SEASON OF CREATION

SUNDAYS OF SEPTEMBER • 9/6 + 9/13 + 9/20 + 9/27

FOREST · LAND · WILDERNESS · RIVER



BLESSED BE THIS TIE WHICH BINDS

Early last evening, as I stood on the upper church parking lot watching greeters passing out worship folders, and communion assistants extending baskets filled with individual communion kits to the eager outstretched hands of many of you as you drove down the parking lane, it gave me pause to reflect.

As I saw parking attendants with their pool noodles playfully and purposefully guiding vehicles into spaces distanced for safety, and could hear the shouts of greeting and the rings of laughter that could not be constrained by the masks upon your faces, the sense of life and what is holy were palpable.

As the bread and wine were lifted up, and for the first time through a desert of far too many months the words of invitation were again proclaimed, "the body of Christ broken for you," "the blood of Christ shed for you," there was a sacred stillness.

In that moment there was a hush against the backdrop of so much unsettling that has filled our lives, our community and our world. Beneath the cathedral of God's endless sky, in the midst of that moment was the Spirit-breathed re-assurance that God is with us, that Christ is beside us, that our brothers and sisters in faith surround us. There is a tying, there is a binding, there is a weaving, beautiful, holy and strong. Blessed be this tie which binds!

Events, circumstances and the consequences of this year have been some of the most unsettling and challenging that many of us have ever faced in our lives. The reality of an unseen virus has brought death, fear and confusion into our lives. We have lost loved ones. We have lost jobs and businesses. Children and young adults have lost the richness of education and learning in communal settings. Learning, work, even worship are now online, even while our hearts hunger for the gathering which is inherent to our God-created nature.

We measure our closeness to one another not with a hug, but with the mental measurement of inches and feet. For the safety of others and ourselves we wear masks, yet we wonder what is on the other side of that mask; a frown or a smile? We yearn for the closeness we have known.

Feelings and unanswerable questions have swirled around the sudden resignation of a much-loved pastor, and his departure. Questions will arise as we move forward in our conversations of transition; of exploring who we have been, of who we are now, of who God is calling us to be. As we look ahead to that time when we call a new senior pastor, perhaps we wonder what will be the tie which is woven? Will she or he love us? Will she or he allow us to love them?

In moments of solitude, when I have walked through the silence of the sanctuary alone knowing that this is a place of words and laughter, of song and music, of life and celebration – I can hear the whispered promise, "it will be so again." Even in the silence of the sanctuary the shadow of the bread and wine are cast upon the altar. God is with us, Christ is beside us, your brothers and sisters surround you! The tie of God's perfect love for us and with us even now grows stronger, even now the Church is alive!

To the church at Rome and to us, Paul give us these words of promise and encouragement, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all of creation, will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Blessed be this tie which binds!

Pastor Mike Greenwalt



MATTERS of FAITH

Many of you might recall the infamous, out-in-left-field attempts at wisdom offered by Yogi Berra, old-time coach of the New York Yankee baseball team. He'd say things like: *The future ain't what it used to be*, or, *You should go to other people's funerals; otherwise they won't come to yours*. One of his most famous phrases is *When you come to a fork in the road, take it*. It's this last one that may have wisdom for Mountain View.

Of course, our first response is to laugh or scratch our heads and ask *Well which one do we take? Which fork is the right one?* Truth is, either one. No one would encourage us to come to a fork in the road and take neither one. So, the fork we do take becomes the right fork to take at the time, or it proves to be the right and necessary fork later on.

Mountain View has been surprised by an unexpected fork in the road. Going back isn't an option, only going forward. And a choice has been made. By God's grace the fork taken as we move forward will prove right and timely.

A counselor I know from writes this in his book of meditations on grief and loss:

Our life wasn't supposed to turn out this way. Not now. Not this way. So when it happens we might believe that life took a wrong turn on us, and it's normal to get upset and vent when that happens. But after all the venting is done, we can reach a new understanding: Maybe life DIDN'T take a wrong turn on us. Maybe it took a path we had not thought we were meant to walk. So here we are on this new path. It's different from our old path. We will always miss our old path, but perhaps, as we give it a chance, we will find that our new path takes us to people and places filled with new meaning and joy.

The book of Proverbs adds this guidance:

I have taught you the way of wisdom, I have led you in paths of uprightness. When you walk, your step will not be hampered and if you run, you will not stumble...Let your eyes look directly forward and your gaze be straight before you. Keep straight the path of your feet and all your ways will be sure!

The counselor ends his meditation by saying:

We are on a path we had not known we were meant to walk. However, we are learning to give this new path a chance.

I pray that bit of wisdom speaks to you, and from your own heart.

Pastor Kim Latterell



"Park and Praise: A Celebration of Holy Communion" Wednesdays of September • 7:00 p.m. (9/2 + 9/9 + 9/16 + 9/23 + 9/30) 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! (Restrooms are only available in an emergency.)
- J 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 or mwright@mtviewlutheran.org.

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

- Ann Marie Bachner and family at the death of her husband John Bachner.
- The family of Joyce Beal at her death.
- The family of Marv Johnson at his death.
- Pastor Kim Latterell and family at the death of his brother Craig Latterell.

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.
- Wendell Nascimento, friend of Mervina Sturgeon and Pili Wolfe.
- Marshall Smith, brother-in-law of Ann Yost.
- Dorothy Sprague, mother of Marlene Wright. Pete Thibadeau, husband of Claudia Thibadeau.
- Ron Thompson, son of Darlene Thompson.
- Verna Burrows, 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.

-) Dorothy Barnes.
-) Chris Berntsen.
-) Wanda Danielson.

- Darrel Hagen.
 Jone Huseboe.
 Mary Jasmund.
 Stewart Luckman.

- Joug Mandt.
 Jorothy Nelson.
 J Nancy Nole.
 J Myrtle Peterson.
 J Kandy Rose.
 J Ben Wadnizak.

Amen.

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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We pray for and celebrate
the birth of children.
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- Palmer Nicole Edmondson, son of Robby and Sarah Edmondson, grandson of Greg and Sue Root, great-grandson of Earl and Joan Root.
- Nils Erik Hansen, son of Erik Hansen and Tanja Binzegger, grandson of Rick and Karen Hansen.

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

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) 9/1 - Richard Hanenburg.
\frac{9}{5} - Peyton Trombley.
) 9/7 - Harlow Benson.
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) 9/7 - Elsa Lysne.
) 9/7 - Jonas Lysne.
) 9/9 - Nicolas Lonn.
J 9/11 - Jack Egan.
9/14 - Chloe Duskin.
) 9/16 - Lucille Vaswig.
) 9/15 - Sophia Yeun.
) 9/17 - Chris Duskin.
) 9/17 - Ethan Westlund.
) 9/17 - Noah Westlund.
) 9/17 - Sarah Wright.
) 9/17 - Julia Yeun.
) 9/22 - Peyton Trombley.
) 9/24 - Ella Mayhew.
) 9/24 - Meeghan Meagher.
) 9/27 - Elisabeth Gallwas.
) 9/27 - Brady Wadnizak.
) 9/27 - Jarod Wright.
) 9/27 - Cynthia Zinakova.
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Amen.



Did we miss your baptismal anniversary date this month? If so, then please let Parish Worker Marlene Wright know so that we can make sure that this special date in your faith life is recognized next year.

Email Marlene at mwright@mtviewlutheran.org or call 253-863-5171.

As part of our journey together through the season of time after Pentecost, we will pause in the month of September to join with thousands of congregations worldwide to celebrate the Season of Creation.

The Season of Creation is an opportunity and invitation for each of us to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversation, and commitment.

Our four themes during the month are Forest Sunday, Land Sunday, Wilderness Sunday, and River Sunday, culminating with an outdoor Service of the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4, 2020.

We are invited to celebrate the goodness of God's gift of the world, consider the impact we have on all creation, and to imagine new and healing ways for us to care for creation—through Sunday morning Adult Education; the liturgy, music, and Biblical texts of our services; and the sermon.

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ONLINE ADULT EDUCATION AT 9:00 A.M.

Visit this link each week to join the Zoom meeting: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81094978309

ONLINE WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

Visit the MVLC website for each week's worship folder and video: www.mtviewlutheran.org



Despite a pandemic, on Saturday, August 22, the community came together in a big way!

THE IMPACT

58 volunteers packed and distributed689 backpacks at4 drive-up locations

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311 additional backpacks were given to partnering organizations

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1,000 total students ready to take on the new school year!



Dear Friends,

I wanted to take a moment to personally thank my fellow members of Mountain View Lutheran Church for their continued faithfulness in developing successful kids, hopeful families, and active seniors through their support of Mountain View Community Center. Over the last few months over 60 members have volunteered to help us pack food packs and backpacks and distribute those backpacks at our re-imagined Back to School Event. Donations have continued to remain strong as well. This, coupled with grant opportunities, is allowing us to expand our team and programs which you will hear more about next month. Please check our website for job postings if you or someone you know might be interested in joining our team.

I wanted to once more thank the Center's three longest standing board officers: Ken Edmonds, Dr. Don Mott, and Jon Thieman, all of whom have retired from the board this July. The Center was built on the vision, the hands, and the gifts of these men, and we will forever be grateful for their contribution.

We continue to change, to adapt, and to grow to meet the needs and to create a community in which all experience belonging and wellness in the spirit of Christ's love. Your prayers and support are always appreciated.

In Christ,

Warm regards,

Jesie Holden

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From the CHURCH ADMININSTRATOR

2021 Spending Guideline Requests Due by September 30

It's that time of year again! In the next week you will receive a copy of your ministry group's current Spending Guideline and spending year-to-date through August 31, 2020, as well as historical year-end numbers from 2019 and 2018. The Finance Committee, led by Treasurer Jason Cornell, will need your ministry group's input on what financial resources you will need for ministry in 2021, no later than September 30! You can provide this information by editing the Excel spreadsheet that will be emailed to you, or via a simple email with each line item title and each line item amount—with an explanation for any amount requested that either exceeds this year's Spending Guideline, or is significantly different than actual expenses in prior years.

Verizon Cell Tower Update

Just a quick update on the Verizon Cell Phone Tower project. The State Environmental Protection Act process was approved earlier in August, and now the official zoning application is underway. You may see a "Public Notice" sign on 122nd Avenue near the Chapel, to indicate that this process has started. Mountain View received a revised lease for our church council and legal counsel to review. Once the lease is signed, permits can be issued, and construction planning and construction will commence!

Online Worship

We continue to use a professional videographer for our weekly Sunday Worship recording on Wednesday (for broadcast on Sundays). Due to the high demand for their services for other types of production, we will be transition to a different videographer at the beginning of October. We will also start using a camera switcher for the first service in September, which will allow us to cut down the post-production video editing time by 80%, by adding the overlay text to the video at the time of recording with our existing worship laptop. This will also enable us to continue this service via livestreaming when we eventually return to on-site worship.

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!

You can view current and prior online worship services at any of these links

From the CHURCH ADMININSTRATOR

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=PLpv9NtE9d3gWYw5GgMkhEU7vfATR4gdH (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

From the CHURCH ADMININSTRATOR

Projects Completed in June and July 2020

-) Completion of financial information needed for Congregational Meeting on August 19.
-) Completed office moves for Pastor Kim and Susan, in preparation for Pastor Bri's return from maternity leave.
- Completion of fire pit for use by Mountain View's Youth and Scouts. (Eagle Scout Project by Austin Brown. Thank you for your initiative and service!)
- Installation of new signage with Interim Pastors' names on 122nd Street sign. (Thank you to Don Neptun for manufacturing the sign!)
- Completed setup on two additional workstations for the money counters and office volunteers. (These were purchased in January to replace two computers that were more than ten to twelve years old.)
- Completed installation of camera switcher and creation of PowerPoint template for text overlay during recording and eventual live stream of on-site worship.

Upcoming Priorities for 2020

- J 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 application 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)

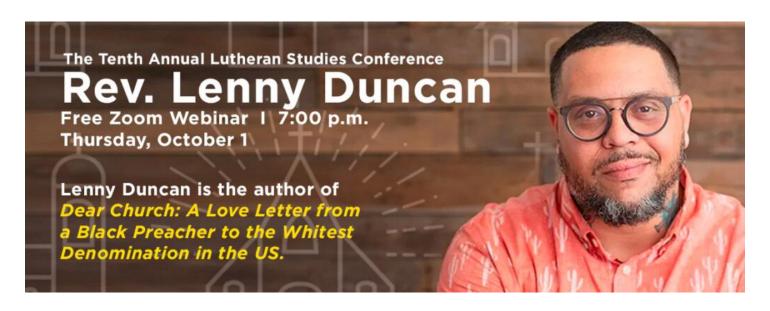
Amount Still Needed:

\$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".)



This free endowed Lutheran Studies Conference is open to all.

Registration: https://www.plu.edu/lutheran-studies-conference/registration/

Following the killing of George Floyd, people all over the U.S. are confronting the legacy of white supremacy and racism that has shaped our nation, culture and churches. In addition, we find ourselves in the middle of a global pandemic. This year's **Lutheran Studies Conference** focuses on systemic racism and will involve opportunities for reading, reflection and commitment to action for individuals and their faith and/or educational communities. We will be guided in this work and reflection by Rev. Lenny Duncan, an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Church of America (ELCA), and his 2019 book addressed to the ELCA: *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US*. During the Webinar, we will be joined by our guest speaker, Rev. Duncan and have the opportunity for a time of question and answer.

Prior to the webinar, congregations and individuals are welcome to join Dr. Marit Trelstad, University Chair of Lutheran Studies, for two weeks of adult forums focused on racial justice in our churches and discussion of Rev. Duncan's book. Congregations are encouraged to read the book prior to the adult forums. This offers us the opportunity for self-reflection and questions in preparation for our time with Rev. Duncan. His book may be ordered online through other sources, including Augsburg Fortress. Rev. Duncan's approach to his own church is one of sincere, deep love and direct truth-telling concerning racism in the church that calls itself the "body of Christ" in the world.

Come Join us virtually for this unique opportunity to "gather" and discuss our calling to address systemic racism in our own lives, our educational systems and churches. This is central to the mission of PLU "to educate students for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care—for other people, for their communities, and for the earth."



In late September 2020, the Milwaukee Bridge (aka Veterans Bridge) in Puyallup will be closing for 18 months. If you use Milwaukee Avenue Northeast or Northeast 5th Street to get from Puyallup to Edgewood when you visit Mountain View Lutheran Church, you will need to find another way to get here.

The Milwaukee Bridge will be closed until February 2022 while it is being rehabilitated.

You can learn more about the project and its impact on local traffic at https://www.cityofpuyallup.org/987/Milwaukee-Bridge-Rehabilitation



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AUGUST 2020 / SEPTEMBER 2020

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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FOREST SUNDAY, Season of Creation • Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:4b-22 • Acts 17:22-28 • John 3:1-16

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Genesis 13:14-18 • Leviticus 25:8-12, 18-24 • Joel 1:8-12, 17-20 • Romans 8:18-25

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Exodus 13:17-18, 21-22 • Isaiah 43:15-21 • Matthew 3:13—4:2

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RIVER SUNDAY, Season of Creation • Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 104:10-15 • Revelation 22:1-6a • Matthew 8:23-27

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IMAGES/NOTES

- Front cover: A view of the Columbia River near Bradley State Scenic Viewpoint, photograph, 2020, by Emily Thompson.
- Page 3 and back cover: Park and Praise worship, 8/12, photographs by Troy Kehm-Goins.
- Page 5: Park and Praise logo by Troy Kehm-Goins.
- Page 9: "Living Hope: Past," pen and ink, 2020, by Troy Kehm-Goins.
- Page 10: Buffalo Gap National Park, South Dakota, photograph, 2010, by Troy Kehm-Goins.
- Page 11: "An image of rebirth: a burned forest and abundant lupine blossoms on the Noble Knob trail near Mount Rainier," photograph, 2020, by Andy Engelson © 2020 Andy Engelson. Used by permission.
- Page 12: Backpack Giveaway, 8/22, photograph by the Mountain View Community Center.

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

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