"you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. . ."

1 Peter 2:5

Love in Action

Living Stones Prison Ministry



The Prison Mission seeks to build relationships between people of different backgrounds, specifically between the incarcerated and people outside the prison.

They accomplish this goal by inviting churches to come to the prison and worship with the inmates on Saturday nights thus sharing our walk in the faith in Jesus Christ given to us by God.

By doing so we...

- Give hope to the men inside.
- Provide ourselves as Christian role models.
- Help to begin their transition back into society.
- Have our own faith and church life renewed.

Each year a team of folks from Silverdale Lutheran worships with the Living Stones congregation. We already visited on May 4th...so look for a new opportunity in 2020.

One way to partner with Living Stones ministry is to faithfully PRAY for the men, their families, for the leadership of Living Stones and for the visiting congregations each week.

"I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36

God has been working through Living Stones Prison Ministry since 2006. As a congregation of the Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA, Living Stones offers a Word and Sacrament ministry to imprisoned men inside the walls of the Washington Corrections Center in Shelton.

The ministry loudly proclaims a gospel of grace and love to men who hunger for the reality of God's Kingdom to be manifest in all its fullness. These men know their need of God, celebrate God's redemptive gift, and actively seek God's will for their lives.

In a place of bondage and solitude, God is proving there is freedom and a church family. These brothers, uncles, fathers, and sons have the potential to change. Through the love, forgiveness, redemption and empowerment provided in Jesus Christ lives will be forever transformed.

Thank you, Silverdale Lutheran, for begin a part of God's grace and love in action through Living Stones!

From February 2018 to January 2019, Silverdale Lutheran gave \$4,144.00 to support the men and ministry of Living Stones Prison Congregation. You can personally help financially support Living Stones ministry through the purchase of their annual raffle tickets or designating your Thrivent Choice dollars, Amazon Smile or Fred Meyer Community Rewards.



Are you a woodworker? Living Stones is looking for a person to craft small crosses. Contact Pastor Chris at Looking ahead...

On <u>Sunday, September 8th</u> at the *God's hands*. *Our work. Servant Event* we will be creating <u>Freedom Backpacks</u> to share with Shelton inmates as they are released.

On that Sunday we will also be having a one day ingathering of serviceable men's clothing

for their <u>Clothing Locker</u> which shares clothing with men as they leave. Items needed: shirts, jackets, pants, jeans, shoes, new underwear and socks



God's work. Our hands.