

July 12, 2026- Volume 6 - Edition 28

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, July 12, 2026

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary
 10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
 10:45 AM – Coffee Hour
 1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure
 5:00 PM – Worship, YouTube

Sunday, July 19, 2026

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary
 10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
 10:45 AM – Coffee Hour
 1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure
 5:00 PM – Worship, YouTube

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

No Board Meeting – Rescheduled for July 21.

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

6:30 PM – Church Board Meeting

Music Notes



Some of the songs we will be singing this Sunday can be heard on the links below.

“Behold, What Manner of Love” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojHxW3zMGyU>

The theme this week and the links below are the music of Isaac Watts.

“O God Our Help in Ages Past” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJU8u9tf5dk>

“When I Survey the Wonderous Cross” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80TpeVdW7HE>

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waWQUOgwNGs>

“Jesus Shall Reign” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Vk93FTi-0E>

Isaac Watts was born in Southampton, England in 1674. His father, also named Isaac Watts, was a religious Nonconformist, jailed twice for his views. Nonconformists were non-Anglican Protestants in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland who didn’t “conform” to the teachings and practices of the Anglican Church as specified by the “Act of Uniformity of 1662”. Nonconformist religious groups consisted of English Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Baptists, Brethren, Quakers, Methodists, Puritans, etc.. The term does not include Catholics, Jews, atheists, etc., although these groups also faced prejudice and discrimination. Bible Commentary writer, Matthew Henry, is counted among the Nonconformists.

People labeled as Nonconformists were prohibited from civil service jobs, public office, and obtaining university degrees, at least from Oxford and Cambridge. Over time, Nonconformists numbered about half of the people attending church on Sundays. Political organizing

eventually led to the repeal of laws favoring the Anglican church above others. The situation spilled over into the colonies as evidenced by the First Amendment to the US Constitution.

Young Isaac began speaking in rhymes at an early age. While at first it was probably considered whimsical by his family, his father was vexed enough on several occasions to mete out corporal punishment when the youngster seemed more insolent than cute. At any rate, playing with words worked to his favor when he began composing hymns, with which he became prolific. He also introduced a new way of rendering Psalms in which he used language of the New Testament to reinterpret and enlarge their scope.

Isaac was schooled in a dissenting academy and moved to a village that has since become a part of London. He worked as a tutor and was called to pastor a large independent chapel in London. In addition to being a prolific hymn writer, he also was a theologian and logician, writing a textbook on the latter subject.

Full Lectionary for July 12, 2026;

1st Reading

Psalm

2nd Reading

Gospel

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm 65:1-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Parament Color Is **Green**

Full Lectionary for July 19, 2026;

1st Reading

Psalm

2nd Reading

Gospel

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalm 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Parament Color Is **Green**



Happy July Birthday !!

Sarah Harvey

7/5

Tony Deas

7/28

Carol Brennan

7/19

Pastor Gary Jepsen

7/29

Happy July Anniversary !!

Tony and Linda Deas 7/10

Owen and Mary Loshbough 7/24

===== **AN INVITATION** =====

Linda and Larry Schmidt (former members of Living Word) are having a 60th Anniversary Party on Saturday, July 25th, from 2-5 pm with an open house at their Spanaway Lake Cabin, 16717 Lakeside Drive. Living Word members are invited to attend!

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026-2027 CONGREGATIONAL
OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

President: Lorraine Stargel

Secretary: Sharon Johnson

Vice-President: Ron Johnson

Treasurer (Interim): Dick Schmidt

Board Members: Denise Alvord, Owen* & Mary* Loshbough

Nancy Martin*, Toni Sherman

*** = New members**

Thank you to the outgoing Board Members for their service: Bob Martin and Heidi Sturdivant.

We are still seeking a Treasurer for the Congregation. Dick Schmidt has been gracious enough to serve as the interim Treasurer, but because of family issues, needs to step aside. Every church member is asked to pray about whether they might be able to serve the congregation in this way. Feel free to contact Dick for information about the position.

**I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all;
But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.
--Martin Luther**

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:

Josh Jepsen, USAF Utah
Elijah Lundberg, USMC Yuma, AZ

Ivan Daubenspeck (Reserves)
Owen Daubenspeck (Reserves)

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

Family and friends of **Larry Stickney**
Family and friends of **Yvonne Olson**

Carolyn Martin and the Martin family on the passing of her husband, **Hal Martin**
Lena Duggan and the Duggan family on the passing of her husband, **Wallace Duggan**

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:

Maurice Hedlund
Jeff Brennan
Bill Marsh
Debbi Zavadil
Duane Claiborne
Kitty Jepsen
Roger Lawrence
Carolyn Martin

Darlene Luberts
Carol Brennan
Amy Braafladt
Lena Duggan
Lori Schmidt
Shana Carlson
Jothi Holmes
Julie Mendoza (Heidi Sturdivant)

Cindy Dzubay (Bonnie Socey's daughter)
Terry (and caregiver Ron)
Cheryl Hedlund's aunt, Sue
David Martin (son of Bob and Nancy Martin)
Sue Doll (sister-in-law of Duane & Valerie)
Johnny Beck (son of Sharlene Parker & brother of Toni Sherman)
Tina (daughter of Judy Williams)

Ronnie Cordell (Bob Martin's cousin)
Roy Allen (Mary Kaye Owen's cousin)
John Owen (Dan Owen's cousin)

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
Victims of War in Ukraine and Israel/Middle East

Living Word Leaders

Persecuted Christians
Elected Government Officials

Prayer and praise for healing and continued recovery:

Bonnie Socey

Jan Williams (sister in law of Judy Williams)

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

Names in Bold are new additions. Please let the office know if you wish your request to remain on the list.
Otherwise, requests are removed after a month.
