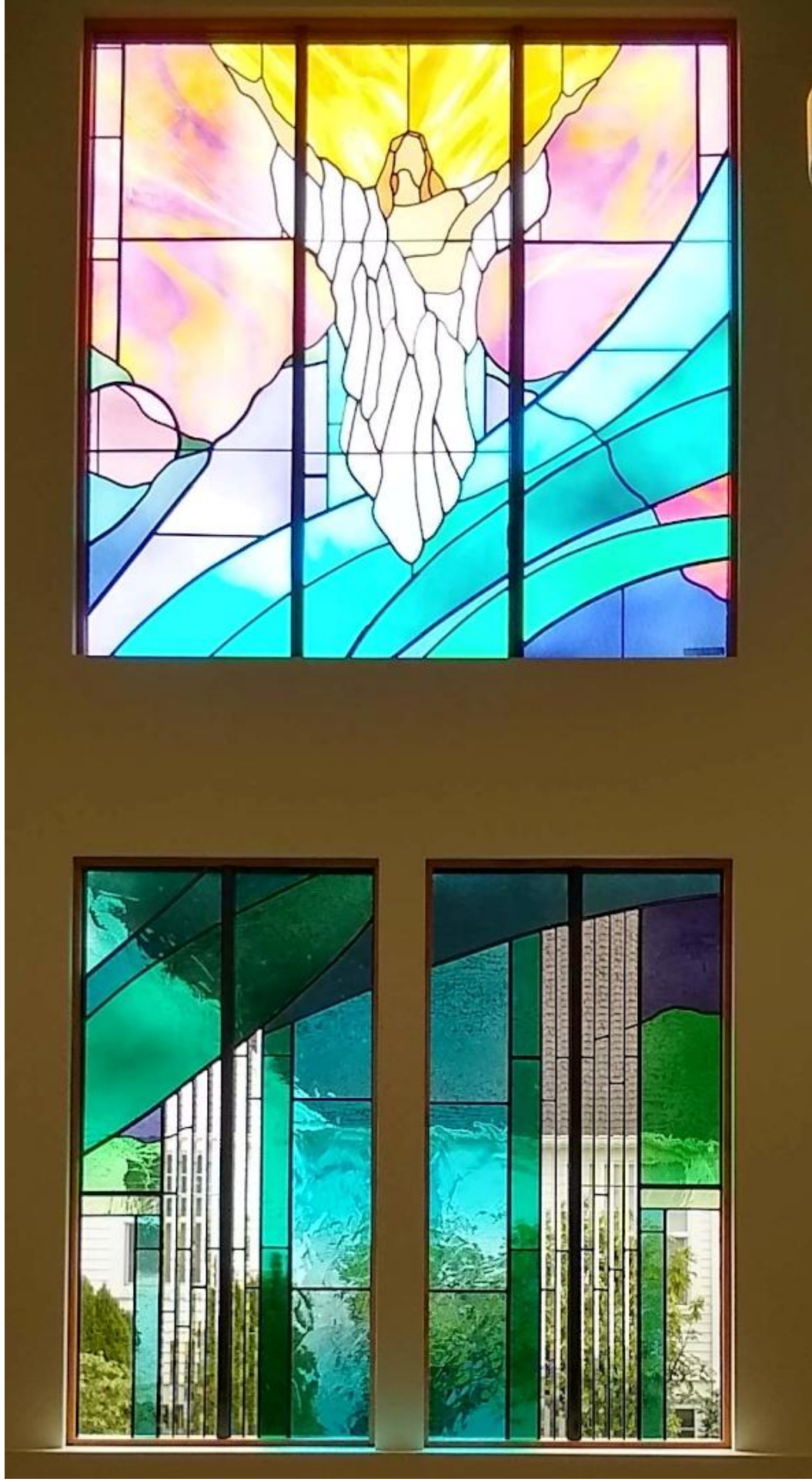


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MVLC INTERIM PASTOR

As members of Mountain View Lutheran Church, we currently find ourselves in a position of being “in between,” an interim. Our long-term Senior Pastor John Vaswig has left, and now we are anticipating the calling of a permanent pastor in the next couple of years. As such, an interim pastor will be called by the Southwestern Washington Synod to assist our congregation in moving through this period of transition.

The Mountain View Lutheran Church Council has given our Synod the go-ahead to begin identifying available candidates who might be willing to serve our congregation. The Council indicated to Bishop Jaech and his assistant, Reverend Rebecca Shjerven, that Mountain View is looking for an individual who demonstrates solid theology, relevant preaching, transitional experience, and collaborative proficiency. The Council has stated that Mountain View desires a .75 FTE position.

The interim pastor will work closely with Pastor Glenn and Pastor Bri to augment their responsibilities at Mountain View. Once a potential interim has been identified by the Synod, a Transition Team comprised of the Church Council and other church members will interview and approve the candidate. If everyone is in agreement, our interim pastor could be in place within two months.

A presentation is being prepared by Church Administrator Phil Edlund and Treasurer Jason Cornell to inform congregational members of our financial responsibilities to such an individual. The meeting will most likely be held on Zoom. Look for coming announcements regarding the day, time, and meeting number.

Once chosen, an interim pastor may serve for a period of up to two years or more until a permanent pastoral candidate accepts Mountain View’s call and is ready to arrive on our campus. A Call Committee will be assembled sometime next year from members of the congregation for the purpose of initiating the selection process under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Please continue to keep Mountain View’s leadership, staff, and community in your prayers throughout this interim process.

As always, the Church Council welcomes your questions.

Bob Linden
MVLC Church Council Vice-president

from “STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY”
to “SAFE START WASHINGTON”

As the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” emergency measures end and we try to figure out how we will be able to return to worship and education on the MVLC campus, a team is being formed. Led by Sonja Dahl, the team will make recommendations on how to proceed forward. There are many documents available that are designed to provide guidance to churches, including those from the ELCA, the State of Washington, and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. The “Return to Worship” Team will consist of representation from ushers, the Altar Guild, staff, and musicians to take into the many aspects that are important in gather together again.

The following letter was received from SWWA Synod Bishop Jaech on May 27.

Dear Pastors, Deacons and Congregations,

Today at 2:30 p.m., Governor Inslee issued new guidelines for churches and religious organizations during this time of the COVID 19 pandemic.

You will read that the new guidelines are applied to counties according to their designation by the Governor as being in Phase 1 or Phase 2.

Our basic call as Christians is to love God and love our neighbor in all that we do. Spiritual care for the neighbor must be accompanied by physical care. Therefore, I strongly urge you to follow and not exceed these guidelines.

I continue to strongly recommend that congregations not rush to begin in-person gatherings, including the types of gatherings allowed by these new guidelines, without their leadership team carefully identifying and planning for all the logistical needs for safety. These needs are also stated in some detail in the Governor’s statement.

Thank you for your conscientious and compassionate ministry!

Bishop Rick Jaech
Southwestern Washington Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

-] Pastors Kyle and Briana Merkle at the birth of Suzanna Gayle Merkle.
-] Griffin and Gabrielle Arnhold at the birth of Bexley Bernard Arnhold, grandson of Jon and Patty Arnhold.
-] Pedro and Melissa Colon at the birth of Emilio Andres Colon, grandson of Norris and Mary Beth Peterson.

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

-] John and Carolyn Dahle and family at the death of John's sister Roxanne Bostick.
-] Joan, Craig, Jee, and Timothy Hamburg and family at the death of Joan's husband, Craig's father, Jee's father-in-law, and Timothy's grandfather Russ Hamburg.
-] Gloria Ratcliffe and family at the death of her sister Clara Bequette.
-] Ed and Lois Stark and family at the death of their son Jim Stark.

Amen .

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

-) John Bachner.
-) Wanda Danielson.
-) Darrel Hagen.
-) Marv Johnson.
-) Stewart Luckman.
-) Doug Mandt.
-) Darel Roa.
-) Ken Sturgeon.
-) Ben Wadnizak.

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

-) Sue Baker, mother of Diane Tyler.
-) Marylyn Dicoski, cousin of Phil Edlund.
-) Cathy Ghiglione, friend of Kathy Harris.
-) Stacey Hailey, daughter of Ed and Lois Stark.
-) Dianne Kimble, sister of Darlene Thompson.
-) Wendell Nascimento, friend of Mervina Sturgeon and Pili Wolfe.
-) Daniel Newton, son of David and Eileen Newton.
-) Marshall Smith, brother-in-law of Ann Yost.
-) Dorothy Sprague, mother of Marlene Wright.
-) Christopher Stark, grandson of Ed and Lois Stark.
-) Pete Thibadeau, husband of Claudia Thibadeau.
-) Ron Thompson, son of Darlene Thompson.

Amen .

GENERAL FUND GIVING UPDATE

Giving for March and April 2020

Moving into our 10th week of the stay at home order, the Church Council and I cannot thank you enough for your faithful and purposeful giving over the past two months. It is my pleasure as Treasurer to report that giving levels have remained on track to the Spending Guideline as of the writing of this report. We pray that you continue this pattern as we move into the summer months where giving traditionally declines.

Blessings and good health to you,

Jason Cornell
MVLC Treasurer

March and April giving have remained in line with expected giving levels. Our year-to-date giving at the end of April was equivalent to 103.9% of the Spending Guideline.

	2020 Actual Giving	2020 Spending Guideline	Difference	2019 Actual Giving
Month ending 3/31/2020	\$81,987	\$96,740	(\$14,753)	\$97,080
Month ending 4/30/2020	\$89,452	\$88,852	\$600	\$85,827
Year to date 3/31/2020	\$264,839	\$252,167	\$12,672	\$243,296
Year to date 4/30/2020	\$354,291	\$341,019	\$13,272	\$329,123

ADULT EDUCATION

9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings via Zoom.

Sunday 6/7

BACCALAUREATE

The High School Rock Ministry mentors in conversation with our graduating high school seniors about their academic and faith journeys.

Sunday 6/14

MVCC and the FOOD BANK

Jesie Holden of the Mountain View Community Center and Kate Wright of the Edgewood Nourish Food Bank talk about the mission and ministry of their organizations in the midst of the challenges of a global pandemic and an increase of neighbors in need.

Sunday 6/21

WHEN PAIN of the WORLD SURROUNDS

Pastor Glenn Petersen leads four sessions addressing the grief, pain, hurt, loss, sorrow, and the like. This first session focuses primarily on the “Why?” question.

Sunday 6/28

HOW LONG, O GOD

Pastor Glenn Petersen’s second session focuses on the complaint of “How long?”

Sunday 7/5

No class due to the Fourth of July weekend.

Sunday 7/12

O GOD, WHY ARE YOU SILENT?

Pastor Glenn Petersen’s third session focuses on God’s apparent silence. Does God hear, does God care? Are we silent, patient enough to hear God’s voice.

Sunday 7/19

GOD REMEMBERS; WE REMEMBER

Pastor Glenn Petersen’s fourth session focuses on the stories of God remembering us in Torah, Psalter, and Prophets, and even more in Baptism and Communion.

COMPARISON of APRIL 2019 and APRIL 2020 FOOD BANK NUMBERS

	Families	Individuals	Average number of families served each distribution day
April 2020	2,065	9,862	229
April 2019	1,135	5,211	142

And the number of *families* served in May 2020 was 2,342.
The numbers and need keep increasing.



EDGEWOOD NOURISH FOOD BANK

We have a new normal at the food bank since the Covid-19 pandemic began. Our distribution model has changed from self-selection to giving out prepacked boxes of food. So far, everyone is fine with the change and some of our customers have said they like it better because everything moves much faster.

When the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” quarantine began, our volunteers did what they should, and stopped volunteering. At the end of March the National Guard came to the rescue. We have been fortunate enough to have six guardsmen working at the food bank four days per week. We will lose them mid-June. I am working on a plan to ask volunteers back when and if they feel safe.

We have gone from serving 300 families a week to about 550. So, far we have had enough food. God continues to provide through the hearts of our wonderful community and the federal and state government.

The best way for the congregation can support the food bank would be:

-) We are really in need of about 2-3 healthy (no bad backs) volunteers to do grocery rescue pickups for the food bank. Please call the food bank if this is something you would be interested in hearing more about. 253-826-4654.
-) Monetary donations. They are the most helpful right now because Nourish is able to buy truckloads of food for us at discounted prices.
-) We have not been given permission to take food and product donations quite yet, although we will take food that has been purchased for the food bank. We let it sit for a few days and then distribute it.
-) Helpful foods are all the shelf stable foods. Cereal and pasta are most needed right now. Shampoo and personal care products are also helpful.
-) In the next couple of weeks I will know how many volunteers I will need to keep the food bank running after the National Guard leaves. I will let Troy know so he can get the word out to you.

Thank you all for your continued support. Prayers for us to do God’s will and for enough food and volunteers are always appreciated.

Fondly,

Kate Wright
Nourish Edgewood Food Bank

253-826-4654 • edgewood@nourishpc.org

MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

What a time we are living in right now. For my family this is a time for reflection and connection, but for so many others it means stress, isolation, and suffering. We know this pandemic will have a lasting impact for many years to come and will widen the gap between those that have strong relationships, resources, and support and those that do not. That is why the need to be a good neighbor and strengthen community will be needed now more than ever.

What keeps my spirits up is knowing that together, thanks to your support, Mountain View Community Center has maneuvered to make the greatest impact we can now, while visioning and keeping the future needs of our community in mind.

Here are some ways we are *currently* continuing to support the community:

-) **Kid PowerPacks**, or weekend food packs, are now being distributed to 600 children weekly. This is *more than double* the amount of children we are serving prior to covid-19.
-) **The Good Neighbor Fund** has been created to support families impacted by job or income loss with monetary support for essential needs like housing, utilities, food, and childcare. 100% of donations to this fund go directly to our neighbors in need. Please see our website for more information.
-) **Online Senior Fitness Videos** led by our fitness instructor, Loy Vincent, are posted on our website and we are organizing individual wellness calls and delivery of care packages to keep our seniors active and healthy.
-) **Community Resources** are being collected and organized onto one central document on our website. We are using our Facebook page to share opportunities and resources daily.

I am happy to announce that our team is growing! Josh Shulkind has accepted the position of Programs Manager and begins this month. He will not only help us run our current programs more efficiently but comes with the experience and passion to help us plan for future programming, specifically to meet the needs that will develop due to the financial, educational, and emotional strain of this pandemic. He looks forward to meeting you all!

It is my promise to you that Mountain View Community Center will continue to be a beacon of hope, a place for connection, and a good neighbor to each of you. Thank you for your continued support which fuels our vision *of a community in which all experience belonging and wellness in the spirit of Christ's love.*

Warm regards,

Jesie Holden
Executive Director, Mountain View Community Center

253-826-4329 • contact@mtviewcc.org

WAYS to SUPPORT the MISSION of MVCC

1. Drop off an in-kind donation of food for local kids. Donations are accepted Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon or by appointment. See the list below or contact Gretchen Johnsrud at gretchenj@mtviewcc.org for more info.
2. Make a donation to our general fund: <https://bit.ly/2ZsH9nH>
3. Make a donation to The Good Neighbor Fund to *directly* support your neighbor with housing or other essential needs: <https://bit.ly/2ZuSjyH>
4. Gifts can also be mailed to Mountain View Community Center, 3607 122nd Ave E, Suite A, Edgewood WA 98372.

Please consider helping by donating these food items:

Pre-packaged

- J Instant oatmeal.
- J Small plastic jars of peanut butter.
- J Granola bars.
- J Individual packages of trail mix.
- J Applesauce cups.
- J Fruit cups.
- J Cheese crackers.
- J Macaroni and cheese cups or boxes.
- J Rice or pasta boxed dinners.
- J Boxes of cereal.

Canned foods

- J Tuna.
- J Chicken.
- J Chicken noodle soup.
- J Ravioli.
- J Spaghetti-Os.
- J Canned spaghetti or marinara sauce (no glass jars please).

We are unable to accept perishable items, items in glass containers, or expired foods.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Online Worship, Education, and Events

At the beginning of March (the last time we published a full newsletter) who could have imagined that Mountain View (and all other churches) would be thrust into the world of online worship, education, and events **in less than one week!** We never missed any Sunday Worship, and we only had a one-week gap in Adult Education, after we suspended onsite worship. Additionally, the church staff adjusted to working mostly from home.

Fortunately, Mountain View invested in many new technologies over the last six years, which made our transition fairly seamless!

2014

-) Phone system replaced in preparation for relocating our offices for the *Former Things, New Things* Building Project. The new system allows our office phones to connect to the church remotely from home, so that calls are still answered, and transferred to others/voicemail just as if we were in the office.

2015

-) Replaced sound console with a digital one (funded by a grant from the Mission Endowment Fund) which enables us to create better sound quality on the video recordings for worship, by allowing adjustments via an iPad next to the camera operator.

2018

-) Replaced on-site church management software with a cloud-based version

2019

-) Replaced on-site church financial & payroll systems with a cloud-based version
-) Replaced on-site file servers, library software, and email with cloud-based versions
-) Installed Wi-Fi thermostats, that are managed by our church management software calendars

2020

-) Launch of new Online Giving Platform, including “Text to Give”, and launch of ShelbyNEXT Membership and Ministry One mobile apps.

All these investments helped us better equip you and our ministries when on-site and equipped us to continue ministry in new ways during the COVID-19 “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” emergency measures!

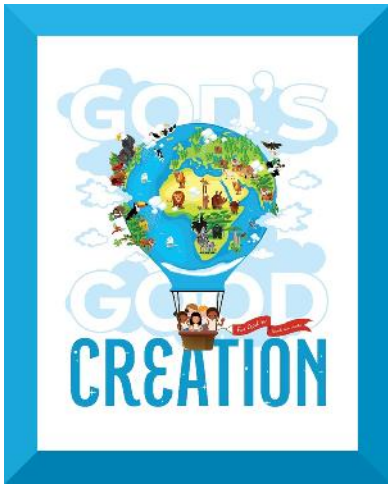
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

We thank you for your continued faithful participation in our ministry and mission, your continued faithful financial support, and your patience as we all learned together about online worship production, Zoom meetings, and more!

Now that we have been at this for just over two months, we are looking at ways to streamline the process and involve volunteers. In the last week, we developed a training video and documentation, to enable two MVLC members to assist with the video editing process going forward. Karen Quandt and Jakob Boers participated in a Zoom training session, which we recorded to document the process. We will continue to look for additional ways to keep you engaged and connected with Mountain View and each other throughout our time physically apart!

In His service,
Phil Edlund
Church Administrator

You can learn more about the
ShelbyNEXT Membership app
and Ministry One app at
www.mtviewlutheran.org/ministryapps.pdf



GOD'S GOOD CREATION Staycation Bible School

Children 3 years old through 4th grade

Monday, July 6 to Friday, July 10, 2020

Those who register will receive information about how and when to pick up your kids' craft and snack packet the week before VBS from outside the church office (we will practice safe social distancing).

Then, each day of VBS week we'll post a Bible-story video for your kids to watch, after which, they'll have the supplies they need for a thematic craft and snack.

This is a different sort of VBS in that we won't gather together in any capacity. You will choose the time each day when your kids watch the video and do their crafts/snacks at home. In this way, we'll still offer Bible lessons to engage your kids, without adding a lot more screen time.

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Register now at mtviewlutheran.org/vbs

Register *as soon as possible* in order that we can determine the number of children for which we need to prepare snacks, crafts, and other supplies. We're limited to 50 children!

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Sign up to donate craft/snack supplies at
www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DA8AE2EA3F49-vbsstaycation

Donations may be dropped off at the MVLC Church Office with Marlene/Troy between 12 noon and 4:00 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays from Monday, May 18 through Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

STAY CONNECTED

These are some of the best ways to stay connected to MVLC when we can't be together and will continue to be good sources of information when we can.

MVLC E-NEWS

Sign up for information about opportunities and events in life together, which arrives in your email inbox a couple of times each week. Contact MVLC Communication Director Troy Kehm-Goins at tkehm-goins@mtviewlutheran to be added to the list.

MVLC WEBSITE

Visit www.mtviewlutheran.org for information about worship, education, newsletters, calendar, ways to give electronically and a lot more.

MVLC FACEBOOK

MVLC is present on social media at www.facebook.com/mtviewlutheran. Some of the content posted is also included in the MVLC E-news or on the MVLC website. Some information posted is exclusive to the MVLC Facebook page, though.

ONLINE ADULT EDUCATION

Join us online each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. as we learn about topics important to our faith life and read passages from the Bible. You can find the Zoom information for Sunday morning classes via the MVLC E-news.

ONLINE WORSHIP

Join us for online worship from the comfort of your couch or favorite chair! Worship services are available each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and the video/links to watch can be found on the MVLC website, the MVLC Facebook page, and the MVLC YouTube page (www.youtube.com/mtviewlutheran), and the MVLC Recordings website.

MVLC RECORDINGS WEBSITE

Did you miss a class? Did you want to hear a sermon again? Audio and/or video of worship services, adult education, and special events can be found at www.mtviewlutheranrecordings.org.

If you need help accessing online worship or online educational opportunities, MVLC member Karen Hansen has offered to assist you. A former Communications Director for the Puyallup School District, Karen has recently reached out through her Rotary club to people in retirement homes and helped them get set up and comfortable with using Zoom and other software applications. In other words, she knows what she's doing!

You can contact Karen by email at karen@hansencomm.com or by phone at 253-318-2472.

MAY/JUNE 2020

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35b • 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 • John 20:19-23

31 SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Online Adult Education
10:00 a.m. Online Worship

11:00 a.m. Middle School Youth Online
11:00 a.m. High School Youth Online

1 MONDAY

12 noon Drop off VBS donations/supplies.
to 4:00 p.m.

2 TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

3 WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m. Worship Recording

4 THURSDAY

1:00 p.m. Property Ministry Group

5 FRIDAY

6 SATURDAY

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

JUNE 2020

The Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:1—2:4a • Psalm 8 • 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 • Matthew 28:16-20

7 SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Online Adult Education
10:00 a.m. Online Worship

11:00 a.m. Middle School Youth Online
11:00 a.m. High School Youth Online

8 MONDAY

12 noon Drop off VBS donations/supplies.
to 4:00 p.m.

9 TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Peace and Justice Ministry Group
6:30 p.m. Church Council

10 WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m. Worship Recording

11 THURSDAY

12 FRIDAY

13 SATURDAY

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

JUNE 2020

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a • Psalm 100 • Romans 5:1-8 • Matthew 9:35—10:23

14 SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Online Adult Education
10:00 a.m. Online Worship

11:00 a.m. Middle School Youth Online
11:00 a.m. High School Youth Online

15 MONDAY

12 noon Drop off VBS donations/supplies.
to 4:00 p.m.

16 TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

17 WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m. Worship Recording

18 THURSDAY

19 FRIDAY

20 SATURDAY

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

JUNE 2020

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13 • Psalm 69:7-18 • Romans 6:1b-11 • Matthew 10:24-39

21 SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Online Adult Education
10:00 a.m. Online Worship

11:00 a.m. Middle School Youth Online
11:00 a.m. High School Youth Online

22 MONDAY

23 TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

24 WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m. Worship Recording

25 THURSDAY

26 FRIDAY

27 SATURDAY

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

JUNE 2020

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9 • Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 • Romans 6:12-23 • Matthew 10:40-42

28 SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Online Adult Education
10:00 a.m. Online Worship

11:00 a.m. Middle School Youth Online
11:00 a.m. High School Youth Online

29 MONDAY

30 TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

1 WEDNESDAY

2 THURSDAY

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4 SATURDAY

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

IMAGES/NOTES

-)] Front cover: Photograph of the stained glass windows in the Gathering Space.
-)] Page 8: Food awaits volunteers of the Edgewood Nourish Food Bank.
-)] Back cover: The MVLC logo by Penelope Neptun.

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!

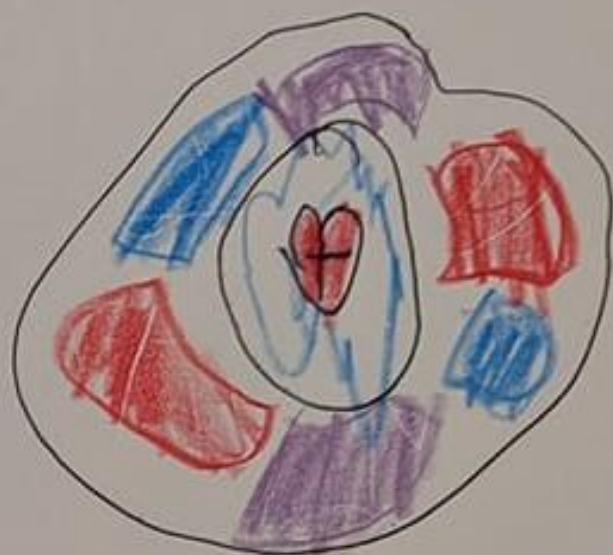
Items for the July 2020 newsletter need to be sent to MVLC Communication Director Troy Kehm-Goins at tkehm-goins@mtviewlutheran.org by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020.

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