



# Life Together March 2019

*Gather to worship and fellowship  
Grow in the knowledge and love of Christ;  
Go...serve, love and impact the world.*

Greetings! My name is John Hoyum, and I will be the new pastor of Denny Park Lutheran Church starting on March 1. My first Sunday is March 3, where we will celebrate our Lord's transfiguration. I will be installed that Sunday, as well, by Pr. Jack Richards, dean of the Northwest Mission District of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC).

As many of you probably already know, I come to you most recently from Bainbridge Island. I have been helping my father, who serves in ministry at my home congregation, Port Madison Lutheran Church (which is a member of the NALC). I graduated from Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota, with a degree in Biblical and Theological Studies in 2015, and then transitioned to Luther Seminary that fall. I also spent my first year of college in bible school at Trinity Lutheran College (formerly the Lutheran Bible Institute) up in Everett. I graduated from Luther Seminary in August 2018 with a master of divinity degree. I served my vicarage (pastoral internship) in 2017-2018 at Bethel Lutheran Church (NALC/LCMC) in Santa Maria, California.

I chose early on to go through the candidacy process of the NALC and be rostered under the discipline and direction of that church body. My home congregation affiliated with the NALC in 2012, so that was the natural choice for me. Even so, I feel great affinity with more traditionally-minded congregations in LCMC, such as Denny Park Lutheran. I look forward to our ministry together in the preaching of the gospel, especially as informed by our confessional Lutheran theology.

Originally, I come from the Seattle area, and grew up over on Bainbridge where my parents were both Lutheran pastors. Growing up, I had very strong connections to my large extended family in Minnesota, so an important part of my identity has been the opportunity I've had to live there, as well as the development of a strong connection to my Norwegian heritage.

The biggest reason I decided to go to seminary to become a pastor was that one of the great joys in my life is to study the bible and Lutheran theology. For me, the incredible message that we now have peace with God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what God has first done for us through Jesus Christ, frees us to live without fear of sin, death, and the devil — because God has already defeated these through his Son. While all of us bear witness to this good news in our lives, I have strongly sensed my own call to share this message with others through the ministry of word and sacrament as a Lutheran pastor. I so look forward to being with all of you soon, to living life together, and to all the things I will learn in what lies ahead. I am honored by the call and the opportunity to serve as your pastor.

Warm Regards,  
Pr. Hoyum



Work continues in the Fireside Room, despite the weathers best attempts at slowing it down. When fully completed it will be a unique blend of honoring the past and leaning in to the future. It will be a space that welcomes the neighborhood and those who call this downtown area home. It will create community while opening doors to connect people in new ways to Jesus, the heart of DPLC, and the ministries of the churches who call this building home. You've seen the overall concept and design with a few adjustments having been made according to your comments. Now it is a process of continual give and take as I seek to keep it intact while also adjusting along the way for budget and unexpected findings. I realize that this gives some people anxiety as it is a large investment and you are very interested in its progress. I've been in very large building programs before and I understand that feeling. I was hired to steward the vision of "The Sanctuary" and I take this very seriously. Stewarding means guiding it in real time as it is taking place to keep everything moving in a timely, efficient, and cost-effective manner. I am anticipating being able to get in the room around the end of March. At the same time, as part of this project, the exterior lighting plan will slowly come in to focus and a new ADA compliant bathroom is being developed in the downstairs hallway.

It is important that everyone understands when this is completed, a primary vision for this particular space is outreach. I do hope that DPLC will take advantage of the space when it can. There will also be some opportunity for a few of our current groups to meet there as the schedule allows, but this isn't its primary focus. We have been able to keep all of our groups and even add to them this past year through use of some other underutilized spaces. The Fireside Room will open up new possibilities to effectively meet the new reality here in South Lake Union and downtown. There is a wide variety of programming being planned to bring in the neighborhood. There will be more activity. My hours in the building will adjust to accommodate the different events. We will also be looking for volunteers to help support some of these activities (welcoming, cleaning, serving). Faithful, Jesus following people from DPLC and the other churches who meet here will be invaluable to accomplishing the vision of connecting people to Jesus and vibrant faithful Christian community.

As a wrap up, let me just say this: It's happening, It's exciting, You'll be pleased. Thank you for your vision and your trust. *Dan*



The Sanctuary at Denny Park is excited to welcome a group of students from Willamette Valley College. They are spending their spring break volunteering in our city doing environmental projects. So far they are planning to complete projects with our neighbors at Compass Housing, Seattle Parks Dept., and right here at DPLC. They will be here staying in our building March 24-29. This offers us an incredible opportunity to show hospitality to them while they are

here. We will be collecting items for them for breakfast and snacks for them during their stay. There will be a box for you to place these items in on Sunday, March 10th, 17th, and 24th in the back of the church. Below are items to choose from:

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|--------------|--------|-------------------|---------------|-------|-----------------|
| Boxed Cereal | Bagels | bread             | peanut butter | jelly | any snack items |
| Granola bars | chips  | microwave popcorn | pretzels      | juice |                 |

Milk, Yogurt, Fruit - please don't bring until the 24th.

# DPLC Women

## February Meeting Dates:

**Monday, March 11th @ 10:15 Miriam Circle**

Coffee and fellowship with Bible Study by Chip Ingram to follow.

**Tuesday, March 19th @ 10am-2pm** Quilter and Kit Assembling...Please bring a sack lunch. Coffee will be provided. Our meetings are open to all who wish to join us. We meet at DPLC in the fellowship hall.

We are in need of the following items:  
Pencil sharpeners



Are you a prayer warrior, or do you know someone in need of prayer?

The DPLC prayer chain would love to hear from you and support you or someone you know in prayer.

Please know you are welcomed to call:  
206-282-0383 to let us know of any needs so we can lift any needs before God.

“I call on you my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.” Psalm 17:6

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You Are Invited to The All-Church Community Lunch on Sunday March 24th at 12:30 in Room 103 (fellowship hall) and yes we will have much more on hand than last time)

This event is sponsored by The Sanctuary at Denny Park

This is an amazing time to get together with the other faith communities that call DPLC home and share what God is doing in our city through each one. Below are photos of our first event. Come be part of the next one!

### March Birthdays

- 3rd - Kelly Schloredt
- 7th - Astrid Martin
- 20th - Deborah Olsoe Lunde
- 21st - Jim Erickson
- 27th - Joanie Jacobs





March 9th!!!



## DPLC Calendar

### Sunday, March 3

Worship, 9:30am—Installation of Pastor John Hoyum  
Fellowship, 10:30am  
Adult Bible Study, 11:00am

### Wednesday March 6th, 7pm Ash Wednesday Service

### Friday March 8

Bible Study, 7:30...Room 103 (fellowship hall)

### Sunday, March 10 ...First Sunday of Lent

Worship, 9:30am  
Fellowship, 10:30am  
Adult Bible Study, 11:00am  
Council Meeting, Noon...Upstairs Conference Room

### Monday, March 11th 10:15 am: Miriam Circle

Room 103 (fellowship hall)

### Sunday, March 17th...Second Sunday of Lent

Worship, 9:30am  
Fellowship, 10:30am  
Adult Bible Study, 11:00am

### Tuesday, March 19th 10 am Quilters Group:

Room 103 (fellowship hall)

### Sunday, March 24th...Third Sunday of Lent

Worship, 9:30am  
Fellowship, 10:30am  
Adult Bible Study, 11:00am  
Property Team Meeting, 11:30am

### All Church Lunch 12:30pm Room 103 (Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, March 31st...Fourth Sunday of Lent

Worship, 9:30am  
Fellowship, 10:30am  
Adult Bible Study, 11:00am

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