

2010

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONGREGATION



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# STAFF & LEADERSHIP



# CHURCH COUNCIL

*“The evidence of God’s hand on Mountain View Lutheran Church is all around us.”* I like to remind myself of this fact on a regular basis. It is too easy to succumb to my natural inclination to complain, worry, and focus on the bad news or difficult task. It takes an intentional effort to step back and take in the bigger picture. This report requires such an effort, and like always, it is easy to see God’s work in our midst and to be encouraged, thankful, and inspired toward the future.

We, as the Body of Christ, have much to be thankful for and I want to make special mention of the following:

- The church council, whose collective dedication and wisdom has sought to lead the congregation to even deeper levels of relationship with our savior, as outlined in the 8 marks of discipleship.
- The church staff, who while paid, exhibit continued commitment to excellence well beyond the stated expectations of their job descriptions.
- Our clergy, who faithfully declare the good news of the gospel as they preach, teach, and minister to our individual lives in most intimate and meaningful ways.
- Lay leadership in all its forms and functions.
- Brothers and Sisters who come along side in times of joy and sadness, and who give of themselves in love for neighbor, and not just to the beloved but also to the stranger.

From a council perspective, I am very thankful and encouraged.

One of the most exciting changes that occurred in 2010 was the implementation of the Rock Ministry and the very first Foundations Rite. This holds much promise for the life of our young children and their families. Already, adults and children alike are expressing their appreciation for this new approach to life-long learning and family involvement.

Another important event was the November congregational meeting, where a connection was made between the mission and ministry of MVLC and its budget. The council is committed to making this connection even clearer as we move ahead with new opportunities for mission and ministry and as we experience their impact on our lives, both individually and collectively. One critical aspect of this connection is the telling and the hearing of changed lives as a direct result of the funded ministries. There are several ways these stories can be told, and the council is exploring the possibilities for consistent and compelling testimonies of the impact MVLC has had on the lives of this body and the community at large.

Some additional actions worth noting:

- The church bookkeeper, LouAnn Crook, stepped down and was replaced.
- A new custodian was hired.
- Every member dinners were held – (11) in April and (11) in September.
- Dallas Harwood and Ken Edmonds left the council and were replaced by Neil Jersted and Kevin Dahl.

- The council adopted a Treasure's and Accountant's Financial Guide as a standard for MVLC to follow. This was prepared by Bruce Sisco.
- A Personnel committee and a Financial Oversight committee were formed.
- Our senior pastor celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> year as an ordained minister, the last half with MVLC.

The council continues to meet twice a month to address the business, life, and vision of MVLC. This is difficult work, worthy of your prayers and support. We rely on the Spirit's strength and guidance as we seek to serve such a gifted and active congregation. May God continue to bless this body as we place Christ at the center of all we do.

Respectfully,

**Michael Brauhn**  
Congregational President

# SENIOR PASTOR

I have often heard it said, as of late, that the congregation in the mainline tradition that is willing and able to adapt to the rapidly changing world will ultimately be successful. I am extremely suspicious of such language and such declaratives, but I am simultaneously not unaware that we live in an ever changing, profoundly versatile world.

What I am excited by and inspired to be a part of is a community of faith at Mountain View Lutheran Church that regards deeply the tenets of the faith, while acknowledging a changing world—a congregation that is prepared to relinquish prior rituals while holding on to the essentials of faith.

The year of 2010 marked the end of a long-standing confirmation ritual, in deference to a new approach to the education and faith formation of young people known as The Rock Ministry. While for some, the suggestion that confirmation as it has traditionally been understood would be no longer created a certain anxiety; the parents, young people, and leadership got on board and the result has been nothing less than astounding. I am so thankful for the leadership of Pastor Jen and the many who have developed a ministry and curriculum associated with it for all ages that I believe acknowledges a changing world while at the same time remaining faithful to a mandate “to teach everything that I have commanded you.”

I witness the same necessary changes and transformations every time I read Troy’s version of the E-news or see yet another splendid visual from Vacation Bible School or experience a council retreat or congregational-wide gathering where all can access, in various ways, the profound happening of Mountain View Lutheran Church.

While these necessary transformations, via technology and a changing world, are self-evident, at the same time, a Deacons ministry is enlarged and emboldened thanks to the stellar and steadfast work of Pastor Ben, where God’s people are met by God’s people in hospitals, homes, and an array of changing circumstances. I have witnessed the work of Lynn, not merely as a secretary, but as a caregiver and collector of information—all critical to the living of out of our callings as clergy. I have observed Cheryl’s deep awareness of the importance of worship, not as fanciful entertainment or the need to be contemporary, but rather as something rooted in a liturgical tradition designed to hit deep.

All of this is my way of saying we (and by “we” I mean all of the people of God at Mountain View) are threading a needle. While we are not pretending to be in a world that no longer exists, we are, in various ways, amidst ongoing trials and challenges, seeking to live in and communicate to others the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is hard work, requiring change and an awareness of the non-negotiable. And it is compelling and splendid work that I am privileged to engage with you, the people of God at Mountain View.

**Pastor John L. Vaswig**

# ASSOCIATE PASTOR of Discipleship & Congregational Life

*Psalm 67:1-3 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

Mountain View Lutheran Church – you are an incredibly dynamic congregation filled with many gifted people serving out their calling as disciples of Christ in this setting. In reflecting on 2010 and the ministries I have been privileged to lead, equip, or come alongside I was encouraged to imagine what the future might hold for our life together. In this report you will find such musings as I share some of the ministry which I have engaged. Indeed, there is much for which we should give praise.

## **Deacon Ministry & Visiting the Homebound/Hospitalized**

2010 marked significant growth in the Deacon ministry of our congregation. There was numerical growth in the group but more importantly we experienced new levels of spiritual depth and understanding which are invaluable to this ministry. In the spring we studied scripture concerning prayer and prayed together regularly for this church and specifically those whom the deacons visit. In the fall we began to study grief. In sharing of their lives the deacon ministry experienced the transformation of Christian community as hearts and lives were changed and the compassion of God was made known on a regular basis. This depth of community and care offers tremendous possibilities for the future of this ministry as each of these deacons can be sent out as ministers of the good news of Jesus Christ to those who are ailing.

This year as I regularly visited our homebound or hospitalized members I was blessed by the ministry of the deacons. Consistently the deacons not only extended the Lord's supper to those who could not attend worship but also extended the Love of Christ to their fellow brother or sister in need. I find that it is privileged work to be able to come along side those of you who are hospitalized and share scripture and prayer with you in that most vulnerable place. This privilege is heightened by the fact that I know it is not just the pastor who is engaging this ministry but it is also the deacons and thus the whole congregation that seeks to share in the sufferings of each other.

## **Young Adult Ministry**

After attending a conference at Princeton Seminary in 2009 on "Emerging Adulthood", I took on as a bit of a special project the development of a Young Adult Ministry for Mountain View Lutheran. This ministry has blossomed in 2010 with 15 young adults regularly engaging in Bible Study and ministry in this congregation. The Fall Wednesday Night Live saw this group of "20-30 somethings" studying Genesis every week, inviting friends, and even becoming their own meal team seeking to serve the larger congregation as they sought to serve Christ

In this group, leaders are being developed, relationships are being strengthened, and I believe

each of these young adults is growing in faith and their devotion to Christ. Looking at the official membership of MVLC there are many more young adults who could be involved in this ministry. The potential is tremendous.

### **The Rest**

I have found joy and give praise in being a part of the Mountain View Community Center Board and believe there are some great possibilities ahead as the church and the community center work together to live as a part of God's mission to this community. Additionally, in working with the Fellowship ministry group, the care team, and outreach ministry I have been overwhelmed by the good and faithful work of so many. While not all of the ministry we sought to engage together turned out as we had hoped; I believe we learned some things along the way and in the communion of saints Christ was present.

Finally as one called to preach, teach, and administer the sacraments my joy is made complete in your company. I trust and believe that this God who calls each of us to service is at work in each of your lives and thus I am profoundly blessed to be a part of Christ's transforming, redeeming, and blessing made known among each of you. For all these reasons and many more; *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

Pastor Ben Quanbeck

# ASSOCIATE PASTOR of Children, Youth, and Family

*Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”*

—Matthew 18:3

One of the most captivating (and hopeful) things to me about faith in Jesus Christ is the promise of transformation for those who believe. The apostle Paul alludes to it in his letter to the Philippians when he says, “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6) and he states it directly when he writes to the Romans, declaring, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God” (Romans 12:2). Despite our stubbornness, stories of change and transformation abound in Holy Scripture, with repentance (literally, turning around) being one of the central elements of our shared faith in the Triune God made known in Jesus Christ.

2010 was a year of change and transformation for the community of faith at Mountain View Lutheran. After years of dreaming of a remodeled Children, Youth, and Family ministry, 2010 became the year to en flesh those dreams by initiating significant changes in how we teach, gather, and live. Thanks to the tremendous Spirit-led work of the Children, Youth, and Family Vision Team (Geoffrey Boers, Barry Johnsrud, Gretchen Johnsrud, Jon Edmonds, Shannon Bruil, Chuck Huber, Sheryl Huber, and Sara Hoffman) the vision for a “Confirmation for Life” ministry, using curriculum written by members of this community, focusing not only on teaching the faith, but building community to serve God’s world, was realized.

On June 13, 2010 this significant change in our life together debuted as “The Rock Ministry.” This transformed faith formation ministry provides opportunities for children and youth to gather on Sundays (formerly Sunday School) and Wednesdays for learning, community, service, and fun. Leading these Rock Ministry “youth groups” are faithful adults gathered into groups called Mentor Teams, with as many as 6 mentors assigned to each age level (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, and high school). Mentors work together to teach and lead youth, with each Mentor Team managing its own schedule of teaching, service projects, and fellowship nights. By increasing the number of faithful adults walking alongside youth, deeper relationships are being formed not only between mentors and youth, but between adults serving together as mentors, as well.

Transformation was also visible as Mountain View embraced two additional opportunities for change in 2010: A camp experience for young families and a high school mission trip. In April, 38 people attended “Shine On” Family Camp held at Camp Berachah for families with children ages 0-12. Family Camp provided a time set apart for families to share, play, relax, learn, and connect with other families seeking to live faithfully as disciples of Christ. In June, 17 high school youth and 4 adult leaders traveled to Coeur d’Alene, Idaho to participate in a week called “Champ Camp” through Idaho Servant Adventures. During this mission trip, each

participant was matched with a special needs camper and served as their buddy throughout the week. When the Champ Camp team returned from the mission trip, rising seniors Courtney Pettitt and Sean Slavens shared brief testimonies with the congregation during worship, noting how God's Spirit was at work transforming them, changing their hearts, and opening their eyes to how they might continue to serve God in the world.

The Rock Ministry officially began at the first WNL on September 8 and again at "Gathering Day" on September 12, with a palpable buzz of excitement present in the Education Building as youth and families came together. As The Rock Ministry progressed throughout 2010, the youth became leaders in evangelism as friends were invited to fellowship nights and service projects. The external changes began to transform people internally, seen as youth began to express a desire to "be here" and adult mentors began to speak of the meaningful moments they were experiencing as they walked alongside younger disciples of Christ.

Perhaps the most daunting transformation that occurred in 2010 was the discontinuation of the Confirmation program and the Confirmation Rite. Convinced that this ministry was not connecting in meaningful ways with youth, nor effectively making disciples of Christ to serve the neighbor, The Rock Ministry introduced the "Foundations Project" that replaces the Confirmation program. The "Foundations Project" provides a way for youth to explore and document their journey of Christian faith, supported by participation in The Rock Ministry, but also supplemented by independent activities supported by the family. After completing the "Foundations Project," youth participate in the "Foundations Rite," where young people remember the promises God made to them in Holy Baptism, celebrate being gathered as the body of Christ, and acknowledge that they are sent into the world, continuing to live as disciples upon the foundation that has been built. The first "Foundations Rite" was celebrated on Sunday, October 31 with 11 youth participating.

At the core of all of these changes in congregational life lies a deep commitment to nurturing faith formation in the lives of youth, recognizing that passing on the faith today is perhaps harder than it's ever been before. It is a great privilege for me to be your Pastor and to minister alongside you as we navigate the changing culture and strive to respond faithfully by discerning the Spirit's movement, utilizing the God-given gifts present in our members, and setting one another free to serve as we've been called. By providing opportunities for deep teaching of the faith, authentic sharing of the faith by youth and adults, and grace-filled living of the faith within this community and in the world, I remain convinced that here and there, among the people of God at Mountain View, we do indeed see the Kingdom of Heaven breaking into our midst. And for this, I remain deeply thankful.

Joyfully,

Pastor Jen Quanbeck

# DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES

This report has to begin with a huge thank you! To have so many musicians of all ages and abilities, with all manner of instrumental and vocal talents, all so willing to lead in the congregational song repeatedly and with joy, is a tremendous gift to the whole community. I am deeply moved and very grateful. With such abundant participation, the *liturgy*, that is, the *work of the people* has blossomed, bringing the Word directly to the soul, as only music can do. I especially love the psalms and how we sing them here. The dialogue between music leaders and congregation is no less than Christ singing to Christ, beautiful.

Our music program includes several groups. There is the band, “**It’s the Band for God’s Sake,**” a merry ensemble of guitarists and instrumentalists who by their constant presence have really defined the congregational song, leading us in a myriad of styles from all over the world. The **Bell Choir**, under the direction of Kimberly Rose, has brought wonderful arrangements of classic songs of faith to worship, often in combination with other instruments, inviting the worshipper into deeper reflection of the Word. The **Sanctuary Choir** is in a process of revival, which has been boosted this year by several new members. Sacred choral music is unparalleled in depth and poignant beauty, an expression of faith that needs to be kept alive, not just in the concert hall, but specifically in worship. So I am very grateful for everyone’s participation, whether for the whole year, or a season. And how about that **Children’s Choir**! Here, the wedding of faith formation and music leadership really begins. The kids have been just great- lots of energy, enthusiasm, and the maturity to really appreciate the sacred texts, even in leading the psalms; they really get it. The **Holy Apostolic Band**, under the leadership of Jon Hillstead, has been a favorite of mine. There is something very familiar and enduring in their music, yet also fresh and contemporary, a fusion of bluegrass and other styles. Forgive the pun, but every time they sing, they truly strike a chord with the community; so keep on, guys! We also have a young **Jazz Trio**, whose members have found soulful expression in the spirituals of old. Though sacred jazz is firmly established in a few churches here and there, it is new territory for us, and very appreciated. Finally, there is our own **Church Orchestra**, whose primary focus is the Easter and Christmas services. These eighteen or so musicians pull together extended preludes and hymn accompaniment in just three rehearsals prior to the occasion. The effect on the services, especially the hymn singing, has been outstanding.

Mountain View has cultivated a great diversity of song which also includes the classic organ hymns still relevant to the community. Our instrument, built in 1965, is well suited in the leading of these hymns, and also a fine instrument generally. It has been reliable and carefree over the decades, but after forty-six years, is showing its age. Major work, including re-leathering, pipe repair and electrical upgrading, had become necessary for continued reliability. Funds designated by Council from the general fund and grants from the Mission Endowment Committee provided enough money to take care of the most critical repairs. Less urgent repairs are to be put off until another time. I thank Council, the congregation and the Mission Endowment Committee for funding the organ restoration project.

Thanks again for a most wonderful year. It has truly been a blessing!

In Christ,

Cheryl Drewes

# MINISTRY GROUPS



# ALTAR GUILD

During 2010 Altar Guild continued to provide a vital part in each Sunday's worship service preparing the table for communion. We also prepared communion for special services i.e. Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Vigil, Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve, Wednesday night services in the Chapel and on request for funerals and weddings.

Altar Guild is responsible for changing the paraments to the proper color that corresponds with the church liturgical calendar. Other behind the scene duties each week include making sure the pews are in neat order and supplied with pencils and offering envelopes, keeping the candles filled with oil, clean and fill baptismal font, replace wicks in candle lighting wands, wash/ press altar linens and the acolyte robes as needed and set up for the foot washing on Maundy Thursday.

Members that served during 2010 were Alice Brynestad, Nancy Cohrs, Kay Coody, Barbara Fleming, Judith Ginther, Janice Harrison, Ione Huseboe, Delphine Johnson, Kelly Kakuk, Flora Larson, Janet Larson, Blanche Lauver, Karen Lonn, Janet Miller, Diane Nelson, Terrie Nelson, Liz O'Brien, Susan Schirmann, Karen Slavens, and Kelly Thieman. Each member served two months, and three Sundays during the months of June, July and August. Flora Larson and Diane Nelson served as co-chairpersons. Kelly Kakuk and Kelly Thieman resigned and Alice Brynestad, Janet Miller, Liz O'Brien and Susan Schirmann joined our team in 2010. Kelly Thieman served as our flower coordinator through July 2010 and Diane Nelson served as interim flower coordinator August through December 2010. As of December 2010 we had 18 dedicated members serving on Altar Guild. We typically need 20 members and two chairpersons to efficiently provide all the duties of this ministry. We continue to solicit for additional members.

Milton Safeway again supplied the beautiful flowers for the Altar at a cost of \$35 for the two bouquets. Members of the congregation make a \$35 donation to pay for the flowers usually in honor or memory of a loved one or in recognition of a personal special event. The flower coordinator is responsible for ordering the flowers from Safeway. Flora Larson was responsible for the Christmas poinsettias and the Easter lilies that adorn the Altar during those very special seasons. Poinsettias and Easter lilies are also made available with donations from the members of the congregation.

We continue to rely on members of the congregation to bake our communion bread and appreciate their faithful service in keeping the freezer full.

Every person baptized, infant to adult, was given a:

Baptism napkin personally made by Flora Larson.

Quilt handmade by our quilters.

Wood Dove candleholder, handmade by Rod Jacobson, that holds the baptismal candle.

Bible given by the church.

Our ministry group runs very efficiently because of the dedicated work and dependability of our members. Thank you all for your participation and the sharing of your gifts.

God's Peace,

**Flora Nelson & Diane Nelson**

# HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM

**MISSION: As disciples of Christ, we are called by the Spirit to serve the congregation and our neighbors by encouraging healthful living of body, mind and spirit.**

At the beginning of the year, since February is “heart month” with public awareness, we sponsored a “Healthy Heart” event on Valentine’s Day which in a quiet and interactive method lifted up various aspects of a “healthy heart” – physical, emotional, and spiritual.

Later, we cooperated with others in our synod in hosting an open event focusing on “Healthy Homes, Healthy Families” with the intention of lifting up awareness of chemical contaminants in our homes and their effect on health, and what may be some alternatives.

Because we didn’t want to re-invent the wheel, we sought input from other congregations with Parish Nurse programs for ideas for health ministry in our congregation. We invited all healthcare professionals from MVLC to this with the desire to get additional ideas and enlisting other support.

A survey of our congregation was conducted to determine health concerns and desire for educational opportunities. Several things emerged from this. Near the top of the list of educational opportunities was “emergency preparedness”. Consequently, we scheduled a Sunday adult ed session for February, 2011. At various times during the year, we shared information in the monthly Newsletter on several health related topics.

We continued with occasional Blood Pressure screenings, and have determined that in the future, we will provide screenings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. We have also begun keeping individual records so tracking can be kept for the member. (These, of course, are kept confidentially.)

At the end of the year, members of the team include Carol Fossum, Shawn Fisher, Jon Petersen and Pastor Ben.

Our plan for the future is to meet as needed, and to cooperate with the Health Committee of the Community Center in health activities planned there, as applicable to the congregation.

Jon Petersen

# MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

The Mission Endowment Fund was created to provide permanent financial support of the mission and ministry of the Mt View Lutheran church in response to the Holy Spirit.

The performance of the Mission Endowment Fund in 2010 reflected the overall state of the recessionary economy.

Fair Market Value of Fund 1/1/10:	\$221,610.40
Total Revenue (Contributions/Capital Gains/Losses):	\$ 35,484.12
Total Expenses (Grant Distributions and Admin Fee):	\$ 25,576.85
Fair Market Value of Fund 12/31/10:	\$229,517.67

After contributions and distributions are factored in, the end of year balance represents an overall gain of \$7,907. As with all investments, the fund must be viewed in relation to the total performance over time versus a single year. We have confidence that in due time and with the continued generous support of the congregation, shall continue to grow albeit at a slow pace than during the boom years of the economy.

Education about the Mission Endowment Fund continues to be the Committee's priority. Monthly church newsletter and bulletin announcements remained a major source of information regarding the Mission Endowment Fund. At the May 2010 congregational meeting, Committee chairman Laura Livingston gave a presentation regarding the financial status of the Fund as well as placing forward a change in congregational bylaws regarding audit procedures of the fund. The congregation approved the bylaw change at the May meeting and ratified it at the November meeting.

Applications were received in 2010 to solicit eligible Fund grant recipients. The Church Council also gave the Mission Endowment Committee its priorities regarding the annual distribution of dollars from the Fund. The Committee recommended and the Church Council approved the following Mission Endowment Fund distributions for 2008:

Funds Available for Distribution in 2010:	\$20,163
MVLC Summer Family Camp:	\$ 2,500
Worship & Music:	\$ 9,350
(Repair of the church organ.)	
Mt View Community Center:	\$ 6,800
(Start a senior's program at the center that would include computers on site and transportation to and from local evening events.)	
Total 2010 Distributions:	\$18,650

Laura Livingston

# MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

## EVENTS

### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual MVCC Auction**

(Apr. 2010 - net \$56,000 – introduced MVCC to 87 new individuals +32 new biz.)

### **Two MVCC Open House Events**

(June 2010 Meet/greet event & Nov. 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary celebration.)

### **Back-to-School BBQ & Health Fair**

(Aug 2010 – 400 backpacks, 400 haircuts, 22 zip codes, 700+attend, 3 student musician/entertainment groups, vision screening, bus routes, free lunch enroll.)

### **Senior Luncheon & Veteran's Day Program**

(Nov. 2010 Free program & luncheon in honor of Vets - Color Guard Boy Scouts 525, Speaker topic: Medicare changes.)

### **Community Holiday Party**

(Dec 2010 – Santa pictures –715 toys for kids –427 adult items –Christmas dinner)

### **Host location for events of partner organizations**

#### *Associated Ministries*

(June 2010 Governance training workshop 70+ people, multiple agencies; Oct. 2010 pastor luncheon multiple churches)

#### *Healthy Homes Healthy Families*

(Oct. 2010 health training workshop – ELCA Women)

#### *Mountain View Lutheran Church*

(Nov. 2010 – Church Congregational Meeting – Church Community Thanksgiving Dinner)

## GRANTS IN 2010

- Community Capacity Grant—\$15,000 Federal Grant Award /Admin—Assoc. Ministries
- Stewardship Foundation—\$11,000 Leadership Grant—Stewardship Foundation
- Mountain View Lutheran Church—\$10,000 Benevolence—General Operating Fund
- Mountain View Lutheran Church—\$6,800 Endowment Fund—Senior Program Grant
- Thrivent For Lutherans—\$3,200 Community Support—General Operating Fund
- ECLA – \$3,000 Hunger Grant—Evangelical Lutheran Church—Seeds of Change Program
- Kiwanis Club International—\$180 Community Support Grant—BBQ/Health Fair

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

MVCC enjoys relationships with many public, private and faith-based organizations. We work together in a variety of ways with each organization—some of which are listed under their name:

### **Puyallup School District**

Facility rental annual contract, Event/media partner, SOC volunteer teams, Education committee.

### **Fife School District**

Event/media partner, Education committee member, SOC volunteer teams.

### **Good Samaritan Foundation**

Facility rentals volunteer appreciation, Event partners, Health committee, On-site client services.

### **Celebrate Seniority**

Facility rentals for senior events, Partner for senior program, On-site client services, Media partner.

### **City of Edgewood**

Continuous media partner, Client referral resource, SOC volunteer teams, Event partner BBQ/Health Fair, Police Chief MVCC Board member, Front office coordinator KidReach volunteer.

### **City of Fife**

Event partner Holiday party, pursuing Chamber of Commerce contacts and client referral possibilities.

### **Gordon Trucking**

Corporate sponsor for 1<sup>st</sup> annual auction, location for Jay Gordon 86<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

### **Korum for Kids Foundation**

Corporate Sponsor for 1<sup>st</sup> Annual auction.

### **Albertson's**

Donor of desserts for SOC, recently agreed to be meal team for SOC quarterly basis.

### **Faith Family Fellowship Church**

Event partner Holiday party (socks), pursuing as possible SOC meal team.

### **North Hill Adventist Church**

SOC Volunteer teams, Ongoing media partner, Client referral resource, Shared office coordinator.

### **Boy Scouts Troop #525**

Event partner BBQ/Health Fair, Holiday party, Senior/Veteran's Day luncheon, Volunteers property teams.

### **Milton Senior Center**

Developing shared program partner and shared client services, Kendra Dixon shared board member.

### **Franciscan Health**

Health committee members, VP of H.R MVCC Board member, possible on-site client services, Event partner BBQ/Health Fair.

### **Kiwanis Club – Daffodil Valley**

Event partner BBQ/Health Fair, SOC volunteer team.

## **NEW COMMUNITY RESOURCE BULLETIN BOARD**

In our ongoing effort to develop partnerships with other organizations to serve our clients, a new Community Resource Board has been installed at MVCC. This board is available for posting of events and services of other centers, churches, agencies, etc.

## **MVCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MVCC now has an engaged, cohesive Board of Directors. In August of 2010, we held a Board Retreat to discuss our values, mission, governance, and the responsibilities of individual board members. As we begin 2011, another Board Retreat has been scheduled for February 5, 2011, to continue our discussion and focus of our mission and program priorities.

Current MVCC Board of Directors: Board President, Dr. Don Mott, Nancy Stroebel, Chief Ed Knutson, Jon Thieman, Pastor Ben Quanbeck, Jon Edmonds, Barney Wagner, Kendra Dixon, Dave Lawson, Ken Edmonds, Karen Miceli, Kate Wright, and MVCC Executive Director, Charmaine Jovanovich-Miller.

## **STAFF**

Although 2010 was MVCC's second year in service to our community, it was our first year paying our own bills. We're grateful to report that with conservative spending practices, we not only paid our bills but ended the year with a small reserve in the bank.

Staffing during 2010, was as follows:

At the beginning of 2010, MVCC had (1) part-time employee.

From February through June, (2) part-time employees.

From July through December, (1) full-time employee.

Now in 2011 and our third year in service, it is neither possible or responsible for one person to try and manage all of the programs and activities of the Center. In January 2011, (3) part-time employees were hired at approximately 12 hours per week per position. This now gives us staff coverage in specific areas, the ability to standardize our hours of operation, and a total of approximately 1.75 FTE's.

### **Current MVCC Paid Staff (as of 1/25/11):**

- Charmaine Jovanovich-Miller, Executive Director
- Kitty Coates, Office Coordinator
- Beth Ann Johnson, Facilities Coordinator
- Jon Thieman, Bookkeeping/Finance Coordinator

### **New Volunteer Bulletin Board:**

In addition to paid staff, we are working to build a solid base of active volunteers at the Center. A new Volunteer Bulletin Board has been installed at MVCC with the purpose of highlighting volunteer opportunities and encouraging sign-up.

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS, NEW IN 2010**

- Online giving via our MVCC website
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Report for MVCC
- MVCC donor data base program purchased and in place
- (3) desks for office work stations
- (2) computers – one for executive director, one for bookkeeping
- DVD produced of our story (start) & pictures from our past put into posters for the center & power point presentation created
- MVCC Cookbook published as fundraiser (production costs paid, \$2500 raised for Center + free items for auction take away gifts for guests)
- 1<sup>st</sup> time doing year-end appeal to MVCC donors
- (2) client/community needs assessments – asking what's needed most

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS, NEW IN 2011**

- MVCC Newsletter published monthly
- Added small conference room for small group meetings and rental revenue
- (2) computers – one for office coordinator, one for donor database
- Senior Program in the process of being developed

Charmaine Jovanovich-Miller

# PEACE & JUSTICE

*"As disciples of Christ we are called to share hope with our neighbor through acts of compassion."*

As Lutherans, we baptize our babies, children and adults into new life and call them to trust in God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world, and work for justice and peace among all people. This is not the task of a few committee members. Rather, as is often demonstrated here at Mt. View, it is the affirmation of our shared discipleship.

The Peace and Justice Ministry Group offers a monthly meeting of study, prayer, and discussion. Beyond the smaller group, activities and opportunities are designed for everyone. Anyone is welcome to participate at any point and at any time.

For most of 2010 we preceded the meeting by serving dinner at the Community Center's Seeds of Change meal, an opportunity that brought us into relationship with those outside our church family.

In Summer we began a practice of "rotating Chair" in which a different member serves as each quarter's leader and contact person. This has been effective in increasing individual participation and better use of skills and commitment, as well as allowing for a broader range of topics and texts. Our discussions are lively and far-reaching as we continue to discern how best to advocate, educate and act for harmony and equity in the world.

Meetings are held on fourth Thursdays at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. Active members in 2010 were Kristi Ceder (Jan-Jun chair), Barb Henrichsen (Secretary), Barb Hull, Chris Ray, Rod Ray, Beth Ann Johnson (Jul-Sept chair), Jon Petersen, Barb Egan, Margie Goulden (Oct-Dec chair), Ken Swanson, and Pastor Ben Quanbeck. Our group was enhanced by the efforts of the Youth, Health ministry, Women of the ELCA, and others.

Together with the congregation, other ministries, and the staff, Peace and Justice was connected with the following:

- Mt. View Community Center Seeds of Change
- Pierce County Hunger Walk (100+ walkers)
- Peace Community Center meals
- Puyallup Armory meals
- Thanksgiving baskets for 4 Helping Hand House Families
- Gifts for Others and Gifts for Seamen at Christmas
- Gifts of Hope/Alternative Giving at Christmas
- Attendance at Ethics of Eating conference at PLU in October—which led to Advent focus on "What are you eating?"
- Attendance at Healthy Homes/Healthy Families in October with emphasis on chemicals and pollution in our homes and our foods

- Participation in MVCC “Back to School” in August
- Taste-tests of starvation diet rations and showing of video at Fellowship hour
- Support for ELCA Hunger Appeal including Adult Ed guest speaker Sharon Magnuson
- Lunches for Peace Camp kids at Peace Community Center
- Dinner for Phoenix Housing families at First Lutheran Church
- Chocolate and Fair Trade awareness campaign—with help from Dynamite 56!

We have witnessed a heightened commitment of the congregation to ideas that were once considered “Peace and Justice” jobs. It is indeed a blessing to share this mission.

Kristi Ceder

# PROPERTY

The Church Property Ministry Group serves Christ in overseeing the maintenance of our buildings, grounds and facilities within. We also monitor contracts with furnace and lawn care services and coordinate with “Honey Doers” and “Heritage Group”.

## Members

Darrel Hagen (Chairman), Clarence Aaserud, Anita Bullo, Dave Cherpeske, Bill Kohler, Skip Harrison, Bob Lauver, Blanche Lauver, Darel Roa, Jonathan Roa, John Dahle, Carolyn Dahle, Terry Wolfe, and Troy Kehm-Goins.

## 2010 Accomplishments

We have undertaken several money saving efforts this year. Some are complete and others are still in the works as is evident in the listings below.

1. New Sanctuary furnaces installed. More reliable, much more efficient and cost effective.
2. Parking lot lights and gym lights are being replaced by PSE with lights that will take less electricity, less maintenance and give better lighting.
3. A sump pump is being installed outside of the Chapel to prevent future flooding in the basement.
4. Some repairs and upgrades have been made to the Sanctuary exit signs for safety.
5. Lights have been installed over the stairs to the balcony.
6. Repairs have been made to a broken pipe due to freezing in the attic of the Education Building and damage has been repaired. Should not be a problem in the future.
7. Bill Kohler has solved the problem of roof leaks in the Fellowship Hall. He has fixed the “scuppers” causing the worst leaks and will complete the job as weather permits.
8. With the help of the Scouts, beauty bark was spread over the entire campus this year.
9. We are in the process of terminating our contract with Universal Refrigeration to change filters etc, on our furnaces. A knowledgeable committee has been set up to handle these duties and make a sizable savings.

## Goals

1. Fence the garbage and equipment areas at the Food Bank/Community Center.
2. Replace the furnaces for the Social Hall.
3. Paint the outside of the Social Hall.
4. Clean the Chapel Roof.
5. Solve our flooding problem in the community garden area.
6. To complete the patio in the courtyard to be a more functional and attractive area.
7. We have many “Capital Improvements” and “Deferred Maintenance” items on our wish list, but they can only be done when God sees fit and money is available.

Please consider joining the Property Ministry Group. We need your talent and if possible your volunteer labor.

Darrel Hagen

# THE ROCK MINISTRY

In July 2008, I was installed as Associate Pastor of Children, Youth, and Family and together we began to imagine and hope for what would be the future “product” that resulted from the congregation’s commitment to a multi-year remodeling of the Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) ministries. As the CYF Vision Team gathered around tables for the next two years, it was determined that such remodeling must do three things: 1) Provide opportunities for education through Bible studies, retreats, and other programming to develop **knowledge** of God, the Bible, and God’s Mission in the world; 2) Cultivate Christian **attitudes** of grace, service, sacrifice, and love; 3) Develop **practices** of faithful living through opportunities to serve the congregation and community. Guided by God’s Spirit, tremendous changes began to take shape during 2010, which culminated in the beginning of The Rock Ministry: a distinct faith formation ministry for children and youth at Mountain View Lutheran Church.

The Rock Ministry replaces traditional Sunday School and Confirmation classes and provides enhanced opportunities for kids and families on Sundays and Wednesdays. Three highly visible changes mark this new ministry. First, creation of “youth groups” (even at the youngest ages) began as a way to promote relationship between families in the same life stage. Second, the “Sunday School Teacher” position was replaced by an expanded Mentor Team (of 5-7 adults) willing to teach, lead, and accompany youth on a rotating basis. Third, the Confirmation program was eliminated, a new “Foundations Project” was imagined, and the Affirmation of Baptism ritual (the former “ending” of Confirmation) was re-imagined and emerged as a distinct “Foundations Rite” celebrating the foundation of faith that has been laid and will continue to be built upon.

A less visible, but perhaps even more significant change that was encompassed in The Rock Ministry was the commitment to write our own curriculum to be used on Sundays and Wednesdays. For some time, the people of God at Mountain View have dreamed about engaging in this task and producing a context-specific and unapologetically Lutheran curriculum, but until 2010, that dream could not become a reality. Thanks to Karen Ekse and Gretchen Johnsrud, gifted lay people who were inspired by the vision and equipped with the gifts to engage this task, together the three of us began writing curriculum in the summer of 2010 that would be used in the fall of 2010 by youth in grades 3 through 8. Without the steadfast dedication and tireless commitment to seeing this project through, as demonstrated by Karen and Gretchen, this vision would not have become a reality. I continue to give thanks to God for the gifts that they have been given and the ways that they selflessly share these gifts with the people of God at Mountain View.

As The Rock Ministry began for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders through High School in September of 2010, we articulated three expectations for this new faith formation ministry: 1) Learn God’s Story; 2) Build Community; and 3) Experience Life Together. Below you can learn how each of these expectations is bearing fruit.

## **Learning God's Story**

At the heart of the Rock Ministry (mirroring the Mission Statement of Mountain View Lutheran Church) is the commitment to teaching the Christian faith. To do so, we've learned that not only does the story of Jesus Christ need to come alive, but that young people and mentors need opportunities to be encountered by the Living Lord, Jesus Christ! By writing our own curriculum the Lutheran Christian understanding of the Gospel is able to be enfolded in meaningful, interactive, and age-appropriate ways. In the words of one CYF Vision Team member, "The Rock Ministry (and the curriculum we are writing) is helping us to really become people of the story. The content [of the lessons] is text-driven. That is our bias when we write the curriculum. God is at work here!"

## **Building Community**

The second expectation of the Rock Ministry concentrates on gathering God's people for the purpose of building relationships, because that's where God's activity takes place! Each Rock Ministry group celebrated a "Fellowship Night" in the fall of 2010 where the focus of the evening was on growing in our relationships with one another. Whether through a pajama movie night, a Wii gaming tournament, or a special Saturday night movie event, youth and adults alike were blessed by the opportunity to laugh, share, and kick back with their brothers and sisters in Christ. Additionally, each Rock Ministry group gathered for at least one "mini retreat" in the fall of 2010, for the purposes of sharing a meal, gathering with parents and siblings, diving even deeper into a theme that was being studied, and having some fun!

## **Experiencing Life Together**

The third component of the Rock Ministry calls the people of God to share life together by serving the neighbor in need. Each Rock Ministry group explored this dimension of our Christian calling in distinctive ways, with projects including: "Ignite 78" tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief, "Dynamite 56" packaging/distributing Fair Trade chocolate postcards, and "34 Rock Climbers" making birthday cards for Food Bank clients. The entire congregation was invited to join into the experience of serving the neighbor through "Operation Advent" service projects during the four Sundays of Advent. Together we packaged 52 boxes for The Seafarers, gathered items and assembled more than 80 Lutheran World Relief Health Kits, prepared 100 sandwiches for the Tacoma Avenue Shelter, and sang a handful of carols to the residents of the Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Home.

The Rock Ministry would not be possible without the work of incarnational leaders we call Mentors, who week-after-week strive to not only teach the faith, but live the faith alongside these young people. Some said yes to God's call to be a Mentor after years of serving as a Sunday School teacher, while others said yes having never done anything like this before! The tremendous blessing of the Mentor Team structure is that each Mentor brings unique gifts to the group and is able to serve in ways that align with his/her particular gifts and passions. I have been greatly inspired by these Mentors and give thanks to God for their partnership in sharing the Gospel. Those serving as Rock Ministry Mentors for the 2010-2011 school year include: 34 Rock Climbers (Dirk Pettitt, Terry Jensen, Sheryl Huber, Kirsten Holmquist, Sara Bruil, Lonny Murrey, Mady Murrey). Dynamite 56 (Anna Hagen, Sara Gray, Christal

Hillstead, Chuck Huber, Steve Schenk, Teresa Schenk, Marlene Wright). Ignite 78 (Sonja Dahl, Geoffrey Boers, Jon Edmonds, Shannon Bruil, Eileen Newton). High School (Mike Trombley, Karen Ekse, Barry Johnsrud, Joan Kohler, Bill Kohler).

As the Rock Ministry began, Sunday School continued for those children younger than 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Belinda Bergman served as Sunday School Coordinator, assisted by Diane Hagen as Secretary. Together, they helped families get connected and teachers to be well informed of upcoming opportunities in congregational life. Sunday School Teachers for the 2010-2011 school year include: Laura Cantrell, Christine Garnier, Barb Egan, Jenny Egan, Diksha Knierim, Carianne Kehm-Goins, and Becca Duskin. Thank you for your incredible work with our youngest disciples of Christ!

Perhaps The Rock Ministry can be summed up best in the words of Mentors:

### **34 Rock Climbers (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders)**

The 34 Rock Climbers started out the 2010 school year with a whirl of activity. With a combined 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade class of over twenty energetic students (with 10-12 in regular attendance), a new curriculum, and seven adult mentors, we faithfully jumped in to the Rock Ministry with both feet! After spending several sessions exploring the creation story we moved on to the story of Noah, the journey of Moses and the plagues, and the life of Joseph (from the Old Testament). We entered the season of Advent and finished the calendar year with sessions on the coming of Jesus and His presence in Word and Sacrament. The mentors are continually amazed at the biblical literacy of the children with which we have embarked on this journey. Many thanks to Gretchen Johnsrud, Karen Ekse, and Pastor Jen for developing a top-notch curriculum.

*(Dirk Pettitt, 34 Rock Climber Mentor)*

### **Dynamite 56 (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders)**

A mentor team of seven adults is privileged to walk alongside our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders! Each mentor brings different gifts to our team, which allows us to take turns teaching lessons, planning events, and just being present with the kids and focusing on their faith journey. During the fall of 2010 we explored together:

- **Biblical stories.** Through learning the story and then reinforcing a theme we sought to connect God's story to our lives (ex: we spent 4 weeks looking at courageous people in the Bible and how these stories might show us what courage should look like for us today).
- **Trends or issues in the world.** In linking these topics to scripture, we saw how we as disciples of Christ are called to respond (ex: during a 4 week unit on media, we investigated what it might look like to live faithfully despite many distractions).
- **Lutheran history.** We spent several lessons on the life of Luther that culminated in the performing of a skit covering highlights of Luther's life for the younger classes.

In addition to teaching the faith, the group has gathered for several events to build relationships and live life together including: fellowship events, game nights, service events, movie nights, and Bible trivia events. Whether studying the Bible, building ice cream sundaes, or serving the community, we've seen God at work in our midst as relationships have been strengthened,

youth participation has increased, and adult involvement has improved!

*(Anna Hagen, Dynamite 56 Mentor)*

### **Ignite 78 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>h</sup> graders)**

The 78 Ignite team consists of five mentors. It was determined that two mentors, Sonja and Geoffrey, would do the bulk of the Sunday morning teaching, while Eileen, Jon, and Shannon were primarily leading the Wednesday night experience. However, all five mentors support in tag-team fashion the learning on both Sundays and Wednesdays. The mentors have begun to grow together as a “small group” enjoying opportunities for planning and socializing outside of the classroom.

The new curriculum and structure has been a huge success. Some highlights include:

- The mentor team and youth redecorated the Ignite room in the Education Building. The couches and games created a buzz and has been a destination point for the students, as well as 34's and 56's. The “building community” goal has been facilitated by having this transformed space.
- The atmosphere of the room and the new curriculum has led to a much more engaged 78 class. The attendance (with the historical “Confirmation requirements” removed) has been superb, with 14 out of 16 possible students consistently attending. Youth are engaged in their learning, appreciating active opportunities to explore, discover, and discuss their faith. When assessing their learning, through Jeopardy games or review, we have been satisfied to see that some retention is occurring! We are even pleasantly surprised when youth put the pieces together and recall important content, at times long removed from the actual lesson.
- The youth are also active in evangelism. “Experiencing Life Together” for these youth means frequently bringing friends into the experience.

*(Geoffrey Boers, Ignite 78 Mentor)*

### **High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)**

Three primary mentors and a variety of other adults and parents walk alongside the High School Group in Rock Ministry at Mountain View. This year we have focused on various biblical stories and texts, including a series on Women of the Bible, a unit on War/Violence and Peace within the Christian/Biblical tradition and what we call: The Bible in Real Life, addressing the real life failings and calls to faithfulness issued to various characters in the Bible like David, Gideon, Paul, Mary and Martha, just to name a few. We have also enjoyed thoughtful fellowship activities often based on discussion-provoking movies, as well as opportunities to serve the neighbor in a variety of ways. Along the way, we have discovered a special fondness for dramatic interpretation of the texts in skits, and the always-popular Jeopardy-style games we have at the ends of major units. At our "Beneath the Tree" retreat at Black Lake Bible Camp, we sought to be refreshed and nourished so that we might bear fruit together.

*(Barry Johnsrud, High School Mentor)*

We look forward to expanding The Rock Ministry to include 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in the fall of 2011!

In Christ,

Pastor Jen Quanbeck

# SENIORS

The senior luncheon group continues to meet on the 4th Thursday of each month in the multi-purpose room. July is reserved for a potluck/picnic at the Norm and Dorothy Nelson Lake Tapps home. August is reserved for vacations. This past year the attendees voted to cancel the December meeting. Too close to Christmas Eve.

Mary Lind, Janet Miller and Lorraine Larson have provided special decorations and napkins for each luncheon. Setting of tables is on a volunteer basis.

Programs follow the same format as in previous years. The pastors provide a homily, the leader of the public song provides hymns, and any special programs are arranged by Art and Lorraine Larson, Programs last year included: Daryl Hagen, "How to Deal With Disaster", Charmaine Miller, "Edgewood Community Center", Cheryl Drewes, "Mountain View Music", Wayne Ginther, "Glider Piloting", Jon Edmonds, Kathy Kostelecky and Tracy Becht, "Identity Theft", Wes Grenlund, "Solar Energy", Dr. Johann Duenholter, "Cruising the Eastern USA".

A free will offering is collected each meeting and because of the attendees generosity we have eliminated potlucks except in July. Attendance ranges between 30 and 50 seniors. All seniors and their guests are invited to attend. Lunch begins at 12:00 and the meeting usually closes by 2:00 PM.

We wish to thank all those who attend and support this Mountain View program. Like all groups we are looking for growth. We need more attendees and participants. If you have a special interest and would like to present a program please call Art Larson at 770-3730.

Respectfully submitted,

Art & Lorraine Larson

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year, Sunday school is not just for Sundays any more! Thanks to the work of a very gifted visioning team, we introduced the Rock Ministry in the fall. We are so excited about kids and families building relationships with each other and our Lord. ***“Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise; like a person who builds a house on solid rock.”*** (Matthew 7:24). The Rock’s curriculum was created completely in house, written by Pastor Jen, Karen Ekes, and Gretchen Johnsrud. The Rock’s ministry groups are 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> (34 Rock Climbers) 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> (Dynamite 56) and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> (Ignite 78.) Along with education on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, the Rock ministry groups have enjoyed other time together in the form of mini-retreats. Each group is led by a team of 5 to 6 mentors on a rotational schedule. Next year, we’ll be including the first and second grade group in the Rock ministry (stay tuned for their group’s name!)

This year, our first and second graders, along with our 2’s/3’s and PreK/K groups are using a new type of curriculum from Augsburg’s “Spark.” The lessons follow the lectionary, so what kids are hearing during worship service is what they’re learning about in Sunday school. We’ll be staying with Augsburg’s “Spark” next year for our 2’s/3’s and Pre K/K classes. High School curriculum is written in house and attendance has been up this year. What does that tell you? We have people with incredible gifts and giving generously of their time! Our kids are benefitting - when it comes to writing curriculum for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade on up and when it comes to carrying out curriculum with their caring guidance from our 2’s and 3’s group up to high school!

What a blessing it is to be around all of the wonderful mentors and teachers in our church family and to experience together growing our faith with the kids!

Thanks be to God.

Belinda Bergman

# WOMEN of the ELCA

## **Mission Statement**

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

## **Purpose Statement**

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to Grow in faith, Affirm our gift, Support one another in our callings, Engage in ministry and actions, and Promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

Mountain View Lutheran Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA) had a productive and meaningful year:

- Mary Circle, Rebecca Circle, and the Light of Life Bible Study group continue to grow in faith and fellowship.
- The serving committee responded to all funeral receptions and provided their services at several nonmember events held on our campus.
- The quilting group made 300 quilts, most sent to Lutheran World Relief in 2009.
- Circle offerings, serving committee fees, and quilt donation monies gave the women the opportunity to give \$1250 in benevolences to a variety of service-based organizations.
- The women held two scholarship bake sales that provided five \$500 scholarships to be given to graduating high school seniors attending non-Lutheran schools.
- Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade products were offered to the congregation on a monthly basis and this year the women helped with a Fair Trade Fair. These items are sold at cost to the congregation with no profit for the Mountain View WELCA. The sales of these products and crafts allow families and individuals around the world to improve their lives by providing a fair wage and steady work.

Delphine Johnson & Dorothy Valenta

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

Members: Cheryl Drewes, Dave Ekse, Bill Hansen, Bob Kostecky, Flora Larson, Barrie Mott, Tim Nole, Stan Nye, Kimberly Rose, Karen Slavens, Pastor John, Mark Williams

It has been a good musical year with many people participating in worship as worship band, instrumentalists, cantors, adult choir, and children's choir. Cheryl encouraged those with instrumental talents to form our own orchestra, and it enhanced our worship on Easter and Christmas.

Rock Ministry students specifically helped with worship as greeters, ushers and lectors several times during the year. The Head Usher of the day, parents and teachers instructed the children as to what and how to perform their assignments. In addition, young people have been more visible in worship on a regular basis as they serve with parents and read scripture.

Lenten worship on Ash Wednesday had the theme "Dust". Following Lenten midweeks focused on "Light", "Water", "Body", "Bread", and "Lamb". Maundy Thursday had footwashing and communion followed by Good Friday and the Easter Vigil with baptisms and reception of new members.

Advent theme was "To you is born. . . a Savior who is the Messiah, the Lord". Advent midweek themes were "Saved from the Devil", "Saved from the World", and "Saved from our Sinful Selves".

Our organ, built in 1965, is in need of major repair to continue to be reliable. Cheryl got a proposal from Richard Bond of Bond Pipe Organs in Portland. The Mission Endowment Fund Committee granted approximately \$10,000 toward the necessary work. The Council approved the balance of funds necessary, and it is anticipated work will begin in early 2011.

The sound system in our sanctuary was installed in 1998 with an anticipated life of 5 years. Thanks to Tim Nole it has been piecemealed to last for 12 years. It is now beyond repair, and the entire system needs to be revamped. The nature of our worship service has changed with more demands being made on it as more and more people are involved. Further, it does not present the essence of what our worship is designed to do. In early 2011 the Council will be asked to approve funds for a new sound system.

Beret E. Mott

# MINUTES



# SUNDAY 16 MAY 2011 MINUTES

## ATTENDANCE

105 confirmed members of Mountain View Lutheran Church.

## CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Brauhn declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order, as well as led the congregation in prayer.

## ANNUAL REPORT

President Michael thanked Dave Cheney for his three years of service to the congregation as Congregational Treasurer. Jon Thieman was announced as the new Congregational Treasurer.

President Michael recognized the work of the staff and thanked them for their service to the mission and ministry of Mountain View Lutheran Church.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Sunday 22 November 2009 congregational meeting.**

## ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**It was M/S/P to elect Ken Edmonds, Christal Hillstead, and Chuck Huber to the 2010–2011 Nominating Committee, to serve one-year terms.**

## ELECTION OF MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

**It was M/S/P to elect Marlys Cheney, Neil Jerstad, and Erik Knierim to the Mission Endowment Fund Committee, to serve three-year terms.**

## ELECTION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

President Michael spoke about the search for new council members, especially the attempt to recruit those who have not served in such capacity in the past. Out of ten people asked, only three agreed to serve.

Ken Edmonds explained the nominating and interview process that council candidates go through, as well as the significant commitment to serve that is necessary and the criteria that are used to evaluate faithful leadership capacity.

**It was M/S/P to elect Michael Brauhn, Kevin Dahl, Neil Jerstad, Laura Livingston, Don Mott, Bruce Sisco, and Julie Williams to the 2010–2011 Church Council, to serve one-year terms.**

## MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

The Mission Endowment Fund Committee recommended to the Church Council, which in turn

recommended to the congregation, that a section of the Mountain View Lutheran Church constitution be changed.

#### EXPLANATION

The change to the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) bylaws is needed to provide greater discretion to the committee as to when and in what form we audit the fund. The current bylaw provision was written when the MEF was established. At that time, the MEF committee was investing and managing the fund by itself, thus there was a need to ensure the fund was audited on a regular basis. In 2002 the MEF was moved to Lutheran Community Foundation (LCF) for management. The LCF has a yearly audit done by certified auditors. On our end, there are just a handful of transactions per year into and out of the LCF fund. It is quite easy for committee to map deposits and disbursements to ensure proper accountability. The change in bylaw will provide the committee the option of auditing in the most appropriate and timely manner without incurring the expense of hiring a formal auditor. The MEF committee feels that the risks to the fund by this bylaw change is very low due to the extremely low volume of yearly church transactions and LCF yearly audit.

#### EXISTING LANGUAGE

##### C20.04.g

The Committee shall create an Audit Subcommittee with authority over the books of the Fund. The Audit Subcommittee shall audit or review the books or retain a certified public accountant whom is not a member of the Committee and shall have discretion to determine whether such accountant shall audit, review or compile the books. The Audit Subcommittee shall make a report on an annual basis to the Congregational Council.

#### PROPOSED LANGUAGE

##### C20.04.06

The Congregational Council shall determine whether and to what extent the books of the Fund shall be audited, which may include one or both of the following:

- (a) Creation of an Audit Subcommittee with authority over the books of the Fund and the responsibility to report on a regular basis to the Congregational Council and to the congregation; and/or
- (b) Periodic retention of a certified public accountant who is not a member of the Committee to audit, review or compile the books of the Fund as determined by the Congregational Council and to report to the Congregational Council and the congregation.

Mission Endowment Fund chairperson Laura Livingston provided additional explanation for the change, as well as the checks and balances provided in the financial transactions of the Mission Endowment Fund.

**It was M/S/P to adopt the proposed language for C20.04.06.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned after a benediction from Pastor John Vaswig.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins,  
Recording Secretary

# SUNDAY 07 NOVEMBER 2011 MINUTES

## Attendance

146 confirmed members of Mountain View Lutheran Church.

## Call to Order

President Michael Brauhn declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order, as well as led the congregation in prayer.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monique Vaswig let those gathered that the new Mountain View Community Center (MVCC) Cookbook *Recipes from the Mountain* was now available and would be on sale after the meeting.

President Michael announced that lunch was provided by Mountain View Lutheran Church (MVLC) and that baskets were on each table, in order that members give an offering to help defray the costs.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Sunday 16 May 2010 congregational meeting.

## DVD PRESENTATION

A new "mission and ministry" DVD, a visual expression of the kingdom work being done at MVLC, was shown.

## 2011 SPENDING GUIDELINES

President Michael Brauhn and Treasurer Jon Thieman presented the recommended Spending Guidelines for 2011 to the congregation.

Category	2010	2011	Change
Pastoral	274,823	280,894	+6,071
Benevolence (17.5%)	166,520	164,900	-1,620
Administration	168,410	182,320	+13,910
Program	125,606	134,198	+8,592
Property	137,353	120,596	-16,757
Debt Service	77,675	59,218	-18,457
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>950,387</b>	<b>942,126</b>	<b>-8,261</b>

After a question-and-answer discussion concerning the proposed 2011 spending guidelines, **it was M/S/P that the congregation of Mountain View Lutheran Church should adopt the 2010 Spending Guidelines in the amount of \$942,126.00.** The final vote was 124 for approval and 22 for rejection.

President Michael reiterated the need for an increase in faithful giving.

#### **ELECTION OF SWWA SYNOD ASSEMBLY LAY VOTING MEMBERS**

It was M/S/P to elect Jon Hillstead, Chuck Huber, Sheryl Huber, Dean Inglin, and Kerri Inglin as lay voting members to the 2011 Southwestern Washington Synod Assembly.

#### **MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE**

It was M/S/P to ratify the constitutional change to the language regarding the Mission Endowment Fund accounting practices (C20.04.06).

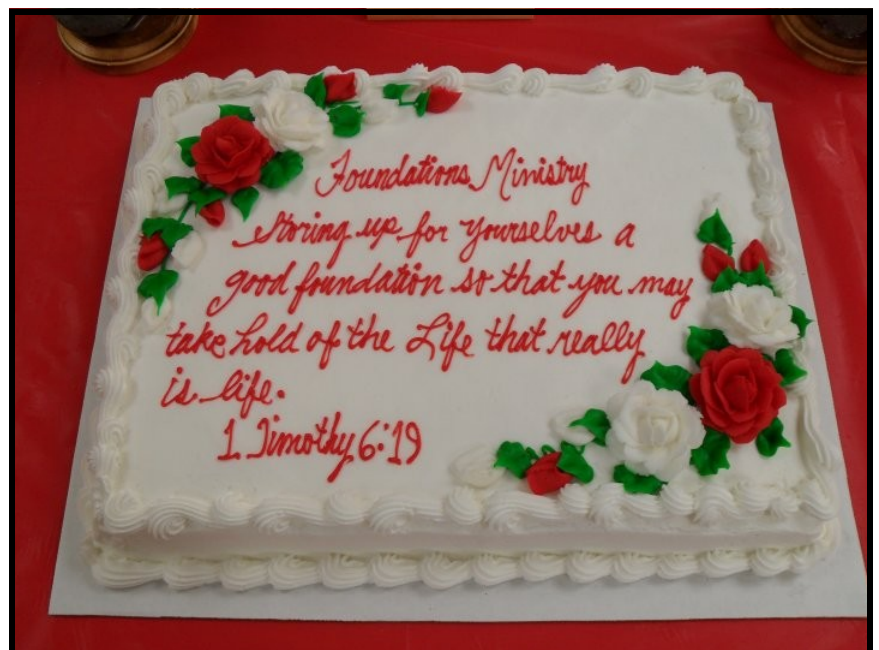
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins,  
Recording Secretary

# STATISTICS



# BAPTIZED MEMBERS

## Members received in 2010:

By Baptism—Children	12
By Baptism—Adults	1
By Affirmation of Faith	11
By Transfer	6
Statistical Adjustments	-

**Total members received 2009: 30**

## Members Removed in 2009:

By Death	8
By Transfer	4
Statistical Adjustments	2

**Total Removed: 14**

Membership December 31, 2009:	1087
Net Change in Membership:	+16
<b>Membership December 31, 2010</b>	<b>1103</b>

# WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Average Weekly* worship	458	461	403
Average Sunday worship	367	369	364
Average Lenten midweek	121	170	147
Average Advent midweek	154	119	111
Confirmation/Reformation	512	423	492
Thanksgiving Eve	129	141	148
Christmas Eve	622	624	533
Holy Week			
Maundy Thursday	156	197	164
Good Friday	197	231	203
Easter Vigil	216	266	261
Easter Sunday	643	731	654

\*Weekly worship includes Sunday mornings, Wednesday Night Live worship, Thanksgiving Eve, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Christmas Eve.