



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SCOTT

Anacortes Lutheran Church - June 2023 Newsletter

Dear Members and Friends of Anacortes Lutheran Church,

I was just looking back at last year's newsletter article for June and it was lifting up the expectation of our first Summer in Anacortes, with all the beauty and sunshine and promises of community life. You were not foolin'! I can't wait as we head toward our second Summer here in this wonderful community and again experience the many facets of life in a town as filled with a strong sense of living together in joy.

As we live in joy, we are reminded that we are called to show that life that comes through Christ into our lives and changes how we see the world around us. We are changed in the waters of Baptism toward lives that pour out love into the lives of those around us.

How can we show this love of Christ?

If I would write each of the many ways we can show love to those around us you would still be reading this when the Autumn winds began to blow again. We often believe that love can be shown in great and glorious ways if it is to be truly shown. But I remember that even in the simplest things our love can be shown.

I remember a story of a young child walking along a beach filled with hundreds of sea stars. The child had to walk carefully between the many limbs that reached toward the waters as the tide began to go out. Moved by love the child began to pick up one sea star at a time and return it to the water. An older person saw what the child was doing and asked, "Why are you doing that? There are so many in need, you will never be able to help them all." And reaching down to retrieve another sea star, the child said, "But I can save this one. And that means everything to this one of God's creation."

As you begin to look toward the warming days and evenings of the coming Summer, I ask you to look for the ways that you can share the love of God with those around you. And not just to those of the homo sapiens designation, but to all of God's creation, whether flora, fauna, or elemental. May this Summer be one when Anacortes is overcome by God's love through the people of God.

Sharing the love of Christ,
Pastor Scott

**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 next
NOISY OFFERING — SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Be part of the Summer Excitement of
TEAM JESUS!
Come to the
VBS PLANNING - EDUCATION MEETING
Monday, June 26 at 7:30 pm



**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
June 4 at 9:30 am service**

**Regan Franulovich
Carter Eggleston
Catherine Eggleston**

ATTENTION YOUTH! We have activities for June!!!

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 2 - MOVIE NIGHT

Elementary / Middle School: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Middle / High School: 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Middle schoolers are welcome at both times depending
on when your parents want you home.

- Snacks will be provided.
- Bring you favorite movie watching blanket!

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 - FAMILY DAY

(kids and parents) at the waterfront festival.

After fellowship we will meet at the festival and enjoy
the festivities.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 - MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT

6:00 - 7:30 pm in Youth room

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 - YOUTH DYNAMICS MEET UP

11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Middle/High school meeting up at Washington park.
Field games, Food, and More!

JUNE 22/23 TBD - SWIM PARTY AT FIDALGO POOL

All ages welcome. BBQ afterwards to celebrate the
completion of the school year!

Vacation Bible School ~ SPORTS CAMP
July 17-20 / 6:00 –7:30 pm at Storvik Park
VBS Registration Coming Soon!!!
forms will be available at www.anacorteslutheran.org
DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

10:00 am in Conference Room #1

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES

CIRCLES MEET TUESDAY, JUNE 13

Last bible study till the fall.

Feel Free to attend any circle.

Hannah: 10 am - Conference Room #2

Led by: Linda Walker 928-963-3879

Ruth: 10 am - Conference Room #1

Led by: Helene Fink 630-293-7544

Anna: 4 pm - Conference Room #1

Led by: Nancy Loftis 360-333-8111

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 26

10:30 am in Conference room 2

SEWING NEWS - Come & Join Us!

SEWING DAYS—TUESDAYS

TUESDAYS, JUNE 6 & 20

Starting at 9 am till 2 pm

Come join us, we are in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring a lunch with you we would love to have you!

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

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.

Lutheran World Relief - KNITTING NEWS

NEXT MEETING—MONDAY, JUNE 19

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 – 121

Sweaters – 13

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

A favorite family event hosted by the women of the church has returned.



Strawberry Social!



Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30 pm - in the Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a program of Gospel & Old-Time Religion songs, plus Singalongs presented by John Parker's popular no-name band that for this event we will call "Strawberry Jam".

Followed by All You Can Eat Strawberry Shortcake prepared and served by the women's circles.

Come One, Come All!

Free-will offering to benefit WELCA's benevolences:

Anacortes Family Center, Josephine Home, Lutherwood and NW WA Synod Women's Organization.

PRAYER GROUP

NOW Meeting EVERY MONDAY
1:30 pm in the Prayer Chapel
Led by: Peggy White

MEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

EVERY THURSDAY MORNING
7:00 am in Conference room 1
Led by: Boyd Veer

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 5
7:00 pm in Conference room 1

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 8
6:30 pm in Conference room 2

Committees please remember to send minutes & updates to Anita prior to Council meeting.

MEN'S MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14
7:00 pm in Conference room 1
Led by: Tom Paul

Retirees gathering together for Fun, Food & Fellowship

ALC SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY
PRIME TIMERS™

GET-TOGETHER: Theme: What is a Home?
FRIDAY, JUNE 9 at 11:00 am - in Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker: Jimmy Blais - Director of Development
for Merlino Properties

Jimmy will talk about the MJB Fidalgo Landing Project -
the 28 acre waterfront development located between
17th and 22nd Streets, East of Q Avenue.

Please sign up at the Opportunity Desk or call, text, or
email Julie before Wednesday, June 7.

MOVIE NIGHT: "Seven Days in Utopia"
FRIDAY, JUNE 16 at 6:30 pm - in Conference rm 2

No sign up is needed, just come and enjoy.
Snacks will be provided. Please bring your own drink.

Have a sun-sational summer, stay safe and be happy.
We look forward to seeing you soon.
Paul - Julie Dusenbury

JULY 2 – A PATRIOTIC SING ALONG (with snacks!)

We will be doing something different this year on the
first Sunday in July! Come to church early, 9:00 am and
we will be singing patriotic songs in the fellowship hall
(with snacks!)

We will have lyrics provided and energetic song leaders –
Bjornson and Parker, you going to be around? We will
sing loudly, eat snacks, and then go into the sanctuary
with hearts focused on God our Creator! Come sing!

END OF YEAR CHOIR PARTY!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7
5:30 pm at Fidalgo Bay Resort

Choir members, their families, future choir members – you
are all invited to join us for the choir's end of year potluck.

Please bring a potluck dish to share with others & a beverage
for yourself (*Water and lemonade will be provided. Plates,
plasticware and napkins are also provided.*)

Maps to the Fidalgo Bay Resort will be available at choir
rehearsal or from the church office. The room we are in at
Fidalgo Bay is right on the water and has a beautiful view!
Please come celebrate with us!

OLD TIME MUSIC - JAM SESSION

THURSDAY, JUNE 15
7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

If you play a string instrument, bring it with you and jump
in with this fun group. They gather together for an hour
or so and enjoy each other's music. Old Folk, Bluegrass,
Gospel, Gypsy Jazz. They even have a couple of extra
guitars and an amp or two.

So come on down and bring a friend!

POC: John Parker 360-424-2302 or
Kenny Holzemer 360-333-7712

SUMMER POTLUCK PICNICS - Start in July

WEDNESDAYS STARTING - July 19 through August 23.

One of our fun summer activities is the Wednesday night
potluck picnics at our local parks in July and August.

Locations are getting set up, but we want you to mark
your calendars for Wednesday nights starting July 19
through August 23.

We are looking forward to sharing fellowship with you
throughout the summer.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN NURSERY— Jeaneen Brogan, Personnel Chair

We have two positions open in the nursery. If you are interested pick up job descriptions in the church office and fill out an application.

1. Nursery Care Attendant - to help in the nursery on a part time basis. This would allow our Nursery Supervisor to attend church part of the time. The schedule will be decided between the two people.
2. Nursery Care Assistant - This person must be 14 years old and will help the nursery attendant care for the children during church.

FAITH AND SERVICE TEAM UPDATES - Kathy Khile, Fellowship Chair 360-708-4093 or gallery@scottmilo.com

Thank you to all who have answered the call to do greeting, readings, communion, kitchen help and treats. It is a lot of work to fill all those positions each week. We are trying fill a whole month at a time so that it is ready for the newsletter production, but I am currently working on filling June slots and July.

We have printed a **green** form to help update our contact information so that we can more easily fill out the calendar. Please stop by the Opportunity desk in the Narthex and update the form with which tasks you are interested in doing so we can contact you. We are looking forward to training some new people for communion and kitchen duties. The calendar is available on Sundays at the Opportunity desk. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to sign up for a task for June and/or July.

PARKING LOT SALE

SATURDAY, JULY 15

8:00 am – 2:00 pm in ALC Parking lot

The Dr. Samuel G. Brooks Guild of Seattle Children's Hospital has permission to hold a parking lot sale on the church lot again this year. We appreciate it very much.

All the proceeds go to the Uncompensated Care Fund to help families in need. There will be cars loaded with all sorts of items for sale.

This is the same day as Shipwreck Day downtown so come by the church on your way there.

Note: If you would like to donate any "garage sale items" for this event, please contact Lois Cassidy or Jean Rogers.

DINNER AT THE BRICK - Volunteer Opportunity

The Westminster Presbyterian Church near the library offers a free community dinner every SUNDAY afternoon that is provided and served by volunteers. The church has sent out a calendar for the rest of the year needing volunteers to sign up to provide food and serve it to approximately 35 people.

Dan and Kathy Khile have done this quite a few times and many of the dinners they have provided by filling out a Thrivent Action Team request form for the food.

You can contact David & Jolynn LUCAS by email at dnjlucas@comcast.net or call Jolynn 360-293-0430 for more information.

The Presbyterian church has a member at each dinner that knows all the rules and runs the dishwasher. It is an excellent way to provide a much needed service to the community.

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.

2023 *class of*

Congratulations to Our Graduating Seniors

Graduate Recognition Sunday
June 11th at 9:30 am

On this day we will be honoring and blessing ALC's graduating seniors.

The Sewing Group will present each graduate with a special quilt to take with them on their next journey. Remembering that they are wrapped in the love of Anacortes Lutheran Church wherever they go.

The ALC & Laurene M. Rhodes Scholarships will be given to the recipients.

Join them for cake and punch will following the service.

Ashlee Long



Persephone Pestar



Breann Morgenthaler



Erin Kennedy



Camryn Kerr



Floyd Dent



Listen to the advice and accept instruction,
that you may gain wisdom
in the future.
Many are the plans in the mind of a man,
but it is the purpose of the Lord
that will stand.

Proverbs 19:20-21

Meeting Wednesday, June 14 at 7:00 pm - in Conference rm 1 Led by: Tom Paul

Our church is starting a Men's Ministry program. Many of you may be asking, "What is a Men's Ministry?" Ministry, by definition, is an ACTIVITY carried out by Christians to express or spread their faith. The prototype of ministry is The Great Commission. In *Mathew 28: 16-20*, God says, "GO therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. The key word here is "GO." Get out from behind walls of this church and go make a difference in this world.

The book of Acts gives us a wonderful picture of what MINISTRY should look like. After Jesus's resurrection, the disciples didn't just stay in Jerusalem and build a mega church, they instead understood that the church existed for MISSION, not for itself. They carried the gospel and planted churches all over the middle east and Europe.

The driving force behind the formation of our Men's Ministry team was the lack of ACTION that characterizes a large percentage of church members in today's world.

God has always said that you and I are partners. You are my body here on earth today. That's why the church is referred to as "The Body of Christ. Jesus does not have an earthly body anymore. We are the representation of who He is and what He does here on earth. We are His mouth, His Hands, His feet, and His heart. We are the ones that are supposed to express his heart, demonstrate his love, and reveal his power. A song by Casting Crowns says it well: "If we are the body, why aren't his arms reaching, why aren't his hands healing, why aren't his words teaching? And if we are the body, why aren't his feet going, why is his love not showing them all--There is a way!

Ministry is not made to be done only by the pastor, but by everyone in the church. Church members need to be passionate and excited about participating in the ministry of the church! *Revelation 3* says "Because you are lukewarm-*neither hot nor cold-I am going to spit you out of my mouth.*" Faith without zeal is a hope without resolution. God wants us to be passionate about HIM! *REVELATION 3: "Never lag in zeal or earnest endeavor; be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord.*

Our mission on this committee is to: GO MAKE DISCIPLES and TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

(The Great Commandment and The Great Commission). We need to stop being lukewarm Christians who think it is enough to just coast along attending church services on Sunday and thinking that is enough. We can't continue to Sit, Soak, and Sour. WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING! We plan to be a committee of action.

Christ's challenge to us is to turn our eyes to the fields and see the OPPORTUNITIES before us. We can be tempted to be angry that our world seems to be going from bad to worse. Yet we should see these problems as OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY. As leaders we need to lift up our eyes, for the fields are ripe for harvest!

If we want to change our world and prevail over the evils in society right now, then we must prepare to do battle. A song by Mathew West entitled "Motions" says "I don't want to go through the motions, I don't want to go one more day, without your all-consuming passion inside of me. I don't want to spend my whole asking WHAT IF I HAD GIVEN EVERYTHING?" instead of going through the motions. Just OK is not enough! God made each

one of us for a special purpose. We were made for so much more than ordinary lives-We were made to thrive. (Listen to the song, "Thrive" by Casting Crowns) Our goal should be to accomplish GREAT THINGS!

Our goal as a Committee is to "Win the Lost at Any Cost." We want to equip workers and build believers.

There is nothing like the local church when it is working right. Its beauty is indescribable. Its power is breathtaking. Its potential unlimited. It comforts the grieving and helps the broken. It builds bridges to seekers and offers truth to the confused. It provides resources to those in need and opens its arms to the forgotten, downtrodden, and disillusioned. It breaks the chains of addictions and frees the oppressed. Whatever the capacity of human suffering, the church has greater capacity for healing and wholeness. No other organization on earth is like the church. Nothing even comes close. WE NEED TO BE THIS TYPE OF CHURCH!!

One of the basic beliefs of our committee is, "GOD IS OUR SUPREME LEADER!!" We can make plans and then ask God for his rubber stamp of approval, OR we can invite HIM to guide and empower all that we do.

We will not succeed unless we commit to making God be our guide. How do we ensure that God is our supreme leader? PRAYER!! We pray and humbly ask God to lead us, inspire us, and encourage us. We must constantly remember that it is thru prayer that we invite God to lead us and it is WITH GOD that WE CAN ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS—things that we never thought were previously possible. Let's get to work!! Let's do it!!



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"

JUNE • 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!!!

	CONFIRMATION SUNDAY HOLY TRINITY FAMILY & PRAISE SUNDAY	GRADUATE RECOGNITION	FATHER'S DAY	
<i>Dates:</i>	4	11	18	25
<i>Readings</i>	Isaiah 6:1-18	Isaiah 9:1-7	Isaiah 40:1-11	Isaiah 61:1-11
<i>Greeters</i>	KIDS			
<i>Ushers</i>	KIDS	<i>Names were not available at time of printing</i>		
<i>Reader</i>	Mira Knowles	Lois Cassidy	Anne Barry	
<i>Acolytes</i>	1. Don Devine 2. Stacey Pestar	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	1. 2.	1. Lois Cassidy 2. Stacey Pestar	1. Anne Barry 2. Stacey Pestar	1. 2.
<i>Nursery</i>	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.

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

<i>Serve & Cleanup</i>	1. Confirmation Group 2. Don Devine	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. Susan McCutcheon 2.
<i>Treats</i>	Cake—provided by Jeanette Christensen	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. Susan McCutcheon 2.

<i>Sound Team</i>	Kenny Holzemer, Pat Carrie Smith, Brian Hanrahan, Matt Kerschbaum, Harlan Eggleston			
<i>Live Stream Team</i>	Pat Carrie Smith, Rebecca Eggleston, Anita Holzemer, Kevin & Kendra Kennedy, Gina Peterson, Joseph Pestar, Caden DeAtley			
<i>Altar Guild</i>	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:

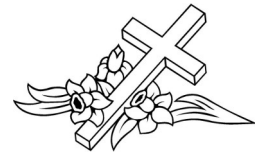
- Altar Guild
- Choir
- Faith And Service Teams
- Men's Bible Studies
- Monthly Property Work Party
- Naomi ministry
- Noon Bible Study
- Outreach Committee
- Prayer Warriors
- Prime Timers
- Sewing group
- Teaching Sunday School
- Ushering
- WELCA
- Women's Bible Circles
- Youth mentors
- and more!

JUNE BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

01 Bobijo Campbell	14 Stacy VanSweden
01 Violet Harrington	15 Claude Woodall
01 Kathryn Parker	15 Maurice Fink
03 Ellamina Ehrheart	16 Liam Poor
03 Zephrian Ehrheart	16 Gunilla Wold
03 Lori Rogers	17 DeAnna Claus
04 Rod Odegaard	17 Noel Johnson
05 Laurie Julius-Carver	18 Linda Braski
06 Michael Bastrom	18 Elizabeth Dixon
06 Hank Knutson	18 Sharon Wedell
06 Laura Smythe	19 Leo Dumas
07 Lori Hrovat	19 Wayne Olsen
08 Katelyn Bolin	19 Chris Parker
08 Juliann Conrardy	20 Michael Flanigan
08 Lauren Conrardy	21 Nita Ostlund
08 Megan Kennedy	22 Brooke Nibarger
08 Kate McFarlin	23 Keegan Kennedy
09 Patty Pedersen	24 Bob Barry
10 Robert Ford	24 Serena Partch
10 Jerry E 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 Bradley Harrington
14 Annika Swanson	30 Talin Kerr

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!

01 Krista & Andy Morgenthaler
06 Howard & Serena Partch
08 Ruth & Mark Backlund
08 Brian & Nikki Bakke
16 Steve & Jeni Richards
16 Kevin & Kendra Kennedy
25 Bill & Paddy Sarvis
25 Jo & George Rockwood
26 Chris & Vicki Long
28 Justin & Brenda Lust
29 Matt & Bonnie Kerschbaum
30 Dana & Anita McCoy



Donald Joseph Sullivan
 May 26, 1929—May 2, 2023
 Grandview Cemetery – May 2, 2023
 Funeral - June 3, 2023
 11:00 am at ALC

Adrienne Louise Eide
 August 7, 1934—March 8, 2023
 Funeral - June 10, 2023
 2:00 pm at ALC

WORSHIP SERVICES - MAY 2023

Date	Events	In-Person	Nursery	Live-Stream
April 30	4th Sunday of Easter	99	5	104
May 7	Family/Praise Sunday	127	8	102
May 14	Mothers Day	135	5	54
May 21	Last Day of Education	126	7	64
May 28	Pentecost	<i>Not available at time of printing</i>		



ALC PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

JUNE 16 at 10:30 am
In the Sanctuary

Come celebrate our youngest ALC students as they move on up to Kindergarten.

ALC COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 11, 2023

Attendees: John Parker, Lane Phelan, Jeaneen Brogan, Anne Barry, Dave Bjornson, Don Devine, Kathy Khile, Dave White.

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

Treasurer's Report: Cumulative giving YTD is still ahead of budget. Giving is somewhat inflated due to one-time annual giving is due to pre-tax IRA distributions, but the picture is still good. There are still some difficulties in getting Quick-books reports formatted the way we are used to. The effort to apply for the Federal Covid salary relief funds is still in process. Again it requires custom reports, however we are still far from the deadline for submission. **ACTION ITEM:** John will arrange for getting the required payroll reports from the existing QB Backup file.

COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE:

Personnel: Two Youth and Family positions have been filled, one half-time and one hourly. There was some discussion concerning review by council of the hourly job description prior to the offer being made. Dave Bjornson made a motion for the council to endorse the actions of the interview committee and the executive board in accomplishing the hiring process. MSP Jeaneen will advertise in the Newsletter for a relief nursery attendant.

Stewardship: Don has talked with Nancy Loftis again regarding the Financial review. She will review her notes from previous reviews. The goal is for completion by July.

Education/Youth: Don reported the results of a Youth and Education meeting Monday May 8. They reported that Vacation Bible School will be held July 17-20 in Storvik Park. It will be sports themed. Heather will order a new, less comprehensive curriculum, compared to last year. It will cost \$100. A third Confirmation stole is needed. Caroline Spehar agreed to provide it. The group agreed to encourage the youth themselves to take the initiative and procure ping pong paddles, net, and supplies for use on the newly repaired table. Just make the purchase and submit a voucher. It could come directly out of Noisy Offerings where there is more than enough to cover the costs. Last day of Sunday School is May 21.

Fellowship: Kathy Khile is making the calls to sign up folks for the Fellowship Coffee hour and Clean-up. She has scheduled 6 Summer Picnics in the Parks beginning Wednesdays, July 19 - Aug 23. She asked if the council thought ALC members would volunteer to help Westminster Presbyterian with their "Dinner at the Brick." She will put out a notice for interested members to consider taking a shift.

Outreach: Lane reported that the lunch bag efforts she initiated supporting the "Laundry Love" Homeless Laundry Project have been very well received. Dave White & Lacey Smith are compiling a Home Visitation List to serve our shut-ins.

WELCA: Two funerals have been held so far in May. Two more are scheduled for June 3 & 10. The Annual Strawberry Social is scheduled for June 27. Entertainment will be provided by the ALC Jam Session group, "Strawberry Jam."

Worship: Summer Sunday worship hours will be for a single service at 9:30, beginning June 4. Don Devine will make a new service time notice board for the large sign on the corner of 22nd and "O" and get with Scott Soes to see if he would make two more A-Frame vinyl poster boards to place near the front steps and by the parking lot entry. Family Sunday will continue through the summer.

President's Report: John reported for Properties. Paul Dusenbury repaired the threshold on the basement entrance door and fixed a leak in a downstairs water line. He also repaired the Youth ping pong table. Steve Anderson replaced the door stops on the Front entry doors. John Parker rerouted the sound cables and the power strip under the stair and stage leading to the lectern, instruments and piano.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Scott could not attend as he was returning from California bringing Sophie home for the summer. Welcome back Sophie!

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Old Business:

John reported on open items still needing action.

New Members Event Status: Kathy is working on it. Details will be shared as they become available.

New Business:

- Josephine Home made an appeal for gifts of Birdseed or money to buy Birdseed. An announcement will be made.
- Spring Graduation: Scholarship information has been distributed. Senior Recognition Sunday will be on June 11. Quilts will be presented.
- Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 4. We will have three confirmands.
- A trailer parking request from St John's Lutheran in Vancouver was approved for 6/24 - 6/28. They have used our lot for several years for a youth outing they hold in BC.

Executive Board will not be held on June 1 as scheduled. John is out of town. A new date will be announced.

Our next regular council meeting will be held June 8 at 6:30 pm. Please have committee reports in to Anita no later than noon on June 5th.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Parker, for Anita Holzemer, Council Secretary



A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

God our Father,
 We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old
 We pray for young fathers, Newly embracing their vocation;
 May they find the courage and perseverance
 To balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
 We pray for our own fathers
 Who have supported and challenged us;
 May they continue to lead in strong and gentle ways.
 We remember fathers around the world
 Whose children are lost or suffering;
 May they know that the God of compassion
 Walks with them in their sorrow.
 We pray for men who are not fathers
 But still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.
 We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers
 Who are no longer with us
 But who live forever in our memory
 And nourish us with their love. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

<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

In 1994, the ELCA adopted a social message entitled, *Community Violence*. This social message acknowledges that the causes of violence are complex and pervasive and that violence breeds violence. This social message raises these questions:

- In the face of this, what are we as a church called to be and do?
- What resources of our faith can we bring to bear on this apparently intractable predicament?
- How shall we respond to both victims and perpetrators of violence?
- What shall we do in cooperation with others as together we seek to counter violence in our communities?

As I write this, we have had more mass shootings in the United States than days of the year (mass shootings are defined as an incident in which four or more victims are shot or killed). The sheer volume of these killings naturally brings up the questions above – how do we respond?

First, we are called to pray. We are called to pray individually and collectively. We are called to pray for the victims of violence and for the loved ones of those harmed. We are called to pray that justice might come, for reconciliation and for peace. We are called to pray in repentance that we are not paralyzed in fear or hatred or numbness. I confess that I do not like memes that make fun of people saying, “thoughts and prayers.” My siblings in Christ, we are called to pray as people of faith! But prayer is not an excuse to do nothing. Through prayer, we are called to action.

Second, we are called to prayerfully enter into hard conversation about this issue with one another – in love and grace and accountability. Have someone directly affected by gun violence come and speak – a trauma doctor, a school counselor, a parent, a social worker. While I know some people would rather come to church to take refuge *from* the world and not engage the world, we, as siblings in Christ, grow in peace and understanding when we carefully listen and learn. When we are faced with difficult decisions or situations, the Holy Spirit gathers diverse people together to challenge one another and to discern where God is calling us to be as people who follow Jesus.

Third, we are called to advocate – especially for those without voice. Provide and call attention to resources and services that prevent violence, racism, and hate. Work individually in your own life to learn more about how systems of oppression lead to violence and humbly learn and practice. Partner with other congregations, churches, interfaith communities, and organizations to have a larger voice toward peace and justice. The advocacy arm of the NWWA Synod is Faith Action Network. Go to their website (www.fanwa.org) and see how to be engaged. For other resources, I encourage you to go to <https://www.elca.org/60days> and download “A 60-Day Journey Toward Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence.”

Fourth, we are called to treat each person as a child of God. We choose life or death every day in our words and in our actions. Fundamentally, as Lutherans, we believe that the good news of Jesus Christ has redeemed each one of us. So how do we live and move and be in this world with such good news?

Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes in *The Cost of Discipleship*, “Words and thoughts are not enough. Doing good involves all the things of daily life. ‘If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink’ (Romans 12:20). In the same ways that brothers and sisters stand by each other in times of need, bind up each other’s wounds, ease each other’s pain, love of the enemy should do good to the enemy. Where in the world is there greater need, where are deeper wounds and pain than those of our enemies? Where is doing good more necessary and more blessed than for our enemies?”

As your Bishop, I pray that through God’s Holy Spirit, we may work together toward peace, toward justice, toward understanding, and toward the end of violence in all forms, especially, in this day and time, the end of gun violence.

Trusting in God’s grace, we pray, we listen, we advocate, we act.

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