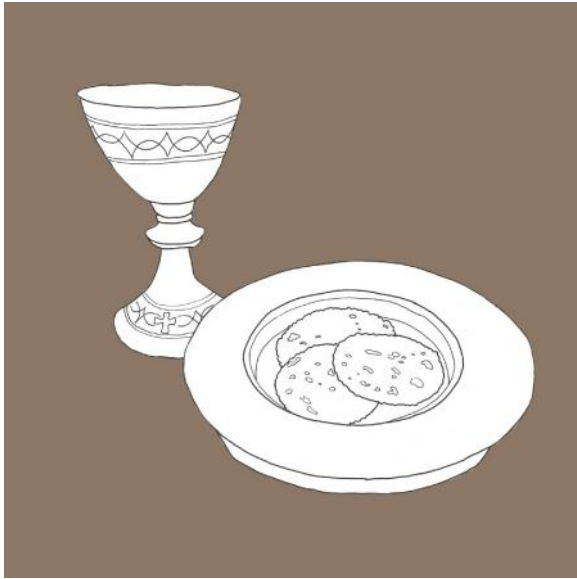




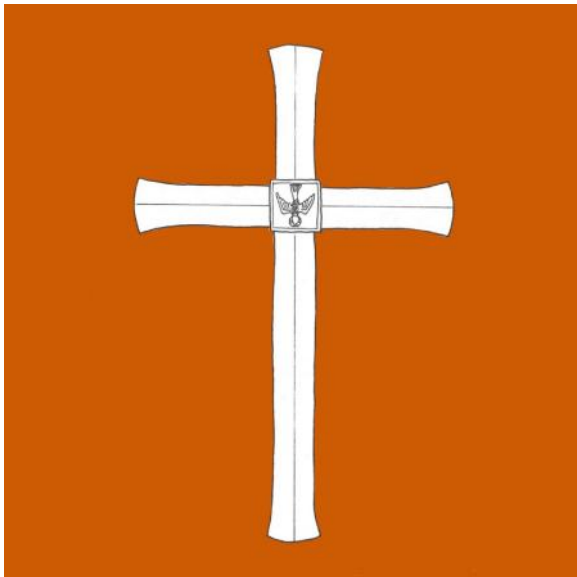
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LIVING HOPE

“Living Hope: Past, Present, and Future” is unfolding in our midst and what a source of delight it has been for me to be in your homes thus far and listen to the voices of God’s people. How compelling it is to receive words of encouragement and affirmation regarding the content of the ministry we conduct together. As staff supervisor, I am so gratified by the words I hear from you regarding the faithful and diligent work done by the staff. So, to date, thanks for the time, it has enriched my life as your Senior Pastor.

As the “Living Hope: Past, Present, and Future” campaign unfolds, I hope your household is indeed considering how you might support the effort in raising the \$750,000 for the sake of mission and ministry. A large part of the campaign is the paying down of debt incurred from the last building project. It seems both faithful and important to pay down that debt as we anticipate a vital and energetic future.

On Saturday, February 22, 2020, we will gather at Mountain View Lutheran for a night of grateful response to God in Christ for the ministry we share. On that evening you will be asked to indicate your household’s commitment for the next three years as a part of the Living Hope.

We are planning the evening of food, music, remembrances, and anticipations as we give thanks to God’s saints—past, present, and future. We gather at 5:30 p.m. trusting in the Spirit’s blowing in our midst, giving thanks for our mission and ministry lived out together toward the world. An RSVP will be needed to calculate the number present, and, yes, childcare will be provided. See you on February 22.

A blessed Epiphany season,

Pastor John

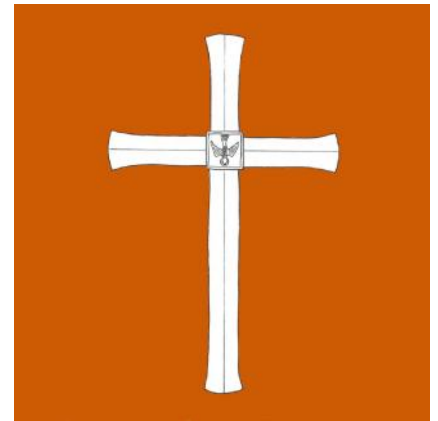
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Living into hope—past, present, and future—we, as a body of believers, embrace the future’s promise in the present moment. To that end, by responding to debt, caring for the facility, and anticipating future needs, we together accept the challenge of a capital campaign of \$750,000. We do the same, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, anticipating a faith-filled response to the hope which does not disappoint us.

We celebrate this “Living Hope” capital campaign with dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 22, 2020 in the MVLC Gym. The evening will include inspiration from fellow members of the congregation, music, and the opportunity to make your financial commitment to the campaign.

Please sign up on the boards in the Gathering Space or online at the address below, in order that we are able to plan for the number of those in attendance.

Sign up online:

mtviewlutheran.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/aaa0dac6-b610-4c00-b111-0cb7e0aa8506

SPECIAL MEETING

Cell Phone Tower

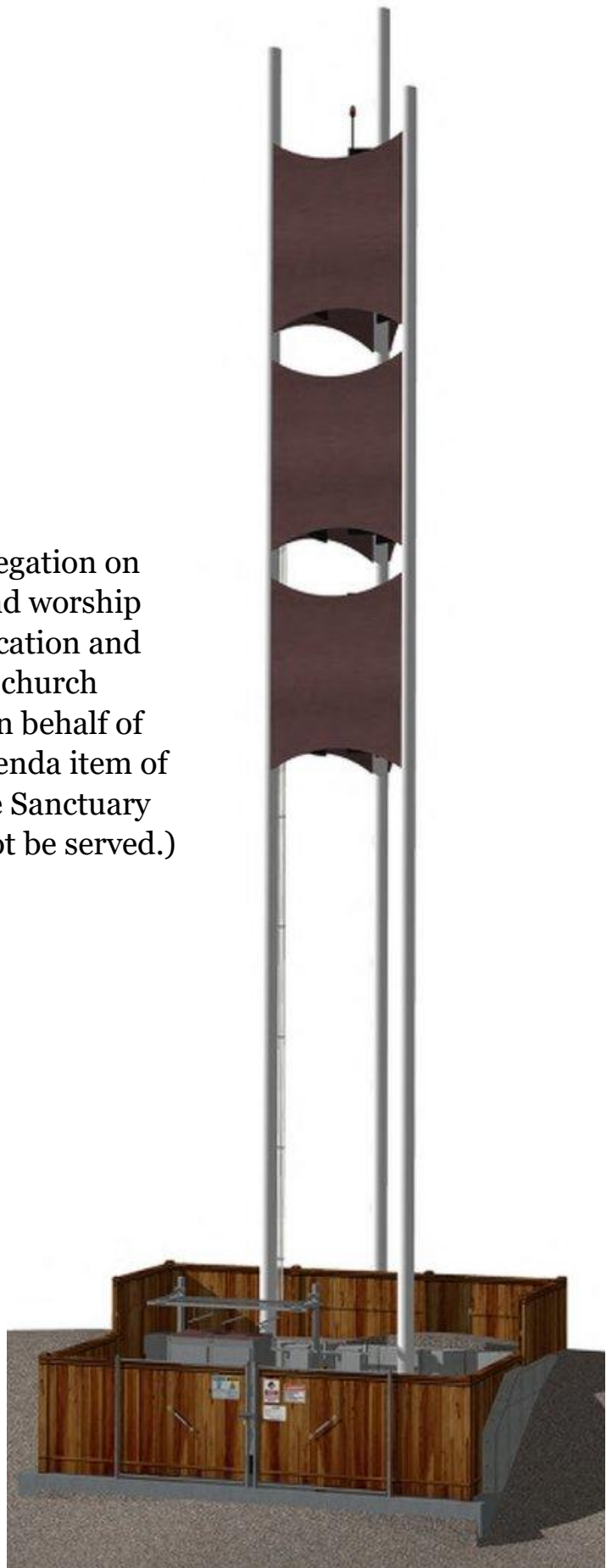
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

**immediately following
the second worship service**

(at approximately 11:45 a.m.)

in the Sanctuary

There will be a special meeting of the congregation on February 9 immediately following the second worship service. A vote will be held approving the location and design of the cell tower and authorizing the church council to negotiate and enter into a lease on behalf of the church with Verizon. This is the only agenda item of the meeting. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and the nursery will be open. (Lunch will not be served.)



FEBRUARY ADULT EDUCATION

Hymnology: The Who, Why, When, Where, and How of What We Sing

Essential, I think, to our worship are the words and music of our liturgy and hymnody. For ages upon ages, we Christians have been singing songs of praise and prayer, hope and thanksgiving, longing and lament. We have grown up with worship books, perhaps with Mom or Dad holding the book so that we could follow along. That is likely how we began to learn musical notation.

Where do these hymns come from? Who writes them? Where did/do the authors live? When? Why do we sing them? How do the hymn texts speak to us? Who composes the music? How do the hymns get included in our worship books?

On the first three Sundays of February, during adult Sunday school, Glenn Petersen (“Pastor Glenn”), with the capable musicianship of Susan Bloomfield, will share a sample of hymn texts and tunes. There are so many to choose from. Come, as we explore the poetry, theology and music of what we sing.

Week 1 • February 2

Week 2 • February 9

Week 3 • February 16

Sunday mornings in February

9:30 a.m.

Life Together Hall

Led by Pastor Glenn Petersen

ROCK MINISTRY

Rock Ministry Announcements

RSVP for the LUTHERWOOD 1–6 GRADE OVERNIGHT RETREAT

Friday, March 20 to Saturday, March 21, 2020

Spend a night growing deeper in your faith through outdoor ministry. This is the perfect opportunity for kids to try out overnight camp without going for a whole week. Register now at <https://www.camplutherwood.org/events>. Cost is \$63/youth, scholarships are available as needed, please talk with Pastor Bri.

SHROVE PANCAKE FEAST

Sunday, February 23, 2020 • 9:30 a.m.

In the tradition of Shrove Tuesday, Rock Ministry families are invited to a pancake feast in the gym before we head into Lent. We'll also introduce a Lenten devotion to prepare your kids for Lent and what this season means for Christians. No regular Rock Ministry classes this day; we'll all be in the Gym.

SAVE the DATES for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020

Monday, July 6 to Friday, July 10, 2020

Middle Rock (5–7 Grades) Events

REGISTER for the SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING

Friday, March 6 to Sunday, March 8, 2020

For all fifth, sixth, and seventh graders. Last year we got snowed out, but we can get a good crew this year. This is a weekend of diving into God's Word, remembering the promises of baptism, worshiping, and having fun. Registration is open now! Please contact Pastor Bri for the registration link. Cost is \$120 until Jan. 10 / \$130 until Feb. 8. Scholarships are available as needed.

REGISTER for FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP

Sunday, August 2 to Friday, August 7, 2020

This trip is for youth currently in fifth through eighth grades. Register prior to Wednesday, April 1, 2020 for the lowest rate.

ROCK MINISTRY

High School (8-12 Grades) Events

RSVP for the HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP CHAMP CAMP with LUTHERHAVEN MINISTRIES

Sunday, June 27 to Thursday, July 2, 2020

The youth will spend the week partnered with a youth with disabilities—helping to make sure everyone has a chance to go to camp and experience it fully. We've done this trip before and it was a favorite of the youth. RSVP to Pastor Bri. Friends are welcome too. \$50 deposit due with registration; the rest will be due in the Spring. Cost is approximately \$330/youth (scholarships available).

RSVP: May Holden Youth Weekend, May 22-24

This trip is for all 8-12 graders. Youth will leave early Friday morning (missing that day of school) and return Sunday evening. It is an experience not to miss. Cost is \$205/person (scholarships available as needed). Please RSVP pronto!

Scholarships for Graduating HS Seniors

Scholarship applications are available in the church office or electronically by emailing Pastor Bri at bmerkle@mtviewlutheran.org. You may apply for as many of these scholarships as you are eligible for. Please be sure to read the descriptions to discern which are applicable to you.

LEAF Scholarships due April 1, 2020

Lutheran Educational Aid Fund (LEAF) Scholarships are for students who will be attending a Lutheran College or University. This scholarship is renewable from year-to-year so long as the student remains at a Lutheran college.

Baurichter Scholarship due April 1, 2020

The Donna Marie Baurichter Klauser Memorial Scholarship is given to one student each year in honor of an incredible woman who believed in the power of faith and the pursuit of knowledge. This application requires an application along with letters of recommendation, an essay, school transcripts, and a copy of the Letter of Acceptance to your school of choice.



GODLY PLAY

Learning Jesus in a New Way

Some of you have asked what our kids are learning about on Sunday mornings in Rock Ministry. There's not one simple answer to that because the content for each age group is suited to their unique learning needs. But to give you some insight, our youngest kids (age 3 through 2nd grade) use a curriculum titled "Godly Play" that was designed to help children engage scripture in hands-on and narrative-based ways. Godly Play works— to quote the famous song – from "2 to 92"... It has been used in prisons to convey parables to prisoners... and has been used at Mt. View since 2015.

Godly Play can be kind of mysterious... And full of wondering... Wondering is at the very heart of it all... "I wonder what this story might mean to you..." "I wonder what you liked best..." "I wonder if there is anything we could take out and still have the whole story..."

Some key components of this ethereal curriculum include:

-) It is Montessori-based, utilizing visual effects to enrich each Bible story as it unfolds before your eyes.
-) It is child-focused. In other words, the adults – while the kids are in the room – are to remain at their level, saving adult conversations for before or after.
-) During the heart of the story, the "story-teller" stays as immersed in the story as everyone else... He/she doesn't look up until it's time for wondering questions. Amazingly, if, as the story-teller, you discipline yourself into this practice, you truly become just a mouthpiece and the story comes as alive for you as for those who are, actually, listening. This practice has been found effective so that children aren't looking to the adult(s) for approval, but are – to the best of their wiggly abilities – drawn into what is unfolding before them...

The premise for Godly Play assumes—as per the primary architect/author, Dr. Jerome Berryman—that children already know God, simply needing "*an appropriate language to construct their own personal meaning about that reality*". "*Intuitively*", he has determined, "*play seems... to be the way to help children learn and practice this language and to name and express what they already know... This invitation to come and play is based on what Jesus said about welcoming children and becoming like them.*"

Among the stories and content of Godly Play that we cover over a 2-3 year rotation is:

-) teaching from the Hebrew Scriptures like the story of the Ten Commandments and stories of the prophets
-) the parables of Jesus
-) stories of the risen Jesus and learning to know Jesus in a new way in the breaking of the bread, in doubt, in absence...
-) learning about the "circle of the church year" (liturgical seasons)
-) and stories about the post-resurrection church

If you are still curious to hear—or see—more of what our kids are learning, you are invited to "Come and see" on a Sunday morning! The kids would love to have more adults join them in learning.

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who celebrate
the births of new children.

-) Chris and Rebekah Smith at the birth of daughter Ellie Bernadette Smith,
granddaughter of Jeff and Mary Quinn.

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

-) Tony Williamson and family at the death of his brother Evan Williamson.
-) Sheryl Hulse and family at the death of her mother Gloria Perry.
-) Tina Yeun and family at the death of her father Bruce Santos.
-) Steve Pahre and family at the death of his father Richard Pahre.
-) John and Claire Robertson at the death of their son Scott Robertson.
-) The family of Dr. Robert Pollard at his death.
-) The family of Andrea Kamrath at her death.

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

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

- J John Bachner.
- J Darrel Hagen.
- J Stewart Luckman.
- J Doug Mandt.
- J Darel Roa.
- J Ken Sturgeon.
- J Ben Wadnizak.

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

- J Sue Baker, mother of Diane Tyler.
- J Toni Ann Brend, cousin of Pili Wolfe.
- J Delores Chapel, sister of Lois Stark.
- J Marylyn Dicoski, cousin of Phil Edlund.
- J Cathy Ghiglione, friend of Kathy Harris.
- J Stacey Hailey, daughter of Ed and Lois Stark.
- J Dianne Kimble, sister of Darlene Thompson.
- J Wendell Nascimento, friend of Mervina Sturgeon and Pili Wolfe.
- J Hanna Safley, friend of the MVLC high school youth.
- J Marshall Smith, brother-in-law of Ann Yost.
- J Jim Stark, son of Ed and Lois Stark.
- J Pete Thibadeau, husband of Claudia Thibadeau.
- J Ron Thompson, son of Darlene Thompson.

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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Mountain View Lutheran Church



Lenten Quiet Morning

“servant songs”

Saturday, February 29, 2020

9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

MVLC Gathering Space and Sanctuary

A time of contemplative prayer anchored upon the four “Servant Songs” of Isaiah—42:1-4; 49:1-6; 50:4-7; and 52:13—53:12.

Brief readings of scripture, poetry, and hymns are followed by times of reflection, prayer, meditation, and creative response.

Bring a sketchbook and your art supplies, or a journal and your pen, or your Bible and a mind turned toward meditation, as we hear scripture, stories, and poems of Lent and then respond to them in prayer, in silence, or in the act of creation.

All are welcome. Recommended for middle school youth, high school youth, and adults.



**EDGEWOOD NOURISH FOOD BANK
 December 2019 Statistics**

9	Number of Distribution Days
1138	Families Served
5069	Individuals Served
87,280	Pounds of Food Distributed
48	New Customers
77	Individual Volunteers who worked
1,223	Total Volunteer Hours

A Look Back

YEAR	INDIVIDUALS SERVED	POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED	VOLUNTEER HOURS WORKED
2003	3,158		
2004	9,402	76,809	2,123
2005	11,930	97,568	2,911
2006	14,252	156,606	3498
2007	13,349		
2008	13,198		
2009	26,689	414,557	
2010	34,966	602,507	12,141
2011	39,253	730,947	13,672
2012	43,294	726,130	15,757
2013	50,235	-----	16,474
2014	56,348	907,670	17,254
2015	54,721	980,458	17,353
2016	56,170	1,057,312	16,744
2017	63,216	1,145,490	16,816
2018	66,762	1,158,685	16,410
2019	68,100	1,323,747	17,930

**Happy New Year
 Thank you for your support!**



Hope MOVES *Mountains* Benefit Auction “A Vision of Hope”

Saturday, February 29, 2020 • 5:30 p.m. • Emerald Queen Ballroom

Join the Mountain View Community Center for a fun and exciting evening that will help support ***Successful Kids, Hopeful Families, and Active Seniors.***

Tickets are \$65 per person or \$130 per couple and include:

-)] Buffet dinner by Emerald Queen.
-)] Cash bar available upon arrival.
-)] Games, silent auction, live auction, and more.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.mtviewcc.org.

For more information, visit www.mtviewcc.org or call 253-826-4329.

Are you interested in:

-)] *Sponsoring the event?*
-)] *Hosting a table?*
-)] *Donating an item (or items) for the auction?*
-)] *Volunteering?*

Then please contact the Mountain View Community Center at contact@mtviewcc.org or 253-826-4329.

BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study

Who?

All women are welcome to attend this pastor-led Bible study.

What?

Currently studying Second Corinthians.

Where?

In the MVLC Library.

When?

9:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month. In February, Women's Bible Study occurs on 2/6 and 2/20.

Men's Bible Study

Who?

All men are welcome to attend this member-led Bible study.

What?

Currently studying Second Corinthians.

Where?

In the Chapel basement.

When?

Breakfast is at 7:00 p.m. and the Bible study begins at 7:30 a.m. each Saturday morning.

MITRI in MARCH at MVLC

Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, Lutheran pastor, founder/president of Dar al-Kalima University of Arts and Culture in Bethlehem, and co-founder of Bright Stars of Bethlehem visits Mountain View Lutheran Church during the month of March.



Pastor Raheb has visited MVLC multiple times. Bright Stars of Bethlehem is one of our benevolence recipients and ministry partners. Pastor John and Pastor Mitri have worked together on issues of human rights in the Holy Land for all people, especially Palestinians in the Occupied Territories, for many years.

MITRI at LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

On Wednesday 3/4 join us for a Lenten midweek soup-and-bread dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Life Together Hall, followed by Lenten midweek worship at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Pastor Raheb is our guest preacher during the worship service.

All are welcome to attend these free events.

Let us know if you will be joining us for March 4, 2020 Lenten Midweek Worship at www.facebook.com/events/181854033025192

Learn more about the “Disarming Polarization: Navigating Conflict and Difference” Symposium on March 5-6 and/or register to attend at www.plu.edu/wang-center-symposium

MITRI at the PLU WANG CENTER SYMPOSIUM

MVLC is sponsoring Rev. Dr. Raheb keynote speech, “Faith in the Age of Hijacked Religions,” at 6:30 p.m. on Friday 3/6 at PLU’s Wang Center for Global Education as part of the “Disarming Polarization: Navigating Conflict and Difference” Symposium.

JANUARY 2020

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4 • Psalm 27:1, 4-9 • 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 • Matthew 4:12-23

26 SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Rock Ministry and Adult Education
10:45 a.m. Worship

27 MONDAY

1:00 p.m. Mary Circle

28 TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

29 WEDNESDAY

9:30 a.m. MVLC Quilters

ExALT

5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:45 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Classes
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

30 THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. Honey Doers

31 FRIDAY

1 SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

FEBRUARY 2020

Presentation of Our Lord

Malachi 3:1-4 • Psalm 84 • Hebrews 2:14-18 • Luke 2:22-40

2 SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Rock Ministry and Adult Education
10:45 a.m. Worship

3 MONDAY

4 TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

5 WEDNESDAY

9:30 a.m. MVLC Quilters
1:00 p.m. Grief Group

ExALT

5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:45 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Classes
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

6 THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. Honey Doers
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
1:00 p.m. Property

7 FRIDAY

8 SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

FEBRUARY 2020

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-12 • Psalm 112 • 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 • Matthew 5:13-20

9 SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Rock Ministry and Adult Education
10:45 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. **Special Meeting of the Congregation**

Fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate

10 MONDAY

11 TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Book Club
6:00 p.m. Peace and Justice
6:30 p.m. Church Council

12 WEDNESDAY

9:30 a.m. MVLC Quilters

ExALT

5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:45 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Classes
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

13 THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. Honey Doers
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawls

14 FRIDAY

15 SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

FEBRUARY 2020

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 • Psalm 119:1-8 • 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 • Matthew 5:21-37

16 SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Rock Ministry and Adult Education
10:45 a.m. Worship
12 noon Peace and Justice Film Festival

17 MONDAY

18 TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle

19 WEDNESDAY

9:30 a.m. MVLC Quilters

ExALT

5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:45 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Classes
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

20 THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. Honey Doers
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

21 FRIDAY

22 SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
1:00 p.m. Illa Sieloff Memorial

5:30 p.m. Living Hope Dinner

FEBRUARY 2020

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18 • Psalm 2 • 2 Peter 1:16-21 • Matthew 17:1-9

23 SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Rock Ministry and Adult Education
10:45 a.m. Worship

24 MONDAY

1:00 p.m. Mary Circle

25 TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Church Council

26 ASH WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship	6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Dinner
12 noon	Ash Wednesday Lunch	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship

27 THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. Honey Doers

28 FRIDAY

29 SATURDAY

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	5:30 p.m.	MVCC Hope Moves Mountains Auction
9:00 a.m.	Lenten Quiet Morning		

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Many thanks to those who help make this newsletter a reality by submitting photos, fliers, articles, and information—staff, ministry group chairpersons, ministry partners, and members of the congregation.

Would you like to submit something for consideration? It needs to be emailed to MVLC Communications Director Troy Kehm-Goins by the 15th of the month prior to publication. And preferably in an editable electronic format!

Items for the March 2020 newsletter need to be sent to MVLC Communication Director Troy Kehm-Goins at tkehm-goins@mtviewlutheran.org by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 15.

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