

## Mt Si Lutheran - July 2020

### Mini **GOOD NEWS**letter

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, grace and peace to you.

This is not the year any of us planned on or hoped for. It is important to acknowledge and admit without ourselves that these past four months have placed on us a level of stress and anxiety many of us are not used to nor have had to endure before. With that said, some of the ways we have coped in hard times throughout our lives may be falling short or feel less than adequate for the intensity of this time. If you are feeling this way, please know, you are not alone. We are in midst of seismic shifts within our personal life, spiritual life, family life, social life, national life and global life. We have wept at the loss of over a half million people worldwide to COVID-19. We have felt a roller coaster of emotions as we face, once again, the deep wounds racism continues to inflict on our communities and nation. Sin on such a scale is always terrifying and at times, seemingly insurmountable. Faced with our mortality and our failure to love our neighbor as our self - brothers and sisters - we must fall on our knees before our God. These are days for deep listening to the Spirit. God is with us...in our confusion, anxiety, anger, denial, apathy, exhaustion, tears...whatever you are going through right now, God sees you, Christ is with you and the Spirit dwells in you. As we fall to our knees seeking God's mercy, healing and reconciliation may we also ask for the ears to hear what God is saying to us in this time. May we not only listen, but may we find ourselves renewed in our commitment to be a follower of Christ. May we focus our gaze past the cross to the empty tomb. We know death does not have the final word. We know that the Kingdom of God will bring justice, equality, equity and perfect love for the neighbor. With hope and trust in God's future we are freed from becoming paralyzed by our present. With hope and trust in God's future we are freed from only seeing what is broken in our world today so that we can see where the Spirit is working to fulfill God's will and where we are invited to be part of this work. This is not the year any of us planned on or hoped for, but is the year God created us for. Amen. - P.K.

## July Anniversaries:

Tom and Joanne Chase July 7th

Mike and Kay Kober July 10th

Brett and Emma Imsland July 21st

Sue and Don Oster July 30th



## July Birthdays:

Denise Stone July 7th

Tom Burnside July 10th

Jeff Yocom July 11th

Cathy Yocom July 13th

Shelley Harding July 20th

Donald Davis Jr. July 25th

Ingrid Garhart July 25th



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## Council Update

Greetings from the council. We hope that you are all doing well and coping with the corona virus responses. The council and Pastor Krista have been monitoring the progress on the Governor's phased reopening plan. We are now into phase two in King County. As we move into phase two the council has decided that we will continue to have virtual services and meetings through June and July. We will be allowing Ambur and Alisha to work in the building with proper PPE and distancing. The office will not be open for any drop in visits. We are still discussing if we should allow small groups to meet when we get to Phase three. Once we move into phase four we are contemplating having both in person and virtual services. Our main goal as we move through the phases is to be conservative and protect everyone's health and safety.

We are well into the planning and preparing for VBS this year. Contact John Grebe or see the newsletter for more information.

We are beginning work on a congregational art project. We have a member who is a professional glass mosaic artist. We are encouraging you all to create a five by five mosaic piece. They will be attached to the facings of the front steps. See the newsletter for more information.

We are still trying to maintain contact with everyone. If you need anything, please contact Pastor Krista, John Grebe or the council executive team of Jack Boller, Rick Rodriguez or Terry Adams.

Be safe, stay well. We are looking forward to when we can be together in person again. We wish blessings on you all.

Jack Boller

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## Sunday Worship for July

10am On-line—See website for link!

Zoom Coffee Hour after service on July 12th & 26th  
See website for link!



### Scripture for July

July 5th Mark 12:13-17

July 12th – Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

July 19th – Romans 8:12-25

July 26th -Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

### **Virtual Gatherings**

We are offering an online Zoom Bible Study on  
Thursdays at 12:30pm and Thursday at 7pm. Links are on our website.

The FIRST Thursday of the month (July 2nd)

will be a Thirsty for Theology Gathering (use the Bible Study link)

Men's Saturday Bible Study is also meeting via Zoom at 8:30am. Link in  
on the website.

Children's Ministry is meeting on Fridays via Zoom. Contact John Grebe  
for details.

Confirmation gatherings have begun. Contact John Grebe for details.

Devotional pick up will be available outside the office door

### **Office Update**

Now that we are in phase two in King County Ambur and Alisha will be  
returning to work in the office and buildings only for essential work.  
However, the office will not be open for drop-in visits. Please continue  
to call and email for best communication. Thank you!

## **Quilting Update**

I know that before this virus hit us there were some ladies who said they were going to clean out some of their fabrics and were willing to donate them. We need any “clean” cotton fabric that we can cut at least a 10 1/2” square. We really can’t use little scraps. We can sometimes use strips if they are at least 6” wide.

I would appreciate this and the fabric could be dropped off on the front porch of our house—982 NE 4th St. North Bend or call and we can pick it up— 425 292-3966—Cathy Yocom



## **Praying for our Community and World: Prayer Flags**

Prayer is powerful. Prayer flags are a long tradition among people of faith around the world. There are prayers flags gifted to us by the SV Interfaith Group. These are available to all who want a set. We ask that you write prayers for peace, unity, hope and healing on the flags. You are welcome to hang them in your yard or wherever you wish. As you see the flags may they remind you to pray to the one who listens and calls you by name.

Thanks be to God.

## **Devotions: Christ in Our Home**

You can pick up Christ in Our Home devotions at church.

They are on a table outside the office door.

## **Serving Our Community**

### **Food Bank**

We continue to support the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. If you want to make a monetary donation to the Food Bank, please send checks directly to: Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank

122 E. 3rd St. North Bend, WA 98045

### Wellness Provisions

Thanks to an incredibly generous person, council was given funds to create wellness kits for anyone in our community who is ill and needs basic supplies. Nancy Flanagan and Janey Benson are taking the lead on this project. If you are sick or know someone who is, please call Nancy or Janey and we can put together a bag of supplies for them!

### Blood Drive

The local blood drive located in the QFC parking lot on July 11th has been cancelled and rescheduled for September 12th. If you are interested, Information will be updated on our website if things continue to change.

### Si View Farmers Market

We are working with the leaders of the SI View Farmers Market to see what we can do to serve again at these weekly events. Right now only Farmers are permitted to be part of the market, but we are registered and they will contact us as soon as we can participate. The Evangelism Team is preparing pre-filled art supply and game kits to distribute when we are able. We could use two Thrivent Cards to help us purchase supplies! Please reach out to Erica Haycox if you are interested. Thank you!

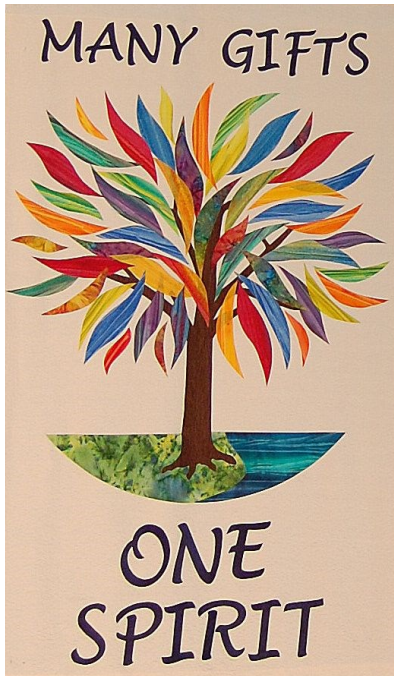
## **CYF Report**

We are full speed ahead in our preparations for VBS. Registration is open and the dates of August 2-6 are scheduled. The Sunday and Thursday sessions will have a live streaming gathering and the teaching, art, drama, and music will be provided through paper packets and online recordings. If you are interested in being involved please let John Grebe know.

Due to the current circumstances, the camping trip is now a small group set at Lake Easton for August 25 - 28th. At this point there will be no meal gathering and/or worship service. There may still be space for a tent or two, please contact John Grebe for more details.

Children's Ministry is on Friday from 1-2pm on Zoom, contact John Grebe for login and more details.

I am available for conversations and support at [cyf@mtsilutheran.org](mailto:cyf@mtsilutheran.org) or ny calling (360) 920-5876, may your summer be filled with love and wellbeing! Peace, John Grebe



## VBS 2020:

### Many Gifts—One Spirit!

For the 2020 Vacation Bible School August 2-6, we will be exploring spiritual gifts. As we prepare for the week of VBS we will create the sessions as a virtual experience for families and kids through live stream sessions on Zoom and recorded videos on YouTube videos. Registration will be open in early June so that we can get an accurate count for preparing and ordering supplies.

### **Bible Study, Drama, Music, Games, and Art Projects!**

**Volunteers:** We will need small group leaders. I need volunteers willing to take on roles with each area. If you are interested let me know and I can help you get started.



### Mt Si Lutheran Church Bulletin Board

There is a new Facebook page made by Jenna that is a private group. The purpose of this group is to create a space where people associated with Mt Si Lutheran Church can post items or services they wish to sell, trade, offer, etc. It's also a place where we can ask the community for items or services to borrow, purchase, trade and/or receive. If you wish to be part of this FB group, please contact Jenna or Pastor Krista. We are happy to invite you!



## **Art Installation @ Si Lutheran**

Good day! We have started our beautiful, colorful and collective art installation at Mt Si. Each individual or family will have a chance to either come to the church's breezeway or take or take the materials home July 1st 9am-12pm and again from 4pm-7pm. We will also do this Monday, July 6th from 9-12 and 4-7 and Wednesday, July 8th from 9-12 and 4-7pm

The materials will include items to be able to pick a design: cross, tree, home or geometric/quilt pattern and pick colors: light green, dark green, light blue, dark blue, yellow, red, white, orange and pink The tiles will be square, rectangle or triangle. We are able to make 100+ individual designs.

Once you have your tiles and picked a design you will place the design on sticky contact paper. Completed designs will be returned to church so Lesia can finish the installation. These will be affixed to the risers going up to the main sanctuary doors.

This art installation will be a celebratory work of art to honor our 70th anniversary. I pray it will convey the beauty of each individual member and, together, the beauty of the community God has created here at Mt Si.

A big **THANK YOU** to Lesia who is offering her time and expertise for us to create this work of art.

- Peace P. K.