

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.

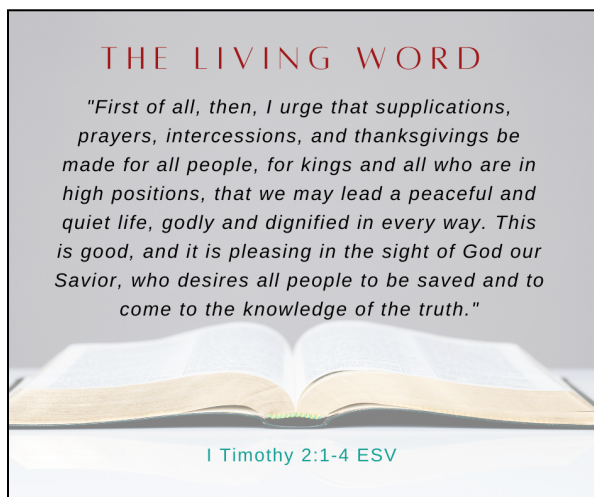
The high-profile defamation trial in the news these days has brought the issue of domestic violence to the forefront. What is unusual about the Johnny Depp and Amber Heard case is the public manner in which the accusations are being handled. Most victims suffer in silence, and oftentimes, the results are tragic. The Family Resource Shelter in Tacoma responds to the needs of people in such situations, and is one of the recipients of the benevolence funds from Living Word in 2021. The mission of this Christian humanitarian organization is *“to bring healing hope and new life to victims of domestic violence.”* Some of the services the agency provides include:



A national 24-hour domestic violence crisis line; case management; legal referrals; help with housing, educational, and employment searches; relocation and change of identity; emergency advocacy; transportation from hospitals, police stations, churches, motels, and neighbors; transportation for residents' scheduled medical, legal, and personal appointments; on-site animal kennel; pet therapy; cars in good condition for residents without transportation; and, on-site auto repair shop.

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: <http://domesticviolence.org>.

The May stewardship meditation is written by Pastor Paul Braafladt, the new chairman of the Stewardship Team. If you did not receive the meditation via email, you may read it on the website: <https://livingwordlutheranch.com/faith-forward/>.



Please pray for the leadership of Living Word Lutheran Church as they continue to discern God's will for ministry and mission.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, May 15

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

Monday, May 16

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

Tuesday, May 17

1:00 PM – Communications Team, Zoom

Wednesday, May 18

NOON – Cutoff for *Lifeline* Information

Thursday, May 19

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

Friday, May 20

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

Saturday, May 21

6:00 PM – Courageous Generation Worship,
Multipurpose Room

Sunday, May 22

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 23

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

Tuesday, May 24

1:00 PM – Communications Team, Zoom

Wednesday, May 25

NOON – Cutoff for *Lifeline* Information

Thursday, May 26

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

Friday, May 27 – MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

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

Saturday, May 28

6:00 PM – Courageous Generation Worship,
Multipurpose Room

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

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

- **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 lwlcoffice@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 [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.

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)
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.

Kendra Kinlock (Stankovich)

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)
Living Word Family Recovering from Illness
Toni Sherman

Tony Horne (Martin, Martin, Groce)
Richard Socey
Darlene Luberts
Richard Fields

Snookie Pankratz
Carolyn Martin
Morgen Olsen
Darci Baccetti-Weisberg (Brennan)

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:

Cecelia and Kevin Endicott, Continued 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: Gayla Fenimore, Healing - 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