

MVLC Newsletter
August 2020



MATTERS of FAITH

I've served pastoral calls that have ranged from 4 years to 6, 16, 11, and 6. Those calls have been to ministry in parishes, on campus, and for Synod leadership. Each ministry setting has had its own culture of leadership, its own way of doing ministry with others on staff and in the congregation. Each setting has had both positive and not-so-positive aspects.

The trick, the task, is to build on strengths and address growth areas through change. Certainly, if no two snowflakes are alike, no two pastors, no two ministries are alike either.

Change has come to Mountain View (to state the obvious) and with it will come changes to leadership styles and the culture of the congregation. What's worked well before will be built upon. What hasn't worked as well will give way to new.

Call me crazy, but a couple of weeks ago I read an article about Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll and the atmosphere his staff seeks to create in the Seahawks organization. It included these two brief paragraphs.

Call us crazy, but we really believe if you cherish the people in your organization and see them as the unique, extraordinary individuals they are, with all the special things they offer your environment, and you celebrate that, everything about your business, your club, your team is going to be better.

It's really a simple thought, but you do it by loving and caring for the people you have around you. And if you wholly do that...everything about your environment is going to improve. You're going to have more fun, you're going to enjoy it more, it's going to be richer. We hope to share that approach...

And as pastors and staff for Mountain View, we too hope to share that approach as we walk into each new day, with new ways.

The Apostle Paul expressed a similar sentiment when he wrote to the faith communities of Thessalonica:

You need to know, friends, that thanking God over and over for you is not only a pleasure, it's a must. We have to do it. Your faith is growing phenomenally; your love for each other is developing wonderfully. Why it's only right we give thanks. We're so proud of you; you're so steady and determined in your faith despite all the hard times that have come down on you...we pray for you all the time, pray that God will make you fit for what he's called you to be, pray that he'll fill your good ideas and acts of faith with his own energy so that it all amounts to something...grace is behind and through all of this... (2 Thessalonians 1:3ff.)

May this be the faith culture moving towards new days.

Pastor Kim Latterell



"Park and Praise: A Celebration of Holy Communion"

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 • 7:00 p.m.

MVLC Parking Lot

Join us for our first "Park and Praise" drive-in worship service with Holy Communion.

Things you need to know:

-) You arrive in your vehicle. You stay in your vehicle for the duration of the service.
-) The service will be approximately 30 to 35 minutes long.
-) When you arrive, you will check-in and be given a worship folder and prepackaged communion kit (wafer/grape juice) for each person in your vehicle.
-) The service will be broadcast live via an FM transmitter, so you will listen to the service on your car radio. The frequency will be printed in your worship folder.
-) There is no sermon. The service is centered around Holy Communion, prayer, and songs.
-) Please bring a mask and be prepared to wear it.
-) If you roll your car windows down and sing, then you will be required to wear a mask while singing. If you sing with your windows up, then you don't need to wear a mask.
-) The buildings will be locked, so plan ahead. Use the restroom at home!
-) In addition to the "Park and Praise" worship service, there will still be a video worship service on Sunday mornings.

Are you willing to serve as an usher, greeter, communion assistant, or parking attendant? Then please contact Parish Worker Marlene Wright at [253-863-5171](tel:253-863-5171) or mwright@mtviewlutheran.org.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 • 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom online meeting

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81357280854>
Meeting ID: 813 5728 0854

On Wednesday, August 19, 2020 there will be a congregation meeting at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. This meeting was originally planned for May, but was postponed due to the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” emergency measures that were in place at the time. As we continue in this period of not being able to hold large gatherings and keeping our fellow congregation members safe, a virtual meeting with a mail-in ballot is the best option.

At the time of this writing, the draft agenda topics are:

- J Roll Call of Voting Members
- J Opening Prayer
- J Call to Order
- J Financial Update
- J Return to Worship Team Update
- J Determination of Quorum and Ballot Presented
- J Adjourn
- J Closing Prayer
- J Roll Call of Voting Members who joined late

All eligible voting members who are documented in the roll call will receive a ballot by mail. Proxy votes are not allowed (per our constitution), so your name will have to be recorded during the meeting to receive a ballot. Please mark your calendars as a reminder to attend this meeting!

Mountain View Church Council

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The agenda will include the election of members to the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) Committee, election of members to the 2020-2021 Nominating Committee; and election of members to the 2020-2021 Church Council.; as well as updates on life together and the mission and ministry of our community of faith.

MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE • *various-length terms*

1. Belinda Bergman (three-year term)
2. Janice Harrison (three-year term)
3. Marilyn Luckman (two-year term)
4. Ed Egan (one-year term)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE • *one-year terms*

1. Fred Albert
2. Ken Edmonds
3. Pili Wolfe

CHURCH COUNCIL • *one-year terms*

1. Sonja Dahl
2. Bob Linden
3. Dan Neptun
4. Mary Beth Peterson
5. Gerry Philipsen
6. Carol Powers
7. Emily Thompson
8. Wendy Wadnizak
9. Karin Weberg

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who mourn
the deaths of loved ones.

-) Helen Bartholomaus, Anne Roff, and family at the death of Helen's brother-in-law and Anne's uncle Chuck Bartholomaus.
-) Nancy, Jon, Kohl, Brant, and Ava Edmonds and family at the death of Nancy's brother Brian Cratsenberg.
-) The family of Betty Waterhouse at her death.
-) Larry Gillespie and family at the death of his son Brent Gillespie.
-) Jeff Quinn and family at the death of his father Ed Quinn.
-) Dorothy Nelson and family at the death of her husband Norm Nelson.
-) Pastor Briana Merkle and family at the death of her cousin Shelby Watts.

We pray for our family and friends
in need of healing.

-) Sue Baker, mother of Diane Tyler.
-) Marylyn Dicinoski, cousin of Phil Edlund.
-) Cathy Ghiglione, friend of Kathy Harris.
-) Stacey Hailey, daughter of Ed and Lois Stark.
-) Mark Harwood, son of Helen Harwood.
-) Dianne Kimble, sister of Darlene Thompson.
-) Craig Latterell, brother of Pastor Kim Latterell.
-) Wendell Nascimento, friend of Mervina Sturgeon and Pili Wolfe.
-) Daniel Newton, son of David and Eileen Newton.
-) Marshall Smith, brother-in-law of Ann Yost.
-) Dorothy Sprague, mother of Marlene Wright.
-) Christopher Stark, grandson of Ed and Lois Stark.
-) Pete Thibadeau, husband of Claudia Thibadeau.
-) Ron Thompson, son of Darlene Thompson.
-) Verna, mother of Karen Quandt.

Amen .

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for members of our congregation
in need of healing.

-) Fred Albert.
-) John Bachner.
-) Dorothy Barnes.
-) Chris Berntsen.
-) Wanda Danielson.
-) Darrel Hagen.
-) Ione Huseboe.
-) Stewart Luckman.
-) Doug Mandt.
-) Dorothy Nelson.
-) Mary Beth Peterson.
-) Ken Sturgeon.
-) Ben Wadnizak.

We pray for those members of our congregation
who are celebrating baptismal anniversaries.

-) 8/16 - Gabby Cantrell.
-) 8/17 - Becca Duskin.
-) 8/17 - Garrett Inglin.
-) 8/18 - Ed Callantine.
-) 8/19 - Kenzo Neptun.
-) 8/23 - Clara Freshwater.
-) 8/25 - Benjamin Freshwater.

Amen.

11th Annual +



BACKPACK
Giveaway

presented by the MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER
Saturday, August 22, 2020 • 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

at three community locations in Edgewood, Milton, Fife
City of Edgewood • 2224 - 104th Ave E, Edgewood WA 98372
Milton Activity Center • 1000 Laurel St, Milton WA 98354
Fife Public Schools Admin Ctr • 5802 - 20th St E, Fife WA 98424

Students must be present to receive a backpack.



More information:
www.mtviewcc.org
253-826-4329

Dear Community Member,

Each year Mountain View Community Center hosts a Back-to-School event to provide students in the Edgewood, Milton, Fife, and Puyallup communities with backpacks and supplies for the coming school year. We would like to invite you to help us reach our goal of collecting 1,000 backpacks so that we may serve **all** students in grades K-12 who have a need.

This year, as we are all unsure of what school attendance is going to look like in the fall, it is so important to give these children something that will be theirs, that represents education, and allows them to feel a sense of comfort, in an uncertain time. In order to adapt to the current crisis, we are filling the backpacks with fewer school supplies and providing comfort items and necessities as well. Some of the items include:

-) New socks.
-) Toiletries (travel size toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.).
-) Activity item (deck of cards, coloring books w/ crayons, puzzles, etc.).
-) School supplies (notebooks, pencil packs, crayons ONLY).

The event will be on Saturday, August 22, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and families will be able to go to their area community location to pick up their backpacks.

We welcome the chance to promote your company as part of our mission and celebration. All sponsorships will include company name on all promotional materials including our website and day of event signage. **Please kindly send your donation by August 15, 2020.**

Sponsorship Opportunities:

For \$2,500.00 we can purchase 250 backpacks.

For \$1,500.00 we can purchase 150 backpacks.

For \$750.00 we can purchase 75 backpacks.

For \$500.00 we can purchase 50 backpacks.

For \$250.00 we can purchase 25 backpacks.

For monetary donations, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3dKUpaO> or

<https://amzn.to/2YwhnwO> to purchase items directly from our Amazon wish list.

Thank you in advance for your generous support! For volunteer opportunities, please contact Community Events Coordinator, Amanda Goetz at amandag@mtviewcc.org.

Warm regards,



Jesie Holden

Executive Director

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Please note: MVCC is no longer accepting donations of clothing.

TREASURER ' S R E P O R T

Giving for May and June 2020

May and June giving has fallen far under expected giving levels. We entered the month of May nearly even to our approved spending guideline, but as of June 30th, our year-to-date giving was only equivalent to approximately 95% of the spending guideline.

	2020 Actual Giving	2020 Spending Guideline	Difference	2019 Actual Giving
Month ending 5/31/2020	\$69,121	\$93,115	(\$23,994)	\$87,779
Month ending 6/30/2020	\$69,710	\$81,625	(\$11,915)	\$83,523
Year to date 5/31/2020	\$423,762	\$434,135	(\$10,373)	\$416,647
Year to date 6/30/2020	\$493,472	\$521,590	(\$28,118)	\$500,170

TREASURER 'S REPORT

Payroll Protection Program

As you've heard on the news, all businesses small and large are struggling to retain employees and keep operations running at pre-pandemic levels. Your church is no exception. In late May, the Church Council asked me to research and ultimately apply for the Payroll Protection Program under the Federal CARES Act passed by Congress. We applied for the maximum amount allowed under the program to bring back a furloughed employee and fund salaries to return our operations to pre-pandemic levels, as allowed for by the PPP provisions. We were awarded the full amount requested in early July and immediately worked to bring operations and all employees back.

The provisions of the PPP loan allow us to request forgiveness of the entire loan following a minimum period of 8 weeks. We will be applying for complete forgiveness as soon as possible.

Receiving these funds have truly been a blessing, especially during the summer months when our giving is typically lower than expected.

With the uncertainty of whether or not school and in-person worship will resume as normal this fall, our hope is that typical giving patterns triumph over uncertainty and after hearing this call for support, the congregation of MVLC honors their commitment to His church with your dedicated tithing.

Blessings and good health to you,

Jason Cornell
MVLC Treasurer

STEWARDSHIP

Tithing During a Pandemic

In my last letter as Treasurer, I prayed that your faithful giving continues into the summer months knowing full well that tithing typically recedes around the end of June as school lets out and families begin travelling. Historically, giving doesn't pick back up until mid to late fall. However, I don't have to tell any of you that this is not a typical year. As expected, our giving has dropped to summer levels, but unfortunately the drop occurred much sooner than expected in mid-May.

My belief is that as a congregation we are coming to grips with the fact that the COVID-19 coronavirus is not going away anytime soon and that has us feeling anxious, depressed, and angry. We can't physically worship together, visit with one another, and are uncertain of when everything will go back to normal. It also means we are being more cautious and vigilant with our health, safety and our finances.

Like many of you, Aidan and I have put off vacations and life events that we'd typically be planning at this time. We are grateful to have this time together as family, but are also worried and saddened that we are "missing out" on our summer, and, more than likely, our Fall plans.

Aidan and I celebrated our 15th anniversary at home in May and will probably celebrate both of our 40th birthdays in the same spot. Camdon had a drive-by celebration for his 10th "golden" birthday. Retiring after 32 years of teaching last month, my mother's retirement party is currently planned for June 2021. We missed multiple graduations, the births of family and friends' children, and the death of loved ones. I'm sure all of you have a similar story.

I left my job at Boeing in May 2019. The plan was to take the summer of 2019 off and begin looking for a job in the non-profit sector. I was excited, nervous, and eager to move on from my corporate life into a life of service. I took board positions at PLU, the Step by Step Foundation, and most recently at our Mountain View Community Center. I applied for a few jobs and interviewed for two. I believed to have secured one in February of this year with a start date of April 1st. April Fools' Day lived up to its namesake this year. The organization I believed to be going to work for furloughed all of their employees and cancelled all job postings. They are still not operational as of this letter.

STEWARDSHIP

While Aidan and I are not hurting financially, the frustration of not being able to move on and start the next phase of our life is real. Our fall calendars are looking like our typical summer calendar with multiple days empty. School will be completely different this year, government restrictions look like they will continue indefinitely into the fall, and our collection of face masks will continue to grow. The only thing that has remained constant on my calendar is church on Sunday. I know it looks and very much feels different, but its still there every week and that is extremely comforting.

My family is very grateful to those who are working to provide that comfort and know how important it is to continue to play our part.

As I started out in this letter, giving is down more than expected for this time of year. As you'll read in my Treasurer's report (pages 12 and 13), we were awarded the PPP loan through the CARES act to bring us back to pre-pandemic operating levels. This was a blessing, but it definitely doesn't catch us up to the commitments we made as a congregation to support His church. We have much work to do both in and outside of church.

Your benevolence dollars matter now more than ever. While we acknowledge our personal struggles with staying at home, there are those who have been or will be forced into homelessness due to this pandemic, many of whom are currently receiving extra government support that ends in July with no outlook beyond then. While most businesses have reopened, jobs are not returning as fast as had been hoped for and businesses are at risk of shutting down again as virus levels continue to rise. For those in the vulnerable category, the decision to go back to work could be a life and death choice. For those with children, school schedules will dictate job schedules. For many, that choice will be made for them and they'll have to choose the best of two evils.

As a congregation, 17.5% of your tithing goes directly to our benevolence partners to provide housing, food, clothing, mental health support, job training, as well as other programs that support your community and neighbors. Our compassion for the neighbor, for the less fortunate, for those in need is who we are at Mountain View Lutheran Church. We support those who need it the most and today they need your help.

Jason Cornell
MVLC Treasurer

CHURCH IS the SAME...

The Return to Worship team is meeting weekly to make safety plans for return to campus. The team members are: Pastor Mike Greenwalt, Susan Bloomfield, Sonja Dahl, Terry Freed, Barry Johnsrud, Erik Knierim, Diane Nelson, and Keith Wright. Our purpose is to review and make suggestions to the Church Council and staff for safely returning to campus for worship, prayer services, and in-person gatherings. The team is reading recommendations from the local public health departments, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Washington State Department of Health, and Washington State Governor's office.



Church will be the same as confession is said, forgiveness is rendered, the gospel is preached, and music inspires us. Yet it will be very different as we will have drive-in communion services. We hear frequently that many members miss the hugs, handshakes, passing of the peace, singing, and communion. We need to give up what we long for in the moment to keep ourselves and others safe.

The Church Council and staff are making plans to have a “Park and Praise” drive-in communion service as soon as we can. This worship service with Holy Communion is expected to last 30-35 minutes. Everyone will remain in their cars. The church is purchasing a FM radio transmitter. We will have the opportunity to gather together in our cars, enjoy a live worship service, and participate in communion. The communion will be handed out at the entrance and you will be expected to wait until the appropriate time to partake in communion. The communion wafer and grape juice will come in a package or we will ask that you bring your own grape juice in a box and bread.



...YET DIFFERENT



The team is also working on an in-person Prayer Open House in order to offer the opportunity be in the Sanctuary for prayer. You will be expected to wear a mask and keep six feet distance between non-household members. We will have music playing in the background. You are encouraged to bring your own Bibles as all the hymnals and Bibles are removed from the seats.

The Sanctuary seats are grouped together in family seating. People from the same household may sit together. While it may be tempting to hug, please keep six feet distance to keep everyone safe. You can wave, “air high-five,” smile, or bow.

The church is reviewing the extra cleaning plans and will be purchasing an electrostatic sprayer. This will help the custodian sanitize large areas at one time. Extra attention will be given to high touch areas. You will be encouraged to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer upon entering the church building. In the beginning, the Gathering Space doors will be the entrance point.



The two churches that rent the chapel have very small membership. They will be able to gather sooner than our larger congregation. All of us must follow rules to keep everyone safe: wearing a mask, keeping six feet between non-household members, no group singing, and no shared food.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact any member of the task force.

PEACE and JUSTICE

The Mountain View Peace and Justice Ministry Group focuses on how we can show love and mercy to our neighbors. It can be simple steps: purchasing fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate; or writing a letter to your congressperson; or bringing a can of food for the food bank. We also provide a community meal on the fifth Monday of the month (at the Puyallup Armory) in partnership with St. Francis House, as well as other volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Some of these things are now made more complex by the pandemic, and our need for social distance.

COVID-19 is not simply something that prevents us from gathering: for many people it is sending their world into a tailspin of hunger and poverty. One of our favorite organizations, Bread for the World, has initiated a letter writing campaign, urging congress to do more to help. This is something you can do from your home **today**. Simply go to www.bread.org to learn more about the issue. You can email or call your congress person today, if you wish.

We meet each month (second Tuesday of each month, meetings are currently via Zoom). Each year we pick a book to read and discuss as we work to recognize issues, educate ourselves, and provide information to our fellow congregation members on a variety of topics including fair trade, hunger, poverty, sexism and racism. If you are interested, send an email to Beth Ann (bajohnsonfreelance@gmail.com) and we will ask the office to add you to the Zoom call, which starts at 6:00 p.m. Feel free to pour a glass of wine, or grab a soda, and join us!

Beth Ann Johnson

PRAYER SHAWLS

Calling all Knitters and Crocheters!!!

The Mountain View Prayer Shawl Ministry is open to anyone who can knit or crochet or would like to **learn** how to knit or crochet.

The mission of our group is to provide hope, comfort, and healing through the gift of our prayer shawls.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry also brings people together who enjoy similar interests, working with their hands by knitting or crocheting lovely shawls. We also knit hats and scarves for children that are given out at Christmas. We share ideas, patterns, as we knit or crochet. We are using our talents to create shawls that will be given away to spread the mission of God's love and compassion.

We meet in the MVLC Library on the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. (when the church campus is open).

Please join us. If you have any questions please contact me at 253-845-6770.

Sincerely,
Barbara Egan

DEACONS

I have been asked to give you an update on the Deacon Ministry. You haven't seen us since we were last sent to take communion on Sunday, March 8, 2020. You might not see us, but we are still serving out our call to care for our church family.

The first place we see deacons in the New Testament is in the sixth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. The church leadership, the twelve, were very busy praying and teaching and preaching the word of God and found it difficult to meet the daily essential needs of the faith community. The original intent was to make sure the widows had food. They needed help doing this. This help came from within the faith community, the body of Christ. As the church grew, the work and responsibilities of these committed members grew beyond their original assignment until they were serving their faith community in a variety of way.

Our deacon program has done the same. Originally our task was to take communion to members who were sick, shut in, or lonely. In the serving of communion, they were fed with bread and wine, text and prayer. In the midst of these difficult days we can no longer do that, but as in the New Testament, our tasks have also grown. Cards are still being sent on a regular basis as requested by the office. Prayer shawls are being creatively delivered in regard to social distancing as requested by the office. Grief Group grieves the inability to gather together. Much of our healing is done with a hug or a hand held during difficult conversations. But we continue to communicate with each other through cards, and calls and electronic messages. We continue to be a presence to one another.

In light of the pandemic, there is one particular group of deacons that has been doing a lot of work. We began a new ministry with extended training in February 2019. This group was called the Congregational Care Ministry and we were asked to extend our deacon ministry beyond the sharing of Eucharist to a more extended coverage for our members. We were scheduled to be available to make visits and or calls to members when both pastors were unable to cover all of the congregational care situations. Pastors were always the first call and we did the follow up calls. This was first put to use during Pastor John's sabbatical.

DEACONS

Due to the absence of both Pastor John and Pastor Bri, this group of fourteen was really put to use. They were called to a grief situation the day after Pastor John's resignation and continued to actually be the night time emergency number on the church phone until Pastor Kim joined us on July 1. It is with great relief that Pastor Kim is now with us to care for our church family. The deacons can all sleep through the night now. It is Pastor Kim who gets those night time calls. At one point since Pastor Kim's arrival, we discussed whether this group could be taken off their weekly schedule and the calls and contacts be totally turned over to him. When I asked for their thoughts on this, I read over and over again the word "blessed" in the deacon reports. "I was so blessed by my conversation with this member." "I received multiple blessings from my visits this week." "I sincerely feel we are called to continue this ministry as a back up to the work that Pastor Kim will do. It was a blessing to me to be involved in these member's lives." And so we plan to carry on and continue our work.

As an entire group, the Deacons also participate in Conversation Partners. They specifically have one person or family that they keep in touch with on a regular basis. This is usually members who are in a care facility or shut in or alone or lonely. In these difficult times this could be any and all of us. The deacons have been asked to extend their conversations beyond their assigned partners to include others. As the caring congregation that we are, all of the ministry groups have been trying to do this as well. I sincerely encourage all who read this today to go to the directory and pick another member to contact. Make a phone call, send a card, reach out to someone you always sat close to at church. Find out how they are doing. The deacons are a body of 28 folks, but think of the outreach to one another that could be done if each and every one of you made one or two random calls throughout the week. In Pastor Glenn's words from a sermon on May 3, "Even as we hunker down at the time of pandemic, we do not hide. We are engaged in God's healing word." We do not hide. The deacons are "out there." We are engaged in God's work and we encourage you to do the same. Reach out and touch your neighbor, not their physical body, but their hearts, and you too will be blessed.

God's Peace, Love, and Healing Strength,
Lynn Wadnizak

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Now, in the midst of difficult times for all of us, I think we all recognize that hearing God's word is ever more important for us. Yet, we are unable to worship in the way in which we are accustomed—as one body, together, at church.

For many years, the Men's Bible Study, sometimes called the "Breakfast Club," has met at the church every Saturday morning. But not since the COVID-19 pandemic arrived. I miss the fellowship of meeting at the church, sharing a meal together, and studying God's word. I think we all miss it and look forward to the time when we will meet again at the church.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic arrived, we have continued our weekly meetings by way of the Zoom videoconference system. While Zoom conferencing is not equal to meeting together at the church, it is far better than not meeting at all. Our attendance has remained constant at about ten.

For the past few years, we have studied many of the apostle Paul's letters to include *Romans*, *1 Corinthians*, *2 Corinthians*, *Galatians*. And now, we are now beginning our study of *Ephesians*. But we are not limited to Paul's letters; over the years, we have studied many of the other Old Testament and New Testament books.

I know that I speak for each of the other members of the Men's Bible Study group when I extend an invitation to all of the men that might be reading this newsletter to join us by way of the Zoom conference. We meet online every Saturday from 7:30 – 9:00 am. Our online Zoom conference may be joined prior to 7:30am; it is available from 7:00 – 9:15am.

<https://zoom.us/j/677918519>

Meeting ID: 677 918 519.

God's peace,
Bruce Sisco



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www.flickr.com/photos/mtviewlutheran/albums/72157715023579637

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MEET PASTOR MIKE



Rev. Mike Greenwalt

LEAD PASTOR of INTERIM and ADMINISTRATION

As our Lead Pastor for Interim and Administration, Pastor Mike comes to our community here at Mt. View Lutheran Church with a richness of skills and experience through his pastoral leadership in a wide variety of ministry settings. In providing spiritual care, guidance and sacred support to all persons within the context of their personal faith discipline or orientation as a Navy Chaplain, Pastor Mike has successfully led teams of up to 14 staff in caring for military personnel and their families often in the most arduous of settings and circumstances.

His advanced skills training and experience include; 5 units of Clinical Pastoral Education, Executive and Department Manager training, Critical Incident Stress Management, Post-Trauma Debriefing and Care, Organizational and Family Resilience.

Pastor Mike was raised in Lynnwood, WA, growing in his faith journey as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where he was confirmed and ordained. A graduate of the University of Washington and Wartburg Theological Seminary, Pastor Mike served 12 years as a parish pastor in Colorado prior to his commission as a Navy Chaplain from which he retired in 2017 following 24 years of service. Most recently he has served as a hospital Chaplain, and an interim pastor for another synod congregation.

Pastor Mike and his wife, Suzi, reside in Port Orchard. They have 4 adult children who live with their families in Colorado.

MEET PASTOR KIM



Rev. Kim Latterell

LEAD PASTOR of PASTORAL CARE

Pastor Kim is a graduate of the University of Minnesota (Social Work) and Luther Seminary (MDiv 1978). He has served as pastor (Olds, Alberta) and campus pastor (Regina, Saskatchewan), co-pastor and senior pastor (Loveland, Colorado), solo pastor (Creator, Bonney Lake) and as Bishop's Associate for the Southwestern Washington Synod. It adds up to 42 years of ministry (so far!). Pastor Kim was also a regular newspaper columnist ("Matters of Faith") for the *Puyallup Herald*.

Pastor Kim served on the SWWA Synod Council for 10 years, as Synod Secretary, and led a task force that created the Synod's PSALM program (Program for Strengthening Active Lay Ministry). As Bishop's Associate, he worked the Call Process to bring in over 40 new (and great) pastors to serve our congregations.

Pastor Kim is married to Sharon (pediatric nursing) since 1972. They have three married kids, nine grandkids (7 girls, 2 boys) aged 5-16. Those families live in West Seattle, University Place, and Decatur, Georgia. Pastor Kim and Sharon have lived just outside Sumner since 2002 and are members of Mt. Cross Lutheran in University Place. Both Pastor Kim and Sharon have retired, but like many retirees, have gone back to work on numerous occasions. Pastor Kim also works as a volunteer and driver for the Sumner Food Bank each week.

Books, bikes, hikes, movies, gardening, family and friends all make up their main focus.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The MVLC Property Committee works with Church Administrator Phil Edlund and the MVLC Church Council to manage the physical plant and property (almost ten acres), and to prioritize work projects and the capital project backlog, providing for best use of our campus infrastructure for short-term and long-term use. At its best, the Property Committee decides where our buildings and property most needs attention. Using self-help or contractors, those priorities are tackled in order of greatest need, all within the budget provided at the beginning of every year.

In recent years, we have had to make some significant repairs to our campus-wide septic system and funded energy-saving thermostats for the Sanctuary, Administrative Offices, and the Education Building. The Property Committee endeavors to provide our members with a facility and campus of which church members can be proud. That takes a lot of work from time to time, so if any of this resonates with you, please consider inquiring about becoming a member of the MVLC Property Committee.

Respectfully,
Dan Neptun



The Property Committee oversees the care of our buildings, facilities, and campus. If you are interested in helping serve in such capacity, then please contact Property Committee chairperson Dan Neptun at danneptun@hotmail.com.

HONEY-DOERS

The Honey-Doers complete many of the Church Council's/Property Committee's campus project priorities throughout the year. In our pre-COVID-19 days, the Honey-Doers met on Thursday mornings to do their best to take care of all worklist items that accumulated each week. Since mid-March, the Honey-Doers have worked more individually from a worklist generated by the Church Administrator or Property Committee chairman. Since mid-March, we have been whittling away on some long-term project needs that are more easily accomplished when fewer people are on campus.

We still have a number of summer 'sprucing up' projects to complete, so if maintaining the property or the exterior and systems of our campus buildings appeals to you, and time allows, please consider inquiring about becoming a member of the MVLC Honey-Doers. Eventually, we will be able to return to the once-per-week schedule of Thursday morning work sessions.

Respectfully,
Dan Neptun



A Honey-Doer project comes to completion during a global pandemic. New tile was laid in the Chapel basement entryways and bathrooms. The bathrooms also received some backsplash panels.

From the CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Verizon Cell Tower Update

Just a quick update on the Verizon Cell Phone Tower project. Verizon's contractor, Tilson Tech, held a neighborhood WebEx (online) meeting, for those with properties within 300 feet of the Mountain View Campus, on Wednesday, June 10. About a dozen people attended, out of 30 potential neighbors. Positive responses were received during this meeting. The official zoning application and State Environmental Protection Act process is now underway. You may see a "Public Notice" sign on 122nd Avenue near the Chapel in the coming days, to indicate that this process has started. Once the public comment period has closed, Mountain View will receive a revised lease for our legal counsel to review. Once the lease is signed, permits can be issued, and construction planning and construction will commence!

Online Worship

You may have noticed that we are now using a professional videographer to complete our weekly online worship. Due to the many new responsibilities during the Pastoral Transition and "Return to Worship" preparation, Mountain View has retained the services of Creative 24 Media (a videographer used by Mountain View Community Center), to produce our weekly worship video. We provided them with extensive documentation and job shadowing, a couple of months ago, and they have done a marvelous job to quickly learn and assume this vital weekly role! Creative 24 also has multiple people who are familiar with our worship setup, so that we have back-up coverage in the event of vacations or illness. Currently, this cost is partially offset by the reduced monthly cost of office & custodial supplies, and the not needing to pay for nursery care on a weekly basis.

Marlene continues to provide the overlay text for the video editing process, and Troy continues to provide the weekly worship folder that is available in PDF format on the Mountain View website each week!

From the CHURCH ADMININSTRATOR

Projects Completed in June and July 2020

-) Mission Endowment Fund grants awarded.
 - \$6,650 – National Lutheran Youth Gathering – MVLC Youth.
 - \$1,000 – Ashley House – Medical Training Doll Program.
 - \$15,050 – MVLC Worship & Education Room Recording Installation Costs. (equipment purchased with 2019 MEF Grant)
-) Completed setup on two additional workstations for Interim Pastor Team.
-) Completed documentation and training for weekly worship service video production.
-) On-boarding set-up for Interim Pastor Team.
-) Purchased FM transmitter and camera switcher to enable drive-in “Park and Praise” service and eventual live stream of on-site worship.
-) Purchased handheld sanitizer machine to sanitize large spaces when we begin to use the facility again.

Upcoming Priorities for 2020

-) Installation of new audiovisual equipment, purchased with 2019 Mission Endowment grant.
-) Repaint metal exterior doors and frames on Community Center (Honey Doer Project in process).
-) Verizon Cell Phone Tower Construction—final zoning meeting in process.
-) Permanent video recording capabilities from both the Sanctuary and Life Together Hall for Adult Education and Grace Place Events. All equipment was purchased with 2019 Mission Endowment Fund grant.
-) Addressing acoustics in the Mountain View Community Center main room (upstairs)—Thrivent Choice Project and potential grants received by the Community Center.

Thank you for your continued support of “God’s Work, Our Hands” through the ministry and mission of Mountain View Lutheran Church!

In His service,
Phil Edlund
Church Administrator

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS

Direct Your 2020 Thrivent Choice Dollars

We are almost there!

We are collecting Thrivent Choice Dollars to cover the cost of installing acoustic treatment on the main room ceiling of the Mountain View Community Center. This will increase the usability of the room, by eliminating the loud echo that currently exists, making it easier for everyone to hear presenters, and providing a more hospitable environment for welcoming visitors!

Current Amount received:

\$10,875 (about 80% of the amount needed)

Amount needed:

\$9,000 to \$13,500 (depending on the number of panels includes installation)

Amount Still Needed:

\$2,625

Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars by:

-) Phone – Call 1-800-847-4836, and say, “Thrivent Choice.”
-) Online – www.thrivent.com, login, then click on “Direct Choice Dollars.”

(Hint – When searching for Mountain View Lutheran Church, leave the Organization Name blank. Type in "Edgewood" for the City and select "WA" for the State. This will bring up a short list and make it easy to find "Mountain View Lutheran Church".)

WORSHIP SERVICES ONLINE

View MVLC Worship Services on the Web

You can view current and prior online worship services at any of the links below:

Mountain View's main webpage

<https://mtviewlutheran.org>

Mountain View's Facebook Live page

<https://www.facebook.com/mtviewlutheran/live>

Mountain View's alternate website

(that we use solely for posting videos & worship recordings)

<https://www.mtviewlutheranrecordings.org/worship>

Mountain View's ChurchStreaming page

<http://mountainviewlutheranchurch.yourstreamlive.com/>

YouTube (Worship Services Playlist)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLp-v9NtE9d3gWYw5GgMkhEU7vfATR4gdH>

(or find the "Worship Services" Playlist from

<https://www.youtube.com/mtviewlutheran>)

Worship Podcast Link

(need to click on this link while on your smartphone or tablet)

<https://mountainviewlutheranchurch.cloversites.com/podcast/793ec944-143d-48f1-96e9-64664d6b1484.xml>

We also have links to Adult Education Hour recordings at

<https://mtviewlutheran.org/education/>

<https://www.mtviewlutheranrecordings.org/sunday-morning-adult-classes>

Sunday Morning Adult Education Podcast

(need to click on this link while on your smartphone or tablet)

<https://mountainviewlutheranchurch.cloversites.com/podcast/d41e7855-7df5-4a99-9a5d-934bb33bc6aa.xml>

AUGUST 2020

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5 • Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 • Romans 9:1-5 • Matthew 14:13-21

2 SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Online Worship

3 MONDAY

4 TUESDAY

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

5 WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m. Worship Recording

6 THURSDAY

1:00 p.m. Property

7 FRIDAY

8 SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

AUGUST 2020

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18 • Psalm 85:8-13 • Romans 10:5-15 • Matthew 14:22-33

9 SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Online Worship

10 MONDAY

11 TUESDAY

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

12 WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m. Worship Recording

7:00 p.m. **“Park and Praise” Worship**

13 THURSDAY

14 FRIDAY

15 SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

AUGUST 2020

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 • Psalm 67 • Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 • Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

16 SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Online Worship

17 MONDAY

18 TUESDAY

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

19 WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m. Worship Recording

6:30 p.m. **Congregational Meeting
(online)**

20 THURSDAY

21 FRIDAY

22 SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

10:00 a.m. to 12 noon **MVCC Backpack Giveaway**

AUGUST 2020

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6 • Psalm 138 • Romans 12:1-8 • Matthew 16:13-20

23 SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Online Worship

24 MONDAY

25 TUESDAY

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

26 WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m. Worship Recording

27 THURSDAY

28 FRIDAY

29 SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

AUGUST 2020 / SEPTEMBER 2020

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21 • Psalm 26:1-8 • Romans 12:9-21 • Matthew 16:21-28

30 SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Online Worship

31 MONDAY

1 TUESDAY

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

2 WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m. Worship Recording

3 THURSDAY

4 FRIDAY

5 SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

IMAGES/NOTES

-)] Front cover, back cover, and page 21: Photographs of “God’s Good Creation” Staycation Bible School by various parents.
-)] Page 8: “Backpack Giveaway” logo and lettering by the Mountain View Community Center.
-)] Pages 14 and 15: Photographs of the “Return to Worship” Team in action by Sonja Dahl.
-)] All other photos by Troy Kehm-Goins.

Many thanks to those who help make this newsletter a reality by submitting photos, fliers, articles, and information—staff, ministry group chairpersons, ministry partners, and members of the congregation.

Would you like to submit something for consideration? It needs to be emailed to MVLC Communications Director Troy Kehm-Goins by the 15th of the month prior to publication. And preferably in an editable electronic format!

Items for the September 2020 newsletter need to be sent to MVLC Communication Director Troy Kehm-Goins at tkehm-goins@mtviewlutheran.org by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2020.

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