



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SCOTT

Anacortes Lutheran Church - July & August 2023 Newsletter

We have once again passed the summer solstice and look forward to the coming weeks of Summer. After experiencing the many events and opportunities to gather last year, I am truly looking forward to not only seeing you on Sunday mornings as we gather for worship, but I am also excited to see you 'out and about' (or 'oot 'n about' for those of Scandinavian descent) as we partake of the wider community offerings that gather us together in many and varied ways. Whether it is music, art, shipwreck treasures, kayaking, walking the loop, Wednesday picnics, sittin' on the dock of the bay, or any other possibility, we can surely find time to also sit in the presence of God in the midst of all of these offerings.

God is not absent from all these events and activities, but rather is always present with us as we go about our daily walk. We often just need to take a moment to become aware of that presence and give God thanks for the wondrous life we have been given. That is not to say that each of our lives doesn't have its struggles and difficulties, but by having a sense of gratitude even at those times reminds us that God is with us and does not forsake us. I pray that we might find times of recreation during this season so that we may be re-created again and again to more fully live out that image of God in which we were created.

I write this article at the same time I am finishing up an ELCA Region I training on "Trauma and Self-Care" where we are exploring how the prevalence of trauma affects us in so many ways and how to go about the work of healing both individually and in the wider community. One of the ways that we can do that is by resting in the presence of God and one another in times where we can support one another through that very presence. Also being able to spend time in 'nature therapy' (one of my favorites!) and embrace the wonderful gifts we are given in this very place through the enjoyment of the varied ecological treasures that are here in abundance.

And now that the tent caterpillars have gone, we can get back to the business of re-creation through the metamorphosis of living always of God's presence (and maybe we will even notice that we can lift off like a beautiful butterfly).

Blessed by God,

Pastor Scott

Anacortes Lutheran Church

2100 'O' Avenue

YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES

(REFER TO PAGE 3 OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS.)

JULY

MS Youth Night

Thursday, July 6,

6:30-7:30 @ ALC

Garden Bed Clean Up

Community Service

Sunday, July 9

11:30-4:00 @ ALC

Rock Solid Sports Camp VBS

July 17—20 @ Storvik Park

5:30 - 7:30

Register at

anacorteslutheran.org

AUGUST

MS/HS Camp Out

August 1—3

Depart ALC @12:00 pm

Blue Angles Family Trip

Saturday, Aug 5

Sign Up by July 22

MS Youth Night

Thursday, Aug 17

6:30-7:30 @ ALC

Faith & Family Mariners

Game

Saturday, Aug 26

sign up by July 23

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FAMILY & PRAISE SUNDAY

PRAISE SUNDAY - 1st Sunday of the month

We will be singing contemporary Christian Music .
Led by the **Praise Team**: Matt Kerschbaum, Dana McCoy,
& Kenny Holzemer with our lead singer Rock star himself,
Pastor Scott Peterson.

FAMILY SUNDAY - 1st Sunday of the month

Where kids are encouraged to assist in worship service.
You can sign up at our Opportunity Desk for future
months in the year

We are looking for the following support in service

- Entry Greeter (2)
- Welcome Desk Greeter (1):
- Usher (2)
- Acolyte (2)
- Reading (1-2)
- Communion Assts: (+1)
- Noisy Offering Attendant (2)
- Personal talent of instrumental/poetry reading
- Fellowship Treats
- Assist serving/clean up with fellowship hour.

To encourage active listening with children during the
service 5 words are chosen by the Sunday schoolers to be
used in the Pastors sermon.

Thank you for allowing us to support your children's
growth in their faith in our Lord.

NOISY OFFERINGS - 1st Sunday of the month

This is another highlight of Family Sunday
and is to be designated for a youth activity.

What great lessons learned about tithing and saving?
WOW...what a family of givers in our congregation.
Thank you all!

So save your change for the summer
NOISY OFFERINGS - JULY 2 & SUNDAY AUGUST 6.

Be part of the Summer Excitement of
TEAM JESUS!
Come to the
VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING
Wednesday, July 5 & July 12
at 6:30 pm in Conference room 2

ATTENTION YOUTH! We have activities for Summer!!!

Kenny Smith, Youth & Family Ministry Director
Jobun Tornga, Associate Youth Activities Coordinator
youth@anacorteslutheran.org

JULY:

- July 6 - Middle school youth night. 6:30- 7:30pm
- July 9 - Community service, Parks & Rec Garden
bed clean up team. After church 11:30 - 4:00 pm
- July 17th - 20th - VBS Rock Solid Sports at Storvik
Park. 6-7:30 pm. Register online at
Anacorteslutheran.org or Anacortes Lutheran
Church Facebook page by June 30th.

AUGUST:

- Aug 1st - 3rd - Middle School and High School
Camp Out at Larrabee State Park. Depart Church
at 12:00pm on the 1st and arrive back at church
4:00pm on the 3rd
- Aug. 5th - Blue Angels Family trip in Seattle. Sign
up by July 23rd so we can make sure we have
enough space and vans. Meet at the church at
8:00am for 8:30 departure. We'll carpool
together. Tickets: \$25 for up to
12 years of age, \$35 for 13
years and older.
 - Aug. 17th - Middle School
Youth Night. 6:30-7:30pm
 - Aug 26th - Faith and family
Mariners game. Sign up by July
23rd so we can make sure we have enough van
space. This will be a carpool event. Meet at
church at 10:30am for 11:00am departure
tickets are \$26.



July

GET-TOGETHER:

SLIDERS SMORGASBORD

Friday, JULY 14, at 11:00 a.m. in
the Fellowship Hall.

The theme is: *"Happy Birthday"*.

BINGO IN THE MORNING

Saturday, JULY 29, at 10:00
a.m. in Conference Room #2.

August

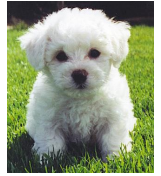
GET-TOGETHER - MANY MUFFINS

Friday, AUGUST 11, at 10:00 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.

The theme is:

"Dog Days of Summer".

Please bring a picture of your pet to
share with the group.



MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, AUGUST 18, at 6:30 p.m.
in Conference Room #2.



Please sign up at the Opportunity Desk or call, text, or email Julie before Wednesday prior to the monthly get-together event.

No sign-up required for Bingo in the Morning or Movie Night — just come and enjoy. Snacks are provided. Please bring your own drink. Have a sun-sational summer, stay safe, and be happy. We look forward to seeing you soon, Paul and Julie Dusenbury

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

- ⇒ Please note that the Worship Committee will NOT be meeting the first week of July, but have changed the July monthly meeting date to MONDAY, JULY 24 at 7pm.
- ⇒ The August meeting is still scheduled for Monday, August 7th at 7pm.



ALTAR GUILD MEETING

- * Altar Guild will not meet in July.
- * Our next meeting will be Monday, August 28th at 10:30.



MUSIC THEMED SUNDAYS THIS SUMMER!

On some of our Sunday services this summer we will be singing "themed music" for our songs. Here is the line up:

Sunday, July 2nd – 9:00 a.m. Patriotic Sing-A-Long in the fellowship hall! Come to the fellowship hall BEFORE service and have coffee and treats and sing patriotic songs. Pastor Scott will lead us through many songs including the Armed Forces Medley!



Sunday, July 2nd – 9:30 a.m. – Family and Praise Sunday Service – don't forget your loose change for the "noisy offering"!



Sunday, July 16th – 9:30 a.m. - Traditional Lutheran Hymns! Join us at 9:30 a.m. and we will raise our voices to the Lord on songs like "A Mighty Fortress" and more!



Sunday, July 30th – 9:30 a.m. - Hymn Pick Sunday!

Sunday, Aug. 6th – 9:30 a.m. - Family and Praise Sunday!

Sunday, Aug. 13th 9:30 a.m. – Gospel Music Sunday!

Sunday, Aug. 27th – 9:30 a.m. - Camp Songs Sunday! If you have a favorite summer camp song, send the title/lyrics/music to Laurie and it might be used in the service!



Sing to the Lord!

WHAT IS WELCA?

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

OUR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

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 gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.

WELCA BOARD MEETING

The WELCA Board will meet FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 at 10:00 am in Conference Room #1

CIRCLES

- ◇ There are no Women's Bible Study Circle meetings in July or August.
- ◇ All women are invited to an indoor picnic lunch on August 22nd at noon.

SOAP COLLECTION LWR - Goal 500 bars!

Thank you for all the soap,
so far you have donated 195 bars!

Our Goal is 500—keep them coming!
4 oz size Bars - Ivory, Dove & any other brand. Drop soap bars in the pink tub in the narthex.



SEWING NEWS - Come & Join Us!

SEWING DAYS -

Tuesdays - July 11th, 18th, 25th & August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th. Bring a lunch and join in the fun!

We are still going to have sewing this summer. I am taking a break during July & August and I will be back in September.

If you have any questions, please call:

Lane (360) 293-4290
Jeanneen (360) 941-3113
Jeanette (360) 708-4865

Thank you girls for taking over for me. You girls are great.

We are still in need of:

- ◆ Sleepers (up to size 24 months)
- ◆ Bath Towels (NOT the BIG ones)
- ◆ Hand towels (darker colors)
- ◆ Baby socks
- ◆ Flannel
- ◆ Combs (big ones)

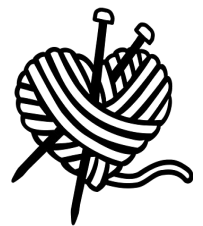
Save in Christ,
Julia Rogers 360-293-4232

Lutheran World Relief - KNITTING NEWS

NEXT MEETING—MONDAY, JULY 17 & AUGUST 21
1—3 pm in Conference Room 1

Please call me to get yarn between meetings and to give your sweater counts, Thanks.

Our Year To Date 2023 Totals are:
Sweater/hat sets – 137
Sweaters – 16
Hats – 0



One sweater/hat set goes into each layette set. We use a fun one piece sweater pattern. Beginners are welcome and teaching is available.

~Linda Anderson 360-588-1730

MEN'S MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 & 19, AUGUST 2, 16, & 30

7:00 pm in Conference room 1

Led by: Tom Paul

MEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

EVERY THURSDAY MORNING.

7:00 am in Conference room 1

Led by: Boyd Veer

MEN OF THE ELCA (MELCA)

Men of Anacortes Lutheran, here is an early reminder for the ANNUAL BRAT FEST AND GENERAL MOTORS CARS SHOW at Boyd Veer's place. Join the other men of the congregation for fun and fellowship. It will be held on Saturday, August 5th. So mark this date on the calendar as you do not want to miss this fun event.

PRAYERS - Receive the Gift of Prayer

A list of Prayer Requests for our Congregation can be found in the Sunday scoop, Thursday Update email and on our website under "Prayer Page." Give the gift of prayer by including these requests in your daily prayers each week.

You have a choice for your prayer request to be: CONFIDENTIAL – Prayer Chain and Pastor only OR PRINTED - Public list in the Sunday Scoop, Thursday Update Email and on the website Prayer page.

To make a prayer Requests or Update a prayer - call the church during office hours at 360-293-9586. Let them know if you are hospitalized, ill, or needing their prayers.

Call Peggy at 360-299-1184 for your prayer needs at any time, including Prayer Chain (*confidential prayer*) & updates to your prayer request. As always, Pastor Scott Peterson is available to pray with you or for you.

PRAYER GROUP

NOW Meeting EVERY MONDAY

1:30 pm in the Prayer Chapel

Led by: Peggy White

FELLOWSHIP UPDATES

Faith And Service Team Work


I want to thank everyone who has filled out a green form to help me build a database for filling spots for our weekly services. So far about 20 people have turned one in.

We like to fill our service calendar a month in advance with greeters, readers, communion assistants, kitchen hosts and people bringing treats. We are still only about a week in advance with sign ups. Please continue to turn in your forms that highlight how you might be able to serve for the weekly church services.

We are happy to provide training and other help for each area. Please look at signing up for tasks for July and August. The sign up sheets are on a clip board at the volunteer desk in the Narthex.

Thank you again for your help with this ongoing project.

Kathy for Fellowship



Church Summer Potluck Picnics

All picnics are potluck.

Bring a chair, utensils, and a plate.

Wednesday nights at
6:00 pm.

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| July 19 | Causland Park |
| July 26 | Storvik Park |
| August 2 | Seafarers Memorial Park, near the statue |
| August 9 | Causland Park |
| August 16 | Seafarers Memorial Park, near the statue |
| August 23 | Corn Feed and Service on the beach at Washington Park (Reserved) |



Worship with us this Summer

SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICE TIME AT 9:30 AM - in person or live stream

Watch from your home by going to our website at <https://www.anacorteslutheran.org> & click tab "Online Ministry"

JULY • FAITH AND SERVICE TOGETHER

To fill in an **empty spot** sign-up at the Opportunity desk, call / email the office or jump in the day of. Thank you!!!

| Dates: | Family & Praise Sunday July 2 | July 9 | July 16 | July 23 | Hymn Pick Sunday July 30 |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Readings | 2 Peter 1:1-11 | 2 Peter 1:16-22, 15-19 | 2 Peter 3:1-10, 17-18 | Proverbs 1:1-7, 3:1-8 | Proverbs 8:1-11, 3:1-17 |
| Greeters | KIDS | | | | |
| Ushers | John & Kathryn Parker | MJ & Helene Fink | Chuck Landgraf | Bill & Diane Gusa | <i>Not available at print</i> |
| Reader | KIDS | Don Devine | Kenny Holzemer | John Parker | Anne Barry |
| Acolytes | 1. 2. | | 1. 2. | 1. 2. | 1. 2. |
| Communion Assistants | 1. Stacey Pestar 2. | Don Devine Marta Swanson | Kenny Holzemer Anita Holzemer | 1. Sharon Geldaker 2. | Anne Barry 2. |
| Nursery | 1. 2. | | 1. 2. | 1. 2. | 1. 2. |

FELLOWSHIP HOUR — *After Worship everyone is invited to join us for coffee, juice and treats*

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| Serve & Cleanup | 1. 2. | | 1. 2. | 1. 2. | 1. 2. |
| Treats | 1. 2. | | 1. 2. | 1. 2. | 1. 2. |

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| Sound Team | Kenny Holzemer, Pat Carrie Smith, Brian Hanrahan, Matt Kerschbaum, Harlan Eggleston | | | | |
| Live Stream Team | Pat Carrie Smith, Rebecca Eggleston, Anita Holzemer, Kevin & Kendra Kennedy, Gina Peterson, Joseph Pestar, Caden DeAtley | | | | |
| Altar Guild | Gunilla Wold, Grace Boggio, Diane Gusa, Norma Knutsen, Paula Olson, Jenny Remmerden, Karen Tavalero, Caroline Spehar | | | | |

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE? WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS:

- Altar Guild
- Choir
- Faith And Service Teams
- Men's Bible Studies
- Monthly Property Work Party
- Naomi ministry
- Noon Bible Study
- Outreach Committee
- Prayer Warriors
- Prime Timers
- Sewing group
- Teaching Sunday School
- Ushering
- WELCA
- Women's Bible Circles
- Youth mentors
- and more!

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AUGUST • FAITH AND SERVICE TOGETHER

To fill in an **empty spot** sign-up at the Opportunity desk, call / email the office or jump in the day of. Thank you!!!

| Dates: | Family & Praise Sunday August 6 | August 13 | August 20 | August 27 |
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| Readings | Ecclesiastes 1:1-11, 3:1-17 | Song of Solomon 2:10-13, 8:6-7 | Gen 1:1-5 | John 1: 1-8 |
| Greeters | KIDS | | | |
| Ushers | KIDS | <i>Names were not available at time of printing</i> | | |
| Reader | KIDS | | Stacy Pestar | Anne Barry |
| Acolytes | 1. 2. | 1. 2. | 1. 2. | 1. 2. |
| Communion Assistants | 1. 2. | 1. 2. | 1. 2. | 1. Anne Barry 2. |
| Nursery | 1. 2. | 1. 2. | 1. 2. | 1. 2. |
| FELLOWSHIP HOUR — <i>After Worship everyone is invited to join us for coffee, juice and treats</i> | | | | |
| Serve & Cleanup | 1. 2. | 1. 2. | 1. 2. | 1. 2. |
| Treats | 1. 2. | 1. 2. | 1. 2. | 1. 2. |

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| Sound Team | Kenny Holzemer, Pat Carrie Smith, Brian Hanrahan, Matt Kerschbaum, Harlan Eggleston |
| Live Stream Team | Pat Carrie Smith, Rebecca Eggleston, Anita Holzemer, Kevin & Kendra Kennedy, Gina Peterson, Joseph Pestar, Caden DeAtley |
| Altar Guild | Gunilla Wold, Grace Boggio, Diane Gusa, Norma Knutsen, Paula Olson, Jenny Remmerden, Karen Tavalero, Caroline Spehar |

PRAY FOR OUR 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>President:</i> | John Parker | <i>Fellowship :</i> | Kathy Khile |
| <i>Vice-President:</i> | Brian Hanrahan | <i>Education:</i> | |
| <i>Secretary:</i> | Anita Holzemer | <i>Youth:</i> | |
| <i>Treasurer:</i> | Lane Phelan | <i>Preschool:</i> | Anne Barry |
| <i>Stewardship:</i> | Donald Devine | <i>Properties:</i> | |
| <i>Outreach:</i> | Dave White | <i>Worship:</i> | David Bjornson |
| <i>Personnel:</i> | Jeaneen Brogan | <i>WELCA :</i> | Jeanette Christensen |
| <i>Josephine Delegate:</i> | Jerry Bongard & Bill LeDuc | <i>Council Youth rep:</i> | Persephone Pestar |

ALC COUNCIL MINUTES – JUNE 8, 2023

Attendees: John Parker, Pastor Scott, Anita Holzemer, Lane Phelan, Anne Barry, Dave White, Jeanette Christensen, Special Guests Kayleigh Steiner of Youth Dynamics and Pat Carrie Smith

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer. May minutes were approved as submitted.

Special Guest Report: Kayleigh Steiner of Youth Dynamics. Kayleigh shared her testimony and talked about her work with Youth Dynamics. She asked for monetary support for her work with YD. We added her request to new business.

Treasurer's Report: After 22 weeks of giving, revenue is above expected and expenses are tracking with the current budget overall. The list of our current benevolences was shared. Discussion was held regarding benevolence designees and how they are chosen. Lane will be on vacation the last part of June. Nancy Loftis will be her back up while she is out. The Audit Committee has met and is coming up with suggestions to improve our budget reporting processes.

COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE:

Fellowship: Report was submitted. It was decided to have Pr Scott make an announcement on Sunday to highlight the FAST team interest sheets. Hopefully this will result in a bigger response for volunteers.

Outreach: The prayer chain is functioning and is valuable. The prayer group is growing but there's always room for more. We continue to look for volunteers to man the Welcome/Opportunity Desk. We continue to expand the Care Team as the need arises.

Preschool: Report was submitted. The preschool is full for all classes for the fall. Graduation is scheduled for June 15th. Maggie has asked that the youth of the church remove the wood chips under the playground as a potential fundraiser.

Social Ministry: Anne has put in a grant request to cover the cost of additional turkey roasters for the Christmas dinner.

WELCA: The Strawberry Social is June 27th. Jeanette, as funeral coordinator, asked for more specific details regarding funerals prior to the services to help in planning and serving. Sewing is going well. There will be quilts for Senior Sunday this week.

Worship: Report was submitted.

Youth: Credit card usage was discussed.

President's Report: John shared data regarding attendance numbers for worship. We are averaging 138 people per Sunday. We are waiting to hear from Ministry Works regarding the Covid reimbursement and also the synod grants we applied for. News should be coming shortly. Thank you to Don Devine and Paul Dusenbury for updating our outdoor church signage to reflect current worship times. Thanks also to Wayne Olsen for updating the electrical wires in the altar area. John is working out final details regarding our fire alarm monitoring company. We need to pay Evergreen Service for two quarters of fire system monitoring. Going forward we will be contracted with Fire Chief Services. Jobun and Ken-ny have a great working relationship with the Youth. We are excited with what youth plans they have offered and continue to add. A new computer for the youth room will be added. Prime Timers continue to be active.

Pastor's Report: Report was submitted. He will be going on vacation and we will have a substitute for the one Sunday he will miss. VBS plans are underway.

OLD BUSINESS:

John reported on open items still needing action.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Youth Dynamics Request: We were asked as a church to help financially support a Youth Dynamics employee. The decision was made to table this discussion until our next meeting while we wait on grant money decisions to come in. MSP
- Requests for janitorial work: Please put any requests for specific janitorial duties in the janitorial mailbox.

July/Aug council meeting date: Executive committee will meet on July 6 and Aug 3 as needed.

The next church council meeting will be on Aug 10. The council will not meet in July.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Holzemer, Council Secretary

JULY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

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|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Kirk Swanson | 7 Tanner Sahnou | 17 Troy Kunz | 25 Zachary Anderson |
| 2 Lara Coggins | 7 Mildred Bushey | 17 Ellyn Cavanagh | 26 Reed Myers |
| 3 Carl Ellsworth III | 8 Julie Dusenbury | 17 Jerry Pollard | 26 Ashlee Long |
| 3 Emma Bakke | 9 Rachel Devine | 19 Julie Jacobson | 27 Jan Nations |
| 3 Bonnie Kennedy | 9 Susan Wintermantel | 20 Cherie Goyer | 28 Caitlin Kirby |
| 3 Kim Trafton | 11 Gina Peterson | 21 Faith Legan | 28 Leone Zimmerman |
| 3 Erica West | 12 Katie Parker | 21 Jake Anderson | 30 Brian Bakke |
| 4 Amanda Elling | 12 Megan Angier-Ufkes | 22 Emilee Forbes | 30 Christie Schoebel |
| 4 Lewis Benson | 14 Rebecca Eggleston | 22 Nikki Bakke | 31 Beth Benson |
| 5 Bill Sarvis | 15 Lacey Smith | 23 Jacob Elling | 31 Megan Anderson-Smith |
| 5 Michael Sullivan | 15 Brenda Lust | 23 Delores Hermstad | |
| 6 Annie Fisher | 16 Penny McCaughan | 24 Ruth Backlund | |
| 6 Randy VanSweden | 16 Alec Mavar | 25 Gil Harvey | |

JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!

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| 1 Marv & Gunilla Wold | 7 Rod & Cathy Odegaard |
| 2 Wayne & Elaine Olsen | 17 Brian Hanrahan & Treva King |
| 6 Joe & Annie Fisher | 30 Scott & Gina Peterson |
| 7 Steve & Julie Jacobson | |



AUGUST BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Fred Wintermantel | 14 David Bjornson | 17 Kira Oates | 26 Mallory Sullivan |
| 2 Nathan Thomas | 14 Paula Fors | 17 Cathy Odegaard | 28 Maggie Santos |
| 3 Randy Arendse | 14 James Parker | 18 Ryan Connelly | 28 KJ West |
| 3 Karen Petersen | 14 Yvonne Paul | 18 Madden Nations-Pearson | 29 William Gusa |
| 5 Brenda Lorentzen | 14 Blake Trafton | 18 Stanley Tracy | 29 Tim Hofferth |
| 5 Reilly Nations-Pearson | 15 Karen Caracciolo | 19 Jeanne Anderson | 29 Bud Rock |
| 5 Dylan Thomas | 15 Paul Phelan | 19 Ensley Cook | 30 Jennifer Brosten |
| 8 Conor DeFrancesco | 15 Bryan Walker | 19 Ray Fowler | 30 Sharon Ohm |
| 12 Beckett Harrington | 16 Lillian Devine | 21 Matthew Connelly | 30 John Parker |
| 12 Ella Harrington | 16 Jacquie Oka | 24 Linda Anderson | 30 Adam Salnick |
| 12 Rosemary Walter | 16 Jobun Tornga | 25 MaKenna Nations-Pearson | 30 Paddy Sarvis |
| 13 Jacob Duquaine | 17 Renate Beltz | 26 Emma Knutson | 31 Daniel Elling |
| 14 Madelyn Berentson | 17 Reese Morgenthaler | 26 Kevin Long | 31 Jerry Woodall |

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!

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| 5 Paul & Julie Dusenbury |
| 9 Jerry & MaryBeth Pollard |
| 10 Wendy & Michael Atterberry |
| 12 Stacy & Erin Roux |
| 13 Johanna & Mathew Tracy |
| 17 Tim & Connie Walters |
| 19 Ray & Nancy Fowler |
| 22 Kirk & Marta Swanson |
| 24 Robert & Faith Legan |
| 29 Maurice & Helene Fink |

WORSHIP SERVICE - ATTENDANCE JUNE

| Date | Events | In-Person | Nursery | Live-Stream |
|---------|----------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| May 28 | Pentecost | 130 | 2 | 88 |
| June 4 | Confirmation Sunday | 117 | 9 | 170 |
| June 11 | Graduate Recognition | 140 | 5 | 102 |
| June 18 | Fathers Day | | | 62 |
| June 25 | | | | |

From the Bishop:

As I write this, I am still re-living a beautiful experience that I had last weekend. Five of my friends and I drove to the Gorge Amphitheatre and we saw Joni Mitchell in concert. For some of you, this might be interesting, for others, you might not even know who Joni Mitchell is. For me, the time was filled with joy, laughter, tears, friendship, and community ... not to mention amazing music and storytelling.

But this isn't about Joni Mitchell ... at least not entirely. For what struck me as I sat on the grass with 26,000 other people, was the church-like feeling that was there. Or perhaps I should say the "Jesusy" feeling that was there. Or maybe the Holy Spirit in action feeling. And this came from the crowd itself.

As we all sat crowded together on blankets and chairs, people told stories, shared food and drink, sang songs, helped those who were having difficulty navigating the hillside, and together we became community. The little children sitting to the right of me danced, the young girls sitting to the left of me accepted blankets from my friend, and the man in front of me told me that he had traveled from North Carolina to see Joni. He told me that he was surprised to discover the Gorge was not located in Seattle!

There was one point in the concert, after it had gotten dark, when Joni was singing and people – one by one – started shining the flashlight from their cellphones towards the stage. Throughout the crowd, little points of light lit up the darkness. Now, if you have been to a concert in the last ten years, this is a common occurrence. Cell phone lights have taken the place of lighters being raised. However, because Joni has not performed in over twenty years, she was bemused by the lights. She turned to the person next to her on stage and said, "It looks like a fallen constellation. Where did they get all those lights?"

I thought her words and her surprise were charming. But as I looked around me, at the people sharing blankets, at those with arms around each other swaying to the music, at the cozy darkness around us and the lights looking like fallen stars, it was more than charming. It was holy.

For a moment, we were a cathedral. For a moment, we were community. For a moment, we were one.

At our best, this is what it means to be church. To be the Body of Christ. To practice hospitality and generosity, and grace. To see Christ in one another. To accept others' limitations and to be accepting of our own.

I confess that all was not perfect at the Gorge. There was a person close to me who insisted on singing every word to every song. While her voice was fine, I was not there to hear her but to hear Joni. There were people who cut in line after we had been waiting two hours to get inside. There was a driver who bullied his way into the front of the very long line of vehicles as we were leaving.

Perhaps this is like church, too. At least church as a human construction. Those of us who have been part of a church for a while, we know that church is not always sharing blankets and food, singing and joy. Sometimes, as humans, we hoard our stuff. We take offense at others. We refuse to listen. We bully. We push. Our voices sometimes drown out other voices.

And yet ... I pray that the moments of grace we receive this summer – from music at the Gorge to singing lustily in church, from sharing food on a hillside to receiving the body and blood of Christ – may we be church together. May we know and make it known that all are fully loved by God – in the times when we are like fallen constellations and in the times we are not.

May your summer be filled with holy moments.

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