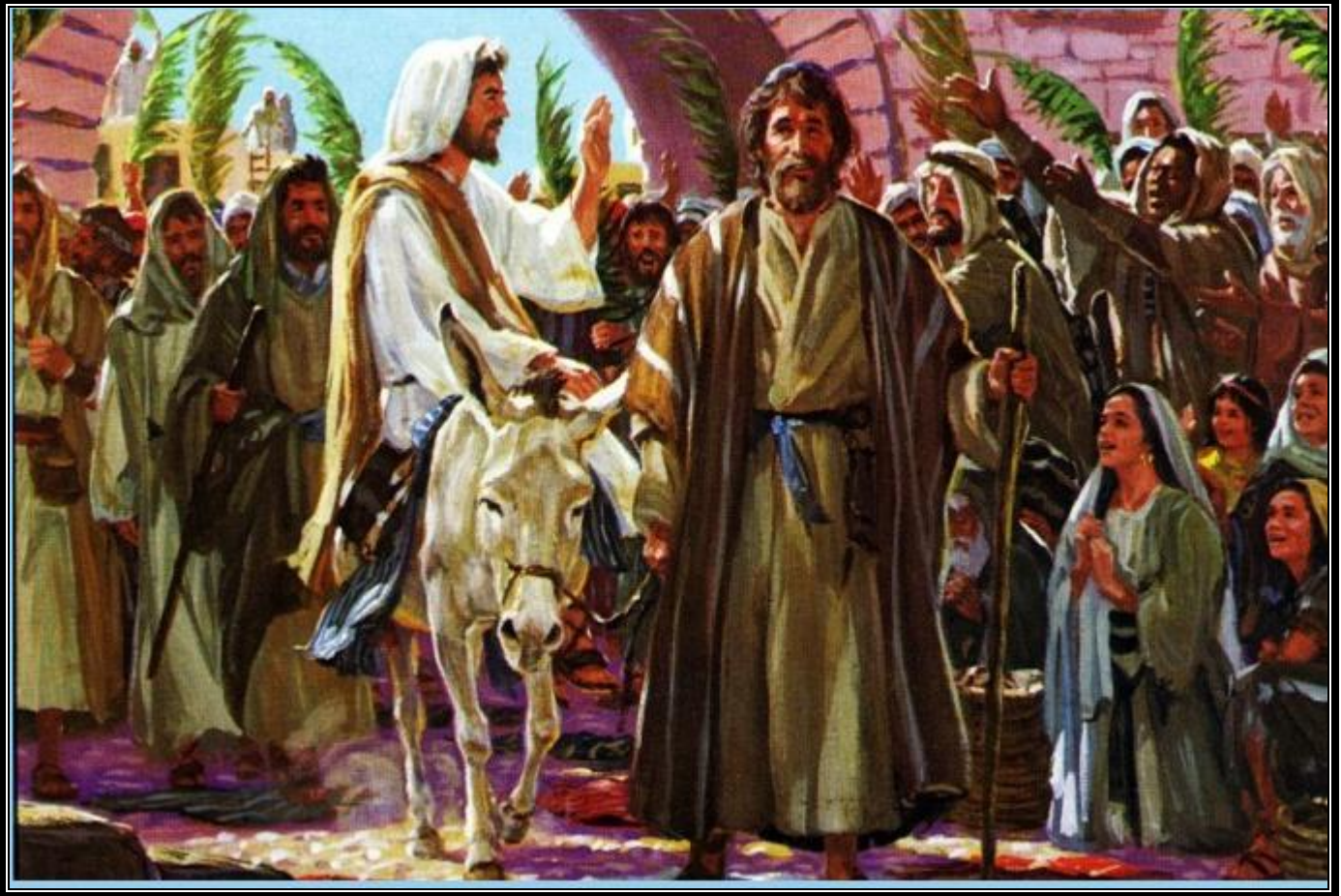


Living Word Lutheran Church

Palm & Passion Sunday

April 9, 2017



**“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!”** *Matthew 21:9*

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/This week's activities: April 9-15, 2017

Sunday	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 10:30 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study
Monday	2:00 pm 7:15 pm	Rainier Vista Care Center Visit Living Last Supper disciples Final DRESS Rehearsal at the Meridian Habitat
Tuesday	10:00 am 1:00 pm	Women's Ministry Board Meeting at the LWLC Office LWLC Board Meeting at the LWLC Office
Wednesday	8:00 am	LWLC Prayer for Guidance at the LWLC Office
Thursday	10:30 am 7:00 pm	Midweek Bible Study at the LWLC Office Maundy Thursday Living Last Supper at the Meridian Habitat Park & Community Center
Friday	7:00 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service at the Meridian Habitat Park & Community Center

Today's Worship Assistants

Set up/tear down-(Team 2)-Al Auge, Jim Gronhovd, Ron Johnson, Larry Vollmer, Joey Ramos, Dennis Krumwiede; **Ushers**-Bill & Debbi Zavadil, Bob Martin, Tom Groce; **Acolyte**-Barbara Gjerstad; **Lector**-Skip Whelan; **Tellers**-Ardene Bartness, Judy Krumwiede; **Coffee Hour**-Clarice Liemohn, Ruth Anderson; **Altar Set up/takedown**-Barbara Gjerstad, Carol Brennan; **Sound System**-Andy Anderson; **Parking Lot**-Tony Deas

Holy Week Worship



Today, we are celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry in Jerusalem.

As the week unfolds, we will remember the Passover as Jesus presents His body and blood to His disciples in the Words of Institution. **Maundy Thursday: Living Word Lutheran Church** will recreate one of Christianity's most significant events as portrayed in Leonardo Da Vinci's "The Last Supper". This Renaissance masterpiece is brought to life in Ruth Elaine Schram's, **"The Living Last Supper"** on **Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 pm**

After His betrayal, we follow Jesus to the cross on **Good Friday with a Tenebrae Worship Service, April 14th at 7:00 pm**. We hear the last words of Christ in His final hours and witness the growing darkness of His crucifixion as the passion narrative is read.

For only when we acknowledge the darkness through which Christ traveled, the glory of Easter morning and the resurrection speak to us and bring real hope into our lives.

We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday, April 16th at 9:00 am.

*The flyers provided are for the congregation members to invite friends, family or neighbors to attend not only **Maundy Thursday, 'Living Last Supper'** but **Good Friday and Easter as well**. Extra flyers are on the Visitor's Table.*

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

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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. We invite you to quietly prepare your hearts and offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe."

Prelude

Welcome

Congregation please stand for the Palm Sunday Litany and Processional

The Palm Sunday Litany

Pastor: Remembering our baptism into Christ Jesus, we gather as we live in the name of the Father, and of the Son(†), and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen.**

The Processional Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter. (ESV).

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

(The Gospel of our LORD.)

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.

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

Pastor: O God, we praise and thank You for the great acts by which You have redeemed us through Your Son, Jesus Christ our LORD. We commemorate the day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was acclaimed Son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered garments and palm branches in His path. We ask that You bless these branches and those who bear them. Grant that we may ever hail Jesus as our LORD and King, and follow Him with full confidence and obedience; through the same Jesus Christ, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.

C: Blessed is Jesus Christ; Sing praises to the Son of God and the Son of Man!

Processional Hymn**“All Glory, Laud and Honor”**

(At the direction of the ushers the congregation proceeds down the center aisle to the front of the church to lay your palm fronds at the foot of the cross, symbolic of honoring Jesus as the one true King.)

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor
To You, redeemer, king,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

1. **You are the King of Israel
And David’s royal Son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming,
Our King and Blessed One.** (Refrain)

2. **The company of angels
Is praising You on high;
Creation and all mortals
In chorus make reply.** (Refrain)

3. **The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present.** (Refrain)

4. **To you, before Your passion,
They sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.** (Refrain)

5. **Their praises You accepted;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King.** (Refrain)

(Repeat the verses until everyone in the congregation has placed their palm fronds at the foot of the Cross.)

P: *The LORD be with you.*

C: And also with you.

We pray together: **Almighty God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon Him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in His obedience to Your will and in the glorious victory of His resurrection; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

This reading is from the Prophet Isaiah, the 50th chapter. (ESV)

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷ But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?

⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

(Here ends this Reading)

This reading is from Paul's letter to the Philippians, chapter 2. (ESV)

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed

on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Here ends this reading)

Participatory Reading **The Passion Of Our LORD According to Matthew** (booklet)

SPEAKING PARTS: NARRATOR – Randie Kilpack; JESUS - Pastor Hullstrom;

JUDAS –Wayne Flood; PETER –Ron Heilman; WITNESS –Kailan Burdick;

HIGH PRIEST –Zale Wood; SERVANT –Heidi Sturdivant; PILATE –Dick Schmidt

PEOPLE - The congregation will read the part of the **People (bold)** marked by a stylized leaf:
(At the conclusion of the Passion reading, we observe a brief time of silence for personal meditation)



Agnus Dei

*The congregation echoes each phrase of the cantor.

Cantors: O Lamb of God, you take a - way
*Congregation (echo) O Lamb of God You take away

the sins of the world have mer - cy on us.
the sins of the world have mercy on us.

- (2) O Christ our Lord
- (3) O Word of God
- (4) Hosanna King

Sermon

Eric Hullstrom, Pastor

The Offering Is Received

(The congregation stands while the offering is brought forward by the ushers)

Offering Hymn:

"LORD, Whose Love in Humble Service"

***LORD, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked Your mercy's perfect deed
We, Your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart
Consecrating to Your purpose ev'ry gift which You impart.***

***As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service, Your abundant life to share.***

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Prayers of the Church

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.

Benediction

Congregation sings the **3-fold "Amen"**

"The Lamb"

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice? Faith
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fin - al of - fer - ing. The
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill. So
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness. He
 5 He rose, He rose, my heart with thanks now o - ver - flows. His

sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 Lamb, the Lamb; let Earth join Heav'n His praise to sing.
 still, His will on our be - half the Law to fill.
 lives, for - gives, He gives me His own right - eous - ness.
 song pro - long till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The

Lamb is reign - ing on His throne.

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Pastor: Behold, the Lamb of God

Congregation: who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

(Please return the "Passion..." booklets to the ushers table after worship. Thank you.)

Postlude

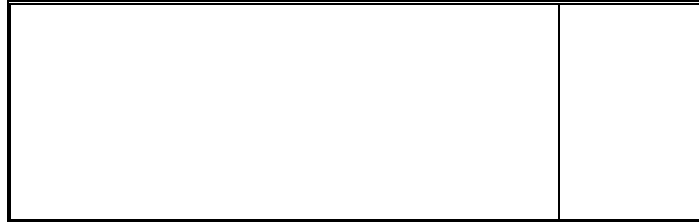
Today is called "**PALM AND PASSION SUNDAY.**" It reminds us not only of the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday long ago when He was heralded as the true King, but it also reminds us of how quickly things changed. It reminds us of His imminent rejection, suffering and crucifixion as His kingship was so terribly misunderstood. Through the reading of scripture and the singing of hymns, we are drawn into the experience of Holy Week with its rapid turn of events.

Herein lies the full gamut of everything from hopeful expectation, to disappointment and, then, to utter despair. Having glimpsed this road of sacrifice on which our LORD has trod, may we be better prepared to experience the true miracle of Easter, not only 2,000 years ago, but in our lives today – for through His cross of death and despair Christ brings resurrection and hope.

***We will not be celebrating Holy Communion today, Palm & Passion Sunday,
 as we observe a Eucharistic fast focusing on Christ's Passion.
 We will, of course, celebrate Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.***

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!

If you are a visitor, we are blessed that you have joined us for worship. We encourage you to pick up a 'Welcome' packet at the Visitor's table to introduce you to our church. Coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us.

**Worship Assistants for HOLY WEEK, April 13th, April 14th and April 16th****Maundy Thursday (April 13th) Worship Assistants**

Set up-6:00 pm –Volunteers Needed Please; **Ushers-**Ron & Chalieo Heilman, Lorraine Stargel, Mary Vollmer;
Communion Setup-Ardis Kilber, Nancy Martin; **Communion Assistants-**'The Disciples';
Altar Set up-Worship & Music; **Sound System-**Joe Burdick; **Tellers-**Don Brennan, Al Auge

Good Friday (April 14th) Worship Assistants

Set up-6:00 pm - Volunteers Needed Please, set up minimal (Tear down-store behind stage); **Ushers-**Morgan & Yvonne Olson, Daryl & Deena Olson; **Acolyte-** Kailan Burdick; **Sound System-**Ron Heilman;
Altar Setup/Take Down- Barbara Gjerstad, Yvonne Olson

Easter Sunday (April 16th) Worship Assistants

Set up/Tear Down(Team 3)-Joe Burdick, Andy Anderson, Alex Burdick, Ron Heilman, Daryl Olson, Dick Schmidt; **Ushers-**Phil & Kay Hutson, Al & Lydia Auge; **Acolyte-** Lydia Auge; **Lector-**Barbara Gjerstad; **Communion Assistants-**'The Disciples'; **Communion Setup/Clean Up-**Ardis Kilber, Nancy Martin; **Communion Bread-**Lonna Groce; **Sound System-**Andy Anderson; **Tellers-**Lee Brown, Al Auge; **Coffee Hour-**Men's Ministry; **Altar Setup/Take Down-**Kitty Jepsen, Kay Hutson; **Parking Lot-** Al Auge

Where is God?

There were two brothers who were always getting into trouble. If any mischief was afoot, you could be sure they were in on it. The boys' mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually. The mother sent Matty in the morning, and planned to send Jimmy to see the preacher in the afternoon.

The preacher, a huge man with a deep booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?" The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open. So the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?!"

Again, Matty made no attempt to answer. The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "Where is God?!" The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?" Matty, gasping for breath, replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time! GOD is missing, and they think WE did it!"

Submitted by Tony Deas

EASTER CELEBRATION DINNER

Cornerstone Community Church has the privilege of joining with the John 17 Pastors as they put on a celebration of our resurrected Lord! They are expecting around 700 guests, homeless and local families in need. They will need 80+ volunteers. Last year they had 21 churches participating. The general request from each church is: \$100, 3-4 volunteers and a cold salad. Any or all would be great!

Event Details:

**April 16 at 2pm - 4pm at the Puyallup Fairgrounds Pavilion (volunteers should arrive at 1:30pm)
Dinner/Dessert, Horseback riding, Easter egg hunt, Music
Celebration of our resurrected Savior.**

If you are interested in signing up to either volunteer or donate a prepared dish please comment/RSVP so that we can turn in an accurate head count. If you have any questions please contact.

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, Curtis & Riley McKenzie, Brandon Bules (Carole Williams cousin), the 2/75th Ranger Battalion and the 5th Air Support Operations Squadron. Jacob Ramsey (Fenimore's grandson) serving in Iraq Jan/Feb 2017, 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: Prayers for **Dave and Pastor Sue Gunderson** and family on the loss of Sue's mother.

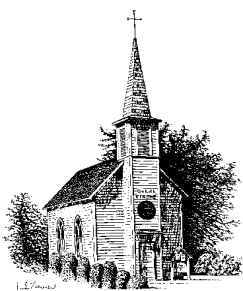
Prayers for those with cancer or long term illness: Chris Hoppes, Chris Shook, Daniel Wills, Dick Swartout, Don Linde, Elsie Patrow, Jan Roohan, Jo Ann Albers, Leona, Marleen, Marthea, Pastor Chris Davis, Richard Musacchio, Robert Mosolf, Ron Gronthal, Terry Kaplan, Walter Kuehlthaw, Olivia Denning, Alice Kanzler, Mary Katherine Nicholson, Tim, Darrin Parker, Karen Krueger, Susie, Shelia Schutz, Sophie, Ricky Smith, Vickey Clayton, Taylor Desmet, Marv McDonald, Colleen, Mary Ellen Jensen, Karen (Jim & Debbie Wardlow); Elenor Haas, Liz Husted and her husband, Chad; Berny (Morgan & Yvonne Olson's sister); Triston (Jeff & Sarah DeBord); Niece Sheri (Sharlene Parker); Ken Hogan (Larry Vollmer), John Paul Webber (Heidi Sturdivant); Ron Holmes (Heidi Sturdivant), Ken & family (Virginia Steves' cousin), Herman Harder (Heidi Sturdivant), Barbara Cashman, Brother Gary (Carole Williams), Crissy Heintz (Gary Heintz's daughter-in-law), Jenni Groce (Lonna & Tom Groce's daughter-in-law), Prayers for **Ed** (Ruth Anderson's brother) whose cancer is advancing.

Prayers for healing and strength for those with health concerns and those facing or recovering from surgery. Prayers for healing and recovery for **Chris Steinhilb** (Carol Richey's sister) pray that her numbers continue to improve. **Lynnette Hynden** (Carole Williams-Wood) diagnosed with immune system blood disorder and in constant pain, pray for doctor's discernment in her treatment. Prayers for **Lonna Groce** for continued recovery. **Lee Brown** for healing, strength, comfort and peace. Prayers for a successful surgery and quick recovery for **Gaye Anderson**. Pray for continued healing for **Zoe Faul** following her car accident and for her headache to be relieved and for good test results. Prayers for healing for **Aunt Lorraine** (Cynthia Faul) who had a stroke which is affecting her speech and right side of her body.

Prayers for: God to watch over and protect Christians who are being killed for their faith, peace in war torn places around the globe, comfort for those grieving loss of loved ones. Prayers for safe travels for all who will be traveling for business or pleasure. Prayers for **son Casey and his wife Crissy** (Gary Heintz) in Texas for additional cancer treatment for Crissy. **Dave, Cathy, Hannah and Esther Grosz** need God's help in selling their home in AK. Their prayer is for clear direction on where to resettle in Washington. Prayers for **Mike Fenimore's mother** as she makes the transition to her new care facility. **Prayers for Peru** for the many disasters caused by the terrible flooding, pray that the basic water, food and shelter be provided to the people and strength to rebuild and recover. Prayers for **Phil and Virginia Steves** as they return to Puyallup.

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. God's love to overcome hate and fear in hearts around the world.

**if there are any changes in the prayer list please call or advise the church office at 445-4292.*



You are invited to attend the Historic Elbe Lutheran Church Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, April 23, at 1:30 pm in Elbe. The monthly worship service will be held at 2:30 pm, followed by a coffee hour. Please plan to attend!