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NEWSLETTER



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MATTERS FAITH

Remember when just about everybody smoked cigarettes? Famous athletes and movie stars promoted their favorite brands. Doctor's promoted filtered ones for the sake of health and relaxation. Brands promoted themselves at high profile events, paid millions for advertising in magazines, on billboards, and on TV. Every movie made used the smoking of cigarettes as a way to promote virility, sexuality, sensuality. Nobody was ever going to successfully challenge the huge, monied tobacco industry. Smoking was here to stay. Right.

Then there came a turning point. Medical science finally got the attention it deserved. The truth about the hundreds of thousands of smokers who died each year began to sink in. The damages of secondhand smoke, the billions of dollars spent for medical care started to get an audience.

It was too late for many. My maternal grandfather, my father, my mother, my brother, my brother-in-law all died early from decades of smoking. All of a sudden it wasn't simply a matter of statistics. It was personal with real people.

Nowadays, smokers are nearly pariahs, banished from businesses, forced to huddle in closets, street corners, stairways. Smoking is still a big business with lots of customers addicted, but numbers and acceptability are tanking. Unimaginable change actually happened.

So, I'm not writing an 'anti-smoking' article. I'm simply trying to raise the possibility for another major change coming to society. Perhaps even major changes. At least that is the hope and the prayer of many. And the driver might simply be the cellphone, Facebook, and Twitter. Nothing seems to escape the camera anymore.

Racist acts by police and citizens. Violent acts by neighbors, strangers, even family get recorded and posted for millions to see. Acts once committed undercover, in the dark, behind closed doors and in boardrooms are less hidden away. And it's waking people up. It's helping people stand up, call out, speak up, and work together to bring about needed change.

Change is coming. The wheels of justice often turn slowly and yet there comes a turning point, a breaking point and suddenly the power to change and be changed rings out. With you, I believe it is God's Holy Spirit at work bending the world towards justice and compassion, towards the promise of abundant life for all.

The question is: *Are we addicted to what's wrong, or indifferent to needed changes, or will we be actors in supporting the changes that are coming?* I do think it's a turning point for every one of us as people of faith.

—PASTOR KIM LATTERELL

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom

Adult Ed will remain on Zoom through the Spring to make it most accessible. We will plan to finish between 10:15-30am, so that those driving up for worship will still have time to do so. It is understood that some may need to join a little late or leave a few minutes early to accommodate getting to worship. Please do so as you need to.

Sunday, April 18

Congregational Conversation on Priorities for the Living Hope Capital Campaign

Sunday, April 25

Gender, Sexism, and Justice in American Christian History with Dr. Seth Dowland

Sunday, May 2

Gender, Sexism, and Justice in American Christian History with Dr. Seth Dowland

Sunday, May 9

Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action Week 1

Sunday, May 16

Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action Week 2

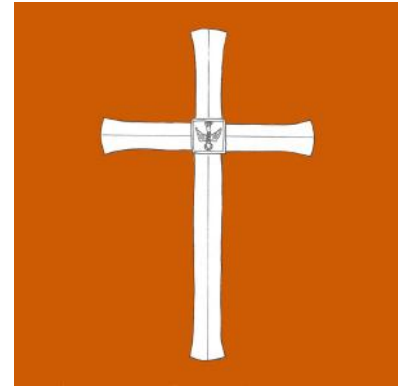
Sunday, May 23

Visit with Pastor Chelsea Globe of UW Lutheran Campus Ministries

Gender, Sexism and Justice Series:

The past year has given us many reasons to have conversation and study on gender, sexism and justice: the Atlanta Spa Shooting targeting Asian-American women, potential legislation regarding LGBTQ+ access and rights, and gender-based harassment on the rise in work-from-home situations.

Dr. Seth Dowland will situate us with a historical perspective on how Christians have grappled with issues of gender and justice, leading us into our contemporary context. Then MVLC pastors will lead us in a look at the ELCA Social Statement *Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action*.



On Sunday, April 18th at 9:30 a.m., the congregation is invited to join an online zoom meeting to have a conversation about the next priorities for the “Living Hope: Past, Present, and Future” capital campaign.

In November 2019, the congregation voted to conduct the capital campaign for the following uses:

- 〕 \$400,000 toward the mortgage debt.
- 〕 \$100,000 toward a columbarium.
- 〕 \$150,000 toward Sanctuary improvements.
- 〕 \$50,000 toward the cost of the roof replacement of the Ed. Building.
- 〕 \$50,000 toward building up our financial reserves.

An update will be provided on what has been paid out to date. Then leadership would like to hear from the congregation on what to prioritize next. At a time when many churches are struggling to regain momentum after long pandemic closures, we are a blessed community to have a discussion on how to be faithful stewards of the generous gifts of God's people.

Easter blessings.

—CHURCH COUNCIL

CORNERSTONE MARRIAGE SERIES

Sundays (4/18 – 5/16) from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Marriage is challenging enough to maintain and nourish in any given year and this past year has created additional stressors on home life—and therefore on marriages too. So, we are setting aside time to lean into our relationship with our spouses and to renew our support network within the church.

Drawing on research from the Gottman Institute at the University of Washington and the nationally available *Prepare-Enrich* series comes a four-week series of practical and faithful conversations on navigating married life.

April 18

The Toll of Parenting on Relationship Satisfaction
and the Power of Admiration

April 25

Approaches to Conflict: What Harms Versus Fosters Healthy Relationships

May 2

Building and Maintaining Intimacy

May 9

NO CLASS, break for Mother's Day

May 16

Common Ground and Shared World Views

Pastors Kim and Bri will facilitate discussions. They will be joined by a local professional relationship counselor, Bethany Sutton of Northwest Relationships, to help facilitate meaningful conversations on the realities of married and family life.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

This time, four men: one Judge, two Prophets, and a King. Each called to serve the purposes of God. Each one has a story to tell of hesitation to serve. Yet they step up and fill the task given them. Mostly so.

Thursdays • 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. • online via Zoom

April 8 • Gideon • Judges 6—8

April 15 • Micaiah ben Imlah • 1 Kings 22:1-40

April 22 • Amos • Amos 4:1-5; 5:6-24; 6:1-8; 8:4-8; 9:11-15

April 29 • Nebuchadnezzar • Daniel 1—4

God calls. We answer. Sometimes with hesitation. Sometimes with real reluctance. Each time with consequence for good but often with a cost and an outcome unexpected.

Gideon lays out a fleece. Micaiah locks horns. Amos lays the groundwork for a more just society. And Nebuchadnezzar fires things up but ends up eating grass!

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Join Zoom Meeting

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Serve, Praise, Act, Receive, Know Creatively worshipping God together

A small team of parents gathered to dream about what 'family worship' might look like. When we worship with our children and youth, we want them to:

SERVE—learn about loving their neighbor by practicing that love.

PRAISE God with their whole bodies and with bold voices.

ACT—to be on the move, learning to love God through going, seeing and doing.

RECEIVE God's Spirit and God's love.

Know—know each other's stories, know God's story, & love spending time together.

So we've designed a 'worship laboratory' series... trying to embody all these things in worshipful experiences for our children and youth... and for ourselves too.

Mark your calendars, reserve the dates, and **join in the SPARK!** Watch for more info on what will be coming for the summer as well.

Paint, Praise and Pray Worship, Sunday May 2 at 9:30am (Note the time change!)

Art is a wonderful way to praise and pray to God. We'll provide all the supplies. This is suitable for children, youth and adults. We'll gather at church, turning our usual Rock Ministry hour into a time for the whole family to creatively worship together. All Rock Ministry ages are encouraged to join.

Pentecost Camp Fire Worship, Friday May 21 at 6:15pm

What better time to gather around a fire to worship God than for Pentecost, the day when God sent the fire of the Spirit into the Church! Bring camp chairs or a blanket to sit on. TEASER: Sparklers may be involved!



Photos from the first event in the SPARK “worship laboratory” series:
Vigil Hike Worship on Saturday, April 3.

“Easter Vigil is a time of waiting and trusting. In the Christian tradition, walking (pilgrimage) is a way Christians have long practiced waiting and watching for God’s presence. So join in on Vigil Saturday for a family-friendly hike. Reconnect with each other. And wait and prepare for the new life of Easter day. Meet at Snoquera Falls, off Highway 410, in the parking lot.”

YOUTH NEWS

Middle Rock Youth (5th – 7th)

Friday, April 9 • 7-8:30pm

Campfire at Church

We'll hang out around the campfire and play some outdoor games. Friends welcome. Bring a camp chair if you have one. We'll plan to forge ahead unless it ends up pouring!

High School Youth News

Sunday April 18 • 9:30-10:30am

Return to weekly in-person Youth

We'll gather outside at church whenever possible, so bring a warm coat! We'll be indoors on rainy Sundays.

Marnie and Geoffrey will lead the youth in reconnecting, and an 'Adulting with the Bible' class—looking at how we can use the Bible in ways that mean something for our lives: how to interact with scripture, how to find needed scripture, etc.

Activities for 5th – 12th Grade

Sunday, April 18 • 12:30-2:30pm

Field Games at Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Bring tennis shoes, a water bottle and your mask, we'll provide all the field games. Meet at Pilgrim Lutheran on South Hill (10510 136th St E, Puyallup, 98374).

RSVP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4ea5aa29a0fb6-social>

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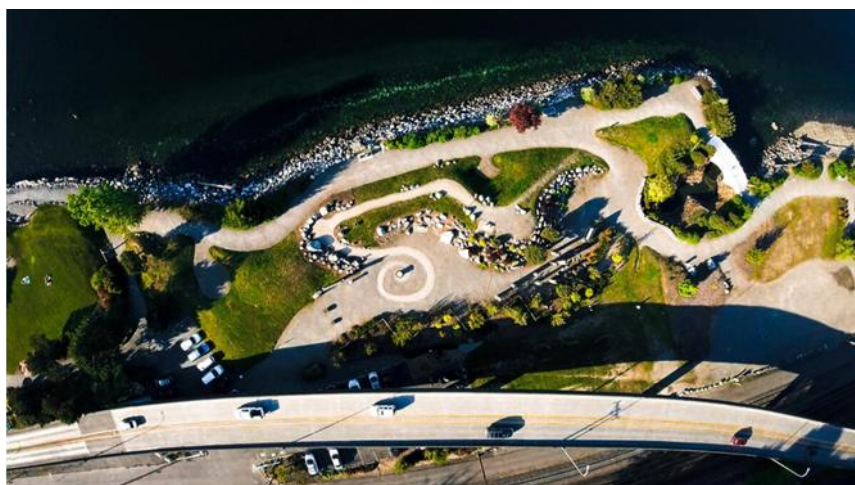
Sunday, May 16 • 12:30-2:30pm

Stop AAPI Hate: A Visit to Tacoma Chinese Reconciliation Park

With the spike in harassment and hate crimes against Asian Americans, we are going to revisit the history captured in the sculptures and art at Tacoma Chinese Reconciliation Park and remind ourselves of why it's so important to stand against hate. As we do so, we'll ground ourselves in Jesus' commandment to love and serve our neighbors.

Bring a mask and good walking shoes. After we walk through the park, we'll hang out along Ruston Way and enjoy the waterfront. Parents are welcome to join in.

Park address: 1741 N Schuster Pkwy, Tacoma WA 98402. Parking lots are located along Ruston Way. The lot near Old Town is likely most accessible to Reconciliation Park.





VBS Update

In reaching out to families and seeking input, there was a strong desire to focus on creating family-based activities for this summer where parents and kids can rekindle relationships at the church and do faith-based activities together.

So instead of a week of VBS, we'll focus our energy on creative ways to bring our families together throughout the summer. We intend to revisit VBS for summer 2022 knowing that it provides an important outreach to the community.

Some of the factors that would have made VBS challenging this year include:

-)] We rely on around 60 adult volunteers to make a week of VBS possible. It has been very hard to line up volunteers throughout the year, and we would need to have all these people signed up in May.
-)] Volunteers are then in close contact with a group of 75-100 kids throughout the week.
-)] VBS relies heavily on singing and movement, both of which have been restricted for safety.

Last year we provided virtual VBS, which was very well done and was a great resource. However, after a year of online learning, our children and parents are ready to leave online lessons behind for the time being.

Instead of VBS, we're trying something completely different for this year. Please read up on the new SPARK! opportunities (pages 8 and 9) to get an idea of what summer programming might look like. And if you usually invite grandchildren or neighbor kids to VBS, consider inviting them to one of these welcoming opportunities instead! (*You can invite their parents too!*)



Holy Week kits were sent out to families of Rock Ministry elementary students prior to Palm Sunday.

Here are a couple of photos of the “Alleluia” banner that was included in the kits.





EASTER CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Chrysanthemums were given in memory or in honor of loved ones to beautify the Sanctuary during Holy Week and the season of Easter.

-] Al and Lois Carlson in memory of their brothers Donald Weber and Dale Carlson.
-] Pat Clement in memory of grandson Spencer Allen Smith; Helen Cecelia Miller, SND; and Ben, Helen, and Michael Mc Feeley.
-] Ken and Barb Edmonds in honor of son Jacob's birthday.
-] Elmer Hanson in honor of friends and family.
-] Skip and Janice Harrison in honor of grandchildren Paige and Joel.
-] Sam and Cindy Jones in memory of Kathy Wilson, who died just before Easter 2016.
-] Bob and Joan Linden in honor of family and friends.
-] Connie McCrossin in memory of her grandparents.
-] Keith and Julie Nelson in honor of their new grandson Evan Robert Nelson.
-] Lindy and Diane Nelson in memory of their parents and their son Eric.
-] Pastor Glenn and Carol Petersen in memory of Hans Petersen and Clair Petersen.
-] Gerry and Marie Philipsen in memory of their parents and Josephine.
-] Craig Murray and Carol Powers in memory of Willetta Murray and Ruth Powers.
-] Anne Roff in memory of husband Rick Roff.
-] Dotty Shireman in memory of members of our church who have died in the past year.
-] Betsy Tunstall in memory of Bruce Tunstall and their parents.
-] Keith and Marlene Wright in memory of their cousin Patricia Tyllia and Marlene's mother Avis Sprague.
-] Bob and Ann Yost in memory of Al and Florence Yost and Ken and Dorothy Erickson.

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Happy Spring from the MVLC Treasurer.

2021 has seemed to fly-by compared to the speed of which 2020 moved. I pray that this Spring brings joy & excitement to you as the bleakness of the past year begins to fade away. I look forward to returning to in-person worship and talking face-to-face with each of you soon (from 6ft away).

As highlighted in the ALIVE meetings, the Congregation has asked for greater transparency when it comes to the business of MVLC. To fulfill one of those requests, I will be sharing our finances monthly rather than quarterly. This should provide you with a better understanding of where we are financially as we move through the year.

Below I've highlighted our cash flow position for the months of January and February. Based on the financial reporting structure to the Church Council, this information will always be presented for the previous "closed" month. In this case, I'm reporting January and February. Next month I'll only report March's information.

	Month of January	Month of February	Year-to-Date
Congregation Giving	\$72,530	\$87,666	\$160,196
Other Income	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Total Income	\$73,530	\$88,666	\$162,196
Expenses	\$67,058	\$68,711	\$135,769
Benevolences	\$9,247	\$11,397	\$20,644
Total Expenses	\$76,305	\$80,108	\$156,412
Net Income to Expenses	(\$4,176)	\$8,558	\$4,382
General Fund Balance	\$12,429	\$20,987	\$20,987

Income does not include PPP funds or designated giving.

Benevolences are calculated monthly as 13% of Congregation Giving.

Capital Campaign Finances

MVLC members continue to send in their pledged contributions for both Living Hope and Former Things, New Things. Alone in February, the Living Hope campaign brought in \$41,378 while FTNT brought in \$1,079.

Through the end of February, the Living Hope campaign has raised \$358,966. Thank you for your continued support to these campaigns.

PPP Forgiveness & Next Round of Loans

March 8th of this year was a wonderful day for MVLC. We were notified early that Monday morning that our application for the next round of the Payroll Protection Program was approved for \$116,203. As before, these funds will be used to pay salaries, offset mortgage interest and cover operations that have been impacted by COVID-19.

Later that afternoon, we were notified that our first PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loan of \$98,307 was fully forgiven by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Not bad for a Monday.

I'd like to personally thank our Church Administrator, Phil Edlund, for his diligence in preparing and processing both the loan forgiveness paperwork and the loan applications.

Thank you for your financial stewardship to Mountain View Lutheran Church.

I wish you blessings and peace this Easter.

—JASON CORNELL, MVLC Treasurer

THANK YOU FROM BENEVOLENCES

Thank you for your gift to [Bread for the World](#). I'm grateful for your generosity and involvement. Working together, we are a powerful voice for changing the policies and conditions that allow hunger to persist.

Your support opens opportunities to students [attending [Pacific Lutheran University](#)] that will impact their lives far beyond any one moment. I cannot say it enough: Thank you.

Thank you for your generous partnership [with [Bright Stars of Bethlehem](#)]. Your support has been impactful in the face of challenges of the double lockdown in Palestine, with the Occupation and the global pandemic. You've truly been a "key" to unlock hope for the next generation of creative leaders in Palestine.

The effects of COVID meant an enormous financial hit for many of us. Yet, because of your generosity, the Village can keep on caring for our buildings, our surrounding wilderness, our staff members, and our wider community. Now more than ever, [Holden Village](#) could not exist without the gifts and volunteers that help make this place unique.

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I am excited to share that we united neighbors and raised \$75,000 to build a thriving community through our Hope Moves Mountains Campaign! We were blown away from the faithful generosity of our donors and sponsors, and we offer great thanks to those that supported the campaign.

This support will allow [Mountain View Community Center](#) to continue to feed hungry kids, keep families housed, and support isolated seniors in 2021 and beyond. We are excited to begin our reopening plan this spring. Seniors will gradually begin exercising in person, summer camps for our local youth are being planned, and we look forward to the day when we can share meals and conversation once again.

With deep gratitude,

—JESIE HOLDEN, MVCC Executive Director

LUTHERAN CONNECTIONS

On Sunday, May 23, as part of Adult Education (see page 4), join Pastor Chelsea Globe from **UW Lutheran Campus Ministry** to chat about campus ministry, young adult ministry in your context, and how you can support this vital work happening in our Church!

Pastor Chelsea Globe joined the Lutheran Campus Ministry team at UW in November 2020 as interim pastor. A lifelong Washingtonian, she grew up in Enumclaw, graduated from Whitworth University in Spokane, earned her Master's of Divinity at Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry, and was ordained in the ELCA in 2014. She served in parish ministry in Federal Way, WA, for 5 years before coming to campus ministry. She lives in West Seattle with her husband Bill and two rambunctious kids, Jack and Cora. She loves working with college students and supporting them during this intensely formative time of their lives. She also finds great joy in speaking and preaching at ELCA congregations around the state to promote this important ministry and encourage congregations to support young adults in their own contexts.

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The faculty of **Pacific Lutheran University's** Religion Department invite you to register and attend the 15th Annual David and Marilyn Knutson lecture.

World Balance vs. Personal Salvation: An American Postcolonial Perspective with Rev. Dr. George "Tink" Tinker, Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m. via Webinar.

Rev. Dr. George "Tink" Tinker (wazhazhe, Osage Nation) is Professor of American Indian Cultures and Religious Traditions at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Tinker will address the differences between the genuine equality of American Indian peoples and the hierarchical worldview of the eurochristian West. Given the eco-devastation threatening life today, and the historical trauma experienced by American Indian nations, the survival of American Indian cultures and values may make the difference for the survival of the Earth.

Visit <https://www.plu.edu/religion/events/2021-knutson-lecture> for more information and/or to register.

PRAYERS of THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

-] Wanda Danielson.
-] Darrel Hagen.
-] Ione Huseboe.
-] Barb Keehnel.
-] Darel Roa.
-] Ken Sturgeon.

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

-] George Bachner, son of Ann Marie Bachner.
-] Sue Baker, mother of Diane Tyler.
-] Hector Garcia, one of the pastors of Iglesia Celebración de Vida.
-] Jim Gruwell, nephew of Jeanne Pouley.
-] Sandra Gruwell, sister of Jeanne Pouley.
-] Tim Hickel, friend of Kathy Harris.
-] Meghan Holyoke, friend of Kathy Harris.
-] Dennis Hulse, friend of Bob and Joan Linden.
-] Dianne Kimble, sister of Darlene Thompson.
-] Curt Larson, son of Lorraine Larson.
-] Daniel Newton, son of David and Eileen Newton.
-] Pastor Randy Olson, pastor at Eliseo (Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community).
-] Gary Oordt, nephew-in-law of Jeanne Pouley.
-] Ken Rammer, cousin of Ione Huseboe.
-] Marshall Smith, brother-in-law of Ann Yost.
-] Dorothy Sprague, mother of Marlene Wright.
-] Pete Thibadeau, husband of Claudia Thibadeau.
-] Sheryl and her daughter Amanda, friends of Ione Huseboe.

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

-] Marlene, Keith, Connor, Jarod, and Sarah Wright at the death of father, father-in-law, and grandfather Harry Sprague.
-] Zoya Walker at the death of husband John Walker.
-] Janice Deck at the death of husband Bruce Deck.
-] Karen and Gene Quandt at the death of Karen's mother Verna Burrows.
-] We mourn with the Purvis family at the death of Loraine Schroeder.

Amen.

SCOUTING news

The following Rainier District awards for 2020 were presented on Saturday, March 27, 2021. (The Rainier District is part of the Pacific Harbors Council, BSA.)

-] Scout Master of the Year: CoreyAnn Khan, Troop 525G.
-] Assistant Scout Master of the Year: Kamille Smith, Troop 525G.
-] Scouts BSA Troop of the Year: Troop 525G.
-] Venture Leader of the Year: Bill Hartung, Venture Crew 524.
-] Venture Crew of the Year: Venture Crew 524.
-] Rainier District Bridge Builder of the Year: CoreyAnn Khan.
-] Unit Leader Award of Merit: CoreyAnn Khan.
-] Spark Plug Award: Scott Compton.
-] Above & Beyond Award: Scott Compton.
-] Arrow of Light: Michael Bradley of Cub Pack 526.
-] Unit Commissioner of the Year: Mark Podesta.



Scouts, parents, and adult leaders of MVLC-sponsored Scouting units clean up the MVLC campus prior to Holy Week.



*Your offering dollars at work:
The Chapel receives a new roof just after Holy Week.*



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