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Pentecost Sunday is the day when Christians around the world celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes called the birthday of the church, Pentecost marks the day that Jesus' disciples began to share the story of Jesus and invite others to share in their faith in Jesus as the Son of God.

That same Spirit that filled the disciples that day is the same Spirit that transforms our lives. Please worship with us on this festival Sunday

as we remember what God did more than two thousand years ago and celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives today.

You are encouraged to listen to Pastor Mike's sermon on May 22, 2022. Here is the link to the <u>sermon</u>. It will prepare your heart for worship on Sunday, as he speaks of the Holy Spirit so profoundly in this sermon.

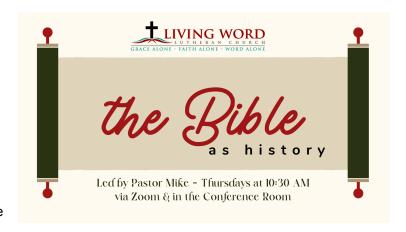
SUMMER STUDY OPPORTUNITY

What comes to your mind when you hear the words "fertile crescent?"

Whether you know anything about the fertile crescent or nothing at all, you will appreciate the new class being offered by Pastor Mike.

Starting June 9 at 10:30 AM, Pastor Mike will be leading a forum entitled, "History of the Bible." He is excited to share interesting historical facts that do not typically fit into weekly sermons from the pulpit.

There are two ways to attend this class. You may either come to the church and meet in person or join via Zoom. Either way, it promises to be an insightful time to learn more about our beloved Bible.



THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, June 5 - PENTECOST

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 AM - Resident Worship, Julian Estates

10:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship, Narthex

11:00 AM - Choir Practice, Music Room

1:30 PM - Resident Worship, Bonaventure

5:00 PM* - Worship, YouTube

Monday, June 6

10:00 AM - Pastor/Office Manager Meeting

Tuesday, June 7

10:00 AM – Worship & Music Meeting, Conference Room

1:00 PM - Communications Team, Zoom

6:30 PM - Board Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, June 8

10:30 AM – Building Use & Decor Team, Conference Room

NOON - Cutoff for Lifeline Information

Thursday, June 9

10:30 AM – "History of the Bible" Forum, Zoom and Conference Room

Friday, June 10

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

Saturday, June 11

6:00 PM – Courageous Generation Worship, Multipurpose Room

APPROACHING QUICKLY

Father's Day – June 19, 2022 Congregational Picnic (tentative – July 10)

Sunday, June 12

9:30 AM - Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 AM - Resident Worship, Julian Estates

10:45 AM - Coffee Fellowship, Narthex

11:00 AM - Choir Practice, Music Room

1:30 PM - Resident Worship, Bonaventure

5:00 PM* - Worship, YouTube

Monday, June 13

10:00 AM - Pastor/Office Manager Meeting

Tuesday, June 14

1:00 PM - Communications Team, Zoom

Wednesday, June 15

NOON - Cutoff for Lifeline Information

Thursday, June 16

10:30 AM – "History of the Bible" Forum, Zoom and Conference Room

Friday, June 17

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

Saturday, June 18

6:00 PM – Courageous Generation Worship, Multipurpose Room

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

Congregational Semi-Annual Meeting – June 26, 2022 Pierce County Fair – August 11 - 14, 2022



LET THEM EAT COOKIES

The women of Living Word set up a cookie bar for Father's Day every year, and are looking for donations. This sweet event is something the men enjoy and look forward to.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those of you who would like to contribute three dozen cookies.

If you have any questions, contact Linda Deas.

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 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 wdw.lwcoffice@gmail.com or 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 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. Watch your email each week for these inspirational messages. If you have missed them, they 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

• If you want or need prayer, reach out to the church office at 253-846-1276, email lwlcoffice@gmail.com, or fill out a prayer request form on the website. 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.
- **Do you have a favorite hymn?** If so, write the title down on the clipboard in the narthex so your favorite song can be included in future worship services.

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

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

Deborah Yakubu (Nigerian Christian College Student Beaten to Death Proclaiming the Name of Jesus)

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

Morgan Olson

Snookie Pankratz

Carolyn Martin

Darlene Luberts

Rick Fields

Jill West (Alvord) Lorelle Aarstad (Alvord)

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

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

Darry Campbell (Endicott)

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: Mary Vollmer, Restored Health – Larry Vollmer, Healing from Injuries – Dwight Griswold, Restored Health – Rick Fields, Recovery from Surgery

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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@vahoo.com