



Mt Si Lutheran - MAY 2020

Mini GOOD NEWSletter

Grace and peace to you brothers and sisters in Christ!

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! When everything is turned upside down I find strength in the everlasting promises of God. They are the constant in the midst of chaos. Promises of presence, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and new life hold us together as one Body of Christ. Please know how much I miss you all. I am so grateful to our council who have stepped up to keep in touch with everyone. I am so thankful to our drivers who have delivered two sets of care packages and crosses to those who wished to have one. After Easter leadership took a deep breath to evaluate and re-charge. When this all began we worked to quickly pull together ways of connection. Now, it is time to hear what is working and what isn't. The reality is that large group gatherings will most likely not be possible for quite a while. If that is the case, I want to make sure we are doing our best as leaders to keep you all connected and engaged in the life of Mt Si and in your life as a disciple of Christ. Council will be reaching out again to each of you to listen to suggestions and ideas for what we could do to improve our connections and support of each other. We will continue our partnership with Sammamish Hills on Sunday. If you are interested in participating in online worship, let me know! We'd love to include you!

- Pastor Krista

May Anniversaries:

Mike and Kim Buckmaster, May 1st
Paul and Etta Katocs, May 9th
Charles and Pat Thomas, May 19th
John and Anne Kaiser, May 22nd
Ed and Jane Benson, May 26th



May Birthdays:



Thomas Chase	May 01
David Wilkerson	May 01
John Keiser	May 04
Alex Adams	May 08
Jennifer Rhyne	May 09
D. Davis	May 13
Paul Ritzenthaler	May 20
Jim Garhart	May 30

Council Update

We are now into our second month of dealing with the corona virus outbreak. We are expecting that the limit on the size of gatherings and social distancing will be with us at least to the end of May. Once the limit on gatherings is eased we may still need to practice social distancing. Our Worship and Music committee is examining how we can begin having in-person services and still maintain the social distancing once the guidelines are eased. In the meantime, we are planning on continuing to have virtual services on Sunday through Facebook or You-Tube. We will also be continuing virtual bible study and other meetings at least through May. Our goal is to maintain as much of our usual activity as possible on-line. We are trying to keep in touch with all of you through our phone tree to check in and ask if you need any help with anything during these hard times. If you do need anything, please contact Pastor Krista, John Grebe or the council executive team of Jack Boller or Rick Rodriguez.

On a positive note, spring is here with all of the beautiful signs of re-birth reminding us that we are the children of God. Keep the faith and we will see better times ahead. Take care and blessings to you all.

—Jack Boller

Phone Tree

The council has implemented a phone tree. If you did NOT gotten a phone call in April, please let Pastor Krista know so we can update the phone tree to include you. We'll be making calls again soon!

Worship for May

Please go to our website for all current links and information regarding worship In May

Scripture for May

May 3rd—4th Sunday of Easter—John 10:1-18

May 10th—5th Sunday of Easter—John 14:1-14

May 17th—6th—Sixth Sunday of Easter—John 14:15-21

May 24th—Seventh Sunday of Easter —John 17:1-11

May 29th—Pentecost Sunday—Acts 2:1-21

Education Update

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

The FIRST Thursday of the month (May 7th)

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.

Friday mornings at 9am we have a Zoom Prayer Gathering for all who want to pray together. Link is 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.

Office Update

While the stay-at-home order is in place the office and building will be closed. Please email staff directly or call them on their cell phone. A new locked mail box is outside the office door if you need to leave something for staff. It is checked each Friday.

Serving Our Community

Face Mask Team!

Several women from church have worked to create masks for our local Food Bank and hospitals. So far they have distributed over **200** face masks. They are in need of good use cotton fabric and 1/8, 1/4 and 1/2 in. elastic to make more masks. You can contact Janey Benson at 425-831-6896 or bensoija@yahoo.com to arrange a pick-up/drop-off of materials. If you want a pattern to help make face masks, please call Janey.

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!

Mamma's Hands: House of Hope Ministry

For Mother's Day, House of Hope is seeking our help!

Send cards or words of encouragement to the mother's at the House of Hope. Cards can be sent to P.O Box 40464 in Bellevue, WA 98015 or emailed to kimberly@mammashands.org.

Mamma's Hands 
HOPE IN EVERY INDIVIDUAL

CYF Report

Greetings, we all continue to look down the road ahead of us in hopes of seeing signs that will give us some sense of what is to come, it may feel like there is no clarity during this time. Keep in mind that we do have the best guidance in God's word. I like the metaphors and similes that use a car trip or journey. Such anecdotes as you can steer a car in motion, but you need to park a car to do repairs, the moral compass, or the roadmap to life. Throughout my life I have been drawn to the ideology of lifestyles of simplistic and survivalist. As a child I was drawn to the books like "The Tracker" by Tom Brown and Jack London's books of adventure. I have a fascination with Science Fiction stories that explore post-apocalyptic societies. I am not a doomsday prepper because I do not obsess about these things, but I do joke occasionally that if things got were to get bad, I would just tell marauding hoards that I know how to brew, distill, and I am trained as a combat medic. The number one skill in survival is preparation. Whether well in advance or in the midst of a crisis. Being able to assess your resources and assets is key. Being adaptive is secondary but just as important. As the world around us changes do the many variables seen and unseen, we find ourselves in a prolonged state of crisis without a clear end in sight. This starts to wear on our emotional and spiritual resiliency. Grounding ourselves in the things that are important is critical!

The community we forge provides us with support and courage. Understanding the purpose of community is fundamental in developing a route to take. As time passes and we adapt to a new normal the continuity becomes even more significant for our lives and for fostering resiliency in our children. Bible study, fellowship, and service are fundamental to who we are as a church community. We continue to develop and hold opportunities for our children, youth, and families to live out this purpose. Continue to find ways to serve each other and the community of North Bend, as you go about your days physically distancing share with your faith community ways you are serving so that we can support you and please let us know if there are ways our youth and families can help!

In an attempt to help our community stay connected with kids and youth I have been working with families to create videos that will be used as object lessons and skits for worship services. You can find

VBS: The chances are high that that it is not logistically possible to have a VBS in person while still under physical distancing. Without having rapid testing available we will not be able to assure safer practices for our volunteers and participants. Most likely we will be migrating to a virtual VBS. No decisions are final and details are yet to come. The CYF and Parish Ed Team is working on this together.

ELCA National Youth Gathering June 29-July 3, 2021 in Minneapolis, MN: This is difficult because it takes a significant amount of effort for fundraising and planning. As of right now there are a couple of our youth interested in learning more about this event but we again will have to wait until there is more of an understanding of the risk.

- John Grebe



Trinidad and Tobago
Fellowship gathering via
Zoom!

The team from Trinidad and Tobago would like to share our story and pictures from the trip. Since we can't do this in person right now. We want to invite the whole congregation to participate in a Zoom call on

Saturday, May 16th.

I will send out word of the time and a link in an email next week. We can have 100 people join a Zoom call, so we should all be able to meet! You can connect on our computer or smart phone or call in on a land-line. We will also put up a display at church so all can enjoy once we are able. We look forward to sharing and seeing you all!

- Team T&T!



Above: Online Bible Study Group! We study the Gospel text for the coming Sunday. (Tues. and Thurs.)



Left: the baby grand piano has been moved into the sanctuary! It will be waiting for us when we can return to in-person worship

Below: Sunday worship! Each week, you will see more and more familiar faces. If you want to serve, please let me know! Thank you!

