



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SCOTT

Dear Members and Friends of Anacortes Lutheran Church,

Summer has arrived! Or has it? We have been waiting for the warmer temperatures and the blue, sunny skies, and yet we are at the mercy of how the weather turns. We want, we want, we WANT! And the truth is no matter how much we “want” we need to live within the reality of ‘what is’. We cannot change the world through our wishes, but our wishes can become reality if we are willing to put the effort in to make it happen. Everything that has ever been has started with a thought.

Even at the beginning of Creation, when God speaks those wonderful words, “Let there be light,” God had the thought of what the Creation would be. A beautiful garden filled with life and a couple of ‘special’ trees. And yet, even though God is God those trees become the story of reality changing into something other than what God thought. Even God had to deal with the difference between what was thoughtfully created and what actually is.

We live in a world that continues to surprise us by its wonders and beauties and by its less than beautiful moments that move us to ask, “Why?” We wonder at the depravity, and what sometimes even seems evil, in our world. We struggle with a continuing pandemic, difficulty in returning to social situations, and the constant exhaustion of dealing with reality. We still feel the trauma of over two years of living in a world we do not recognize. And we may want to give up. We may want to find a place of rest. We have had enough.

And yet the sun comes up on another day. The light hits our faces and we feel the warmth of a new day. We smell the outpouring of new life as the trees burst into green. We hear the birdsong filling the sky. We may even notice the sweet and salty taste of the air as it moves over the flowers and the sea. God is with us. God has promised to walk with us even we do not feel God’s presence. God loves us and wants us to see another morning.

Many of you have raved over the beauty of the Summer here in Anacortes. I can’t wait to see it in full bloom. And yet, I am happy to see what God has planned for today, for now, for this moment. Living in this moment, knowing God is here in this place, makes even the most difficult day one to be lived. If you are struggling, reach out. To God. To your family. To a friend. To your pastor. To someone who loves you.

Wanting, waiting, and wishing you the peace that passes all understanding,

Pastor Scott

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 GRADUATING SENIORS

Graduate Recognition Sunday - June 12th at 9:30 am service

On this day we will be honoring and blessing ALC's graduating seniors. The ALC & Laurene M. Rhodes Scholarships will be given to the recipients and the Sewing Ladies will present each graduate with a quilt.



Harlan Eggleston



Michael Hanrahan



Mia McCutcheon

**Class of
2022**

Even a Global Pandemic
couldn't stop you!

We are so proud of you,
Congratulations!



Kirsha Khile



Lucca Dumas



Reilly Nations-Pearson

Your life
is your story
and the adventure
ahead of you
is the journey
to fulfill your own
purpose & potential.

Gods Blessings to Our
2022 Graduating Seniors!



Dylan Thomas



Alexandra Hernandez



Nathan Thomas

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

April and May have been months of real progress here at Anacortes Lutheran.

- Sunday attendance is growing steadily. New faces are showing up and some old familiar faces are returning. Thanks to everyone who accepts the privilege of being a welcoming host.
- The Church's Financial reports are comfortably on target. Thanks, Lane.
- Building maintenance projects have been vigorously accomplished.
Thanks to Bill and his hardworking team.
- The Picture Directory is well organized and photo sessions began May 11th.
Thanks, Kathy Khile and Kathy Parker.
- The Family Sunday concept is starting to develop into an energetic worship service that everyone will look forward to, young and old alike. Last month, the "Noisy Offering" buckets rattled to the tune of \$194!!!
Now THAT's fun! Thanks, Heather, Stacey, Kendra and Kathy.
- The Staff Job Descriptions project is on schedule to merge contracts and job descriptions by June 1.
Thank you Jeaneen.
- The Live Streaming and Audio/Video product we offer is something we can be justly proud of, and we continue to get better and better. Thanks Pat, and everyone who contributes, and that would include Rachel, Becky, Laurie, Pastor Scott, Kendra and Kevin.
- Although the role of Fellowship Chairman is still vacant, Chuck and Bev Landgraf along with Boyd Veer have enthusiastically taken on organization and hosting of the potluck summer picnics and the Annual ALC Men's Brat Fest. Thanks to them!

Are there any open switches? Well, of course, but,

- This month we are instituting an Open Action Item tracking list to better drive open issues/opportunities to resolution.
- We still need a person to lead the Fellowship Committee overall.
- There have been several folks who've observed that we really should encourage some sort of informal social outlet for young adults. Please think about what a young adults group might look like.



So my message this month is:

Things are looking positive at Anacortes Lutheran.

Let's celebrate our blessings and keep on keepin' on.

John Parker, Council President

Go In Peace, Serve the Lord

Pray for our 2022 Church Council & Committees

<i>President:</i>	John Parker	<i>Treasurer:</i>	Lane Phelan
<i>Vice-President:</i>	Brian Hanrahan	<i>Education:</i>	Kendra Kennedy
<i>Secretary:</i>	Anita Holzemer	<i>Personnel:</i>	Jeaneen Brogan
<i>Outreach:</i>	Peggy White	<i>Properties:</i>	Bill LeDuc
<i>Preschool:</i>	Anne Barry	<i>Worship:</i>	David Bjornson
<i>Stewardship:</i>	Donald Devine	<i>WELCA :</i>	Jeanette Christensen
<i>Fellowship :</i>		<i>Youth:</i>	Heather Harrington
<i>NW Synod Reps:</i>	Linda Millo & Lois Cassidy	<i>Council Youth rep:</i>	Persephone Pestar
<i>Josephine Delegate:</i>	Jerry Bongard & Bill LeDuc		

COMB YOUR HAIR, SMILE PRETTY, SAY CHEESE!

NEW!
CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY



PHOTO SESSION DATES

Sundays: 11:15 am - 1pm on June 5 & 26

Wednesdays: 6:30 pm - 8pm on June 1

Location: Conference room 2

Make your Appointmentson on our website
www.anacorteslutheran.org

CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY IS COMING!

Using our Church Windows software we will produce a directory with the goal of having it printed and ready for distribution at Rally Sunday in September.

See you all soon!

Katherine Khile, John Parker and Rachel Devine.

Make your appointment for pictures

on our website through Sign-Up Genius
or on Sundays at the Welcome Desk with a tablet.

To make sure your household information is current

for print in the Church directory please check the
database printout Sundays at the Welcome desk
OR email the church your changes. Thank you!

BOOK STUDY "GROWING YOUNG"

6 Essential Strategies

To help young people discover and love your church

SUNDAYS, JUNE 5 & 12 - 11:30 am

in Conference room #1

Purchase a copy of the "Growing Young" from the
church office. Suggested donation \$10

Study led by: Pastor Scott

COAT CLOSET/ LOST & FOUND CLEANOUT

Located next to the prayer chapel/library

Please check for items you might of left at church.
Anything left at the end of June will be donated.

Thank you!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE WONDERFUL CHOIR MEMBERS AT ALC

Thank you for hanging in there
through the last couple of years!
We have gone from a large church
choir, to a choir who was not able
to sing, to a choir of 6 and now to
a choir of 13 or so. I, for one, am
extremely grateful for your dedica-
tion and your willingness to be
flexible. We need more members!

**Choir's final rehearsal for this
season is June 1.** We are having
an: **"End of Year Potluck" at
Fidalgo Bay RV Resort on
Wednesday, June 8 at 6:00 pm.**
If you are interested at all in joining
choir, come to our potluck and
find out how much fun we have
when we are together!

Choir rehearsals will resume in
September on Wednesdays at 6:30
pm. Come and sing praises to our
Lord and enjoy great company. We
laugh A LOT! Please contact Lau-
rie Julius-Carver if you would like
to join or if you would like more
info on our potluck!

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

We have an upright piano in the youth room that is no longer needed by the church.
It is free to any member of the congregation.
If interested, please contact Dave Bjornson at 360-790-7346 or Bill LeDuc at 360-410-



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

Ruth Circle at 10:00 am

In conference room #1

Hannah Circle at 10:00 am

In conference room #2

Anna Circle at 6:30 pm

In conference room #1

Led by: Nancy Loftis

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

EVERY THURSDAY at 7:00 am

In conference room #1

Led by Boyd Veer



PROPERTY WORK PARTY COFFEE

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

Starting 9 am

Come help beautiful our church.

POC: Bill LeDuc

OUTREACH - Caring and Sharing

We know you CARE

So please SHARE

The Good News by inviting someone
to join you at our

Summer worship services on
Sundays at 9:30 am.

CARE TEAM

Is there someone from church you have not
seen or spoken to in a while?

How about give them a call.

Send them a card, or a text.

Reach out and say Hello!

Vacation Bible School ~SPORTS CAMP

June 27-30 / 6:00 –7:30 pm at Storvik Park

VBS Registration & Volunteer

Sign-up Ends June 13th.

forms at www.anacorteslutheran.org

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!

ALC SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY PRIME TIMERS

- Retirees gathering together for fun, food, and fellowship

GET-TOGETHER - Picnic Time FRIDAY, JUNE 10 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

The theme is: "Picnic Time"



Please, Sign up for the Get-Together at the Opportunity Desk
or call, text, or email your RSVP to Julie before June 8.

Have a great month, stay safe, and be happy.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

~ Paul & Julie Dusenbury

CHURCH PARKING LOT SALE TO BENEFIT SEATTLE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

Saturday, June 25, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm in ALC Parking lot

Sponsored and run by Dr. Samuel G Brooks Guild

100% of proceeds go to the hospitals Uncompensated Care and Pediatric Research Funds

Many cars will have their trunks open with lots of "garage/rummage sale" items to buy.

If you have items to donate, please contact Lois Cassidy or Jean Rogers.

The Dr. Samuel G Brooks Guild has been holding their
monthly luncheons in the ALC Fellowship Hall
the third Thursday of the month.



SEWING NEWS - All are Welcome!

Sewing Days - TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 14 & 28

Starting at 9:00 am till 2:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Bring a lunch and join us. in the Fellowship Hall.

We are still collecting bath & hand towels as well as flannel and **School Kit supplies** - 70 sheet spiral notebook, scissors, #2 pencils, pencil sharpeners and ink pens (not gel). **Thank you for donating to us!**

I am taking June, July & August off and will be back in September after Labor Day.

If you have any questions call:

Jeaneen 360-293-7829

Jeanette 360-708-4865

Lane 360-293-4290

Serving in Christ, Julia Rogers 360-293-4232

Lutheran World Relief KNITTING NEWS

Meeting Date - MONDAY, JUNE 20

1:00 - 3:00 pm - Conference Room #1

Yarn is available at the meeting.

Our Fall 2022 total to date is:

Sweater/hat sets – 20

Sweaters – 2

Hats – 0

Our church ships about 100-150 baby layette sets every 6 months to Lutheran World Relief.

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

WELCA Board Meeting

Thursday, June 2 at 10:00 am
in Conference room 1

Cancelled

Women of the Lutheran Church of America (WELCA)

Strawberry Social!

Families, Singles, Men, & Women. Everyone is Invited, so mark your calendars!



Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30 pm

In the Fellowship Hall

Lots of Strawberry Shortcakes for the whole family.

We will have a program as well.

Freewill Offering



FAMILY SUNDAY - 1st Sunday of the month

SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH

KIDS THIS IS YOUR SUNDAY TO TAKE OVER!!!

The **first Sunday of the month is Family Sunday** where families are invited to worship & be of service together. To encourage active listening with children during the service 5 words are chosen by the Sunday schoolers to be used in the Pastors sermon.

Children & families are encouraged to read lessons, acolyte, usher, sing or play an instrument. Help with Fellowship hour by bringing treats, setting up and/or cleaning up. Sign-up at the at the Opportunity Desk

Sign up at the at the Opportunity desk (located *next to the Fellowship hall*) or call the church office.
Speak to Becky about helping with Fellowship hour.

NOISY OFFERINGS - 1st Sunday of the month

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

On May 1st \$192.08 was collected. What great lessons learned about tithing and saving? WOW... what a family of givers in our congregation. Thank you all.

Most of the offering is loose change that has been saved up by the congregation, to "make noise", but the folding money made a nice thump in the bucket, too!

**So save your change for the next
Noisy Offering on June 5th.**

ACOLYTES for SUNDAYS

We need acolytes every Sunday. The clipboard at the Opportunity desk has a clipboard with a list of Sundays from June through December. Pick a friend and sign up together, things are always more fun with a friend even serving in Worship.

If you are unsure about what to do as an Acolyte, talk to Pastor Scott or find an older teen that has done it and ask them questions.

Summer Worship Time ~ 9:30 am ~

SAVE THE SUNDAY DATES

June 5th ~ Confirmation

Mia Kennedy & Breana Sullivan

June 12th ~ Graduation Recognition

On the day of event we will have baskets for each confirmand and each graduate if you would like to leave them a card with Blessings.

BSA SCOUT TROOPS 4084

BOY TROOP - ages 11-17

Mondays at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Leader: Robert Eggleston

509-230-9648 /manu_tara@hotmail.com

GIRL TROOP - ages 11-17

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Leader: Rebecca Eggleston

360-588-8328 /scoutmaster4084g@gmail.com

CUB PACK - ages 5-10 or K-5th grade

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

In the Sunday School rooms

Leader: Kyle Ellertson

907-888-1638 /kellertson84@yahoo.com

GIRL SCOUT TROOPS

TROOP 41804 - Brownies - 2nd grade

1st & 3rd Tuesdays on 6:30 pm

Meet in Youth room

Leader: Cherie Goyer

TROOP 44451 - 9th -12th grades

1st & 3rd Mondays at 5:30 pm

Meet in Conference room #1

Leader: Ginny Connelly

YOUTH GROUPS ARE BACK! Teens Growing in Faith and Friendship together.

High School Youth Group

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 - 1:45—3 PM

In downstairs Youth room

Middle School Youth Group

THURSDAY, JUNE 2 7—8 PM

In downstairs Youth room

Youth Groups are looking for Volunteers for meetings and events!

If interested email HeatherRHarrington@gmail.com or the office.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE VBS FUN!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ SPORTS CAMP ~ June 27-30

6:00 –7:30 pm at Storvik Park

Volunteers & Participants MUST sign-up by filling out an online Registration form by June 13th.

Forms are on our website front page www.anacorteslutheran.org



**VBS
PLANNING MEETINGS**

at Anacortes Lutheran Church
2100 O Ave

DATES:

Tuesday, June 14th at 6pm

contact Kendra Kennedy (773)236-1666



**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**

hosted by
Anacortes Lutheran Church

DATE: June 27-30

TIME: 6:00 - 7:30 PM

WHERE: Storvik Park

ONLINE Registration opens on Facebook/Website May 2nd



Would you like to make a difference and have fun at the same time? Join the MEGA Sports Camp team!

From singing songs to telling stories to just hanging out with kids, there's a place for you at our MEGA Sports Camp outreach. (Sports skills are not mandatory.)

WE NEED PEOPLE TO HELP WITH . . .

(Check the boxes next to the jobs you are interested in.)

- ☐ Rally Coach (teaching in front of the whole group)
- ☐ Music Coach (leading worship songs)
- ☐ MEGA (helping kids review the MEGA Points)
- ☐ Huddle Coach (leading a group of 5-8 kids)
- ☐ Head Coach (teaching in Sports Sessions)
Sport you are interested in _____
- ☐ Snack Coach (organizing snacks)
- ☐ Safety Coach (running the first aid station)
- ☐ Registration Coach (organizing registration table)
- ☐ Prayer Coach (leading a prayer team)
- ☐ Publicity Coach (promoting the camp in the community)
- ☐ Follow-up Coach (inviting kids to church after the event or organizing a follow-up event)
- ☐ Sports Camp Store Coach (selling souvenirs to the kids)

YOUR NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

GIVE THIS SHEET TO: Church office or Kendra Kennedy

OR CALL : 360-293-9586

Worship with us this Summer

JOIN US FOR SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays at 9:30 am

In-person or Live-stream

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

This is what you can expect when coming to Worship in person.

- Enter through either the main church doors or by way of the handicap ramp.
- Communion is given with a prefilled all-in-one juice & wafer communion cup.
- Gluten free prefilled communion cups are now available
- **After Worship please join us for coffee hour in the Fellowship hall.**

FAMILY SUNDAY - IS THE 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Worship service & Fellowship hour where families worship & serve together. Children, teens & families are encouraged to sign up to Read lessons, Acolyte, Usher, Sing or Play an instrument.

Or Help with Fellowship hour by bringing treats, setting up and/or cleaning up.

Sign up on clipboards at the Opportunity Desk in the Narthex or contact Becky to help with Fellowship hour.

JUNE - Worship Readings & those Serving in Worship

June 5 <u>Day of Pentecost</u> Family Sunday Confirmation Sunday	<i>Readings:</i> Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17 <i>Psalm:</i> Psalm 104:24-34,35b <i>Gospel:</i> John 14:8-17,25-27	<i>Reader:</i> Special Readers <i>Coffee Hour Host:</i> cake- Ginny Connelly	<i>Acolytes:</i> Don Devine, Paul Dusenbury & Violet Harrington <i>Ushers:</i>
June 12 <u>Holy Trinity</u> H.S. Graduate Recognition	<i>Readings:</i> Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Romans 5:1-5 <i>Psalm:</i> Psalm 8 <i>Gospel:</i> John 16:12-15	<i>Reader:</i> John Parker <i>Coffee Hour Host:</i> Jeanette Christensen, Linda Walker, Kathryn Parker cake-Ginny Connelly	<i>Acolytes:</i> <i>Ushers:</i>
June 19 Happy Father's Day	<i>Readings:</i> Isaiah 65:1-9 Galatians 3:23-29 <i>Psalm:</i> Psalm 22:19-28 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 8:26-39	<i>Reader:</i> Don Devine <i>Coffee Hour Host:</i> Hildy Radke, Anita & Kenny Holzemer - Root-Beer Floats	<i>Acolytes:</i> Eva Dent <i>Ushers:</i>
June 26	<i>Readings:</i> I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Galatians 5:1,13-25 <i>Psalm:</i> Psalm 16 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 9:51-62	<i>Readers:</i> <i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	<i>Acolytes:</i> <i>Ushers:</i>



Sunday, June 19th

Join us as we Celebrate Dads

with Root-Beer Floats during Fellowship hour.

JUNE - Birthday Blessings to You!

1	Violet Harrington	14	Stacy VanSweden
1	Kathryn Parker	15	Maurice Fink
3	Lori Rogers	16	Liam Poor
4	Ellamina Ehrheart	16	Gunilla Wold
4	Zephrin Ehrheart	17	DeAnna Claus
4	Rod Odegaard	17	Noel Johnson
5	Laurie Julius-Carver	18	Linda Braski
6	Michael Bastrom	18	Elizabeth Dixon
6	John Collins	18	Bill Faulkner
6	Hank Knutson	18	Sharon Wedell
6	Laura Smythe	19	Leo Dumas
7	Lori Hrovat	19	Wayne Olsen
8	Katelyn Bolin	19	Chris Parker
8	Juliann Conrardy	20	Michael Flanigan
8	Lauren Conrardy	21	Nita Ostlund
8	Megan Kennedy	22	Brooke Nibarger
8	Kate McFarlin	23	Keegan Kennedy
9	Patty Pedersen	24	Bob Barry
10	Bob Ford	24	Serena Partch
10	Jerry Smith	25	Austin Thomas
11	Lora Andersen	26	Sophie Peterson
12	Lynn Arendse	27	Jane Salnick
12	Jacob Carver	28	Ryan Franulovich
13	Andrea Arendse	30	Alan Dent
13	Enid Ott	30	Dianne Gibbons
14	Gary Card	30	Bradley Harrington
14	Wyatt Ott	30	Talin Kerr
14	Bryan Trafton		

MAY - Worship Services

Date	Events	In-Person	Live Stream
1	Family Sunday	125	76
8	Mother's Day	102	106
15	5th Sunday of Easter	104	64
22	6th Sunday of Easter	121	68
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JUNE - Wedding Anniversaries!

1	Krista & Andy Morgenthaler
6	Howard & Serena Partch
8	Mark & Ruth Backlund
8	Brian & Nikki Bakke
14	Thomas & Sue Larsen
16	Kevin & Kendra Kennedy
16	Steve & Jeni Richards
26	Chris & Vicki Long
28	Justin & Brenda Lust
29	Matt & Bonnie Kerschbaum
30	Dana & Anita McCoy

Tom & Sue Larsen's 70th Anniversary

Please join them for an open house
to celebrate their sapphire jubilee!

Saturday, June 18

2-6 pm

(3pm Kransekake & toasts)

1402 Dakota Avenue, Anacortes



*Please consider that people with health risks and
babies will be present so, take appropriate measures,
Cards and calls are welcome in lieu of visits.
Your attendance is the only present desired.*

PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Scott Peterson

BAPTISM

Delaney Jo Phelan

May 1, 2022

Parents: Matthew & Taylor Phelan

Big Brothers: Michael & Arthur

Grandparents: Tom & Cathy LaCroix
and Paul & Lane Phelan

Great Grandmother: Maxine Lang

ALC COUNCIL MINUTES - MAY 12, 2022

Attendees: John Parker, Lane Phelan, Anita Holzemer, Pastor Scott, Anne Barry, Dave Bjornsen, Jeanette Christensen, Don Devine, Brian Hanrahan, Bill LeDuc, Guest: Laurie Julius-Carver

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer. April minutes were approved. MSP.

Treasurer's Report: April was a good month. Easter offering was encouraging. With the designated Easter offering we sent \$1,300 to the Anacortes Family Center and \$1,375 to Ukraine war relief. We are looking very good for the year so far.

Pastor's Report: Taking online continuing education on homiletics (sermon writing). Zoom has made for good collaboration time.

President's Report: Very happy and encouraged by the direction we are headed. Attendance is trending up as well as offering. Kathy Khile is working on directory pictures. Online registration is going well.

Special Guests/Reports:

Laurie Carver made a presentation on ALC's Copyright requirements and procedures.

Old Business:

1. Book Study: We discussed Chapter Two of the Book "Growing Young", the process of attracting and keeping young people in the Church. Persephone Pestar has accepted the role of a youth council member. The goal is to recruit one more to share the duties.
2. "Noisy Offerings" have been a big success, (\$194 last week!). They will be totaled and deposited once a month, in a fund designated for youth activities, not otherwise budgeted.
3. Online sign up for the directory is proceeding well. The first of eight photo sessions was held on Wed, May 8. The objective is to publish a picture directory in September. Kathy Khile is heading this project up.
4. Drafts of job descriptions for all staff positions are complete. The goal is to have them completed by June 1.
5. There is an opening on the Preschool Board. Preschool is focusing mainly on registration for the fall right now. Once graduation is done, we will work on reactivating the preschool board.
6. We are still looking for a Fellowship Chairperson. Chuck and Bev Landgraf have volunteered to organize the summer picnics. Boyd Veer has volunteered to host the MELCA Bratfest. Jeanette Christensen has volunteered to do the Senior Graduation reception. Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers stepping up on the individual fellowship events, but we would still love to have a chairperson to head up the committee.

New Business:

1. Review of facilities use ground rules/responsibilities: John met with the Young Life group that recently stayed over the weekend at the church. He was impressed. Are there guidelines for the kitchen use? A discussion was held on key distribution. ACTION ITEM: Properties Committee will research facility use guidelines.
2. We will create an "Action Items Tracking List" to keep track of designated projects at the church. This will include the date we added the item, the goal, progress, and who is the point person for it. We will revisit it each month.

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Council minutes cont.....

Council Roundtable: A full committee report is available in the church office with the minutes each month.

Below are items from committees that need full council input.

Worship Committee:

- Concerns were raised that some people can't hear the choir. Mask wearing might play into this. We would love to recruit new members which would help with the sound as well. A suggestion was made to put the lyrics on the screen or in the bulletin. Maybe amplification via the soundboard. Dave will take these ideas back to the worship committee. Microphone placement can be repositioned if needed when the lift is brought in during the painting time.
- Confirmation is scheduled for June 5th on Pentecost Sunday. The Education Committee is in charge of the reception. Senior Sunday is June 12th.
- We will move to 9:30 worship time over Memorial Day weekend.

Properties:

- Immediately following church service on June 12th, the sanctuary work will begin – painting, pew refurbishment. Many volunteers will be needed. Please contact Bill LeDuc if you would like to help.

WELCA:

- There will be a Strawberry Social this year. Any checks written for weddings and funerals need to be made payable to WELCA.

Preschool:

- A request was made for Properties to repair the fence posts and add texture to the ramp. Don will follow up. It was suggested this might make a good Boy Scout project. Bill will talk to Chris Anderson.

Our next meeting will be held June 9 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Holzemer, Council Secretary

Congregational Mission Statement: To Proclaim The Gospel Through Word and Deed

- DO YOU NEED TO TALK TO THE PASTOR? Schedule an appointment by email or calling the office
Pastor Scott Peterson: pastorscott@anacorteslutheran.org
- CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday / 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- CHURCH OFFICE EMAIL & PHONE #: 360-293-9586 / info@anacorteslutheran.org
- "LIKE" OUR FACEBOOK / YOUTUBE / INSTAGRAM PAGES: Anacortes Lutheran Church
- WORSHIP SERVICES, UPDATES & NEWS: VISIT our website - <https://www.anacorteslutheran.org>
- HAS YOUR PHONE #, ADDRESS OR EMAIL CHANGED? Are you receiving emails from church? Call the office!
- DO YOU NEED HELP? Ride to worship, a friend? Call the church office - maybe we can help.
- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The Third Monday of every month.
- PRAYER UPDATES: Call or email the church office additions or updates to the prayer list.
- DEVOTIONALS AND MORE: Christ in Our Homes devotionals, Living Lutheran Magazines, Newsletters, etc...

Newsletter 3rd Monday of the month
DEADLINE! Monday, June 20th

Today I walked my dogs. As I was walking, one person told me how beautiful my dogs were. (I agree!) Another person told me they were so glad to see the sun. (Me too!) Another mock-yelled after me when I didn't greet him, "Hey! Aren't you going to say hello?" (I smiled and waved.) I love my neighborhood in South Everett. I especially love that there are several languages being spoken in the homes surrounding mine: there is a multitude of ethnicities, there are different religious expressions, children's voices are heard at all hours of the day, and there are different food smells wafting out windows at dinner time.

Even as I experience belonging and love for this neighborhood, though, I am also aware of the troubles and heartaches here. A little girl was hit by a car and died here a few years ago. People have been affected by COVID. Rising prices are causing some to not be able to live here. People who are renting are being forced out when landlords decide to sell. And there are people affected by meth, domestic violence, and so much more behind the walls of the homes in my neighborhood.

I think of all of us in the "neighborhood" of the Northwest Washington Synod and how I love our neighborhood. I love the diversity we have in our synod. I love the different geographies, landscapes, languages, ethnicities, cultures, and foods in our synod. As I journey through the 110+ congregations and ministry sites of this synod, I am aware of the deep joys and crushing sorrows, and the connections and the loneliness that surround us. Much like my little neighborhood, there is diversity and there is belonging here. And much like my little neighborhood, there is loss and there is grief and there is difficulty. We cannot ignore that there are thorny and deep-seated social and relational complexities within us as a church and in society as a whole.

Holding the "both/and" of this reality – the true joy and the deep sorrow and frustration – is why the theme for this year's 2022 Synod Assembly is abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now let me say this: While it is true that some may look at our theme, "Abound in Hope" and assume that we are naively optimistic or positive. Others may look at our theme, "Abound in Hope" and think that we do not understand the mountain that we must climb. Still others may look at our theme, "Abound in Hope" and wonder how – with the pain Church has caused many or the sins of our ancestors – that we are only living in the present and not acknowledging the past. To those, this is what I say:

We are abounding in hope. And because we are abounding in hope we are invited into complex and difficult conversations through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are able to face the realities of life today - knowing that we are not alone. We do not ignore or downplay or pretend that there are not sad and horrifying realities in our world today. We fiercely hold on to the hope that comes only through Jesus. And, knowing this, together, we are called to be, share in, and live into the good news that comes through our risen Savior Jesus. And so ... we are **abounding in hope**.

I am thankful to be living in this neighborhood of Northwest Washington Synod with you. May we abound in hope through God's Spirit living in this world and into God's future.

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