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Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Monday-Friday

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Sunday, February 21	9:30 AM 9:45 AM	Worship Service In-person Service Worship Service --Online
Wednesday, February 24	7:45 AM 7:00 PM	The Wednesday Word-online Lenten Service-Livestream-online
Thursday, February 25	10:30 AM	Mid-week Bible Study-Zoom

Ushers

2-21 Gary & Barbara Gjerstad, Mike Byus
2-28 Ron & Sharon Johnson, Kaye Sims
3-7 Duane & Valerie Claiborne, Bob Martin

FINANCIAL REPORT Week of February 14

Mail in*/In-Person Service	
Online Offering	\$11,695
Total:	\$11,695

***2/14 Mail in will be counted with 2/21 service.**

The effect of crisis on worship Church leaders were hopeful that the crisis of 9/11/01 would increase attendance at worship services. And during the days and weeks that followed that horrible day of death and destruction, there was a measurable surge in church attendance. But the Associated Press found, that just six months later, there was a change in the trend:

* In March 2001, six months before 9/11, 43 percent of Americans went to worship weekly.

* Six months after 9/11, in March 2002, just 40 percent of Americans regularly attended church.

One reason for this drop in attendance, according to Heather Morton of the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, is that during a crisis, people look to religion for comfort. But when life becomes more normal again, the need for meaning and comfort fades.

-Based on an article in *The Arizona Republic* by Jaimee Rose.

Christian worship in the United States appears to have been significantly altered by the coronavirus pandemic.

"Things will never be the same," says Harry Moreaux in Naples, Fla., one of nearly 400 churchgoers [who shared with NPR](#) how the pandemic has changed their views of church life and their expectations for worship in the months and years ahead.

"I love my fellow brothers and sisters in God," Moreaux wrote. "I used to go to many church-related activities like Bible studies and men's fellowship. Now we barely communicate by text." A [survey by the Pew Research Center](#) in April found more than 90% of regular churchgoers in the United States said their churches had closed their doors to combat the spread of the coronavirus, with the vast majority saying that worship services had moved entirely online. Social hours and church suppers are a thing of the past, at least for now.

The changes are not all negative. Many pastors have intensified efforts to stay in touch with members of their congregations and maintain their church communities. "This crisis has actually caused us to do a better job of picking up the phone and checking on our members," says Randal Lyle, senior pastor at Meadowridge Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. "It's made me refocus on connecting individually with people. I have our staff checking on every elderly person in the congregation every couple of weeks to see what they need and how we can serve them. So there are some connections that are probably stronger now than they were before."

LWLC has stepped up to the plate. Pastor Eric has embraced the challenge and we have now benefited from live streamed worship service to drive-in worship service to In-person and On-line services. We have the Wednesday Word devotionals, zoom meetings and Bible Studies. He has had the pressure of learning to do ministry differently while continuing to provide pastoral care to an increasingly anxious flock with grace. So amidst of it all, we have a "Can-Do" church!



HELP WANTED!! NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Due to their current jobs and college (Olivia), our two nursery attendants have submitted their resignation. We are sorely in need of nursery attendants; it is a paid position. If you or if you know anyone who can fill that position on Sundays, 9:15 – 11:00 am, please call the church office at 253-846-1276.

Weekly Prayer Room

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise." James 3:18 (ESV)
(If the situation of the people listed below has changed, contact the office)

Father in heaven, watch over those who put themselves in harm's way to protect us, grant peace of mind to the families who love and miss them.

Josh Jepsen
Seth Heard
Evan Gregory Blodgett
Ken Solbrack
Michael Elliott
Chris Berentson
Brady Woodman (*Relma Burmeister's grandson*)
Devlin Durkin (*Curtis & Riley McKenzie*)
Richy (*Larry & Mary Vollmer's grandson*)
Paul Houck (*Jim & Mei Barker*)

Give strength and comfort to those who recently lost a loved one.

Relieve pain for all who suffer in any way. Comfort them and their caregivers. Grant loved one's strength to care for their loved ones. Remind us all to hope in You alone.

Bob Lungberg (*Bob & Nancy Martin*)
Tony Horne (*Bob Martin, Hal & Carolyn Martin, Lonna & Tom Groce*)
Baby Eli and his parents (*Jim & Sue Gronhovd*)
Lucas Bride (*Heidi Sturdivant*)
Suzy Davison (*Al & Darlene Luberts*)
Kristin & Children (*Jim & Sue Gronhovd*)
Pastor Dave Stephenson (*Dave & Judy Ostendorf*)
Gary Richey
Kara (*Pastor Eric & Connie*)
Nancy (*Debbi Zavadiil neighbor*)
Frank Lonergan (*Dick & Lori Schmidt*)
Mardelle (*Cynthia Faul's sister's friend*)
Harold Lawrence (*Lorraine Stargel*)
Corrina (*Pastor Eric & Connie*)
Phil Long (*Pastor Eric & Connie*)
Kyle (*Ron & Sharon Johnson*)
Dan (*Harold & Clarice Liehmohn*)
Milton Anderson (*Dick & Kaye Sims*)
Richard Park (*Raeanne Mitchell*)

Lorelle Aarstad (*Tom & Denise Alvord*)
West Family
Jeff, Jessica, Kevin & Aidon (*Don & Carol Brennan*)
Corrinna Clarahan
Erika
Stephen Mitchell Family
Richard Mitchell
Cheryl Faul (*Cynthia Faul*)
Keith (*Pastor Mike Byus*)
Bill & Debbi Zavadiil
Lori-(*Carole Williams-Wood*)
Julian Estates staff and residents
Jared and Sherry(*Harold & Clarice Liemohn*)
Snookie Pankrantz
Cynthia Faul
Henry and Sister-in-law (*Heidi Sturdivant*)
Pastor Randy Olson (*Bob & Nancy Martin*)
Gina (*Jan & Jerry Halverson*)
Darlene Luberts
Barney Wagner
Barbara & John Fox (*Tony & Linda Deas*)

Father, Giver of all good things, thank You for the birth of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we always be grateful for Your gracious gift and remind us to not keep the Good News to ourselves.

For all these needs, we pray in the holy and powerful name of Jesus, our Lord Amen

A DAILY PRAYER

Loving God, I pray that you will comfort me in my suffering, lend skill to the hands of my healers, and bless the means used for my cure. Give me such confidence in the power of your grace, that even when I am afraid, I may put my whole trust in you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

Ushers Needed!! We have a shortage of ushers. It's not hard, just come a little early. Meet & Greet, pass out bulletins, count attendance and on communion days, guide. Please call Don Brennan at (253) 875-6994 or email him at brennandp@comcast.net.



Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.
Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is life, fight for it.
-- Mother Teresa