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## 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.

When we think about the **Tacoma Rescue Mission**, serving meals and providing a place for people to sleep is the image that usually comes to mind. But the activities of the Mission are much broader than that.

The mission of the Tacoma Rescue Mission is *“to offer God’s help, hope and healing to the most impoverished members of our community.”* They engage in a variety of services that help them achieve that mission. Their purpose states:

*“We help all people; including clients, volunteers, donors and staff, to become their best. We provide emergency services such as shelter and food to the homeless or hurting; offer self-sufficiency programs to help lift a person from poverty and break the chains of addiction; support prevention programs and share our Christian faith.”*

As always, the Stewardship Ministry Team encourages you to look more closely at the organizations we support and discern if there is another role for you to play. Visit their website for additional ministry opportunities:

<https://www.trm.org>

The April stewardship meditation is a personal reflection on the work of the Tacoma Rescue Mission and firsthand observations of how that agency has made an impact in one person’s life. If you did not receive the meditation via email, you may read it on the website: <https://livingwordlutheranch.com/faith-forward/>.



## WHEN THINGS CHANGE

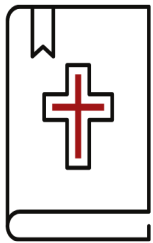


On Easter Sunday, the Living Word family and friends gathered to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. By midweek, upon learning several Living Word members had become ill, leadership reluctantly decided to cancel worship for Sunday, April 24.

Whenever there are major time-sensitive modifications to ministry, we do our best to communicate those changes. This most recent event revealed some gaps in how we communicate internally and externally. The Communications Ministry Team wants your feedback and suggestions.

The Communications Team has created a three-question survey that will take one minute to complete. We hope you will take a few minutes to help us gather the information that will help us communicate better in the future.

<https://www.supersurvey.com/QW52VVDH4>



# LIVING WAY BIBLE STUDY

The LivingWay Bible study hosted by Dennis and Judy Krumwiede has concluded for this year. The traditional end-of-the-year barbecue will be held when everyone is healthy again. Those of you who are part of this study will be contacted when the day and time are set.

LivingWay Bible studies have been a big part of the adult education program at Living Word for many years. There was another group that met on a weeknight before Living Word moved to Graham. Like other things previously on the schedule, COVID sidelined that group and it never resumed.

Perhaps leading or participating in a LivingWay Bible study is something that interests you. Now would be a good time to plan for the fall. If you would like more information LivingWay Bible studies, contact Judy Krumwiede.

## THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

### Sunday, May 1

**THE LIBRARY OPENING SCHEDULED FOR TODAY HAS BEEN POSTPONED.**

8:45 AM – Choir Warm-Up  
9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates  
10:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship  
11:00 AM – Choir Practice  
1:30 PM – NO Resident Worship, Bonaventure  
5:00 PM\* – Worship, YouTube

### Monday, May 2

10:00 AM – Pastor/Office Manager Meeting, Office

### Tuesday, May 3

10:00 AM – Worship & Music Meeting, Conference Room  
1:00 PM – Communications Team, Zoom

### Wednesday, May 4

NOON – Cutoff for *Lifeline* Information  
1:00 PM – Evangelism Team, Conference Room  
6:00 PM – Courageous Generation Leadership,  
Multipurpose Room

### Thursday, May 5

10:30 AM – Bible Study with Pastor Jay, Zoom

### Friday, May 6

9:30 AM – Finance Meeting, Conference Room  
2:00 PM – Bonaventure Bible Study, Led by T. Deas

### Saturday, May 7

9:00 AM – Women's Fellowship Breakfast  
6:00 PM – Courageous Generation Worship,  
Multipurpose Room

### Sunday, May 8 – MOTHERS' DAY

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates  
10:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship, Narthex  
11:00 AM – Choir Practice  
1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure  
5:00 PM\* – Worship, YouTube

### Monday, May 9

10:00 AM – NO Pastor/Office Manager Meeting, Office  
6:00 PM – Courageous Generation Leadership Training,  
Multipurpose Room

### Tuesday, May 10

10:00 AM – Women's Ministry Meeting  
1:00 PM – Communications Team, Zoom  
6:30 PM – Board Meeting, Conference Room

### Wednesday, May 11

NOON – Cutoff for *Lifeline* Information

### Thursday, May 12

10:30 AM – Bible Study with Pastor Jay, Zoom

### Friday, May 13

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

### Saturday, May 14

9:00 AM – Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Multipurpose Room  
6:00 PM – Courageous Generation Worship,  
Multipurpose Room

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

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**



*Hats Galore!*

**SATURDAY  
MAY 7**

**9:00 AM**

Barbara Griswold is treating the Living Word women to a special program featuring hats from the past. This should be fun!

sign up in the narthex



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Last year, we had 3 weeks to plan our Pierce County Fair presence.

This year, we have 3 months!

We want your ideas, so join us for the meeting on May 4.

**FAIR & BOOTH PLANNING**

May 4, 2022

1:00 PM in the Conference Room

Mom! Dad! Look! Living Word Lutheran Church is at the Fair!

## REMINDERS, REQUESTS, 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

**Ministry Leaders!** There is now a simple way to get information from your committees into the *Lifeline*. A "Lifeline Content" form asks all the questions. The editor writes articles and creates graphics based on that information. Lorraine Stargel shared the form with Board liaisons. Of course, you can still send information to [lwloffice@gmail.com](mailto:lwloffice@gmail.com) or [debbieslivingword@gmail.com](mailto:debbieslivingword@gmail.com) directly.

Copies of **Financial Reports and Board Meeting Minutes** are available in the church office.

**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 [website](#).

Pastor Jay leads a study every Thursday at 10:30 AM via Zoom. On Wednesday, the Office Manager sends out the Zoom link and scripture to be studied. Please join us. The group is reading *A Tale of Five Cities*.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

If you want or need prayer, reach out to the church office at 253-846-1276, email [lwloffice@gmail.com](mailto:lwloffice@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 openings on **May 15 and 29**. 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 a future worship service

## 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

Josh Jepsen  
Devlin Durkin (McKenzie)  
James Lee (Stankovich)

Richy Vollmer (Vollmer)  
Seth Hearl  
Chris Berentson

*Comfort those who are bereaved, having lost 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:*

Dwight Griswold  
Chad Nasinec (Auge)  
Kevin Endicott (Endicott)

Tony Horne (Martin, Martin, Groce)  
Living Word Family Recovering from Illness

Snookie Pankratz  
Gayla Fenimore

*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

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

Margaret Cupples, Safe Travel

*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:** Kristi Rounds, Lillian Rounds, Improved Health - Members and Friends of Living Word, Improved Health

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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)*

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