website.

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, June 26 - Congregational Meeting

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary
Followed by the Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
1:30 PM – NO Resident Worship, Bonaventure

5:00 PM* - Worship, YouTube

Monday, June 27 10:00 AM – Pastor/Office Manager Meeting

Tuesday, June 28 1:00 PM – Communications Team, Zoom

Wednesday, June 29 NOON – Cutoff for Lifeline Information

Thursday, June 30

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

Friday, July 1

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

Saturday, July 2

6:00 PM – Courageous Generation Worship, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 3

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

Monday, July 4 – Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED <u>Tuesday, July 5</u> 1:00 PM – Communications Team, Zoom

Wednesday, July 6 NOON – Cutoff for *Lifeline* Information

Thursday, July 7

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

Friday, July 8

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

Saturday, July 9

6:00 PM – Courageous Generation Worship, Fellowship Hall

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



SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OFFICIAL NOTICE

Sunday, June 26, 2022 After the Worship Service Election of New Board Members Review of 2021-2022 Ministries

Slate of Officers and Board Members for 2022 - 2023 To be approved at the June 26, 2022 Congregational Meeting: **LWLC BOARD** Interim Pastor Mike Byus

OFFICERS President: Lorraine Stargel ** Vice President (President-Elect): Ron Johnson ** Secretary: Sharon Johnson Treasurer: Larry Vollmer

BOARD MEMBERS Mike Stankovich Jim Gronhovd Al Auge ** Dan Owen * Lydia Auge *

* New Board Members **Board Members moving to new positions

The Women's Ministry explored combining their bake sale with the Men's Ministry rummage sale this summer. However, for various reasons, a joint event proved not feasible this year. So, the Women's Ministry will reschedule the Bake Sale for the fall instead of a joint event.

MEMORIALIZING JO FLETCHER

A sub-committee of the Building Use and Dècor Committee has been approved for the Jo Fletcher Memorial Garden project. The garden will be located just outside the two doors at the back of the narthex. The current doors will be replaced with glass doors.

Members of the committee are: Lydia Auge, Jim and Sue Gronhovd, Lorraine Stargel, Nancy Martin, Ardis Kilber, Ron and Sharon Johnson, and Dennis Krumwiede. The members have met to determine the first phase of the Memorial Garden which will be to have the area graded and rocks removed. This first phase will take place this summer. Please pray that the work of this Committee will result in a beautiful garden that honors the memory of Jo Fletcher, and reflects her love for the God whom she served her entire life.

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. If you want copies of previous articles, they are available on the website.
- 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 would like 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 <u>debbies.livingword@gmail.com</u>, 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 <u>Wlcoffice@gmail.com</u> or <u>debbies.livingword@gmail.com</u> 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 is 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

- Pastor Mike writes the **Wednesday Word**, your mid-week encouragement. In addition to being sent via email, the message is now being posted to our YouTube Channel and available for your morning devotions at 7:00 AM Wednesday morning. Previous copies are available on the <u>website</u>.
- Pastor Jay's Bible study on Thursday morning has concluded for this year and will resume in September.
- 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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.

Heavenly Father,

As we prepare for the semi-annual meeting, we pray for a fresh anointing on your ministry through Living Word Lutheran Church.

We thank you for the faithfulness of Board members whose terms are concluding. We thank you for those who have accepted the call to serve and will be elected at this meeting. Finally, we thank you for those who will continue serving as they promised to do upon their election. We trust that you, the Master Designer, knit this Board together in accordance with your will. And we pray you will equip them for ministry, encourage them as they serve, and empower them as they lead.

We ask that you energize the members of Living Word to make the highest and best use of Your gifts. Remind us not to grow weary in doing what is right and to never retire from making the name of Jesus known in the world. Thank you for always being with us as we go into the mission field. Help us rely on your Holy Spirit to lead our activities, knowing that only You can build and lead the church.

Father, we pray for wisdom. May your Holy Spirit provide us with knowledge, conviction, Christlike love, and unity. May we rightly represent you and faithfully follow your leading.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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.

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:

Tony Horne (Martin, Martin, Groce) Richard Socey Marlie Johnson (Johnson) Lorelle Aarstad (Alvord) Susan Frasier (Byus) Carolyn Martin Keith DeLong (Byus) Amy Braafladt Chad Nasinec (Auge) Darlene Luberts Jill West (Alvord) Troy Caricl

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.

Upcoming Congregational Meeting Living Word Leaders Elected Government Officials Call Committee Persecuted Christians Living Word Members Victims of War on Ukraine

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

Snookie Pankratz (Hospice), Nadina and Gayla (Christian converts in a central Asian country in a safe house after being beaten by husbands)

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 REPORT: Brother George, finally building a new church in Syria, Only 3 of 126 passengers were injured on a plane that caught fire in Miami

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.

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 – <u>chaplainmike316@yahoo.com</u>