



The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 7, 2017



"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy." *Matthew 2:10*

The Rev. Eric Hullstrom

Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9 am at the Meridian Habitat & Community Center

(Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study available during the school year)

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Mission Statement: "We, God's people of Living Word Lutheran Church, grounded in Holy Scripture, are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ."

Motto: "Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Word Alone."

Affiliated with LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/January 7-13, 2018

This week's activities:

Sunday	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour Adult Sunday School
Monday	2:00 pm	Rainier Vista Care Center Visit
Tuesday	9:00 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm	Christian Education Committee at the LWLC Office Worship & Music meeting at the LWLC Office LWLC Board at the LWLC Office
Wednesday	8:00 am 9:30 am 6:45 pm	LWLC Prayer for Guidance meet at the LWLC Office Living Way Bible Study at the Krumwiede's Home Adult Bible Study at the LWLC Office
Thursday	10:30 am 7:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study at the LWLC Office Choir Practice at the LWLC Office

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Reuben & Heidi Sturdivant in celebration of their son Adam's 31st birthday.

Today's Worship Assistants

Set up/Tear Down (Team 1)- Bill Zavadil, Andy Anderson, Skip Whelan, Dennis Krumwiede, Rick Fields, Larry Vollmer, Alex Burdick, Gary Heintz, Wayne Flood; **Ushers** - Ron & Chalieo Heilman, Ron Anderson, Hayden Williams; **Acolyte**-Olivia Vashchenko; **Lector**-Tony Deas; **Sound System**-Andy Anderson; **Communion Setup/Takedown**- Jan Halverson, Yvonne Olson; **Communion Assistants**- Pastor Gary & Kitty Jepson, Bob & Nancy Martin; **Communion Bread**-Gayla Fenimore; **Tellers**-Zale Wood, Al Auge; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Yvonne Olson, Sue Fields; **Coffee Hour**-Kitty Jepsen, Yvonne Olson; **Parking Lot**- Owen Loshbough

LWLC FINANCIAL REPORT

Last Sunday's Offering:
Last Sunday's Attendance:

LWLC Semi-Annual
Congregational Meeting will follow
the January 21st service.
2018 Budget will be available on Sunday,
Jan 14th for membership review.

Bible Verse of the Day: "I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 11:19

Quote of the Day: "Man can live about forty days without food, about three days without water, about eight minutes without air, but only one second without hope."



CPR
First Aid
Training

When: Jan 20, Saturday
Time: 8 am-3 pm
Where: 902 7th St. NW, Puyallup

*Fire Department building behind Subaru dealership on River Rd.

Men's Ministry will pay for this training. Upon completion of this program you will be CPR & 1st Aid certified.



Dear LWLC Congregation,

The staff would like to thank you very much for your very generous Christmas gifts. We also thank you for the support, encouragement and the wonderful atmosphere of our church family. Your LWLC Staff

LWLC Giving Statements for 2017 are now available!
PLEASE pick yours up today on the sign-up table.

Please silence all electronic devices, including cell phones, upon entering the sanctuary.

Living Word Lutheran Church
Order for Worship

When you hear the bell, please be seated for the announcements.

Announcements

Please sign the attendance register and pass it down the row.

***Our worship begins with the prelude as we enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Let us give thanks to him and bless his holy name!***

Prelude

Opening Hymn

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

WOV #646

We Worship with Confession

Pastor: Remembering the covenant God has established with us through our baptism into Christ Jesus, we gather as we are to live, in the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may more fully love You and more worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Congregation: Amen.**

P: (invites worshippers to confess their sins): The First letter of John (1:8) reminds us that, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for personal reflection and self-examination

P: (facing altar which symbolizes God’s presence): *Most Merciful God...*

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

P: (facing the congregation, declares God’s forgiveness): In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for Jesus’ sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by Jesus’ authority I declare to you, *being penitent*, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the (✠) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

We are called to make disciples of all nations; we begin by sharing the peace of God with one another.

P: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Cantors: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

C: Lord, have mercy.

Cantors: *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

C: Lord, have mercy.

Cantors: *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

C: Lord, have mercy.

Cantors: *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

C: Lord, have mercy.

Cantors: *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

C: Amen.

This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God!

Cantors: *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!*

1. **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing, and glory are His.**

Refrain: *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!*

2. **Women: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Men: Blessing and honor and glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

3. ***This is the feast of victory for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. Alleluia!***

P: *The LORD be with you.*

C: ***And also with you.***

PRAYER OF THE DAY (All pray):

O God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws the nations to yourself: dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, that we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer him our hearts and souls, and return from his presence to live as he has taught. Amen.

We Worship by Reading God's Word

This reading is from the Prophet Isaiah, the 60th chapter (ESV)

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
³ And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

(Here ends this reading)

This lesson is from the Book of Psalms, the 72nd Psalm. (ESV).

(to be read responsively)

Reader: Give the king your justice, O God,
Congregation: and your righteousness to the royal son!

R: ² May he judge your people with righteousness,
C: and your poor with justice!

R: ³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
C: and the hills, in righteousness!

R: ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
C: give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

R: ⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures,
C: and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

R: ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
C: like showers that water the earth!

R: ⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish,
C: and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

R: ⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea,
C: and from the River to the ends of the earth!

R: ⁹ May desert tribes bow down before him,
C: and his enemies lick the dust!

R: ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
C: render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

R: ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
C: all nations serve him!

R: ¹² For he delivers the needy when he calls,
C: the poor and him who has no helper.

R: ¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy,
C: and saves the lives of the needy.

R: ¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
C: and precious is their blood in his sight.

This reading is from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, the 3rd chapter. (ESV)

For this reason, I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his

power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

(Here ends this reading)

The congregation stands and sings: (LBW p.83)

Alleluia. LORD to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! (John 6:68)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter (ESV). **C: Glory to You, O LORD.**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told

him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.

⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring

me word, that I too may come and worship him.”⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their

treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Nicene Creed

WE BELIEVE in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

WE BELIEVE in one LORD, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Hymn of the Day

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

WOV #716

Sermon

Eric D. Hullstrom, Pastor

We Worship In Thanksgiving By Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

Special Music with Kylie & Alexandra Steves

“Adoration”

The offering is received.

As the congregation stands, the ushers bring the offering forward:

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.***

Let us pray together the offering prayer:

Blessed are You, O LORD our God, King of the universe. Through Your Goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church

(Each petition concludes with “LORD, in your mercy”, to which the congregation responds: “hear our prayer”).

We Worship by Receiving Our LORD in His Holy Meal

The Great Thanksgiving (Spoken):

P: The LORD be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the LORD.

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . (Here the minister continues with the preface :)

C: *Holy, holy, holy LORD, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest.*

The Words of Institution and The LORD'S Prayer

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Holy Communion: Lutherans believe the LORD's Supper is a holy sacrament in which Christ comes to us with His grace, love, compassion, and forgiveness. The crucified and risen Christ is present in, with, and under the bread and wine – He promises: "This is my body... This is my blood". Therefore, the Apostle Paul says we should examine ourselves lest we eat or drink in an unworthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27ff.). Martin Luther wrote, "Anyone who does not believe these words ('this is My body given for you this is My blood shed for you.'). is neither prepared nor worthy; for the words, 'FOR YOU' requires simply a believing heart." Therefore, all (including children who have received instruction) who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and LORD and who see His presence in the sacrament are welcome to commune with us.

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers in the water of the baptismal font and then make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder of Christ's claim upon you through your baptism.
(For those with gluten allergies, we now have gluten-free wafers available for Communion on the Baptismal Font.)

The congregation sings: **"Lamb of God"**
*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

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Communion Hymns:

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" WOV #771

"Be Thou My Vision" WOV #776

"Seek Ye First" WOV #783

Post-Communion Prayer and Canticle

**Thank the LORD and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the LORD rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Benediction (Pastor)

The congregation sings 3-fold **"Amen"**

On Our Way Rejoicing!

Closing Hymn

"Soon and Very Soon"

WOV #744

We Worship By How We Live During the Week

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Musician: Mary Kaye Owen

Choir Director: Dan Owen

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!

If you are a visitor, please sign the Guest Book. We encourage you to pick up a 'Welcome' packet at the Ushers table to introduce you to our church. Coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us.

NEXT WEEK's (January 14th) Worship Assistants

Set up/Tear Down (Team 2)- Al Auge, Ron Heilman, Gary Gjerstad, Joe Burdick, Jim Gronhovd, Daryl Olson, Ron Johnson, Joey Ramos; **Ushers** – Carole Williams-Wood & Zale Wood, Lorraine Stargel, Hope Neilson; **Acolyte**-Hannah Vashchenko; **Lector**- Cynthia Faul; **Sound System**-Bill Zavadil; **Tellers**-Ron Anderson, Judy Krumwiede; **Communion Setup/Takedown**- Nancy Martin, Sharlene Parker; **Communion Assistants**- Pastor Gary & Kitty Jepsen, Bob & Nancy Martin; **Communion Bread**-Gayla Fenimore; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Laura Burdick, Jan Halverson; **Coffee Hour**-Jan Halverson, Carole Williams-Wood; **Flowers**-Morgan & Yvonne Olson; **Children's Time**-Lydia Auge; **Parking Lot**-Al Auge



A big THANK YOU to all who planned, set-up and took down the church decorations for Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas. We are blessed having all of you using your God given gifts to help make our worship services very special!

Dear Living Word Lutheran Church,

ORD

We would like to thank you for partnering with us for the Giving Tree event. There were so many families that were blessed by you!! May the L bless you all for your generosity to the poor!

With Love, Joiceley & Jennifer Silveira, Angel One Foundation.

For the New Year

Hold fast to your faith (*Hebrews 4:14*)

Assemble with the saints (*Hebrews 10:25*)

Pray earnestly every day (*1 Thessalonians 5:17-18*)

Pray for great blessings (*Malachi 3:10*)

Yield not to temptation (*1 Thessalonians 5:22*)

Neglect not your talents and opportunities (*Galatians 6:10*)

Examine yourself daily (*2 Corinthians 13:5*)

Work diligently for the Lord (*1 Corinthians 15:58*)

Yield your members to righteousness (*Romans 6:11, 16*)

Exercise yourself in godliness (*1 Timothy 4:7*)

Aim for a perfect, mature faith (*Hebrews 6:1*)

Redeem the time (*Ephesians 5:15-16*)

—Gus Nichols

Next week's Scriptures:

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

Prayers for those who are serving our country (military, firefighters & police) and their families and keep them safe:

Jepsen, Chase, Seth Heard, Powell, Evan Gregory Blodgett, Ken Solbrack, Michael Elliott, Chris Berentson, Cole Lufkin (Gjerstad's grandson), Brady Woodman (Relma Burmeister's grandson), Devlin Durkin, Damien Benigno (Lydia Auge's brother); Curtis & Riley McKenzie, Brandon Bules (Carole Williams cousin), Jacob Ramsey (Fenimore's grandson), pray for safety and draw close to God.

Our prayers for all those in harm's way are urgently needed during this time of turmoil and strife in this country.

Prayers for those who have recently lost a loved one: **Lin Jeffery and family** on the passing of Padre Francis (Jeff) Jeffery. Prayers for the family of **Kelley** (Lee Brown's granddaughter) who died recently of a brain tumor.

Prayers for those with cancer or long-term illness. **Dixie** (Sharlene Parker's sister). **Judy Ostendorf.** **Jeff** (Don & Carol Brennan's son), Continued prayers for friend, **Dana Yeaman** (Debbi Zavakil), Prayers for **Bruce** who is in the final stages of cancer. He just accepted Jesus, pray his faith stays strong, also strength and prayers for his family. Prayers for daughter **Elaina and her family** (Ron & Gaye Anderson) recovering from surgery, pray for healing and strength. **Don Minnick** (Harold & Clarice Liemohn) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. **Pastor Dave Steffenson** (Dave Ostendorf) diagnosed with prostate cancer. **Alice** (Ardene Bartness' sister), comfort and peace in her last months of life. **Rich Allen** (Heidi Sturdivant) fighting melanoma, prayers for strength for his family. **Hank Anderson** (friend of Kaye Sims) who is terminally ill with cancer. **Chrissy** (Gary & Rosie Heintz's daughter-in-law) who had cancer returned. **Bob Lungberg** (Bob & Nancy Martin) recently diagnosed with bladder cancer. **Aunt Glenda** (Lorraine Stargel) diagnosed with pancreatic concern. Prayers for her comfort from her pains and discernment of the medical staff with upcoming treatments. **Cousin Sandy** (Lorraine Stargel) for decisions on treatment for reoccurrence of cancer.

Prayers for healing and strength for those with health concerns and those facing or recovering from surgery. Pray for permanent healing for **Phil Steves'** knee that continues to be painful because of the accident in February. **Phil**, son-in-law of Paul and Esther Braafladt for complete recovery after a fall from a ladder in January, many complications, pray for doctor's discernment and proper treatment. Nephew **Jeff Bertram** (Carole Williams-Wood), prayers for doctor's discernment in controlling his heart arrhythmia. Peace and comfort for **Carolyn Martin** and that the blood clots will dissolve. **Cousin Megan Hitt** (Jeff & Sarah DeBord), pray for continued healing and quick recovery. Prayers for the men in Mary Kaye Owen's sister's family: **Scott, Terry, Ian, Ivan, Owen.** Prayers for healing for **Connor** (Daryl & Deena Olson) that the lung abnormality improves and for doctor's wisdom as they prepare for his delivery, prayers for peace of his parents **Brad and Kirstie.** **Bob**, our friend (Harold & Clarice Liemohn) who had surgery and his wife **Ardys** who will be having hip replacement surgery, pray for strength, quick recovery and help during this stressful time. Prayers for speedy recovery and strength for **Kay McEwen** (former Living Word member) recovering from surgery. Prayers for healing for **grandson Jacob** (Dave Ostendorf) who broke his wrist. **Dorine Calkins** (Gaye Anderson's Aunt) undergoing numerous test before having an aortic valve replacement. **Jan Thebert** (Carole Williams-Wood friend) pray for doctor's discernment for treatment on her extreme back pain. **Don**, (Carole Williams-Wood friend) pray for guidance on how to proceed after surgery did not fix problem and pray for doctor's discernment for treatment. **Lori Wales** (Carole Williams-Wood daughter) pray for successful throat surgery and quick recovery and upcoming surgeries to remove tumor on kidney. **Dana Yeaman** (Debbi Zavakil) pray for continued healing on her foot. Prayers for **Claudia Harrell** (Gary & Carol Richey) after she fell and broke her leg. **Jon Paul Webber** (Heidi Sturdivant) recovering from cancer surgery. Prayers for **Mike O'Brien** (Gary & Rosie Heintz) who had bypass surgery on Dec. 27th **Lee Brown** as he prepares to meet his Maker. **Gary Gjerstad** has pneumonia and **Barbara Gjerstad** recovering from eye surgery, pray for God's healing touch and for comfort and peace. Prayers for quick recovery and healing for **Mike O'Brien** (Gary & Rosie Heintz) recovering from by-pass surgery. Prayers for **Snookie Pankrantz** for good diagnosis and doctor's discernment on various medical problems. Prayers for **Al Auge** for good diagnosis, treatment and doctor's discernment on his heart problem.

Prayers for faith, strength and guidance. God's continued guidance and blessings in our search for a new church home. God's guidance and peace between nations of the earth especially between the U.S. and North Korea. God's love to overcome hate and fear in hearts around the world. **Pastor Alec**, our deployed missionary pastor in his new mission in Idaho. Prayers for **daughter-in-law Crissy and son Casey** (Gary & Rosie Heintz) in Houston, TX receiving cancer treatments.

To Living Word Lutheran Church, Merry Christmas from the Vashchenko Family! We'd like to thank Living Word Lutheran Church for the great gift given to our family this Christmas. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity towards our family. We are grateful to be a part of the Living Word community!



Thank you so much for your partnership in ministry over the years. We appreciate your support as together we help our neighbors in need. Bridges over Love NW, Sherry Phinisey

2018 Flower Chart.

Flowers for worship is a prime opportunity to **honor or remember loved ones or celebrate a special day with a gift that glorifies God.** Members and friends are encouraged to sign up to bring flowers for that special day.

<u>January</u>		<u>February</u>		<u>March</u>	
7	Reuben & Heidi Sturdivant	4	Tom & Denise Alvord	4 through 25 LENT	
14	Morgan & Yvonne Olson	11	Dennis & Judy Krumwiede		
21	Duane & Valerie Claiborne	18	LENT		
28	Bonnie DeBord	25	LENT		
<u>April</u>		<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>	
1	Easter Lilies	6		3	Reuben & Heidi Sturdivant
8	_____	13		10	Tony & Linda Deas
15	_____	20	Bill & Debbi Zavadil	17	Ardene Bartness
22	_____	27	_____	24	_____
29	_____				
<u>July</u>		<u>August</u>		<u>September</u>	
1	_____	5	Dan & Mary Kaye Owen	2	Dave & Judy Ostendorf
8	Ardis Kilber	12	Jeff & Sarah DeBord	9	Richard & Bonnie Socey
15	_____	19	Dennis & Judy Krumwiede	16	_____
22	Larry & Linda Schmidt	26	Al & Lydia Auge	23	_____
<u>October</u>		<u>November</u>		<u>December</u>	
7	Andy & Ruth Anderson	4	Dan & Mary Kaye Owen	2	_____
14	Gary & Barbara Gjerstad	11	Bob & Nancy Martin	9	_____
21	Dennis & Judy Krumwiede	18	Duane & Valerie Claiborne	16	Irene Feller
28	Larry & Mary Vollmer	25	_____	23	Don & Carol Brennan
				24	Christmas Eve-Poinsettias
				30	_____

I WON'T BE ATTENDING CHURCH ANYMORE....

A lady went to the Pastor of her church and said, "I won't be attending Church anymore." He said, "May I ask why?" She said, "I see people on their cell phones texting & typing during the service, some gossiping, some just aren't living right, some sleeping, some staring at me, they are all just hypocrites!"

The Pastor got silent & then he said, "OK; but, can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision?" She said, "Sure, what's that?" He said, "Take a glass of water, make sure it is full to the brim, and walk around the Church two times and don't let any water fall out the glass." She said, "Yes I can do that." So, she went, got the glass of water, and walked around the church. She came back and proudly said, "It's done!"

He asked her these questions:

1. Did you see anybody on their phone?
2. Did you see anybody gossiping?
3. Was anybody living wrong?
4. Did you see anyone sleeping?

She said, "I didn't see anything because I was so focused on this glass, so the water wouldn't fall." He told her, "When you come to Church, you should be just that, focused on God, so that YOU don't fall." THAT'S WHY JESUS SAID "FOLLOW ME," He did not say follow Christians. Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate with God. I'll see you on Sunday!"