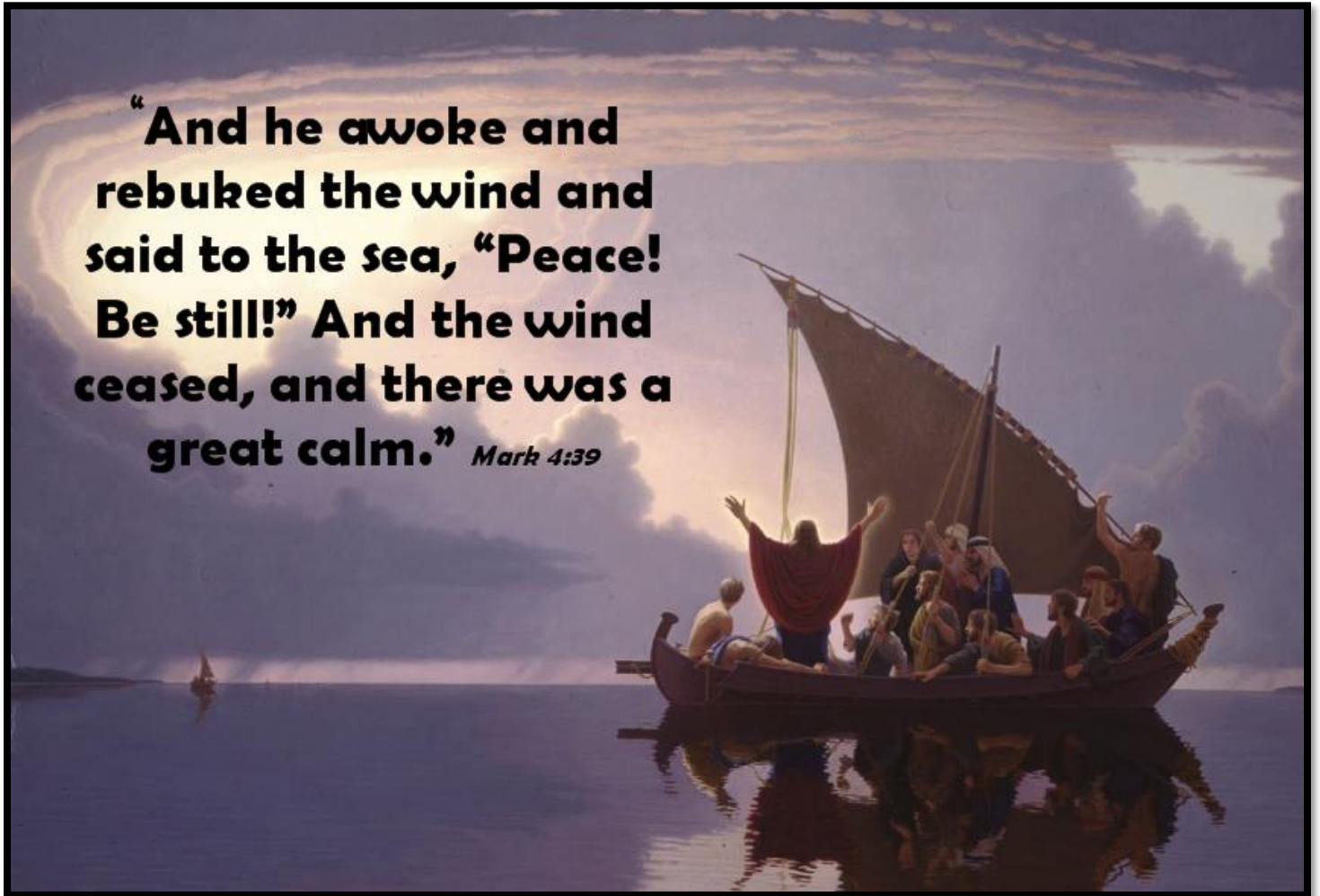


Living Word Lutheran Church

The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 24, 2018

“And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.” *Mark 4:39*



PASTOR: 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/June 24-30, 2018

This week's activities:

Sunday	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour
Wednesday	8:00 am	LWLC Prayer for Guidance meet at the LWLC Office
Thursday	10:30 am	Midweek Bible Study at the LWLC Office

**The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Judy Williams
for God's Blessings.**

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; **Ushers**- Mary Vollmer, Bob Martin; **Acolyte**-Barbara Gjerstad; **Lector**-Jan Halverson;
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LWLC FINANCIAL REPORT

Last Sunday's Offering:

Last Sunday's Attendance:

**LWLC's Annual Congregational
Meeting will be
immediately following today's
worship service.**

Please plan to attend as a quorum is necessary to
elect the new Board Members.

Bible Verse of the Day: "For there are six things the Lord hates—no, seven: haughtiness, lying, murdering, plotting evil, eagerness to do wrong, a false witness, sowing discord among brothers." *Proverbs 6:16-19*

Quote of the Day: "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." *Ronald Reagan*

Happy 4th of July - Independence Day!

You're invited: Meeker Mansion 4th of July Family Social & Puyallup Band Concert 2:00pm to 5:00pm
(Meeker Mansion is located at 312 Spring Street in Puyallup.)



With a hot dog in one hand and a glass of lemonade or strawberry shortcake in the other, enjoy an old fashioned 4th of July while playing games with the family and listening to some good old music. Be sure to spread out your blanket or set up your chair to enjoy the afternoon. Games begin at 2pm and the band will play from 3 to 5pm. Activities are FREE, with nominal charges for refreshments. For more information contact: ezra@meekermansion.org or [253-848-1770](tel:253-848-1770)



Church Family

When arguments and division disrupt our church, we may feel not only disappointed but also disillusioned. A church is a human organization, however, and all humans, at one time or another, fall short of what God wants for them. What scripture makes clear, however, is that God has no patience with church arguments that spill over into gossip and backstabbing, factions and plots, outright lies and every-accelerating hostility. Conflicts are bound to happen in any family, including church families. But God's Spirit always seeks to heal and restore unity. As Christ's followers, we are called to be open to the Spirit leading us...to building peace rather than strife!

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. "Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe." (Hebrews 12:28)

Prelude

Opening Hymn

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

LBW #242

We Worship with Confession.

Pastor: Remembering 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: Beloved in the LORD, let us draw near with faithful hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD. **C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD. **C: May God forgive the offense of my sin.**

P: (facing altar which symbolizes God's presence): *Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, C: we confess to You that we are by nature sinners and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, pleading for and seeking Your grace for the sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.*

(Silence for personal reflection and self-examination.)

P: *Most merciful God... C: You have given Your only begotten Son to die for us. Have mercy upon us, and for Jesus' sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.*

P: (facing the congregation declares God's grace): Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for Jesus' sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on Jesus' Name, He gives power to become children of God and bestows on them His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O LORD, unto us all. **C: Amen.**

All: Praise the LORD!

We are sent to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19). We begin by sharing the peace of the LORD with one another.

Cantors sing verses 1-3, Congregation sings responsively the refrain.

Cantors: vs 1- In our arrogance and pride We come to You. In our weakness and our guilt We look to You.

Congregation: O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy, O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy.

Cantors: vs 2- In our trouble and our pain We come to You. In our darkness and our grief We look to You.

Congregation: O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy, O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy.

Cantors: vs 3- Mighty God of love and power We come to You. You are here, and You are now. We look to You.

Congregation: O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy, O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy.

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.

Glory to God

Congregation: (Refrain)

**Glory to God in the highest, Sing! Glory to God!
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on Earth!**

Verse 1: Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father;
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory! **C:** (Refrain)

Verse 2: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer! **C:** (Refrain)

**Verse 3: Women: For You alone are the Holy One,
Men: You alone are the Lord, the Most High, Jesus Christ,
All: with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father! **C:** (Refrain)**

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P (spoken): *The LORD be with you.*

C: (spoken): **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (All pray):

Oh God, Keeper of our lives, You know the hardness and gentleness of human hearts. You call Your people to faithful living. Through the storms of life that bring suffering and fear, joy and laughter, teach us to turn to You for all we need, so that we may come to know Your presence even in the midst of the trials that surround us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

We Hear and Read God's Word

This reading is from The Book of Job, the 38th chapter

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

² "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?"

³ Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?"

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸ "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,

⁹ when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

¹¹ and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

(Here ends this reading)

This reading is from the Book of Psalms, the 107th Psalm.

(to be read responsively)

Reader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever!

R: ² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

C: whom he has redeemed from trouble

R: ³ and gathered in from the lands,

C: from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

R: ²³ Some went down to the sea in ships,

C: doing business on the great waters;

R: ²⁴ they saw the deeds of the LORD,
C: his wondrous works in the deep.

R: ²⁵ For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
C: which lifted up the waves of the sea.

R: ²⁶ They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;
C: their courage melted away in their evil plight;

R: ²⁷ they reeled and staggered like drunken men
C: and were at their wits' end.

R: ²⁸ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
C: and he delivered them from their distress.

R: ²⁹ He made the storm be still,
C: and the waves of the sea were hushed.

R: ³⁰ Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,
C: and he brought them to their desired haven.

R: ³¹ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
C: for his wondrous works to the children of man!

R: ³² Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
C: and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

This reading is from Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians, the 6th chapter (ESV)

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, "In a favorable time, I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³ We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech, and the

power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹² You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³ In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

(Here ends this reading)

We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Time with Lori Schmidt -As the young children gather in the chancel; children of all ages are encouraged to listen in.

Hymn of the Day

"If You but Trust in God to Guide You"

LBW #453

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter. (ESV) C: Glory to You, O LORD

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace!

Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

(The Gospel of the LORD.)

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Eric Hullstrom

We Worship In Thanksgiving By Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

The offering is received

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

"With Grateful Joy"

With grateful joy for you the source of all life
We raise one voice to you from whom all blessings flow.
You are the Giver of Life; you are the Lover of life,
the Good Sustainer of Life. We live in you. We live in you.

We pray together the offering prayer: P: Merciful Father...

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen

Reception of New Members

Tracy Prince

Cathy Schaffer

Mike and Debbie Stankovich

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, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. 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 (congregation sings)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
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.

Communion Hymns:

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

LBW #320

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

LBW #294

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

LBW #296

Post-Communion Prayer and Canticle



The Benediction (Pastor)

The congregation sings 3-fold "Amen"

On Our Way Rejoicing

Closing Hymn

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

LBW #260

We Worship by How We Live During the Week

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Musician: Lori Schmidt

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Set up/Tear Down (Team 2)- Al Auge, Ron Heilman, Gary Gjerstad, Joe Burdick, Jim Gronhovd, Daryl Olson, Ron Johnson, Larry Vollmer; **Ushers**- Don & Carol Brennan; **Acolyte**-Kailan Burdick; **Lector**-Cheryl Hedlund; **Communion Set-up/takedown**-Nancy Martin, Yvonne Olson; **Communion Assistants**-Mary Vollmer, Sharon Johnson, Dave Ostendorf; **Comm. Bread**-Gayla Fenimore; **Tellers** – Kaye Sims, Judy Krumweide; **Coffee Hour**-Sharon Johnson, Linda Schmidt; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Laura Burdick, Sharlene Parker; **Sound System**-Ron Heilman; **Parking Lot Duty**-Ron Johnson; **Julian Estates**-Mike & Debbie Stankovich

Next week's Scriptures:

Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalm 30

2Corinthians 8:7-17

Mark 5:21-43

Prayers for those who are serving our country (military, firefighters & police) and their families and keep them safe: Josh 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. Peace and comfort to all who knew and loved **Elaine Kroger** (Dwight & Barbara Griswold) who passed away.

Prayers for those with cancer or long-term illness. **Dixie** (Sharlene Parker's sister). **Don Minnick** (Harold & Clarice Liemohn). **Bob Lungberg** (Bob & Nancy Martin), **Aunt Glenda** (Lorraine Stargel), **Cousin Sandy** (Lorraine Stargel). **Snookie Pankrantz**. **Taressa** (Dennis & Judy Krumwiede's daughter-in-law). **John Paul Webber** (Heidi Sturdivant). **Elaina** (Ron & Gaye Anderson). **Tony Horne** (Bob Martin & Hal Martin) **Robert Hawthorne** (Jim & Mei

Barker), Sister-in-law **Wanee** (Sharlene Parker) starting her chemo, may her treatments go smoothly and she have no side effects. May God's peace be with her and her family. **Mary Anne Horiskey** (Bonnie DeBord), prayers for her eternal soul & for a peaceful passing as she is in the last days of hospice care.

Prayers for healing and strength for those with health concerns and those facing or recovering from surgery.

Bob Ostrom (Steves' daughter-in-law's father) prayers for wisdom for caregivers to restore him to full mobility after stroke. **Kay Dightman** (relative of Phil & Virginia Steves) who has shingles, pray for recovery back to full health and to be pain free. Praise to God for **sister Dixie's** (Sharlene Parker) successful surgical procedure, prayers for quick healing. **Luda Vashchenko** (Barbara & Dwight Griswold), recovering from surgery, pray for comfort, peace and a speedy recovery. Pray for **Jim Held** for quick recovery and freedom of pain from shingles. Pray for son-in-law **Kurt Alfano** (Tom & Denise Alvord) as he recovers from a stroke, pray for strength, comfort and quick healing. Pray for continued healing and comfort for **Joe Burdick**. Pray for healing and comfort for **Joan** (Sarah DeBord's grandma) in the hospital for an infection that is having complications. Niece **Savanah** (Sharon Edwards) who has Graves disease, pray for her wellbeing and safe travel while on vacation.

Prayers for faith, strength and guidance. God's continued guidance and blessings in our search for a new church home God's love to overcome hate and fear in hearts around the world.



Worship Assistants for July 2018

Please note: If you are unable to meet your commitment, please switch dates with someone; inform your coordinator and Office.

Coordinators	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
SET UP & TEAR DOWN TEAMS: #1, 2, 3 Bill Zavadil	<u>Team #2:</u> Al Auge Ron Heilman Gary Gjerstad Joe Burdick Jim Gronhovd Daryl Olson Ron Johnson Larry Vollmer	<u>Team #1:</u> Bill Zavadil Andy Anderson Skip Whelan Dennis Krumwiede Rick Fields Larry Vollmer Alex Burdick Gary Heintz	<u>Team #2:</u> Al Auge Ron Heilman Gary Gjerstad Joe Burdick Jim Gronhovd Daryl Olson Ron Johnson Larry Vollmer	<u>Team #1:</u> Bill Zavadil Andy Anderson Skip Whelan Dennis Krumwiede Rick Fields Larry Vollmer Alex Burdick Gary Heintz	<u>Team #2:</u> Al Auge Ron Heilman Gary Gjerstad Joe Burdick Jim Gronhovd Daryl Olson Ron Johnson Larry Vollmer
USHERS/ GREETERS Don Brennan	Don & Carol Brennan	Kaye Sims Tom Groce	Carole Williams-Wood Zale Wood	Daryl & Deena Olson	Bonnie Socey Ron Johnson
ACOLYTE Don Brennan	Kailan Burdick	Viviana Vashchenko	Hannah Vashchenko	Viviana Vashchenko	TBD
LECTOR Barbara Griswold	Cheryl Hedlund	Pastor Gary Jepsen	Ron Johnson	Dan Owen	Heidi Sturdivant
COMMUNION ASST. Ardis Kilber	Mary Vollmer Sharon Johnson Dave Ostendorf	Kitty Jepsen Sharon Johnson Lorraine Stargel	Lorraine Stargel Mary Vollmer Dave Ostendorf	Gary & Kitty Jepsen Carole Williams-Wood	Sharlene Parker Carole Williams-Wood Mary Vollmer
COMMUNION Set up/Clean up Ardis Kilber	Nancy Martin Yvonne Olson	Sharlene Parker Valerie Claiborne	Nancy Martin Lorraine Stargel	Jan Halverson Sharlene Parker	Jan Halverson Yvonne Olson
Comm.BREAD	Gayla Fenimore	Gayla Fenimore	Gayla Fenimore	Gayla Fenimore	Lonna Groce
TELLERS Al Auge Judy Krumweide	Kaye Sims Judy Krumweide	Bonnie Socey Judy Krumweide	Larry Vollmer Judy Krumweide	Zale Wood Judy Krumweide	Ron Anderson Judy Krumweide
COFFEE HOUR Ruth Anderson Valerie Claiborne	Sharon Johnson Linda Schmidt	Linda Kupka Jan Halverson	Laura & Kailan Burdick Irene Feller	Kitty Jepsen Clarice Liemohn	Judy Krumwiede Nancy Martiin
CHILDREN'S TIME Worship & Music				Lori Schmidt	
FLOWERS Lydia Auge	Jeff & Sarah DeBord	Ardis Kilber	Mike & Gayla Fenimore	Larry & Linda Schmidt	Dick & Lori Schmidt
ALTAR Setup/ Takedown Kitty Jepsen	Laura Burdick Sharlene Parker	Mary Vollmer Lorraine Stargel	Sue Fields Yvonne Olson	Mary Vollmer TBD	Sharlene Parker Lorraine Stargel
SOUND SYSTEM Joe Burdick	Ron Heilman	Ron Johnson	Andy Anderson	Bill Zavadil	Alex Burdick
Julian Estates Worship Leader Pastor Eric	Mike & Debbie Stankovich	Dave & Judy Ostendorf	Sharlene Parker Skip Whelan	Tony & Linda Deas	Ron Heilman Jeff DeBord
Parking Lot	Ron Johnson	Dennis Krumwiede	Owen Loshbough	Gary Gjerstad	Tony Deas

TBD-To Be Determined

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

C2.02. This congregation confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe.

- a. Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate, through whom everything was made and through whose life, death, and resurrection God fashions a new creation.

As written:

- b. The proclamation of God's message to us as both Law and Gospel is the Word of God, revealing judgment and mercy through word and deed, beginning with the Word in creation, continuing in the history of Israel, and centering in all its fullness in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Change to: (add)

b. The proclamation of God's message to us as both Law and Gospel as found in the *English Standard Version Bible (2001)* is the Word of God, revealing judgment and mercy through word and deed, beginning with the Word in creation, continuing in the history of Israel, and centering in all its fullness in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

C5.03. As written:

Only such authority as is delegated to the Congregational Board or its organizational units in the congregation's governing documents is recognized. All remaining authority is retained by the congregation. The congregation is authorized to:

Add:

Only such authority as is delegated to the Congregational Board or its organizational units in the congregation's governing documents is recognized. All remaining authority is retained by the congregation. The congregation is authorized to, ***but not limited to:***

- a. call a pastor;
- b. terminate the call of a pastor;
- c. approve the annual budget;
- d. acquire real and personal property by gift, devise, purchase, or other lawful means;
- e. hold title to and use its property for any and all activities consistent with its purpose;
- f. sell, mortgage, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of its property by any lawful means;
- g. elect its officers and Congregational Board, and require them to carry out their duties in accordance with the constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions; and
- h. enter or terminate a relationship with any association as provided in Chapter 6.

Slate of Officers

The Nominating committee identified the slate of new incoming Board Officers which has been approved by the current board. Those presented are:

LWLC BOARD

Pastor Eric Hullstrom

OFFICERS

President: *Tony Deas

Vice President: (President Elect) *Ron Johnson

Secretary: Valerie Claiborne

Treasurer: Larry Vollmer

BOARD MEMBERS

*Carole Williams-Wood

Owen Loshbough

Ron Heilman

**Al Auge

(Renewed term Board Members *, New Board Member**)

REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION**JUNE 24, 2018****Committee & Ministry Reports:****From Board President:**

We have just witnessed a good year. Our membership remains steady. Finances are meeting requirements and this congregation remains faithful. We maintained our tithe outreach thru the year and additionally made special offerings for hurricane relief twice, support for a police officer's family and a contribution to an abortion alternative ministry. Thank you!

Pastor Eric is hitting his stride in his ministry! As he finishes his second year with us we are all witness to his growth as a proclaimer of the Gospel. His outreach thru his newspaper articles have reached a large population outside our congregation. Remember to keep our pastor in your prayers.

This year we decided to pay our choir director, welcome to our staff Dan Owen. Our music ministry is growing with more musicians and a varied program. Keep up the good work.

For me the most exciting happening this year was the beginning of our outreach to Julian Estates. We have seen God's blessing of this outreach several times. We are, in effect, planting a non-denominational church at that facility with worship led by volunteers from our congregation. Close to 20% of our congregation is actively involved in this ministry. My prayer is that we can learn from and expand our outreach.

We live in the fastest growing county in the country. Are we doing everything we can to reach our neighbors with the good news of Jesus? Are we willing as Paul was to "become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." 1 Cor 9:22? May we continue in our mission of outreach.

Thank you for your support this year. Keep up the good work and always be ready to share the hope that is within you. Give God the glory!

Property Acquisition Committee Report.

Members of the committee looked at several adequate pieces of property this year. Unfortunately, before anything could be done they were off the market. To facilitate the purchase process and to conserve or increase purchasing power of our building fund a task force was created and the congregation will be asked to authorize that task force and give it permission to act on behalf of Living Word Lutheran Church in whatever way the task force deems appropriate, to purchase property or to invest the building funds without missing a short window of opportunity by first having to hold a meeting with the prescribed notice to ask the Board or the congregation for permission. The task force has looked at St. Mark's Coptic Church in downtown Puyallup and is reviewing other properties. It is also starting conversations with local churches and others which have or have solved similar problems.

Benevolence Committee Report

Our committee supervises the distribution of 10% of our LWLC income to support Christian ministry in the local community and beyond. Approximately two thirds is given to local charities in the Puyallup, South Hill and Graham communities and one third is given to regional and national organizations to support their functions. Pastor's discretionary fund and contributions to LCMC are included in the benevolence budget.

As a consequence of variations in LWLC income, our committee has adjusted the level of support for some of our charities. We have increased our contributions to some local charities, selected a few new candidates for support, and deleted a few that had been previously suspended. A list of our current charitable contributions and brief accounts of their activities is available in the church office or from committee members.

Committee members are Bonnie Socey, Judy Williams, Sharon Johnson, Sharlene Parker, Gary Gjerstad, Skip Whelan, and Harold Liemohn, chairman. If you have recommendations for additional charities that we might support, please advise someone on our committee.

Christian Education Committee

The CEC Team for 2017-2018 included Mary Loshbough, Owen Loshbough, Pastor Eric and Lori Schmidt.

Bible Studies

Sharlene Parker lead the Busy Women's Bible Study Fellowship. It met monthly, October-June, the book/DVD used was "12 Women of the Bible". The timeframe was 6:30-8:30 pm on the second Friday and a potluck meal was enjoyed each time.

The Sunday am Adult Bible Study was hosted by Pastor Eric. Discipleship was one of the main topics and members met through May.

Wednesday morning classes, Living Way Bible Study classes met at the Krumwiede's home and the focus was on the Book of Romans. Wednesday evening Adult Bible study met from 6:45-8:00 pm. The topic was the Book of Acts with Ron Heilman facilitating.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m Men's Devotional Bible Study led by Skip Whelan *The mid-week Bible Study meets Thursday morning under Pastor Eric and the scripture reading for the upcoming Sunday is discussed.

Friday, Men's Gathering at church office at 7:00 a.m. led by Skip Whelan

Children's Program

Mary Loshbough led the Sunday School and chaired the teacher's meetings. The Sunday School program focused on two groups. The teachers and helpers alternate teaching responsibilities and children ranged in age from 4-12 years old. The final class for the school years was May 13th. The Rally Day theme was "Begin with Jesus and Branch Out". The Women's Ministry graciously provided lunch and the CEC helped the children with a pencil jar craft. On Oct 29, Bible Sunday was a special event. Three third graders, Carmen Ramos, Hannah Vashchenko and Viviana Vashchenko received their Bibles from their parent or significant mentor. Debbie Sandovil was the Chairman for our Samaritan's Purse outreach. Shoeboxes were sent overseas. Connie Hullstrom spent the December Sundays rehearsing with our children for a Christmas Program during worship December 17th. It was a very moving presentation and we were truly blessed by it!

On the 2nd Sundays, Lydia Auge gave the children's time message during worship. Lori Schmidt, Mary Loshbough, Randi Kilpack and Pastor Eric gave the message on the 4th Sundays.

Vacation Bible School

Lori Schmidt met with the pastor and secretary of Living Hope Church to pursue a possible joint effort for a July VBS program. The evening program would allow for kindergarten age children and older. The committee decided to forgo that venture and instead offer one Sunday School class in June, July and August at Living Word on Sunday after worship service for all ages of children.

Youth Ministry

Young adults from 7th-10th grade have monthly meetings where they go out for cocoa, coffee and fellowship with adult leaders Mary Kaye Owen, Ruth Anderson and Sharon Johnson. They attend Pastor Eric's adult class on the remaining Sundays. Mary Kaye took the teens to the Columbia Gorge in July last year. They purchased art supplies to help support the Puyallup YMCA Youth Group.

Nursery Program

Nursery care is provided during the worship time. Kylie and Alexandra Steves have done an outstanding job of caring for the children of families attending service. This program continues throughout the church year.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who have a heart for the ministry and encouraged the spiritual growth of LWLC members age 1-100 years old! Yours in Christ, Lori Schmidt, CEC Chairperson.

Evangelism Committee

What a year for the Evangelism team! We started meeting regularly in March. Pastor, Debbie Zavadil, Skip Whelan, Gary Gjerstad, Tony Deas and Ron Heilman make up the committee.

Early on we identified people 55 years and older as our target for outreach. Julian Estates was still under construction and caught our eye, occupancy scheduled for October. Skip called Julian at the number beside the road. To our surprise we were called back immediately to discuss outreach possibilities. We met with an advance sales person, a Lutheran, the next day. God at work? He was going to pass on our contact information to the management team, that didn't happen. When management arrived, they went looking for a church to provide their services. They happened to contact Padre and Lin Jeffery as a possibility for services. They were referred to Pastor Eric and we were on track. Do we see the hand of God in this? Services started at Julian in January. Lay ministers from Living Word conduct the services. Near 20% of our congregation is involved in this outreach. On May 20th pastor conducted the first baptism at Julian Estates.

Pastor continues his messages in the News Tribune. This gives him an outreach to a wide area. Way to go Pastor! Our church website is being updated by Debbie Stankovich, one of our newest members. The board had been looking for a webmaster to manage our website. Tell me the Lord does not equip his church.

Evangelism is looking for ways to empower you in your outreach. We meet monthly and would welcome you and your suggestions. Ask yourself what "I" can do.

Human Resource Committee

The current Human Resource Committee membership is as follows;

Larry Vollmer (Chair)
Lorraine Stargel
Nancy Martin
Ron Johnson

The Human Resource Committee's primary function is to promote supportive, legal and fair labor practices with respect to the pastor, program staff and support staff employed by the Church.

Specific duties are (Per the Church By-Laws);

1-Maintain the LWLC Human Resource Policy Manual. The Manual shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the committee members.

2-Prepare an annual salary recommendation for each employee of the congregation and forward the recommendation to the Finance Committee and the Congregational Board.

3-Maintain a job description of all compensated positions (full and part time) within the church.

4-Assist in developing position descriptions, participate in the selection of new staff employees, and review annual employee evaluations as stated in the LWLC Human Resource Policy Manual.

5-Report to the Congregational Board at its monthly meetings as needed or requested.

6-Develop and maintain a list of committee duties, timelines and procedures that are updated on an annual basis and are passed on to the President of the Congregation and to new committee members.

Accomplishments from May 2017 to May 2018.

1-Updated the Staff Roster which includes salary rates.

2-Updated the Human Resource Calendar.

3-Reviewed and updated the Human Resource Policy Manual which is done yearly, and it was approved by the Board per the church by-laws.

4-Coordinated the yearly staff evaluation process which was completed in September 2017.

5-Human Resource Committee made salary recommendations for the Pastor and staff.

6-Job Descriptions for 2017 were reviewed and updated.

Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry meets monthly to plan functions and activities, they also host monthly breakfasts Oct-May presently being held at Sunrise Baptist Church the first Saturday of the month. Some special events enjoyed were in December, a gift exchange; February, luncheon served in appreciation for the many volunteers in our congregation; April, an inspirational speaker who shared from his missionary years was our guest speaker; May, we enjoyed sharing and identifying our mother's pictures. For fund raising we had a booth at the Spanaway Lake High School Craft Fair with many women in our congregation participating by donating homemade craft items to sell. Half of our fund-raising efforts went towards the building fund. Extra activities are the annual lefse making in November and monthly nursing home visits. The Care Team is called when families need help with meals, has special needs and circumstances and is headed by Cheryl Hedlund.

Special events: Rally day picnic, Reformation Sunday Dinner, participated in memorial services for Barbara Cheek, Padre Jeffery and Lee Brown. Special thanks to Nancy Martin, Ardis Kilber, and Jan Halverson, our Ministry Board and the many helping hands from our women in the congregation. Ladies of the congregation donate cookies for the cookie buffet on Father's Day. We pray God will be glorified.

Worship & Music Committee Report

The goal of this committee is to provide the highest traditional Service each Sunday for the congregation of Living Word Lutheran Church. In the tradition of Martin Luther, through Scripture and following our Church Calendar, and in cooperation with our Pastor, we plan and prepare special services such as Reformation, All Saints, Advent through Christmas, Transfiguration Sunday, Ash Wednesday through Lent, culminating with the most wonderful week in Christendom, Holy Week.

In the tradition of our faith, we also plan a celebration of Pentecost Sunday in memory of God's precious gift to us, His Holy Spirit. This committee includes those who prepare communion and care for the banners, paraments, and candles for worship.

Beyond the weekly worship services Worship and Music Committee was responsible for the following special services:

2017	
October	Reformation Sunday with Processional, a reformation conversation between Martin Luther, John Calvin and the Pope, with the nailing of the 95 Theses on the Wittenberg door.
November	All Saints Day, honoring our loved ones with the reading of their names and the ringing of the bell. Recognition of the Veterans in our congregation, Special Thanksgiving Eve Service. First Sunday in Advent, with the addition of the advent wreath and candles in anticipation of Christmas.
December	Decorating our sanctuary for Christmas. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with special music.
2018	
January	The Baptism of our Lord.
February	The Transfiguration of our Lord. Ash Wednesday began the season of Lent with the Imposition of Ashes. Lenten Services with soup supper held at Sunrise Baptist Church. Communion every Sunday.
March	Palm Sunday with the Procession of palms and special music, Maundy Thursday Service, and Good Friday Service with the nailing of our sins on the cross.
April	Easter Sunday with a Glorious Celebration of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ.
May	Ascension of our Lord. Pentecost Sunday with Processional and the Recitation of John 3:16 in different languages by congregation members. Trinity Sunday with Processional.

Men's Ministry Report

In March of this year, I stepped forward and assumed leadership of the Men's Ministry. For the past two years, I purposely stayed in the shadows to get to know the congregation, the various ministries and the people. In February, I felt the Holy Spirit tapping me on the shoulder and saying, "*it is time*". The March 2018 gathering was my first one at the helm. I am very appreciative of the past leadership, but I am hoping to spark a new sense of ministry and purpose. Our monthly gatherings are going to have a different feel to them. Food and fellowship will still be essential, but a faith component will be prevalent as well. Faith, Food and Fellowship will be our three "F"s that will drive our ministry and service to the congregation and community.

In the past, we've always met on the 4th Saturday of the month. We are now moving to the 2nd Saturday of the month. Our meeting place has shifted over time: the church office, other locations, and Denny's. This is still being evaluated.

Below are some of the projects and ministry activities the men were involved in during the past year:

- ~ Helped move the Wardlows; helping load out their trailer for two trips 5-8 men helped each time.
- ~ Trimming the Griswolds trees. Four to six men helped.
- ~ Moving the cover for Dennis' pickup, Eight to twelve men helped.
- ~ August yard sale at Meeker Mansion. Proceeds went to Helping Hand House. ~ Mowing the grass at Lee's house and keeping an eye on him during his last months.
- ~ Getting Lee his special chair.
- ~ And there were other little projects here and there that the men helped with.

The men are here to serve you. If you have something you need help with, please don't hesitate to contact us. You can call me (Pastor Eric) or the church office and we'll take it from there.

May God always be glorified. Respectfully submitted, Pastor Eric Hullstrom

FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The current Finance Committee membership is as follows:

Larry Vollmer(Chair)
 Judy Krumwiede
 Linda Kupka
 Sharlene Parker
 Tom Groce
 Jim Gronhovd
 Mike Fenimore

The specific duties of the Finance Committee are as follows (per the By-Laws):

- 1-Develop an annual budget in cooperation with the Senior Pastor and staff.
- 2-Report to the Congregational Board as needed or requested.
- 3-Provide the Congregational Board an annual audit of church accounts.
- 4-Maintain a manual of financial policies and procedures.
- 5-Oversee the church insurance program.
- 6-Review on a periodic basis the financial obligations of the church and recommend changes when appropriate.
- 7-Develop and maintain a list of committee duties, time lines and procedures that are updated on an annual basis and are passed on to the President of the Congregation and to new committee members.

Accomplishments from May 2017 to May 2018.

- 1-Updated the Finance Committee Calendar.
- 2-The 2017 and 2018 Audit Team performed the yearly church audit per the audit procedures.
- 3-The Finance Policy was reviewed by the committee and changes were made where appropriate.
- 4-Working together, HR and Finance prepared the salary package for Pastor Hullstrom, staff and stipend personnel. The salary package was approved by the Board.
- 5-The 2018 budget process began in September 2017 and was completed at the end of December for the January 2018 Congregational meeting.

