

# the Clarion



June 2018

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# Flipping the Budget Script

*"Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all."*

- Acts 4:32-33

*"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."*

- 2 Corinthians 9:8

How often does our budget limit our imagination?

It's very common to write off possibilities for ministry due to perceived financial constraints. Of course, there's nothing wrong with responsible financial planning. Setting a budget and sticking to it is a faithful stewardship practice in itself.

But the budget we set is as flexible as our vision for ministry. In other words, we get to choose what we want to accomplish for the sake of abundant life in Christ, and our budget will reflect that choice.

The conventional approach goes something like this: "Based on current giving trends, we ought to establish an annual budget of \$X. This means we will be able to support ministries A, B, and C, but not D, E, and F."

What if we flipped the budget script? What if we began not with a dollar amount but a dream for ministry, and came to view our financial support as a corresponding privilege?

To that end, I'd like to invite you into an ongoing conversation. Whenever you gather with friends and fellow servants at Peace, reflect together on this question:

***If we had more money than we needed, what could we accomplish in the name of Jesus?***

Let the sky be your limit, and don't be shy about sharing your brilliant ideas with each other and with me.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the ministry of the gospel in this place!

Peace,

*Pastor Nate*



# The Gift

Pastor Nate recently gave a sermon about the Holy Spirit, and the ways the Spirit is working at Peace. One example he mentioned is the backpack food program, and I want to share my encounter with the Holy Spirit while sitting on the floor of the soup aisle at Safeway.

Saturday morning I found myself with a babysitter; What to do with my free time? I decided on a quiet trip to the grocery store. I only had a couple of things to get, but why not check to see if there were any deals? As it happened, pop top cans of soup were on sale, so why not stock up on some for the backpack food program? Sitting on the floor trying to reach the cans in the back, I saw a retired man looking as if he was waiting for me. I offered to move my cart, and he told me "No hurry", and then, with a twinkle in his eye, asked me "Do you think you have enough soup yet?". I smiled and told him it wasn't for me, and we started talking about the program. As I finished cleaning out the soup shelf, he asked me if he could pay for the soup and handed me a \$50 bill. "Bless you for the work you are doing for those kids."

Overcome with gratitude and tears rolling down my cheek, I barely was able to tell the man thank you and promise that the money would be put to good use. The Spirit most certainly led me to that aisle and the man whose name I will never know but whose generosity has forever left a mark on my heart. I also share this story with a challenge to my fellow members of Peace. If a man who knows nothing about our congregation can be so generous in giving, **what can we**, the people who experience first hand the good the Holy Spirit is doing for us, **give of ourselves and our gifts from God?**

*Jenn Doerr*

## *Confessions of a Christian*

When I heard Jenn's story it touched me to my soul. A swirling conflict of emotions, **Joy**: at the generosity of a stranger, **Awe**: of watching the Spirit at work, **Excitement**: at lives changed and children fed. And...and, I must admit, a little **Guilt**: knowing that, *at least for me personally*, there is so much more I could give. When I look at all Outreach ministry has done and all the lives changed, it is incredibly humbling. As I think about what I give to God through my giving to Peace, I realize that I *can* give more, that I *want* to give more, and that God **Invites** me to give more, to see the Spirit at work in this place. Will you join me?

God's Peace

Dave Ekse

Stewardship Ministry

June 13th at 10:00 a.m.

# Ladies Aid

“ALL ARE WELCOME” reflections of hospitality of Jesus



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thank you for your generous donations of yarn. We are unable to use partial skeins of yarn to make prayer shawls. If you know of someone who needs a prayer shawl please call Jenny Moore or Diane Dean. Thank you!



Dear people of Peace,

Thank you for accommodating my parental leave! I am grateful to have three solid weeks with Bethany, Alex, and the new baby.

**Pastor Art Sortland** will be serving in my stead. Pastor Art retired from Peninsula Lutheran Church in Gig Harbor after having served multiple congregations in Montana, Idaho, Texas, Oregon, Washington, and London, England. He is an alumnus of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, Gonzaga University, Pacific Lutheran University, and Franklin Pierce High School.

Pastor Art will lead worship, teach two adult education sessions, and lead Tuesday Bible studies. He will also be available in case of emergency. If you need to get in touch with him, please contact the office: 253.845.8819.



# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Jordan Culpepper



Puyallup High School  
Washington State University  
Viticulture and Enology (grape growing and wine making).



Sara Anderson



Puyallup High School  
University of Washington Business Technology

Marshall Lee



Puyallup High School  
University of Washington College of Engineering

To our family at Peace:

Your prayers of comfort and hope, along with visits, phone calls, cards, and gifts of food gave Rodney and me strength and encouragement during these past months. Our family also gives thanks for the many expressions of support and love for the service and for us.

"The dearer and richer our memories,  
The more difficult the separation.  
But gratitude converts the pangs of memory  
Into a tranquil joy."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, letter & Papers from Prison

*Evelyn, Paul and Karl Swenson*

**FAITH ACTION NETWORK**  
*A Partnership for the Common Good*

SAVE THE DATE

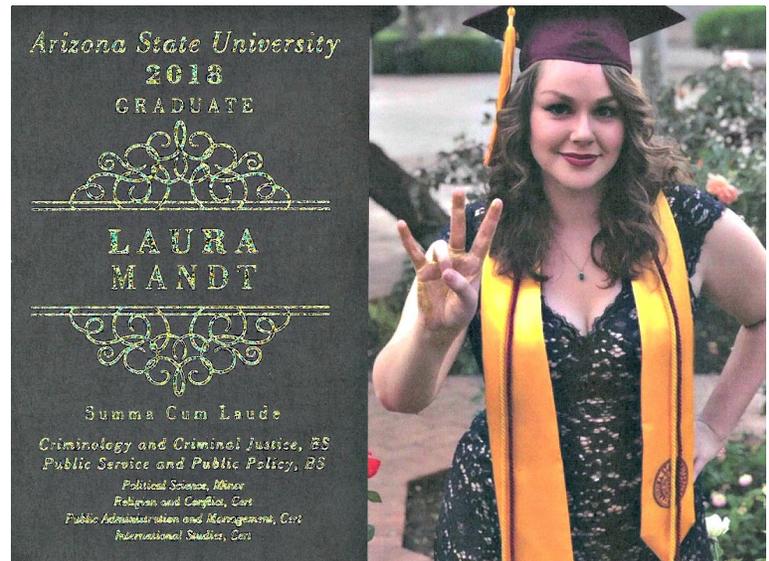
# PUGET SOUND SPRING SUMMIT

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Join people in your area to share opportunities for advocacy and strategize for the upcoming year. Areas of focus include economic justice, healthcare, criminal justice, and the environment.

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*thank you*

All assistant ministers, deacons, greeters, ushers, musicians, bread makers, sacristans and acolytes.

**Dave Ekse** for fixing the siding on the office building.

For all those who have given so generously of their time, talents and gifts to all the Compassionate Ministries.

**Vernell Doyle** for the beautiful carnations in honor of Mother's Day

**WELCA** for the lovely booklets, "Amazing Grace for a Woman's Heart"

**Denise Mace** and **Peace Youth** for organizing the Youth Car Wash and thanking Hill Funeral Home.

**Andy Burch, Kyle Aronson** and **Dennis Steinberg** for fixing the sound system in the sanctuary.

**Charlene Cook** and **Karen Ekse** for the \$3,000 grant Summer Food Program.

To the many of you who quietly go about doing God's work in our congregation and our community.

**Jenny and Pat Moore, Leo and Nancy Jo Armstrong** and **Barb King** for hanging banners, decorating the church and the beautiful tribute given during the service for Pentecost and Peace's Anniversary.

Group video board recognition

Post game fireworks

## PEACE LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK



Tuesday, July 3rd

7:05 PM

Vs Reno

\$13.00 per person

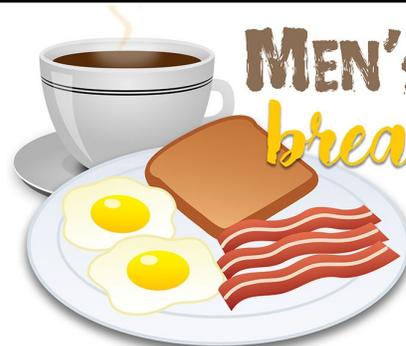
- Reserved Seat
- Ballpark Meal: Hot Dog, Chips & Drink
- Complimentary Game Program



Tickets available to the first 20 people who sign up and pay in the office. Please use the sign up sheet in the Gathering Area.

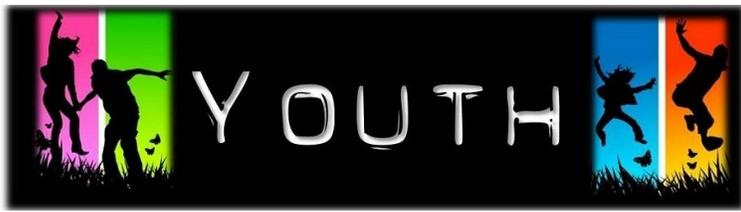


For more information contact: Jenny Moore @  
253.848.4522 or moorejennysue@gmail.com



**MEN'S**  
*breakfast*

JUNE 2ND  
8:30 A.M.



# Custom Design Camp

Camp Lutherhaven (Idaho)

July 15 - 20



## San Juan Islands Bike Adventure



June 24 - 26

- Biking on Lopez Island
- Visit to Friday Harbor
- Camping on Orcas Island
- Scenic Ferry Ride
- Beach Combing
- Swimming
- Camp Fire
- More!



Please see flyer on Youth Board for more info.

**NEW DATE!**

Peace Lutheran Youth  
*Spaghetti Dinner*  
**FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, November 17th  
4:30 p.m.

more info to come

Elementary Youth

(youth entering 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th grades)

## week at camp



**LUTHERHAVEN**

July 15 - 20



## BAKE SALE

Sunday, June 3rd



### General Fund April 2018

April Giving	\$24,034.85	YTD Giving	\$95,104.57
April Expense	\$38,779.02	YTD Expense	\$105,599.06
April Difference	(\$14,744.17)	YTD Difference	(\$10,494.49)
		2018 Budget	\$290,586.00

\$10,000 Spent to mortgage from special giving in March

# OUTREACH

## ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE SAINT LAURENCE MINISTRIES?

The Saint Laurence Ministries of Christ Episcopal Church provide a number of services for the vulnerable including a mail service for those without a permanent address, a soup lunch every Wednesday, and help with laundry service.

In a recent conversation with Carol, who heads up the laundry ministry for Christ Church, she mentioned that clean clothes provide “dignity” to the vulnerable, but also that they see a lot of working persons that are living in their cars or other places and that it is important that they have clean clothes to help them keep their employment.

Christ Episcopal Church is stepping out in faith to provide an additional day of laundry service in those months with a fifth Saturday. Laundry service is provided at Happy Laundry on Saturdays from 10am-12pm. Each guest is allowed \$6 worth of laundry and provided soap and other necessities as well. Christ Church also provides toiletries and is adding a food or snack offering during laundry time.

The Outreach Ministry Team is in constant conversation with our neighbors, both churches and community organizations, considering how to help each other help the community. We will be helping out the St. Laurence Laundry Ministry on June 23<sup>rd</sup> with a small volunteer team and some sandwiches. We are also collecting needed supplies and toiletries to donate. Please consider picking up a few extra items from our collection list next time you go shopping! They have the ability to fill smaller bottles, so large containers of shampoo or other items work just fine!

## Summer Supplemental Food Program Helpful Food Donation Items



- Boxes of Cereal
- Instant Oatmeal
- Juice / Juice Boxes
- Jars of Peanut Butter
- Jars of Jam / Jelly
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Boxed Mac n Cheese
- Rice a Roni
- Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta Noodles
- Canned Soup
- Canned Pasta
- Regular Size Canned Vegetables
- Regular Sized Canned Fruit

We will be collecting items for the summer program through the end of August! In the fall, we will return to serving our weekend food pack kids at Spinning Elementary.

In addition to non perishable staples, we will be providing fresh fruit and vegetables and bread. If you are interested in donating fresh items, please talk with a member of the outreach team to coordinate donations with our delivery times! Thank you!

**NEXT OUTREACH MEETING**

Sunday, June 10 - 10:45 a.m.



## THE GOALS THAT BROUGHT US TO THE SUMMER SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM

How did we get here? Let's back way up....

The goals of the "Communities in Schools" (CIS) program is to work in public schools, providing them with community support to help empower students to stay in school and achieve in life. **It is about breaking poverty cycles through education.**

The CIS program works in different ways to keep kids in school and to eliminate barriers. CIS provides support through academic assistance, basic needs assistance, college and career prep, and family engagement to name only some. The weekend food pack program is a basic needs assistance program. It is an extension of the free lunch and breakfast programs provided through school districts. Those that need help with breakfast and lunch during the week often need help on the weekend as well. It is offered based on the evidence that kids that have enough to eat will have better success in school. Kids that achieve in school can achieve in life. It is all interrelated.

The summer supplemental food program is a partnership with CIS and seven local churches. We are offering supplemental food, as an extension of the weekend food pack program, during the summer months. Kids that have enough to eat will be better prepared for learning when they return in the fall, just as kids that have enough to eat over the weekend are better prepared for learning when they return on Monday mornings. And kids that are ready to learn have a better success rate in school. It is all interrelated. **The summer supplemental food program is just one small piece of a much bigger picture.**

## Council News

There are months when the council undertakes big projects and makes big decisions affecting the congregation, such as when we decided to be a host site for the Mountain View Community Center after-school program. This was a vital service for our local community that lost a home within the school district and needed new space. When we took them on, we committed to the use of our facilities of a regular and potentially long-term basis. This has impacts on how we use the building, and who can use the building, but we feel as though we have seen many fruits of this ministry, both for the community and the church.

May was not one of those months. In May we had the no-less important task of listening to reports from the various ministries of the church and offering suggestions, encouragement and support where needed, including hearing about the planned upgrades to the restroom facilities. We planned the Congregational Meeting for June and we also made plans to update all the first-aid kits in the church. Less monumental perhaps, but no less important.



# YOUTH CAR WASH!

Wow!! what a great turn out we had for the Peace Lutheran Youth Car Wash!! We had so much support from Pacific Euro Crew, the Puyallup Police Department, and Hills Funeral Home! Without our supporters, we couldn't have done this! We raised just about 700 dollars for upcoming summer trips!! Thank you everyone for bring your car down and supporting our youth program!! Our youth worked amazingly and some of us got a little burnt from the sun! But we had a fun time! Again thank you so much to our supporters and volunteers you guys are truly amazing!!



Confirmation Mini Retreat - April 22, 2018

**PLEASE call me**

Just a friendly reminder to all who wish to use the church building for an event of any kind:

Please call the office at 253.845.8819 to check the main church calendar BEFORE scheduling/planning an event. We have many groups, committees, classes, meetings...etc. that meet here each day. We have plenty of space to accommodate, however sometimes careful planning needs to happen to make sure each group has their own space, and enough space.

Thank you!



There will be NO Pastor's Public Hours for the month of June. We will resume our normal schedule in July.





Jennifer Alfano	2	Layne Runkel	7	Mike Larson	17	Dave Mahaffie	24
Jenn Doerr	3	Jane Smith	15	Nelly Alvord	17	Lynn Coleman	27
Lionel Haywood	4	Katie Smith	16	Thomas Faria	17	Bart Gaboury	28
Jill West	5	Beverley Zook	16	Andy Burch	20	Jenny Grimm	29
Martha Gerstmann	6	Ana Casillas	17	Dave Hamry	21	Dolly Korpelnicki	29
Amanda Long	6	Jacob Woodbury	17	Jonathan Dymond	23	Sue Casillas	29
						Joyce Ryden	30

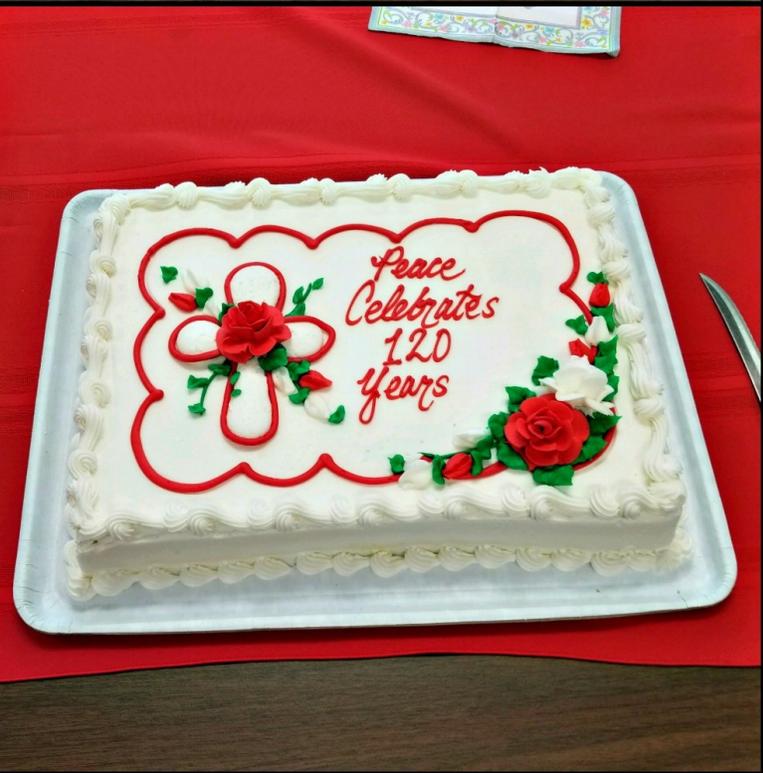


Hazel Kluwe	Amanda Egeland	Khm'ron Mean	Karla Steinberg	Glenn Wilson
Beth Siltala	Curt Filkins	Patrick Dymond	Jill Burch	Gary Pierson
Janie Dymond	Mark Burch	Dee Marino	Heidi Denton	Janet Baurichter
Linnea Aronson	Keith Henson	Zack Halstead	Jerry Lange	Bianca Bucher
Jim Storm	Arlen Storm	Steve Smith	Charles Downs	Brayden Richie
				Denise Alvord

# JUNE 2018

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 YOUTH BAKE SALE 9:30 - Worship (Jill)	4 2:30 - Kids Club 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	5 10:00 - Bible Study 2:30 - Kids Club 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 5:30 - Finance Committee 6:30 - Executive Committee 7:00 - Boy Scouts	6 2:30 - Kids Club 5:30 - Quilting	7 9:30 - Quilting 2:30 - Kids Club 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	8 2:30 - Kids Club Boy Scouts Overnight →	9 8:30 - Men's Breakfast
10 CONGREGATIONAL - MEETING - SENIOR SUNDAY 9:30 - Worship (CS) 10:45 - Outreach	11 2:30 - Kids Club 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	12 10:00 - Bible Study 2:30 - Kids Club 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 6:30 - Council 7:00 - Boy Scouts	13 10:00 - Ladies Aid 2:30 - Kids Club	14 2:30 - Kids Club 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	15 2:30 - Kids Club MEEKER DAYS	16 High School Grad Day!! Congrats Graduates! 11-4:00 - Private Party MEEKER DAYS
17 9:30 - Worship (Joan) Happy FATHER'S DAY MEEKER DAYS	18 2:30 - Kids Club 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	19 10:00 - Bible Study 2:30 - Kids Club 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 7:00 - Boy Scouts	20 2:30 - Kids Club 5:30 - Quilting	21 9:30 - Quilting 2:30 - Kids Club 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	22 MEEKER DAYS	23 MEEKER DAYS
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Youth Bike Trip →						



Celebrating  
**120** years  
of being at Peace!

Puyallup Parks & Recreation Presents

# Summer Concerts in the PARK 2018

Pioneer Park 325 South Meridian & Bradley Lake Park 531 31st Ave S

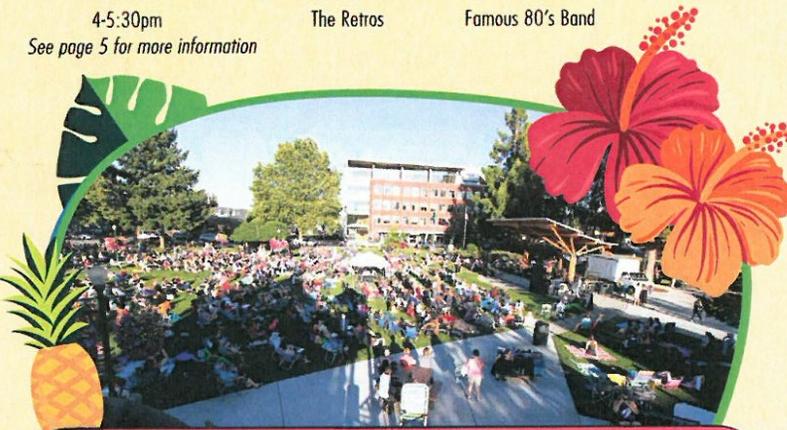
## Kiwanis Kids Noon Toons

Date & Time	Place	Performer	Style
July 10, 12-1pm	Pioneer Park	Reptile Isle	Reptile Show
July 17, 12-1pm	Pioneer Park	Norman Foote	Disney Recording Artist
July 24, 12-1pm	Pioneer Park	Brian Waite Band	Kids Rock & Roll Adventurers
July 31, 12-1pm	Pioneer Park	Micha & Me Music Show	Kids Rock Band
August 7, 12-1pm	Pioneer Park	Tim Noah	#1 Family Entertainer
August 14, 12-1pm	Pioneer Park	Roberto the Magnificent	Crazy Comedy Stunt Show
August 21, 12-1pm	Bradley Lake Park	The Not Its	High Energy Band for Kids

## Food Truck Frenzy Concerts

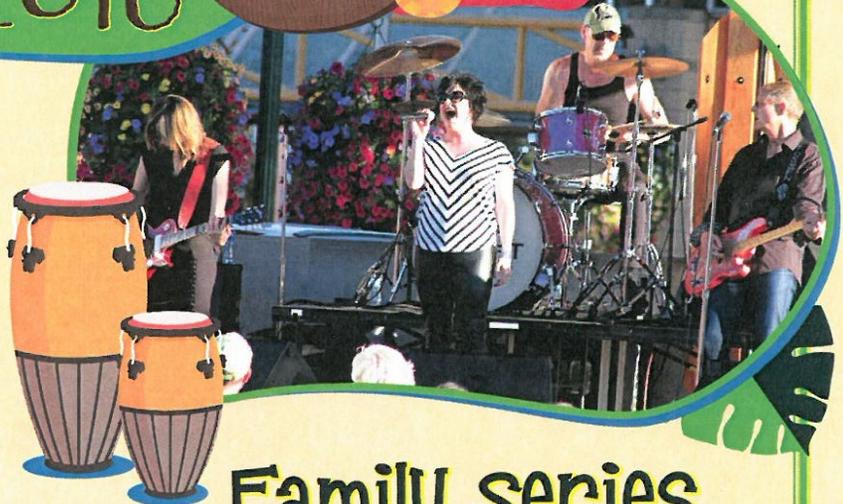
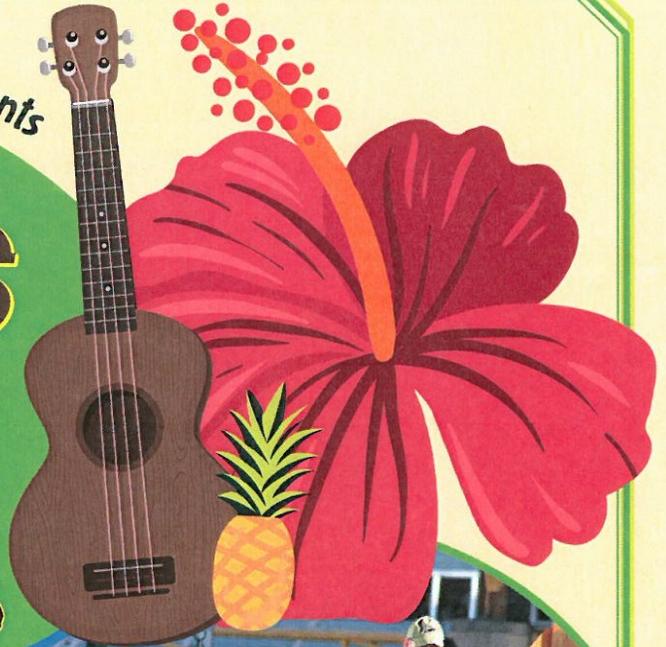
Date & Time	Place	Performer	Style
June 30 12-1pm	Bradley Lake Park	Reptile Isle & Ring of Torti	Reptile Show & Giant Tortoise Display
1:30-3:30pm		Infinity Project	Journey Tribute
4-5:30pm		The Retros	Famous 80's Band

See page 5 for more information



### In the case of inclement weather

All concerts would be moved inside the Pioneer Park Pavilion. The Saturday concert at Bradley Lake would be canceled. Questions? Call: 253-841-5457.



## Family series

Date & Time	Place	Performer	Style
July 5, 6:30-8pm	Pioneer Park	562nd Air Force Band	Ceremonial Big Band
July 12, 6:30-7:10pm	Pioneer Park	Danny Vernon	Elvis Tribute
7:20-8:30pm		Wally & The Beavs	50's & 60's
July 19, 6:30-8pm	Pioneer Park	Cherry Cherry	Neil Diamond Tribute
July 26, 6:30-8pm	Pioneer Park	Nite Wave	Hot New 80's Band
August 2, 6:30-8pm	Pioneer Park	Kalimba	Earth, Wind, & Fire Tribute
August 9, 6:30-7:10pm	Pioneer Park	Slim Wizzy	Puyallup Blues Band
7:20-8pm		The Coats	Home Town Heroes Acapella
August 16, 6:30-8pm	Pioneer Park	Magic Bus	Kings of Classic Rock
August 23, 6:30-8pm	Bradley Lake Park	Heart By Heart	Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Band

## Community Campout

Date & Time	Place	Performer	Style
August 11, 6:30-8pm	Bradley Lake Park	The Afrodisiacs	Disco Party Band

See page 7 for more information

Visit [www.cityofpuyallup.org](http://www.cityofpuyallup.org) for updates and possible changes to the entertainment schedule.



# TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Sink your teeth into the weekly Bible texts with Pastor Nate, 10:00-11:00 am every Tuesday in the gathering area.

Hope to see you there!



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