

# MVLC NEWSLETTER



July 2019



## ROAR Vacation Bible School

Bible stories and skits, songs, snacks, games, crafts, and more!

Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 12, 2019

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon each day

for kids age 3 through sixth grade

end-of-VBS picnic lunch for kids, parents, and volunteers  
at 12 noon on Friday, July 12, 2019

Register children for VBS at

[www.mtviewlutheran.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/dc1cb0eb-7efb-4c11-aa4c-b4359e91543c](http://www.mtviewlutheran.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/dc1cb0eb-7efb-4c11-aa4c-b4359e91543c)

Sign up to volunteer for VBS at

[signup.com/go/AjCLbSw](http://signup.com/go/AjCLbSw)

links to registration and volunteer forms are also available  
on the MVLC website ([www.mtviewlutheran.org](http://www.mtviewlutheran.org))

During **Vacation Bible School**, we will be collecting donations for the Mountain View Community Center's 8/24 Back-to-School BBQ as part of our offering.

- J **NEW Backpacks**
- J **NEW Reusable Water Bottles**
- J **Gently-used clothing for kids K-12**

Donations can also be dropped off at the MVCC during business hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



# Prayers of the Church

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

## **We pray for the newly baptized.**

- ) Atalie McKenzie Morgan, daughter of Casey Smith and Shaina Morgan, granddaughter of Bill and Sandy Smith.

## **We pray for those who assume new leadership roles in the Church.**

- ) Bishop Richard Jaech, elected to another six-year term as Bishop of the Southwestern Washington Synod.
- ) Pastor Rebecca Shjerven, who will serve as the next Bishop's Associate.
- ) Pastor Kyle Merkle, installed as Pastor of Celebration Lutheran Church of Puyallup.
- ) Pastor Briana Merkle, elected to serve on the Synod Council of the SWWA Synod.
- ) Church Administrator Phil Edlund, elected as President of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of The Church Network.
- ) L. Denice Randle, new Executive Director of Peace Community Center of Tacoma.

## **We pray for those involved with ROAR Vacation Bible School.**

- ) The students who attend.
- ) The parents and guardians who bring them.
- ) The volunteers who make it possible.

*Amen.*

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*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

**We pray for those who mourn the death of loved ones.**

- ) Cathy Kostelecky and family at the death of her father Chuck Hurter.
- ) Bob Kostelecky and family at the death of his brother Tom Kostelecky.

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

- ) John Bachner.
- ) Darrel Hagen.
- ) Stewart Luckman.
- ) Doug Mandt.
- ) Pete Thibadeau.
- ) Mark Williams.

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

- ) Gary Cornell, father of Jason Cornell.
- ) Marylyn Dicoski, cousin of Phil Edlund.
- ) Cathy Ghiglione, friend of Kathy Harris.
- ) Joyce Goad, sister-in-law of Jay Holland.
- ) Stacey Hailey, daughter of Ed and Lois Stark.
- ) Dianne Kimble, sister of Darlene Thompson.
- ) Wendell Nascimento, friend of Mervina Sturgeon and Pili Wolfe.
- ) Hanna Safley, friend of the MVLC high school youth.
- ) John Taylor, stepfather of John Meagher.
- ) Ron Thompson, son of Darlene Thompson.

*Amen.*

# Rock Ministry • Cornerstone

**Friday, July 12 • 4:30 p.m.**

## **CORNERSTONE BBQ at the HUTTON RESIDENCE**

Celebrate summer with MVLC families for a BBQ on the Friday evening of VBS. Arrive anytime after 4:30 p.m. and we'll eat around 6-6:30. The Huttons will provide pulled pork sandwiches and hot dogs.

- ) Please bring food to share: sides, salads, desserts, drinks, etc
- ) Activities: above ground pool, lawn games, fire pit and s'mores, laser tag.
- ) Please bring your own towels. We'll have separate pool times for little kids and big kids.

Contact the church if you need the Hutton's address!



## **Rock Ministry • 5/6/7 Event**

for 5th –7th grades

**Thursday, July 25 • 3:45 to 8:15 p.m.**

### **THE AMAZING (G)RACE**

We're having an Amazing (G)Race around Puyallup with other Puyallup-area Lutheran youth! We'll be competing in an Amazing Race around Puyallup. Bring a friend and join the fun. Bring \$15 for dinner. We'll be back to MVLC by 8:15 p.m. RSVP to Pastor Bri (bmerkle@mtviewlutheran.org) by July 17.



**Ensuring all students have the  
tools they need to succeed!**

- New Backpacks
  - Haircuts
  - Clothing Room
  - BBQ Lunch
  - Family Fun & Games
- Saturday  
August 24th  
10:00 am—2:00 pm**

**CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT**

For more information visit our website at:

[www.mtviewcc.org](http://www.mtviewcc.org)

Or call 253.826.4329

Mountain View Community Center is an independent organization and  
is not sponsored by the *Puyallup or Fife School Districts*.

# From the Church Administrator

## Thank you for your continued faithfulness!

During the early June Council meeting, I had the privilege to share that congregational giving, as a whole, this year is the most consistent we have seen since my arrival at Mountain View 7 years ago! While we are not quite on track year-to-date, we are close, and your continued faithful financial support of the Ministry and Mission makes the difference! Because we as a congregation are faithful, we are able to continue support of our vital ministries and support of our benevolence partners without interruption. Thank you for your continued faithfulness!

During July, I will attend the annual Church Network Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. Each year I attend this conference as part of my continuing education, to learn new skills, learn about new resources to support the ministry and mission of Mountain View Lutheran Church, and to build relationships. As you may recall, last May, I was elected as President to our local Church Network Chapter Board and was also appointed to the Governance Committee for the National Church Network organization. This is also an opportunity to help Mountain View build partnerships with our brothers and sisters in the surrounding faith communities.

One such example is a regional conference that our local chapter is planning for this Spring, to train staff and lay leaders on child protection and workplace harassment prevention. Last year, I also learned about the new version of our church management software, ShelbyNext, which we implemented in November; as well as integrating our heating and cooling systems with the calendar function of this program. Both of these resources allow us to reduce costs and focus more resources on the ministry and mission.

Hope you are having a happy and safe Summer!

In His service,  
*Phil Edlund*

## Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent members: We are collecting Thrivent Choice Dollars to cover the cost of installing acoustic treatment on the ceiling of the main room of the MVCC. The current amount received is \$5,771, which is about 43% of what is needed. Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars by calling 1-800-847-4836 or online at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) (after you login, click on "Direct Choice Dollars.")



# General Fund Giving Update

May was a challenging, but good, month, with income exceeding May 2018 by over \$7,500. However, we were still slightly below the expected amount for May and YTD. Giving during the first 3 Sundays of June continues to be very strong and has helped us start to make headway on the modest year-to-date gap between actual and expected giving amounts. We are just under \$9,000 below the giving levels needed to stay on track for the year. Giving overall continues to be faithful and consistent across the congregation as a whole, and is still up about 3% compared with last year. We still have two more Sundays in June to include at the time of this article.

We ask for your continued faithful financial support as we move into summer – a time when we typically incur greater expenses on the facility to perform annual maintenance that cannot take place when Rock Ministry and other programs are still running.

Thank you, again, for your continued faithful support of God’s ministry through Mountain View Lutheran Church.

	5/31/2019 actual + thru 6/16/2019 actual	2019 Spending Guideline	Difference	2018 Actual
Month ending 5/31/2019	\$87,779	\$94,221	-\$6,442	\$80,271
Month to date 6/16/2019	\$51,859	\$47,874	\$3,985	\$63,778
Year to date 5/31/2019	\$416,902	\$429,862	-\$12,960	\$419,712
Year to date 6/16/2019	\$468,761	\$477,736	-\$8,975	\$455,744



Sunday June 3, 2019 was a day of celebration and new beginnings. As MVLC blessed the new High School Graduates. The tradition of the “quilt giving” serves as a reminder of what the Lutheran World Relief and our congregation represents. The quilts symbolize our history of giving to others, of providing love and to enveloping all in God’s Love. All these thoughts were expressed and shared during the service.

It is by remembering our history we are able to go forward into the future. Lutheran World Relief began giving quilts to people who suffered misfortune, starting in WW II when thousands of Lutherans were made homeless. Over time the Lutherans expanded the giving of the quilts to the many unfortunate individuals and families around the world. For the past 75 years Lutherans have been giving God’s love through the simplicity of quilts. It is this service to and love of God which motivates the MVLC Quilters. We hope the recent graduates will enjoy the quilts and reflect on what the quilts mean, as was shared in the service on Sunday.

The quilters would like to recognize the graduates and all of the members who have helped the Quilters make Quilts this past year. Just Last month we sent 400 quilts to the “in-gathering”. This happens twice a year. It is when Lutheran Churches throughout the U.S.A. send their quilts to be shipped to places most in need. Specifically the Quilters want to THANK the:

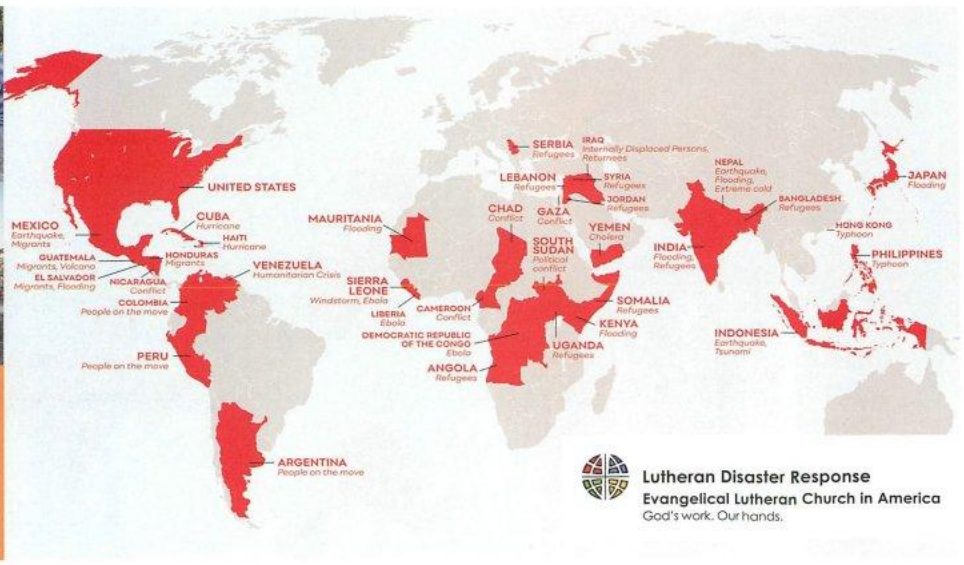
- ✂ core group of Quilters who gather every Wednesday (except July and August) in the Chapel’s basement for making the Quilts. PLEASE join us everyone, well at least some of you!!
- ✂ many members whose relatives were/are avid sewers, some have lost a Mother or had to move parents out of their homes. Even during these difficult times member think of others and call us to pick up material, thread, scissors, sewing notion, etc. These items are brought to us on Wednesday’s or to the Church Office where the staff take time out their busy day to accept. Or we pick-up boxes.
- ✂ individuals who helped prepare the quilts for the graduates by labeling, folding and preparing the quilts for presentation to the graduates. In particular we would like to thank:
  - ) Terry Johnson for making labels to serve as an on-going reminder to the graduates of MVLC’s care,
  - ) Flora Larson for the attractive presentation of the quilts,
  - ) Troy (known by his 1<sup>st</sup> name) for the artistic pictures and write-up of the graduates for the Sunday Worship Folder, and
  - ) Ann Marie Bachner the main motivater and organizer of the MVLC Quilters. (The author of this article “snuck” in thanks after Ann’s final editing.) But thanks to her are well deserved.



Finally we want to wish the graduates well in all future endeavors. We hope the quilts stay with them long into their lives and serve as a reminder on how “scraps” of material and donated thread, etc. sewn together become an article art. We hope the graduates will always remember MVLC, through the quilts, and feel God’s love as they wrap themselves up to stay warm.



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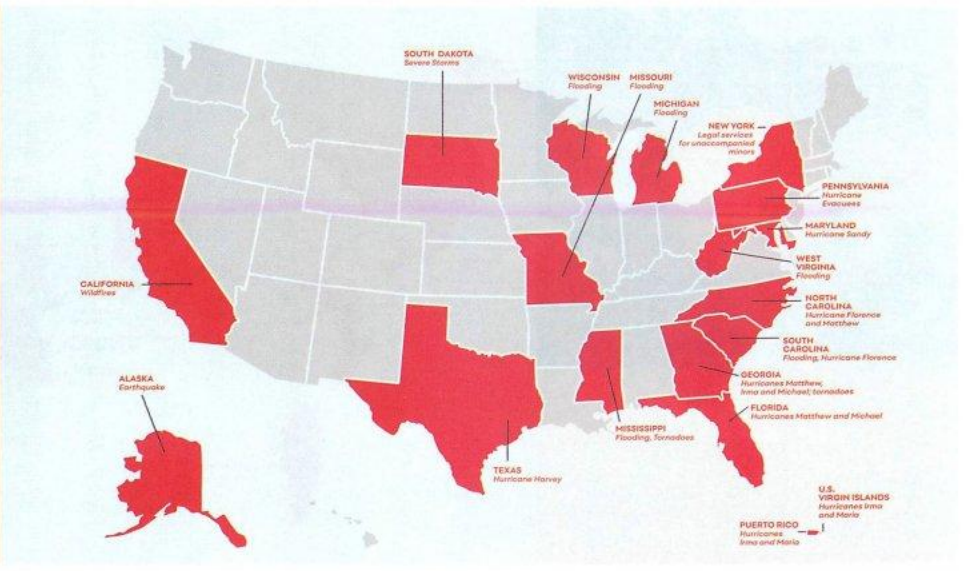
 **Lutheran Disaster Response**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

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In 2018, **Lutheran Disaster Response** was working  
in 18 states and territories in the United States.

To learn more about how LDR "brings God's hope, healing, and renewal  
to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters," visit  
[www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response](http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response)

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**To continue this important  
work, we need your support.**





Pastor John and members of Churches for Middle East Peace meet with U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell to voice strong objections to the United States withholding \$550 million in aid to Palestine during the last two years—money which funds hospitals, educational centers, and the like—and advocating for policies that ensure dignity and human rights for Palestinians.

During his sabbatical, Pastor John was in Washington DC for Churches for Middle East Peace’s 35th Annual Advocacy Summit to speak about the mission and ministry of Mountain View Lutheran Church on learning about issues related to the Holy Land and the Middle East, including:

- J Hosting World Vision’s Hope for the Holy Land Tour in 2014.
- J Welcoming Reverend Mitri Raheb for preaching/teaching in 2015.
- J Hosting CMEP’s Pilgrimage to Peace at MVLC in 2017.
- J Hosting the ExALT: Extraordinary Active Life Together class “A Short Course on Islam and Muslims” with University of Washington Tacoma Professor Turan Kayaoglu in 2017.
- J Organizing the MVLC congregational mission trip to Israel/Palestine in 2018.
- J Hosting “Faith Over Fear: Standing with Our Muslim Neighbors” Roadshow in 2018.

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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 July 2019 newsletter need to be sent to Troy at [tkehm-goins@mtviewlutheran.org](mailto:tkehm-goins@mtviewlutheran.org) by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 15.*

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<p><b>7</b> FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST</p> <p>8:15am      Worship 10:00am      Worship</p> <p>12 noon      VBS Volunteers Meeting + VBS Set Up</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Vacation Bible School 9:00am to 12 noon</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Vacation Bible School 9:00am to 12 noon</b></p> <p>9:00am      WELCA Board 6:00pm      Peace and Justice</p>
<p><b>14</b> FIFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST</p> <p>8:15am      Worship 10:00am      Worship</p> <p>Fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>10:00am      Staff Meeting 12:30pm      Rebecca Circle</p>
<p><b>21</b> SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST</p> <p>8:15am      Worship 10:00am      Worship</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>10:00am      Staff Meeting</p>
<p><b>28</b> SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST</p> <p>8:15am      Worship 10:00am      Worship</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>10:00am      Staff Meeting 6:30pm      Church Council</p>

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10:00am VBS Snack Team Preparations</p> <p>1:00pm Grief Group</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>8:30am Honey Doers</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7:00am Men's Bible Study</p>
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