



Mt Si Lutheran - April 2020

Mini GOOD NEWSletter

Grace and peace to you brothers and sisters in Christ!

We find ourselves in unprecedented times. As I write this the world is mourning as thousands have died and thousands more will yet die. There is no way to ignore the profound impact this moment in history will have on our lives going forward. In my Palm Sunday message you heard me say, "as people of faith we face death head on because we are not afraid...we know God brings life out of death." I say that not to cast judgement on the very real fear many of us are experiencing right now. No, I say we are not afraid because, in saying it, I can believe it just a little more. We are a resurrection people. We know that God brings life out of death. In that knowing we have permission, just like Mary at the tomb, to acknowledge the very real fear and anxiety we experience. What we also know is that Jesus takes that fear and turns it into promise and hope and courage. We are not left in our fear. Brothers and sisters, our world is hurting in a profound way. This is what Jesus prepared his disciples for...to see a hurting world, to feel that hurt, but not be consumed by it so that we can take a step forward to love this hurting world and not turn away. Take courage my dear friends. Jesus Christ is Risen for you and for all so that you do not need to stay in fear!

- Pastor Krista

April Anniversaries:

Hollis and Darlene Lockwood April 1st

Jim and Ingrid Garhart April 25th



April Birthdays:

John Cassidy April 1st

Vivian Waid April 3rd

Krista Oppie April 5th

Tyler Koukol April 14th

Mauricia Case April 27th

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 42 face masks. They are in need of good use cotton fabric and 1/8th, 1/14th and 1/2 elastic to make more masks. You can contact Janey Benson at 425-831-6896 or bensoja@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

A few folks from church are helping at the Food Bank as they continue to offer food for the most vulnerable in our community. 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!

Children's Book Bags

In partnership with Helping Hands Ministry, Pastor Krista is delivering a number of children's books to be handed out on Thursday evenings at Life Community Church. This is also the pick-up point for one of the Valley children's feeding programs during this crisis. Books will be cleaned and packaged in the meal boxes for each family.

Council Update

As you are all aware, we find ourselves in a difficult situation dealing with the corona virus outbreak. The council has made the difficult decision to close the use of our facilities for any church groups or outside groups. To maintain our connections with each other and



continue to operate, we have implemented on-line Sunday services and gone to ZOOM access for group meetings. Council has developed an initial contingency plan and will continue meeting as needed. The council will work closely with Pastor Krista to assure that all of our members are kept informed of any decisions regarding church operations and activities. Our goal is to maintain as much of our usual activity as possible on-line. If you need any help with anything during these hard times please contact Pastor Krista or the council executive team of Jack Boller, Rick Rodriguez, or Suzy Cassidy. Take care and blessings to you all.
- Jack Boller

Phone Tree

The council has implemented a phone tree. They are each calling about 6 of you each week or so to keep you updated on what is going on. If you are NOT getting a phone call, please let Pastor Krista know so we can update the phone tree to include you.

Worship Kits

Council is delivering a second worship kit to homes that wished to receive one on April 8th. We pray these kits find you well and you are enjoying the contents. Please know that we are taking every

precaution while preparing these kits. We wear gloves, sanitize everything and maintain social distancing. The Holy Week kit will be our last delivery for awhile to minimize any possible exposure. However, if you have an immediate need, please reach out and we will do what we can to assist you!

Worship for April

Please go to our website for all current links and information regarding worship in April. www.mtsilutheran.org

Maundy Thursday—7pm on Sammamish Hills Facebook Page

Good Friday—7pm on Mt Si Lutheran Facebook Page

Holy Saturday—on NWWA Synod webpage, details to come

Easter Prayer Vigil— 24hr prayer vigil via Zoom, details to come

Easter Sunday—10am on Sammamish Hills Facebook Page

Scripture for April

April 12th - Easter Sunday -John 20:1-18

April 19th - Second Sunday of Easter—John 20:19-31

April 26th - Third Sunday of Easter—Luke 24:13-35

Education Update

We are offering an online Zoom Bible Study on

Tuesdays at 12:30pm and Thursday at 7pm. Links are on our website.

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 are beginning April 8th via Zoom. 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.