In 1947 W. H. Auden published a very long poem entitled “The Age of Anxiety.” The date being two years after the conclusion of World War II, one would think that people felt relieved, even joy-filled, at the conclusion of the war, but not so much as the beginnings of the Cold War set in.

Auden’s phrase, less the poem itself, has become a kind of living phrase for various generations—a phrase that somehow resonates with the lives of people. Today’s world would seem no different. In fact, one could suggest anxiety in the present moment has rarely seemed so prevalent. Anxiety about North Korea, Syria, Afghanistan, sub-Saharan Africa. Anxiety about global warming and its effects on our children and grandchildren. Anxiety about health care in another kind of changing climate. The anxiety itself is understandable at some level. It is not made up. And, as one author put it, it is difficult to tell “where your anxiety disorder ends and where the actual news begins.”

I was considering this anxiety-laden age a few weeks ago, as someone described to me the feeling they had amidst a “panic attack”—a sense of helplessness, fear, and an inability to (literally) move. They could feel their heart pounding in their chest and had difficulty swallowing. All of this was after a particularly difficult day in the person’s world and, yes, in the world around her.
Why, you may ask, am I spending a great deal of time on this subject in a June newsletter written to a Christian congregation from her Senior Pastor? First of all, because I do believe we are a deeply anxious people and the same needs to be said out loud. I do believe as an overly-medicated, narcotized, always-in-search-of-entertainment—or-stimulation people that we are seeking, in various ways, to fend off the deep anxiety we feel. An anxiety often closely connected to, as one author states, “an inability to handle uncertainty.”

Into our anxiety, there is a voice that speaks—a voice of the crucified and risen Lord. It is a voice that knows we are anxious: So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today. (Matthew 6:34) Never does Jesus suggest there will not be trouble nor cause for anxiety. He simply indicates a kingdom established that is far greater than our everyday anxieties so strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness. (Matthew 6:33a)

Yes, I know such is easier said than done. Yet for us, as disciples of Christ regularly gathering together in his name for worship and fellowship, we remind one another of a peace given by Jesus to his disciples. A peace that we may find in him, where we take courage to face the anxieties that we feel. (John 16:33) It is that peace we live into, which quells our anxieties and provides a word of hope and truth amidst everything around us. Lean into that peace, lean into that hope, and be of good courage within the Age of Anxiety.

Pastor John
Pastor John L. Vaswig
Prayers of the Church

We pray with those who celebrate graduation.
- Ashley Lindstrom, daughter of Mike and Patti Lindstrom, granddaughter of Vic and Joanne Lindstrom, graduating from Washington State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Merchandising.

We pray with those who celebrate the birth of children.
- Callia Faith Olson, daughter of Peter and Angela Olson, granddaughter of Rick and Karen Hansen.

We pray with those who mourn the death of loved ones.
- Barbara Anderson and family at the death of her mother Colleen Berglund.
- Shannon Bruil and family and Spencer Bruil and family at the death of their father John Bruil.
- Sara Bruil and family at the death of her mother Janice Bay.

We pray for members of our congregation in need of healing.
- Pat Clement.
- Darrel Hagen.
- Roy Keehnel.
- Doug Mandt.
- Agnes Purvis.
- Eunice Thorsen.
- Hideko Coghill.
- Kent Hamilton.
- Flora Larson.
- Janet Miller.
- Evelyn Svendsen.
- Dorothy Waag.
- Dorothy Dahl.
- Delphine Johnson.
- Stewart Luckman.
- Jack Murrey.
- Pete Thibadeau.

We pray for our family and friends in need of healing.
- Lia Becktold, granddaughter of Pat Clement.
- Laurie Carver, mother of Peggy Thurston.
- Dorothy Cherpeske, wife of Dave Cherpeske.
- Tanya Jose, friend of Pili Wolfe and Mervina Sturgeon.
- Dianne Kimble, sister of Darlene Thompson.
- Art Lopez, brother of Tina Yeun.
- Judy Ross, mother of Terry Freed.
- Debbie Rupert, niece of Janet Larson.

Amen.
Summer Reading
@PuyallupLibrary

Sounds fun! I have some questions.

Do I have to live in Puyallup? Nope.

Do I have to have a library card? Nope.

Does it cost money? It’s totally free.

Do I only read library books? Nope. Read anything you like! Activities will help you reach your goal too.

How old do I have to be? 1 day to 119 years old.

What if I have fines? That’s okay. You can still participate!

When can I start? Sign up at www.puyalluplibrary.org in June.

Do I win anything?

You know it...

Collect badges with us all summer & be entered to win amazing prizes!

Puyallup Public Library
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Puyallup, WA 98371
253-841-5454
www.puyalluplibrary.org

Connect with us!
Summer Reading • Recommended Books

**Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline • fiction**
Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by luck or chance. Would they be adopted by a kind and loving family, or would they face a childhood and adolescence of hard labor and servitude? Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, Orphan Train is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances, and unexpected friendship. *Read and recommended by the MVLC Book Club.*

**Did God Kill Jesus? by Tony Jones • theology**
The popular Patheos blogger wants to restore the cross as primarily a symbol of God’s overwhelming love for us and to rescue Christians from the shame and guilt of seeing our situation as “sinners in the hands of an angry God,” an image which was an invention of the medieval church and became enshrined as orthodox Christianity. Many Christians believe that God the Father demanded his only Son die a cruel, gruesome death to appease His wrath, since humanity is so irredeemably sinful and therefore repugnant to God. Tony Jones...looks beyond medieval convictions and liberates how we see Jesus’s death on the cross from this restrictive paradigm. *A tie-in to Pastor John’s recent ExALT class, ‘Why Did Jesus Have to Suffer and Die?’*

**The Violence of Climate Change by Kevin O’Brien • Christian ethics**
Climate change is viewed as a primarily scientific, economic, or political issue. While acknowledging the legitimacy of these perspectives, Kevin J. O’Brien argues that we should respond to climate change first and foremost as a case of systematic and structural violence,...[offering] a constructive and creative response to this violence through practical examples of activism and nonviolent peacemaking, providing brief biographies of five Christians in the United States—John Woolman, Jane Addams, Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King Jr., and Cesar Chavez. These activists’ idealism, social commitment, and political savvy offer lessons of resistance applicable to the struggle against climate change and for social justice. *A tie-in to Professor O’Brien’s recent adult education class of the same name.*
GO therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

—MATTHEW 28:19

I am hoping that you are aware of the establishment of the “GO Team” in the spring of 2016. If not, here is a little history of how the GO Team came to be. The decision to establish the GO Team came from conversation of the Church Council at a retreat held in early 2016. Obviously, the team’s identity is based on the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19. Our mission is to invite the stranger to come and see what we are doing as disciples of Christ at Mountain View Lutheran church. The correlation of the new welcoming space and our desire to emphasize the invitation is why the GO Team began and continues to work on evangelism.

Our campaign and mission last year was based on the theme of “Come and See” and our work took place over a period of months. We attended a variety of community events and invited people to “Come and See” our new space. The invitation was focused on our final events that occurred in October 2016. We invited people in the community to an open house on Saturday and the blessing of our new space on Sunday. Some of the events that we participated in included the Edgewood Community Picnic, the Mountain View Community Center Back-to-School event, and the Milton Days Parade.

The GO Team’s mission for 2017 is to continue to create opportunities in the community and in our congregation to invite individuals to Mountain View. This year we will be participating in the following events and we welcome you to join us at the:

- Edgewood Community Picnic and MVCC Fun Run on Saturday 22 July 2017.
- Milton Days Parade on Saturday 19 August 2017.
- Mountain View Community Center Back-to-School BBQ on Saturday 26 August 2017.

Our major goal for this year is to invite you to celebrate the Reformation at a congregation retreat the weekend of Friday 27 and Saturday 28 October 2017 at Black Diamond Camps (the former Camp Berachah). Please save the dates on your calendar and plan to participate. The reformation campaign, entitled, “Here we Stand” will include a commitment on your part in celebrating and talking about the Reformation. To begin the journey, we are encouraging each and every member of the congregation to travel with “Flat Luther” this summer. The illustration of Martin Luther will be provided to you to begin a journey. The intent is to document your activities with Flat Luther that include all of your experiences and events through the summer and into the fall. Our hope is that you will share your journey of your “Flat Luther” at the retreat. Flat Luther can be with you as you bake cookies, work in the yard, travel on
vacation, and any other activities you participate in this summer as we lead up to the retreat. We encourage you to post your pictures on the MVLC Facebook page (facebook.com/mtviewlutheran) throughout your journey. We will provide instructions along with the illustration to describe the Reformation and our Lutheran history for conversation during your experiences with Flat Luther. I hope that all of you take this opportunity to participate in the HERE WE STAND journey and that you share your “stand” with the congregation in the months leading up to our retreat in the fall. This is our chance to talk to others about our history and why you enjoy your membership in the body of Christ at Mountain View Lutheran Church.

The GO Team will highlight the specific events that we hope you will join us in as we move ahead. Please contact me or any GO Team member (Daryl Bakke, Skip Harrison, Gretchen Johnsrud, Troy Kehm-Goins, Kim Lawson, Emily Thompson, Jennifer Gray) if you have questions.

May God bless each and every one of you in the celebration of the Reformation and we look forward to hearing about your “stand” at the retreat in the fall.

May God’s peace and grace be with you.

Julie Williams

Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Education Building on Sunday 11 June 2017 to cut out, color, and decorate your own Flat Luther, in order that he is ready to travel with you during your summer vacation, whether near or far.

We will have items available to personalize your Flat Luther, as well as information on how to share the story of Flat Luther and your own faith story.
FINANCIAL UPDATE as of 5/28/2017

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FORMER THINGS, NEW THINGS UPDATE as of 5/28/2017

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* 62.64% of original project cost; does not include $48,898 from the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF)

** 74.28% of the pledges; includes $48,898 from the MEF

*** $1,960,417 was advanced from construction loan; includes construction interest, parking lot repairs, Office & Gathering Space Furnishings, Commercial Kitchen appliances, acoustical treatments in Gathering Space and Life Together Hall, construction power, and new electrical and gas service

**** includes remaining amount from the Phase II of the Community Center Campaign
Women of the ELCA Quilters

I would like to thank all of our faithful MVLC Quilters for their hard work—Elizabeth Buck, Natalie Gonzales, Jean Gottgetreu, Judy Harris, Helen Larson, Wanda Miller, Cecelia Purvis, Gloria Ratcliffe, Darlene Sprecher, Jackie White, Roselynn Wilfong, and Val Zachnic. Thank you also to Sue Wiley for her generous donation of her entire collection of material. I am so proud of all their continuing hard work creating many beautiful quilts. Their work allowed us to send 442 quilts this spring to Lutheran World Relief, in order that LWR may distribute them to the world’s needy.

We will be taking some time off in July and August, resuming on Wednesday 06 September 2017.

Thank you to John Bachner, Gary Larson, and others for delivering two loads of quilts to Seattle for us.

Thank you to all the members of Mountain View Lutheran Church for your continued support.

Ann Marie Bachner
COMMUNION BREAD
We will be baking communion bread at 9:30 a.m. on Monday 05 June 2017 in the Life Together Hall kitchen. If you are interested in helping, then please contact Diane Nelson at dlnelson25@comcast.net or 253-891-7147 for the recipe and more information.

MVCC • CAMP QUEST
Camp Quest is the Mountain View Community Center’s outstanding summer day camp for elementary youth! 40 kids will be joining us for seven weeks of fun and hands on learning. Limited spots are available. If you know a kid who wants to be part of the fun, then please contact Brenda Burr at brendab@mtviewcc.org or 253-826-4329. Camp starts Wednesday 05 July 2017.

MVCC • BACK-to-SCHOOL BBQ
The Back-to-School BBQ, where we provide over 700 students with backpacks and school supplies as well as a day of fun (and of course, a BBQ) is Saturday 26 August 2017. Want to help? We are always looking for volunteers. Or you can donate school supplies at one of our many donation stations or hold a clothing drive. There are many ways to get involved. Visit our website at www.mtviewcommunitycenter.org or contact Beth Ann Johnson at bethannj@mtviewcc.org or 253-826-4329 for more information.

MVCC • KILOMETERS for KIDS
You don’t have to leap buildings in a single bound or fight off space aliens to make a difference. All you have to do is make a difference in the life of a child. Everyone who participates in the Mountain View Community Center’s Kilometers for Kids Fun Run does just that. And that makes them superheroes disguised as your friends, your neighbors, maybe even you.

Registration is now open for Kilometers for Kids. There are some new things happening with this year’s run:

• You can run/walk as an individual, or be a part of a team (this is a great way for a business or organization to have fun together)
• You can become a fundraiser, taking pledges from friends and family to help support MVCC; fundraisers will be able to create a fundraising page share with family and friends on social media.
• And yes, you can come as your favorite superhero (or create a new superhero).

Prizes will be awarded for Best Time (male and female), Top Fundraisers (team and individual) and of course for the Best Costumes.

So get creative, get your friends involved and get going. You can register online at www.mtviewcommunitycenter.org.
SUMMER SOFTBALL
This summer, Mountain View Lutheran Church would like to have 2 softball teams in the Puyallup Adult Recreation Leagues. Our Men's Spring softball team, The Lunatics, has had a blast.

So here's your opportunity for a time of weekly fun and fellowship! First come, first served. Each team caps at 15 players. These leagues run from mid-July through mid-September. Cost is $50/person. If you're interested, then please email Seth the Intern at shecox@mtviewlutheran.org.

Coed Team
Coed teams can play on either Sunday afternoons or Thursday evenings. Please indicate which day/time (or both) you're available for.

Men's Team
Men's teams can play on Sunday evenings, Tuesday evenings, or Wednesday evenings. Please indicate which (or any) you're available for.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY
Come celebrate the faith formation of our High School seniors on Sunday 11 June 2017. Jarod Wright and Ben Johnsrud will deliver the homily together. Bailey Huber will read the scripture. The youth who grew up here will show their thankfulness and growth to the congregation that walked alongside them for all these years!

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS
start on Sunday 18 June 2017

throughout the summer we worship at 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

—PSALM 98:4
Children’s Choir

Children’s Choir had an eventful year, singing 1-2 times per month. We had 13 children in choir this year. Our Children’s choir season has come to a close, but we will resume in September. We rehearse on Wednesdays, 45 minutes before the Wednesday night ExALT dinners. So, if you have a child entering 2-6th grades, we encourage you to have him or her join us! Children’s Choir involves serving our congregation by providing worship music, learning music fundamentals, and having fun playing rhythm instruments and games.

Why encourage your child to be in the choir?

1. Children develop their “tastes” in music in their elementary years.

There is no doubt they will be exposed to popular music, but where will they get exposed to church music, hymns and liturgy, except at church? Regular attendance goes a long way toward being familiar with hymns, which contributes to “liking” them. Being in a choir also promotes learning by heart and hearing good theology, which places songs of faith deep in one’s heart.

2. More than just music.

Research has found that learning music facilitates learning other subjects and enhances skills that children inevitably use in other areas. “A music-rich experience for children of singing, listening and moving is really bringing a very serious benefit to children as they progress into more formal learning,” says Mary Luehrisen, executive director of the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation, a not-for-profit association that promotes the benefits of making music.

Carol Petersen
Children’s Choir Director
Build Us. Inspire Us. Watch Us Climb!

MVCC Camp Quest, Grades K~5

Monday—Friday 9:00 am — 4:00 pm

Week 1: 7/5—7/7  Arts
Week 2: 7/10—7/14  Disney (VBS)
Week 3: 7/17—7/21  Around the World
Week 4: 7/24—7/28  Animals / Bugs
Week 5: 7/31—8/4  Space
Week 6: 8/7—8/11  Mysteries
Week 7: 8/14—8/18 (BBQ)  Sports

Mountain View Community Center Camp Quest provides a safe day camp program for elementary students weekdays from 9-4 p.m with optional before and after care at an additional fee. Your student will be involved in a structured program that includes snacks, field trips, group activities and specialized programs including:

⇒ STEM camp (Science/Math Program)
⇒ Fitness/Physical education programs
⇒ Art, Drama, & Peer Lead Clubs
⇒ Vacation Bible School  (Week 2)

Register online at www.mtviewcommunitycenter.org/camp-quest

WHERE:
Mountain View Community Center
3607 122nd Ave E, Suite A
Edgewood, WA 98372

Weekly Rates:
Full Pay Lunch: $135/week for first child
Reduced Lunch: $65/week for first child
Free Lunch: $35/week

10% Discount for registering for all 7 weeks!
Space is limited!

For registration information contact:
Brenda Burr 253.826.4329 (or)
brendab@mtviewcc.org (or) visit
www.mtviewcommunitycenter.org

This activity is not sponsored or endorsed by the Puyallup, Fife or Summer School Districts; these districts assume no responsibility for the activity.
Hunger and benevolences

One of the categories of ministry that our Spending Guideline benevolences support is “hunger.” We provide monetary assistance to organizations who are working to eradicate hunger, both locally and globally.

Local hunger organizations receiving benevolence dollars are Edgewood Community FISH Food Bank ($7,100) and FISH Food Banks of Pierce County ($2,300).

Global hunger organizations receiving benevolence dollars are Bread for the World ($2,100) and ELCA World Hunger ($10,200).

During the month of April 2017, the Edgewood Community FISH Food Bank (ECFB) served 1,265 families representing 5,348 individuals. Volunteers served 1,239 hours and distributed 81,615 pounds of food.

How you can help ECFB:
- Volunteer to be a driver or a driver assistant (most days of the week).
- Volunteer to help with preparation (Wednesdays and Fridays).
- Volunteer to help with distribution days (Thursday and Saturdays).
- Donate canned goods (especially canned beans right now), other non-perishable food items, and personal hygiene items.
- Donate money toward the purchase of food items. The ECFB works with its ministry partners to stretch your donated dollars and provide more food than you could as an individual.

To volunteer or learn more, please contact the ECFB at 253-826-4654.
Faith Community Nurse Corner

I just received my Spring 2017 Church Health magazine. In it is an article describing the stress and anxiety that can happen as we anticipate medical procedures requiring fasting and the medical interventions that can involve vulnerable parts of ourselves, i.e. colonoscopies. You might find the following prayers help retain composure and dignity as you prepare for a day of fasting prior to a procedure.

**Morning**
A prayer of welcoming a new day. This day will be different than most. Ask God to help you be open to the new things you observe about yourself and the world around you as your routine is varied this day.

**Midmorning**
A prayer for spiritual food. This might be a long day without meals, so pray that God would bless you with spiritual food this day.

**Midday**
Consider taking a short walk, a prayer walk, around the block, neighborhood, or park.

**Midafternoon**
A prayer of thanksgiving. Give thanks for the opportunity to have this procedure in order to take good care of your health.

**Late afternoon**
Quiet prayer in a chapel or sanctuary setting. Absorb peace that such a setting provides. Listen for that still, small voice of peace.

**Early evening**
A singing prayer. Find a favorite hymn or spiritual song and quietly (or loudly) sing the words of comfort that will come to you again tomorrow. Or choose a favorite poem or Scripture to reflect on.

**Before bed**
A prayer of release. You have been released from the preparations, and all you need to do tomorrow is show up. You are in the good hands of your doctor, and the even better hands of your God.

As Julian of Norwich said, “All will be well.”

*Terry Freed*
Faith Community Nurse

(Reference: http://chreader.org/issues/the-nature-of-care/)
How Much Do You Know about Sepsis?

True or False?
1. Sepsis is the number one cause of death in US hospitals.
2. 62% of people hospitalized with sepsis are re-hospitalized within 30 days.
3. Mortality (dying) from sepsis increases 8% for every hour that treatment is delayed.
4. Sepsis affects over 26 million people worldwide each year.
5. Sepsis is the largest cause of death in children in the world each year—more than 5 million.
6. Sepsis affects young children, pregnant women, older adults, and everyone in between.
7. I know how to recognize the symptoms of sepsis.

Sepsis is the body’s overwhelming response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, amputations, and death. Sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy, are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life, and are 42% more likely to commit suicide.

Symptoms of sepsis include:
- Shivering, fever, or very cold
- Extreme pain or general discomfort (“worst ever”)
- Pale or discolored skin
- Sleepy, difficult to rouse, confused
- “I feel like I might die”
- Shortness of breath

If you suspect sepsis (observe a combination of these symptoms), see your medical professional immediately, CALL 911, or go to a hospital with an advocate and say, “I AM CONCERNED ABOUT SEPSIS.”

To learn more, visit www.sepsis.org. You can also learn more about sepsis and other health concerns by talking to your Faith Community Nurses (Terry Freed, Wendy Neptun, and Lori Neptun).

Lori Neptun
Faith Community Nurse

“Passport to Peru” Vacation Bible School

for kids from age 3 through sixth grade

Monday 10 through Friday 14 July 2017 • 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon each day

skits, songs, snacks, games, crafts, Bible stories, and a whole lot more!

register online at vbspro.events/p/events/mountainview
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3505 122ND AVE. E.
EDGECWOOD, WA 98372
PHONE: 253-863-5171
ONLINE REGISTRATION: WWW.SEEKINGSHALOMCONFERENCE.COM
Lutherans Come to North America

Most of us know that Lutheranism had its start in Germany with Martin Luther. But when and how did it come over to North America? The story begins with the arrival of a pastor with a distinctive name, at least to our ears. On April 17, 1640, Swedish pastor Reorus Torkillus arrived in Fort Christina, near present-day Wilmington, Delaware. The Swedish government was developing a small settlement there and needed someone to attend to the spiritual needs of the Swedish immigrants.

If we wish to see a sustained presence of Lutherans, though, we must wait about a hundred years. Germans had begun arriving in America in the 1680s, with most settling in Pennsylvania and upstate New York but others heading for Louisiana and the southeastern colonies. Many were fleeing poor conditions in Germany, and though they brought their beliefs from home, there was, at first, no provision for Lutheran pastors. But in 1741 Lutherans in Pennsylvania issued a call to a thirty-year-old pastor in Saxony, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. He arrived in Philadelphia in 1742. Muhlenberg turned out to be an excellent choice. Not only was he untiring in his pastoral work, but he laid the foundations for what would become the Lutheran church in America. He helped more congregations to organize and call pastors. He called into existence the first North American organization of Lutherans, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. He helped prepare a standard Lutheran liturgy and create a constitution. He even contributed deeply to a hymnal published in 1786.
Lutherans kept coming from different European lands. Swedes and Norwegians settled largely in the upper Midwest; Danes were more widespread. German immigrants were concentrated in a band across the northern part of the country, but they also established concentrations in places like Missouri and Texas. Slovaks, heirs to Luther’s predecessor Jan Hus, also arrived. Often these groups set up their own separate church systems, such as the Augustana Synod, the Norwegian Synod, and the German-based General Synod. Then there were groups that formed in opposition to teachings of the earlier groups, like the Hauge Synod and the Missouri Synod. Mergers have occurred, but so have divisions. Currently the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is by far the largest Lutheran body in the United States, followed by the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod and many smaller bodies.

But the story doesn’t end with the first immigrations from northern Europe. The nineteenth century brought increased missionary activity to the scene, and in time some of those who had been taught by these missionaries also came to North America, bringing their own Lutheran customs. So now our mix includes heritages such as Ethiopian, Nigerian, Liberian, Korean, Chinese, Indian, Palestinian, Brazilian, and many more. Where can your congregation trace its roots?
Stay connected with Lutheran Disaster Response as we bring hope, healing and renewal to communities in the U.S. and around the world:

ELCA.org/Disaster

Lutheran Disaster Response

@ELCALDR
The Pine Ridge Reservation, home to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, is the second-largest American Indian reservation in the U.S. The reservation encompasses approximately 2.7 million acres in South Dakota. Approximately half of the reservation population, roughly 40,000 people, lives below the poverty line.

In the summer of 2015, severe storms – 90 mph winds, tornadoes and flooding – hit the reservation. Homes were severely damaged, including many in isolated, rural areas.

That August, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued a disaster declaration for Individual Assistance for members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in the affected areas. They began providing aid, including manufactured housing units and home repair services.

Amid efforts to rebuild their community, the Oglala Sioux Tribe experienced yet another disaster: a severe storm consisting of a tornado, heavy rains and hail swept through the reservation the following year, majorly damaging approximately 60 houses. Some of these homes were destroyed.

In response, Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota (LSSSD) – an affiliate of Lutheran Disaster Response in the U.S. – has provided outreach and critical services to more than 1,900 families on the Pine Ridge Reservation to enable them to return to their new normal.

Lutheran Disaster Response has partnered with LSSSD to ensure that the Oglala Sioux Tribe can recover and rebuild their community, both immediately and in the long term. Funding from Lutheran Disaster Response is allowing LSSSD to provide critical care in the areas of:

- long-term recovery
- construction management
- disaster case management
- community resiliency
- emotional and spiritual care
- volunteer management

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response allow this critical work to continue. Thank you for allowing us to partner with organizations like LSSSD to provide life-saving aid in communities across the U.S. and around the world.
From the Church Administrator

April/May Highlights

• Campus-wide clean-up before Holy Week.
• Installation of playground safety surfacing material.
• Repair asphalt behind Chapel.
• New bollard light installed by Gathering Space entry ramp.
• Hiring of new Full-Time Custodian
• Installation of an Ice-Machine in Life Together Hall kitchen. (funded by MVLC Women of the ELCA and Thrivent Choice)
• Installation of building signs and wayfinding signs inside and outside of new building and Gathering Space.
• Completion of Certified Church Administrator Project.

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Thank you all for your on-going support of staff continuing education at Mountain View! Because of your financial and spiritual support, after three years of study and intensive work, I will be receiving a Certified Church Administrator certificate. Each July, Church Administrators from around the country gather together to learn from each other and experts on different church administration topics, and to network to serve as on-going resources to one another. Additionally, many choose to pursue a certification process. Certification involves at least two years of study and intensive work on a project in the congregation in which the person serves. I began this process in 2014 at the conference in Orlando, FL.

Besides the workshops offered at the 2014 conference, I completed four required workshops in the Spring of 2015: Theology & Ethics of church administration, Self-care for administrative leaders, Church Technology basics, and Church Technology trends. Additionally, I attended two weeks of classes at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in Minneapolis, MN, covering topics ranging from Financial and Legal, to Human Resources and Communications and Strategic Planning. Coincidentally, the strategic planning session also included a study of three mainline congregations seeking to use their facilities in new ways.

As we at Mountain View were beginning the planning phase of the Former Things, New Things Building Project, I selected "Capital Funding in the New Age of a Mainline Denomination Congregation" as the title for my project. The goals of the project were to highlight how fundraising in a congregational setting is substantially different from fundraising for a non-church nonprofit institution, evaluate when a congregation might consider retaining the services of an outside congregational capital campaign consultant, and identify challenges of capital campaigns to fund mission versus facilities.
Upcoming Priorities for 2017

• Hiring a new bookkeeper. Beth Lancaster who served in this capacity accepted a new full-time job, effective April 1, 2017.
• Completing the Life Together Hall audio-visual system. (additional funding still needed)
• Repairing soffits around Education Building.
• Finish repainting exterior of the Education Building/Gymnasium.
• Replacing three computers that are more than five years old.
• Upgrading computer software.
• Replacing the Wi-Fi equipment.
• Addressing acoustics in the Community Center upstairs.

In His service,

Phil Edlund
Church Administrator

Notes for the newsletter.

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- Boy Scouts each Monday at 7pm
- Faith Community Nurse each Tuesday at 1:30pm
- Cub Scouts Tuesdays 6/6 and 6/13 at 6:30pm
- AA each Tuesday at 7pm
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|                    | 1 Women's Bible Study 9:30am  
Property 7pm | 2                 | 3 Men's Bible Study 7:30am  
Executive Team 8:00am |
|                    | 7 Grief Group 1pm | 8 Prayer Shawls 10am  
Deacons 7pm | 9 Memorial Service for Colleen Berglund 3pm |
| 14 Light of Life 12:30pm | 15                | 16                | 10 Men's Bible Study 7:30am  
Memorial Service for Claire Neis 10am |
| 21                 | 22                | 23                | 24 Men's Bible Study 7:30am |
| 28                 | 29                | 30                |                    |

MVLC Quilters  
each Wednesday at 9:30am  
Honey Doers  
each Thursday at 8:30am  
ECFB  
each Thursday at 3:30pm  
ECFB  
each Saturday at 11am