

**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS**

**Sunday, Dec 11– The 3rd Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary,  
10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates  
10:45 AM - Kids Sunday School, Conference Room  
10:45 AM – Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall  
11:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure  
5:00 PM\* – Worship, YouTube

**Tuesday, Dec 13**

10:00 AM Women’s Ministry Board meeting-  
Conference Room  
6:00 PM LWLC Board Meeting-Conference Room

**Wednesday, Dec 14**

Noon - Cutoff for Lifeline information

**Friday, Dec 16**

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

**Saturday, Dec 17**

5:00 PM – Courageous Generation Church,  
Fellowship Hall

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**Sunday, Dec 18, The 4th Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates  
10:30 AM - Kids Sunday School, Conference Room  
10:45 AM – Coffee Hour, **BAKE SALE!**  
11:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure  
5:00 PM\* –Worship, YouTube

**Wednesday, Dec 21**

Noon - Cutoff for Lifeline information

**Saturday, DEC 24**

**5:00 PM – CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**



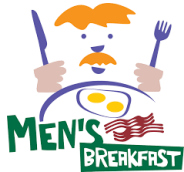
*\*Always the goal, but may be impacted by technology issues beyond our control*

**Christmas Eve Service**

This year on December 24<sup>th</sup> we will hold our Christmas Eve ‘Candlelight’ Service at **5:00 pm** on Saturday. There will be no Worship Service on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Men’s Ministry Breakfast -**

**This Saturday, December 10th at 9:00 AM**, will be the men’s breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and share great food and encouragement from your fellow brothers-in-Christ.



**Poinsettias** The holiday season is here! It’s wonderful to have beautiful poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas **in honor of , in memory of, or in celebration** . After the Christmas Eve Service, your poinsettia will go home and share your Christmas Day! Please sign up at the table in the narthex for your poinsettia and a \$15.00 donation. December 18th is the deadline for signing up.



**Women’s Ministry Fellowship Breakfast**

**(Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> postponed due to weather.)**



**December 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at 9:00 AM**, is the Women’s Ministry Fellowship Breakfast, there will be a gift exchange and as always delicious food. Please make sure your gift is wrapped and \$10 or less. We look forward to seeing you there.



**Special Link & 'Notes' of Interest** This Sunday as the Praise Song, we will be singing "The Joy of the Lord". Click on the link below for a YouTube Sunday School version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IO2CQvNVuo>

There will be a community Christmas sing along (holiday songs of all types) at **Evergreen Presbyterian Church**, 10118 249th St E, Graham, WA 98338, Saturday, December 10 at 2:00 pm. **The whole community is invited.**

"Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus" December 4 / "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" prelude, December 11

The tune to last Sunday's communion hymn "Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus" (LBW #219) sounded familiar and more than just a passing semblance. The tune's name is JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING. That song (German title: *Jesus bleibet meine Freude*) is by famous Lutheran church composer JS Bach.

The words to "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" came from a 1661 hymn "*Jesu, meiner Seelen Wonne*" ("Jesus, my soul's delight") by Martin Jahn. The original 1641 tune is from the hymn *Werde munter, mein Gemüte*, written by the then famous, but little known today, court composer and violinist, Johann Schop. Composers often reuse some of their older works and, at that time at least, adapted (took inspiration from?) works of others and even folk/popular tunes of the day. Johann Schop worked first in Germany, then escaped the plague to Denmark (where he was also a court musician), and then back to Hamburg, Germany. He is the first of the German Baroque composers.

## **CONGREGATIONAL BAKE SALE December 18th** **WANTED. ....delicious baked goods**



The Women's Ministry is having a bake sale on Sunday, December 18th after service in the Fellowship room. The proceeds will be used for church needs. Please come and support this sale! To buy a baked item, use cash or check. Eat your baked foods at the tables, enjoy them at home, or give as a gift to another.

**Signup sheet** in the Narthex if you would like to bring your goodies to sell. Please put your baked goods wrapped in a clear plastic container that is disposable or dish that won't be returned. Label your item for example: chocolate cookie, no nuts. If your item needs to be cut like a pie or cake, please do it at home. Bring it ready to sell! We will make prices for each. Please bring your baked goods to the Fellowship room or put it in the refrigerator if needed by 9:am. !!!!!

Coffee will be served ! This is a great way to start our Christmas giving!!!

## **Reflection**

During Advent, we **prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts**. We love and forgive others. We ask for forgiveness. We are helpful and kind. We pray every day.

## 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,  
Donna Kloes’s Family*

*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:*

Thommy Owen	Kaye Sims	Jerry Parker	Judy Ostendorf	Terry Smallwood
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*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	Living Word Leaders	Persecuted Christians
Victims of War on Ukraine	Elected Government Officials	

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

Jack (Jerry Halverson grandson)	Susan Frasier (Byus)	Chad Nasinec (Auge)
Carolyn Martin	Darci Weisberg (Brennan)	Darlene Luberts
Amy Braafladt	Bill Utterback (Parker)	Roger Gjerstad

*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*

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**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.**

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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).