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June 2021 Newsletter



LETTER FROM THE PASTOR - JUNE

In all of the parishes I have ever served, I have observed that it is difficult to get people to attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. We usually would get the quorum (sometimes barely), but that was always a small percentage of members who were eligible to vote. Annual Congregation meetings are extremely important. The Mission Plan (Budget) is presented, discussed, and voted on. Congregation Council members are elected, Nomination Committee members are approved.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the congregation is the authority that gives final approval of all important measures, including the calling of the pastor. Each active confirmed member plays an important role in this process, so I encourage you to plan to be present on June 13, either in person or by Zoom invitation. Whether in person or by Zoom, you will be able to ask questions or make comments, and vote.

It certainly has been good so see members in the pews again. And, although we have had to attend to technical problems with our live streaming, it has been great having members participate in worship from home. Hopefully by the end of this month, more of you will be able to join us in person.

We appreciate your prayers and your continuing financial support for the ministries of Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church, the NC Synod, and the ELCA. God has blessed us greatly over the years, and we show our gratitude through our involvement and encouragement.

Our Call Committee is very busy interviewing pastoral candidates, and they appreciate your continuing prayers for the Holy Spirit's guidance and direction as they do their work on our behalf.

May God bless us richly and inspire us to serve him with joy and love. I offer this prayer:

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Michael

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

9:00 AM – Adult Sunday School Class...Coffee House...contact Ron Smith with questions

9:00 AM – Children’s Ministry...Children’s Building...contact Barbara Linker or Nancy Jones

10:00 AM – Worship... Sanctuary or Live on YouTube

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

7:00 PM on Zoom

Call Linda for sign-in requirements

Annual Congregation Meeting – June 13th, following the @ 10 am worship service. This is a very important meeting. Please mark your calendars now to attend.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:

The Call Committee has started interviewing. Please continue to pray for us, the Church and our future Pastor. We are very excited to move forward with this process. Thanks

SYNOD ASSEMBLY: June 3-5. Valerie Frank and Ross Gosse will represent Mt. Hermon at this year’s virtual meeting.

Council Minute for May 2021

CONGREGATION MEETING AND OTHER MATTERS

This year's annual Congregation Meeting will be held June 13. Prior to the meeting, each member will receive a mailing with additional details. Among other matters, we will be electing by affirmation four candidates to Congregation Council and six potential candidates to the Nominating Committee and discussing and voting on the option of our moving from a fiscal year basis to a calendar year basis, meaning that, if approved, future Congregation Meetings would be held during November or early December rather than June, and this year, a second Congregation Meeting would be held during November 2021. Terms for current Council members would be extended accordingly and certain items may be delayed until the November meeting in order to adhere to due notice to the congregation. A Zoom option will be available for those members who are unable to attend in person.

The Call Committee has met and has begun the process of interviewing pastoral candidates.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Michael will be meeting with parents, children, and youth to discuss revitalizing our youth ministry program. He also plans to resume visiting members in nursing homes in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines.

FINANCE

Our Treasurer reported that last month was another good month, having reduced our income gap from 21 to 9 percent and cash on hand remains at a good level. The budget and annual report have been prepared for the

Congregation Meeting next month. In the event that we vote to move to a calendar year basis, an amended budget for 2022 will be presented to the congregation at its November meeting.

PROPERTY

The Property Team is currently addressing improvements to these areas around our campus:

(1) Parish Building

- Trees were removed and quotes are being sought to remove stumps

(2) Children's Building

- Faulty toilet valves will be replaced to reduce excess water consumption
- Repairs will be made to the foyer and stairwell
- Quotes are being sought to improve attic insulation

(3) Main Sanctuary

- Bids are being sought to refinish the exterior wooden front doors

GATHERING GUIDELINES

Our North Carolina Synod has not provided any specific guidance about wearing masks regarding the current relaxed guidelines issued by the CDC and the North Carolina Governor. However, there is a recommendation by our Bishop that we continue to wear masks to help protect children and those who are not vaccinated. It was the consensus of Council that we continue to wear masks in order that we may continue to sing during worship at least until further consideration by Council at its June 17 meeting.



Homebound: John & Brenda Thompson, Bob Chertok

In Special Facilities: Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living), Peggy Morgan (5 Oaks), Sylvia Faggart (Concord Place)

Continued Prayers for Dick Tolbert, Dan Gleason, Lisa McKinnon and her family, Eileen Sousley, Virginia Motley (Harold Cook's sister), Gina (Jay Perkins' sister-in-law), JJ Brava, Junior Barringer, Tom Kennedy

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES/ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Volunteer today to be a **LAY READER**. Ann Bolick is looking for volunteers. If you would be interested, please contact Ann. She does a rotating schedule so you would not read weekly. The readings are sent out early for you to review.

An opportunity to serve..."Would you like to be part of the Sunday morning worship services? We are looking for members, especially older youth, to serve as **Crucifer**. Training will be provided. Contact Tim Bolick or the office if you are interested."

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Patti Stuver is looking for volunteers. Training will be provided. This is not a weekly commitment.

LIVE STREAMING VOLUNTEERS: Are you tech savvy? Well, that does not matter. Our Live Streaming crew will be happy to train! Contact Ross Gosse for more detailed information.

Youth Assistant...Would you like to help with the youth of Mt. Hermon? If interested, please contact Zach Fox.

June READINGS

June 6 Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1;
Mark 3:20-35
June 13 Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2
 Corinthians 5:6-10(11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34
June 20 Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2
 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
June 27 Lamentations 3:22-33; or Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24;
 Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43



Children Ministry News

As May comes to an end, we will be finishing up on our story of 'The Ten Lepers' where only one came back to say thank you to Jesus for curing him of leprosy. In everything you do, be sure to say 'thank you' with a grateful heart. If you were not able to come to Sunday School in May, Ms. Nancy and I will be delivering SS packets to your home. Encourage mom/dad or grandma/grandpa to bring you to church. There is an adult Sunday School happening at the same time as children's time. Plus, Pastor Michael will be teaching the middle/high school during this time also! Cool!

June's Sunday School story will be another parable Jesus told called 'The Good Samaritan'. Remember with the Ten Lepers story, the only one to tell Jesus thank you was a Samaritan, the other nine were Jews. (Jesus was a Jew.) More fun activities will be ready for you each Sunday. Please come and get to know Jesus and your Mt. Hermon friends.

The VBS (Vacation Bible School) schedule will take place in August. Our theme will be CONCRETE AND CRANES. More information will be in the July newsletter. We continue to pray for each of you and your families. Enjoy the last few days in school for the 2020-2021 school year and be safe!

Jesus Gives Us Life!

Ms. Barbara



Fellowship Quilters



50 beautiful quilts will be blessed and sent to Hospice

Thank you ladies!



Praying we all are enjoying the weather. Summer time already...plans to relax, go on a vacation, cook outs, and a time to enhance our relationship with GOD. WELCA will honor our "Purpose and Mission Statements". We have several important dates throughout the summer to serve our community and to praise our Lord.

June 6th- Banner making from 3-5pm..Eating at 5pm..June quarterly meeting, WELCA is supplying a deli-tray with the fixing and drinks. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. In the coffee house.

July 17th-Sunday School Supply Drive-construction paper, glue sticks, crayons, craft items or a monetary donation in the Church parking lot from 10am-12pm.

July 18th- Night out at O Charley's. Meet there at 4:30pm. Please RSVP by July 11th, to Laurie Gleason, Patti Stuver, or Barb Linker. Thank-you.

August 16th-My Father's House Dinner (more info. to come)

September 12th- September quarterly meeting at 5pm. (more info. to come)

GOD is GOOD....

Laurie Gleason



CCM Donations for JUNE

Our June requests are as follows:

BABY WIPES, JARS OF JELLY/JAMS, BREAKFAST CEREAL

Per Ed Dehlin at CCM, they always get lots of peanut butter but no JELLY. They get a good many diapers, but very few BABY WIPES. They are currently low on BREAKFAST CEREAL.

Thanks, Barry

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Paige Merritt-Jones	06/01
Michael Gosse	06/03
Thea Walton	06/03
Mark Jones	06/08
Colton Beaver	06/09
George Barringer Jr	06/11
Caydee Holder	06/11
Robert Barnhardt Sr	06/14
Judy Frye	06/14
Gary Frank	06/17
Karianne Dalton	06/18
Mason Holder	06/18
Jeff Fox	06/19
Emily Drumm	06/19
Nanette Thompson	06/19
Christy Beaver	06/21
Eileen Sousley	06/22
Laurie Gleason	06/23
Saxon Peters	06/24
Nancy Jones	06/25
Gideon Sousley	06/26
Eddie Ward	06/26
Kim Smith	06/28
Janice McClellan	06/29
Dick Tolbert	06/30

Anniversaries

Rod & Patti Stuver
06/06

Ross Gosse & Susan Pittman
06/09

Jeff & Susan Lorenz
06/16

Darrell & Lisa McKinnon
06/16

Bob & Thea Walton
06/19

Mike & Janice McClellan
06/29



Information you may not need to know...

What Do People Do?

Father's Day is an occasion to mark and celebrate the contribution that your own father has made to your life. Many people send or give cards or gifts to their fathers. Common Father's Day gifts include sports items or clothing, electronic gadgets, outdoor cooking supplies and tools for household maintenance.

Father's Day is a relatively modern holiday so different families have a range of traditions. These can range from a simple phone call or greetings card to large parties honoring all of the 'father' figures in a particular extended family. Father figures can include fathers, step-fathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers and great-grandfathers and even other male relatives. In the days and weeks before Father's Day, many schools and Sunday schools help their pupils to prepare a handmade card or small gift for their fathers.

Public Life

Father's Day is not a federal holiday. Organizations, businesses and stores are open or closed, just as they are on any other Sunday in the year. Public transit systems run to their normal Sunday schedules. Restaurants may be busier than usual, as some people take their fathers out for a treat.



JUNE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

A	C	P	I	H	S	D	N	E	I	R	F	A	B
D	B	G	P	S	A	L	M	F	G	T	Y	M	X
J	U	N	E	X	D	W	P	I	H	S	R	O	W
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SUMMER

PENTECOST

PRAYERSGOSPEL

VACATION

SWIM

ROMANS

PSALM

SANCTUARY

HYMNS

LOVE

FRIENDSHIP

FAMILY

FORGIVEJUNE

UNITY

GRACE

WORSHIP

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Keith Opel President
Kitty Smith Vice President
Mark Jones Treasurer
Valerie Frank Secretary
Bonnie Walsh
Elaine Vincent
Greg Popham
Jason Bumgarner
Marie Grochoske
Mike Faggart
Rachael Kennedy
Ross Gosse
Steve Sousley

Evangelism Team

Ross Gosse

Finance Team

Mark Jones – Treasurer
Kitty Smith
Ann Bolick
Jo-Ann Popham

Property Team

Danny Garmon
Keith Opel
Rachael Kennedy

Music 9:00 am service

JoAnn Foster - organist
Chris Beaver – piano
Brenda McCarn – piano & vocal
Diane Frank – vocals & liturgy
Valerie Frank – vocalist
Melissa Fox/Nancy Jones – PowerPoint
David Bowles - guitarist
Diane Olszewski – vocalist
Cadence Olszewski - vocalist

Daily Maintenance

Tim Bolick
Mike Faggart

Mission Team

Ron Smith

Social Ministry

Nanette Thompson

Visitation Team

Karyn Dalton

Children's Ministry

Barbara Linker
Nancy Jones

Anniversary Team

JoAnn Stowe

Fellowship Quilting

JoAnn Stowe

Hospitality Committee

Bonnie Walsh – 704-968-1087

WELCA

Laurie Gleason – 585-506-8075

Worship Service Coordinators...

Worship Assistants – Karyn Dalton
Altar Guild – Patti Stuver
Lay Readers – Ann Bolick
Communion Assistants – Patti Stuver
Crucifer – Tim Bolick
Acolyte – Cheryl Opel

Meeting Times...

Bible Study - Mondays @ 7 pm -- Zoom.com

Visiting Angels - First Thursday @ 2 pm – Coffee House

WELCA Meetings - First Thursday @ 10 am & 6:30 pm - Coffee House

Property/Safety Team Meeting - First Thursday of each month @ 6 pm

Social Committee - Second Tuesday @ 7 pm - Coffee House

Lutheran Men in Mission - Second Tuesday @ 6 pm - Parkway House (not currently meeting)

Fellowship Quilters - Fourth Tuesday @ 10 am- Coffee House

Congregation Council Meetings - Third Thursday @ 7 pm – Fellowship Hall

Adult Bible Sunday School - 9 am in Coffee House

Children's Sunday School - 9 am in Children's Building

Congregation Council Leaders

Keith Opel—President

Kitty Smith —Vice President

Valerie Frank—Secretary

Mark Jones—Treasurer

Before You Go...

Remember...

The simplest things in life
such as a smile, a hug, a
kiss, holding hands are
priceless treasures.

Enjoy the
simple things.



