



## **Mt Si Lutheran - August 2020**

### **Mini GOOD NEWSletter**

Grace and Peace to you, Children of God,

This has been a difficult time as our faith community mourns the loss of Shirley and Dee and now waits as Paul Katocs is on hospice for the day he is brought home by our Lord. Individually, several of you have also lost close family and friends over the last few months. For all of us who have lost someone we have had the extra burden of not being able to mourn in the ways we normally have in the past. Gatherings are small, subdued and not the way we would have imagined...some have not been able to travel to be with family or, not being immediate family, we have not been able to attend the funerals, grave side or other services we otherwise would have.

I know it is not comfortable, but we know how important it is for our own mental and emotional and spiritual health to attend to our grief. In our lesson for Sunday, August 2nd, Jesus goes off by himself to pray. It may be that you find it helpful to go by yourself or with a couple others to hold your own personal services to remember and honor those you love and who now are with their Lord and Savior. If you have your hymnal with you look at pg. 279. You may find it comforting to read through this service and read aloud the prayers and select a hymn to read through. I know it is not the same and you may find a practice that better gives you space to mourn, to give thanks for a precious life and that grounds you our promise of resurrection life in Christ. If you would like any help with this or have questions, please don't hesitate to call or email.

I recognize that the physical loss of those we love is not the only kind of loss we are going through right now. Give yourself space to grieve these other losses. When we don't, we most likely will find ourselves trapped in anger, anxiety, fatigue and more. I pray for all of us that we have strong mental, emotional, physical and spiritual health in these unprecedented times.

- Peace, P. K.

## August Anniversaries:

John & Suzy Cassidy 8/03

Shelley & Michael Harding 8/6

Dave and Debbie Spurling 8/7

Jim and Nancy Flanagan 8/12

Jeff & Valerie King 8/18

Terry & Courtney Adams 8/19

Nate & Katherine Yocom 8/26

Mark & Julie Imsland 8/27



## August Birthdays:

Pat Palmer 8/1

Rick Rodriguez 8/2

Kathrine Yocom 8/3

Grace Culver 8/5

Rosemary Hanson 8/5

Sydney Yocom 8/5

Erica Haycox 8/7

Debbie Jones 8/10

Manch Garhart 8/11

Jonathan Spurling 8/13

Laura Ritzenthaler 8/16

Virginia Williams 8/17

Ari Burnside 8/21

Ralph Freeman 8/27

Zachery Hower 8/27

Kay Kober 8/27

Paul Dukich 8/31

## Sunday Worship for August

10am On-line—See website for link!

### Scripture for August

Aug 2nd—Matthew 14:13-21

Aug. 9th— Ps. 85:8-13 & Rom. 10:5-15

Aug. 16th— Ps. 67 & Matt. 15:21-28

Aug. 23rd— Matt 16:13-21

Aug. 30th—Matt. 16:13-21

## Office Update

Now that we are in phase two in King County Ambur work in the office Mon & Wed 10-12:30pm and Fri 10-12pm. However, the office will not be open for drop-in visits. Please continue to call and email for best communication. Thank you!



## **Garden of Giving 2020**

A huge thank you to all the gardeners and garden helpers!

The Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank is very grateful for all the fresh produce. The total weight as of 7/29/2020 is **71.2 lbs.**

That is a lot of yummy produce!

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### **Bible Story Project**

We are embarking on a Discernment Process that comes to us from the ELCA and various Synod resources around the church. We have modified it to make the most sense for us at Mt Si Lutheran.

If you did not receive a letter please contact Ambur at [mtsilutheran@mtsilutheran.org](mailto:mtsilutheran@mtsilutheran.org) with your name and address and she will send one to you right a way.

Please have your five Bible Stories to Pastor Krista by August 20th. You can send via email, mail or leave her message at church. Thank you for your participation.—P. K.



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### **New Addresses**

A couple of our members have moved and would like you all to know their new addresses

#### **Vivian Waid:**

401 Stow AVE S. #311 North Bend, WA 98045

#### **Paul and Etta Katocs:**

802 E Mountain View AVE #106 Ellensburg, WA 98926

\*please keep Paul in your prayers—he has entered hospice care\*

## In Memory

### Beautiful Souls that Dance with the Saints in Light



Shirley Forgey

We give thanks for the life Shirley Forgey. She will be dearly missed by our faith community. There will come a time when we can gather as a community to give thanks for her life and share stories of her life. Please keep her family in your prayers as they mourn together and rest on the promise of new life.



Deanne "Dee" McGuire

We will remember Dee's persistent smile in the face of the pain she experienced. She loved being a part of this faith community. She loved coming to worship and helping in the garden.

Please hold her family and those who cared for her in your prayers.

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## Virtual Gatherings

Thirsty for Theology—August 6th, 7pm—use Thursday Bible Study link on the Virtual Gatherings Tab

Men's Saturday Bible Study is meeting via Zoom at 8:30am.

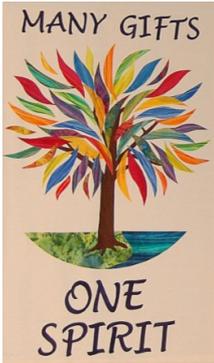
Link in on the website.

Children's Ministry is meeting on Fridays via Zoom.

Contact John Grebe for details.

Confirmation gatherings have begun. Contact John Grebe for details.

Bible Study—We will take a break in August. We will NOT meet for Thursday afternoon or evening Bible Study in August



## **Parish Ed and CYF:**

### **Vacation Bible School is August 2-6:**

The Sunday and Thursday sessions will have a live streaming gathering on Zoom. The object lessons, skits, and music have been prerecorded and will be available online. We are providing craft supplies and the bible lessons in packets to be picked up at church. If you have any questions, please reach out to John Grebe.

### **Camping:**

The camping trip is a small group set for August 25 - 28th. There may still be space for a tent or two, please contact John Grebe for more details.

### **Committee Update**

The Parish Education and Children, Youth, and Family Ministry committees have joined forces and are now working as one committee. The task before us is to continue creating and implementing learning opportunities for all ages. In addition, we continue to focus on service learning and social activities. As you all know this time is greatly disrupted and we do not see a clear path ahead. We continue to explore options and are looking to the fall with an open mind to possibilities. We are using a variety of technologies to connect.

### **Safety:**

Kids and technology such as Zoom. We are implementing the safest practices we can to assure that we keep our children safe. Online meetings will require the login details as well as a password to be emailed rather than published publicly. During a session the host may end the session if there is any issues or concerns. A follow up with parents to explain what happened will occur ASAP.

All activities and planning falls under the policies established by Mt. Si Church council. IF and when we return to in person gatherings this fall we will work diligently to meet or exceed all safety and health recommendations..

I am available for conversations and support  
at [cyf@mtsilutheran.org](mailto:cyf@mtsilutheran.org) or you can call me at (360) 920-5876  
May your summer be filled with love and wellbeing!

Peace, John Grebe.

## **Council Report**

Greetings from the council. We hope you are all doing well as we continue to deal with the corona virus response. We are still following the synod guidance which closely aligns with the phased approach established by the governor for our state. The council has developed a framework that establishes criteria we will be using to make decisions when to move forward or fall back in the reopening process. The framework also sets standards for how we will maintain social distancing and mask wearing when we are able to get back to in-person gatherings.

VBS will begin on August 2. Most of it will be done virtually using electronic meeting applications. Contact John Grebe or see the newsletter for more information.

We are well into our congregational art project. Members of our congregation have completed the needed mosaic pieces. A professional glass mosaic artist will begin attaching them to the facings of the front steps. See the newsletter for more information.

Our garden is in full bloom now. We are donating fresh produce to the food bank each week.

We were contacted by the county in regards to restoration project we entered into with them for the creek are along the south edge of our property. The county has agreed to maintain the site for one more year.

We are still trying to maintain contact with everyone. If you need anything, please contact Pastor Krista, John Grebe or the council executive team of Jack Boller, Rick Rodriguez or Terry Adams.

Be safe, stay well. We are looking forward to when we can be together in person again. We wish blessings on you all.

Jack Boller

### **Pastor Eric Anspach-Hanson**

Holding all at Sammamish Hills Lutheran in prayer... Blessings to Pastor Eric Anspach-Hanson and family in your transition .

We at Mt Si Lutheran Church give thanks for getting to know Pastor Eric over the last months - for his excellent worship leadership, sermons, children's messages and for helping make this worship partnership possible. Pastor Eric's last sermon will be on August 23rd

Peace be with you all—Pastor Krista



**All Church Tile  
Project @ Mt Si  
Lutheran**

All the beautiful tiles will be added to the steps starting August 17th!

Thank you to everyone who contributed your art work for this project.

A BIG THANK YOU to Lesia who is offering her time and expertise for us to create this work of art.

If you still wish to make a tile, please reach out to Pastor ASAP. We have a few supplies left.



**COME  
TOGETHER  
SNO VALLEY**

**I**♥**ve** Snoqualmie Valley

The Backpack Program will be apart of the Love Snoqualmie Valley Give and Go Event this year.

Due to Covid 19 there will only be ONE day for drop off at the church. Drop off date and time:

**Saturday, August 22nd between 8am-1pm**

**School supply list:**

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| <u>-Colored pencils (12-24 pk)</u>     | <u>-Glue Sticks</u>    |
| <u>-College rule composition books</u> | <u>-Black ink pens</u> |
| <u>-MS/HS scissors (sharp point)</u>   | <u>-Index cards</u>    |
| <u>-Washable markers (10-12 pk)</u>    |                        |