



# Longview Community Church

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## Pastor's Perspective

By Dave Hendrickson, Lead Pastor

### “Be Very Careful...”

This is a phrase many of us have been hearing quite a bit over the last few months, haven't we? “Be very careful...” when you go out in public.

- to wipe down the grocery cart before touching it.
- to sneeze, cough, yawn into the bend in your elbow.
- to wash your hands, wear your mask, stay socially distant.

And the list can go on and on and on. Why do we tell people to be careful? We want to make sure the people we love and care for make the most of how they live their lives. Selfishly, we want them to be careful with their lives so we can spend more time with them, create more memories, and share more stories with them. We also want them to be careful because we can see the potential in them. We want them to be successful. We appreciate their wisdom, knowledge, and input in our lives.

In Ephesians 5:15-17, Paul says, “Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.”

So what does a “careful life” look like? I think Paul points to three aspects of living a “careful life”.

The first is Wisdom. We are to live as wise people. Being wise does not come with how long you have lived or how many gray hairs you have on your head. Living wise means understanding the situations of life, and making the appropriate decisions on how to navigate those situations. So how do we make the appropriate decision for those situations?

As Jesus said in Matthew 7:24, “Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” One who lives as wise listens to the words of Jesus, through his scripture, prayer, and being still!

The second is being opportunistic. Paul says, “make the most of every opportunity”. Do we make the most of the opportunities at hand or do we wait for the “next time”? The other day, I was listening to a conversation on how a younger person was thankful for an older person. The “youth” shared how they appreciated the elder's wisdom, insights, investment, and friendship. A friend of the “youth” said, “You should say something sooner rather than later to him.” The friend was saying, “make the most of the opportunity, express your gratitude and thankfulness now.” As Eugene Peterson puts it in *The Message*, “Don't procrastinate, there's no time to lose” (Proverbs 6:4).

Finally, is understanding God's will. And what is his will? I think Paul answers the question in the first verse of Ephesians 5. “Be imitators of God...live a life of love”. As followers of Jesus and those who are to live “careful lives”, we are to imitate God and his love. This is not an emotional love, it is not a physical love, it is a sacrificial love. “Just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us”, we are to love and give ourselves up for others.

To live a “careful life” is to live a life of wisdom, opportunities, and sacrifice. So, “Be very careful” as we continue to walk in the ways of the Lord!

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## Elder Meeting Highlights

At the June 2 vision meeting, which was held in the Chapel, Patty Howland shared information from a couple articles she had found while researching things to consider when designing a logo. She asked the Elders for their input regarding some of the items and will continue to work on developing a plan about what we would like to see in a new church logo. Dave also shared a flowchart he has been working on that helps illustrate the new governance structure and the flow of accountability, communication, authority and responsibility among staff, ministries and committees.

At the business meeting on June 16, Randy Sundberg gave an update on some of the facilities projects suggested at the last meeting by Dennis Som. Randy and Dennis have been working on getting bids and hope to have more specifics to present at the next Elders meeting. Sarah Rundell presented the document for safely returning to in-person worship that she, Susie Kirkpatrick and Randy Sundberg have been working on, detailing the necessary steps and precautions that will be included. The Elders are still considering a possible date to begin having in-person worship within the current restrictions. Much more information will be sent to the congregation about this soon.

The next Elders meeting will be the vision meeting scheduled for July 7. ~ph



### To Our Francis Hoffman Scholarship Recipients



Katie Bartlett

Katie Bartlett is a 2020 graduate of Kelso High School. A few of Katie's HS activities include Homecoming Court, National Honor Society, Sign Language Club, Student Council, swim team, Bowling Team and Choir. Katie has been active in the youth group at LvCC. She has been a member of the youth band, participated in service projects and attended many youth camps. Katie has a strong faith and feels God made her exactly like He wants her to be. It is important to her that she share her faith with other people. She will be going to Syracuse University in the Fall and wants to either help children or work in a Health Care Clinic.



Ada Beasley

Ada Beasley is a 2020 Graduate of RA Long High School. A few of Ada's HS activities include being in the top 5% of her class, Homecoming Court, National Honor Society, Soccer Team, DECA, several choirs including All Northwest Choir, and she was in the play Mama Mia. Ada has been active in the youth group at LvCC for three years as a Middle and High School leader and Worship Leader. Ada accepted Christ at a young age, but in the last three years has come to own her faith and actively choose Jesus. Ada will attend Biola University in the fall and major in Political Science. She is interested in working for a Christian non-profit and possibly attending law school in the future.

Katie and Ada, we are proud of you and will be praying for you as you follow God's leading for your lives!



## Youth: “Plugged In”

By Kyle Beasley, Interim Director of Youth

### Zoom Youth Group—Wednesday, 7:00pm

We are using Zoom to connect each week, and getting creative about how to play games, worship, and study God’s Word online. Here are the weekly themes. Dress and act accordingly.

June 1—“Merica” - Wear your red, white and blue, along with your trucker hat.

June 8—“Youth Group’s Got Talent” - Come prepared to share your talent on screen.

June 15— It’s camp week. No Youth Group.

June 22—“Christmas in July” - Get out that ugly Christmas sweater.

June 29—“Formal Youth Group” - Suit and tie, formal gown, tuxedo T-shirt.

### Youth Group Live—Sunday, 6:00pm-7:30pm

We’re back to meeting in person, but we still need to follow the COVID-19 guidelines—masks, social distancing, and frequent hand washing. Please do not come if you are symptomatic (fever, cough).

We will be doing games, singing and hanging out IN PERSON!!

We are starting slow, so we will just be doing this two times in July—July 12 and July 26.

### Summer Camp has been cancelled

There are too many state restrictions related to COVID-19 so we decided to not proceed with camp for this summer. We will look for other things we can do together while adhering to state guidelines.

### Camp Attitude

Camp Attitude in Foster, OR is dedicated to providing camp opportunities to children with special needs and their families.

Camp Attitude is not able to run their normal weeks of camp this summer due to Coronavirus, but there is still ministry to be done. Here are two ways that we are planning to be involved:

#### #1—Raise \$30,000 to install two new cabins.

These cabins are prefabricated and cost about \$10,000 each. The extra \$5000 per cabin would be for finishing work (installation, drywall, electrical, etc.). People can donate directly to Camp Attitude. The Attitude team may be planning some fundraisers, as well as looking for ways to communicate the need and the opportunity to give. The Missions team has said that they will be matching any donations up to \$15,000. (We ask that you remember to support the general ministry of the church before giving above and beyond to special projects.)



#### #2—Individuals and teams will be going to the camp to work on the two new cabins, as well as other camp maintenance projects.

As Covid-19 restrictions allow, individuals, families, and groups will be encouraged to make plans to go to the camp for a day (or a few) to do the finishing work on the cabins. This can be arranged directly through Camp Attitude or through our team leader, Darryl Arrera at [campattitude@longviewcommunitychurch.org](mailto:campattitude@longviewcommunitychurch.org). If you have any questions or would like to be involved in the mission of Camp Attitude, please contact Darryl Arrera (360) 430-9189 or Kyle Beasley (360) 430-9701.



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## KIDS MINISTRY

WOW! How is everyone doing? I hope that everyone is excited that we are getting some great weather and we can get out of our houses and enjoy some fresh air. I know I so appreciate that.

Children's Ministry is continuing to reach out to children and families. I have been doing a Saturday morning Zoom meeting with both preschool and Elementary kids. It is so fun for me to see faces, hear their voices and find out a little of what they have been up to. We have heard about everything from potty training, birthdays, gardens being planted, games and fun day trips to get away. I love the way families are getting creative to keep busy!

I do have some exciting news! I gathered a team of Children's Leaders and we have some ideas of how we can bring small groups of children together to have some fun and just be together. We will be having small groups and you will need to register ahead online. We don't have dates yet, but watch your email for that announcement. If you are interested in helping with these events, please let me know. We will need extra hands.

Thank you for your support and encouragement as we learn to do ministry in a different way. I miss both our kids and adults. Can't wait till we can all gather together again!

Blessing,

Mary Gronseth

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## M25:35 Update

Our "potluck meal-share" program has been happening for the past several weeks and, so far, we have been able to bless our community with 1,119 meals, including several taken to the homeless camp! The distribution is available on Saturdays from Noon to 1:30 p.m. or whenever the meals are gone, whichever comes first. This is open to anyone in the community, so pick up a meal for yourself or take one to a neighbor or shut-in. Our goal is to distribute 5000 meals! Thank you to the many volunteers who have already helped to make this happen. If you would like to volunteer to serve, you may do so by filling out a form on the church website under Recent Posts: "M25:35 Potluck Meal-Share Workers" or here <https://reopen.church/r/9txiBjtq>.





# HISTORY: "Community Bible Study Part 1 - Early Years"

By Karen Pickett

In the late 1970s a group of women recognized the need for a weekly Bible study especially for women. Thus began what has come to be known as the Community Bible Study. Miji Working, wife of then Senior Pastor, Dr. Ken Working, was the group's first teacher. She had a gift for teaching and took classes at Fuller Seminary in Portland to enhance this ability. She spent a lot of time in preparation and in developing her own curriculum. Begun as a lecture format, it soon evolved into small group discussion. Elizabeth Meharg Jacobsen, Rose Hubert and Connie Dowell helped Miji organize this group, and they decided that the class would focus on the Books of the Bible, with 1st Corinthians and Paul's ministry being the theme. Music was an integral part of the weekly format for the class. Church organist, Lois Nolte, played the piano while the ladies sang hymns and fun songs which Lois taught them. Between 50-100 women attended the Thursday morning class, which met in the Fellowship Hall. Although there were many women from the church who attended, members came from throughout the community as well.



Miji Working

Rev. Joan Cathey followed Miji as the second teacher of the class. After a year, Kay Busack became the teacher, and she taught the class from 1986-2004. The Bible Study group changed its meeting to Wednesdays. Pastor Mary Ross followed Kay, the day was changed back to Thursday, and she led the class until 2008. Pam Graham was the teacher from the Fall of 2008 to 2014. She was followed by Cec Conner for a year, and now Susan Hansen facilitates the group.



Kay Busack

Returning to Kay, she used a traditional study and discussion format, working through a large number of books in the Bible, followed by a lively discussion from the attendees. Kay prepared her own lessons, bought and used lots of commentaries, and in her own words, "I loved it." She spent 15-18 hours per week in preparation for the Wednesday morning class, which moved to the Fireside Room, and in those 18 years covered at least 22 books of the Bible. According to Kay, the first book she taught was Ruth "because she was a woman." Elizabeth assisted the class from time-to-time.

In addition to the Bible study, Kay made sure that the class sent get well and sympathy cards to church members and friends. Not all of the people who received these hand-written notes from the class members were actually related to the church. "We sent them to anyone who needed them," Kay said. This was a weekly "must," and she became known as "the card lady." Kay estimates that the class sent approximately 35 cards each month. Most of the cards were donated, and the weekly offerings helped to pay for stamps. One day when Kay was visiting a church member who had lost her husband six months previously, she noticed one of the cards from the class on the woman's table. The widow told her that she kept it on the table in her sight because "then I knew someone was thinking of me." What a touching tribute to Kay and her class months after a sad event.



Bible Study 2004

The women in the class made strong friendships. In fact twice a month they went for lunch following their morning study and discussion. That second and fourth Wednesday Bible Study always had a larger attendance because of the promised no-host lunch!

(Part Two of the Community Bible Study history will appear in the September issue of our church newsletter. Be watching!)

## This and That



July 4th is **Guy Anderson's 100th birthday**. Happy Birthday, Guy! He is the only living original member of LvCC and we celebrate this amazing milestone



with him. May God bless Guy richly as he enters the next 100 years!

### FISH Report for May

We served 128 families-302 adults and 247 children. There were 6 homeless orders. A BIG thank you to:  
The wonderful workers-downstairs and parking lot crews  
The guys who unload many pickups  
The set up and take down crew  
The office support  
Next FISH week is July 27-31.



### Revised Office Hours:

The Office will be open on a limited basis:  
Monday, 9am-4pm  
Tuesday, 9am-12pm  
Wednesday, 9am-4pm  
Thursday, 9am-12pm  
Friday, Closed  
The phones will continue to be monitored during regular business hours, Monday-Thursday 9am-4:30pm and Friday 9am-12:30pm.

The **Church Offices will be CLOSED** Monday, July 6 in observance of Independence Day.

The **Large Print Daily Bread** devotionals for July/Aug/Sept are now available. You may pick one up in the Office or ask to have one mailed.

If you, or someone you know, are in need of **assistance during this time**, please fill out the new online Connections form or contact Pastor Phil at 360-703-4770. He and the Deacons are working to provide food, help run errands, give financial assistance, and provide spiritual and prayer support to those who request it.

## Dear Church Family...



I wanted to tell you that I appreciated all the wonderful notes and expressions of sympathy when my brother, Warren Morris, passed away. He had a wonderful life and will be missed by our family for his awesome laugh!

~With love, Odetta Yeager

### Flowers for Sunday

If you have flowers you would like to donate to be used for the Sunday worship service, please contact Roberta Baird at 360-636-3848. She will coordinate getting them and/or arranging them.



A new **Connections** form is now available on the church website and Facebook page! This may be used for requests for prayer or financial assistance, to update contact info, or to ask questions or get more information. Please check it out!

The **Prayer Chain** is still active! If you have a prayer request or praise, please fill out the online Connections form or email your request to: [admin@longviewcommunitychurch.org](mailto:admin@longviewcommunitychurch.org) or call the Church Office. Also, please let us know if you have updates on previous requests, as it is helpful and encouraging for us to know how to better pray or to praise God for answers!

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### MAY FINANCIALS

YTD INCOME: \$244,410

YTD EXPENSE: \$275,849

DIFFERENCE: **-\$31,439**