

HAPPENINGS @ THE MOUNT



Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church, Chapin, SC

June 2021

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HILL

*“And God Will Make Sense Of It All”
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*

I want to thank you for your support! Your prayers and participation continue to make a difference at Mt. Horeb. We have been blessed with a dynamic congregation. We have made it through a difficult and unusual time during the Covid-19 pandemic. This month our Council will meet mid-year to prayerfully discern possible goals and standards in strengthening our current ministries. We hope to listen for God, the needs of our community, and to our call to ministry. It won't be the first time we have done this, and likely it won't be our last. Yet God will lead and provide. Sometimes it seems that what we are trying to do is impossible — but not for God, nor for Mt. Horeb. God's wisdom will see us through. God will use each of us to accomplish that which we are called to do.

Imagine that it's June 6, 1944 - seventy-seven years ago today. Your name is General Dwight Eisenhower, and you're facing one of the greatest decisions in history— whether and at what point you deploy thousands and thousands of troops in a campaign to accomplish the liberation of Europe. At your word, something momentous will happen, but there are tremendous risks involved, the greatest of them being life or death for unknown numbers of soldiers and civilians alike. The fact that the operation has been seen as necessary for a long time only makes the decision heavier.

When you have to decide something, big things or small, how do you know which choice is right? When General Eisenhower tried to make sense out of his choices, he used

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weather reports and intelligence data and military details and whatever he could get his hands on.

When it's time for you to decide something, collecting data is always good. But the book of Proverbs goes further than that when it has a personified wisdom say, "The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts long ago." The Bible says wisdom has been around forever, as a gift of God to help people make sense of things.

In your life recently, how well have you been able to make sense of things? You can collect all the data you want, but in the end, your answer and peace and contentment may come only when you finally take hold of the wisdom God sends to make sense of things.

There is something important about looking at our dilemmas, making our choices, and shaping our future by remembering to whom we belong, and seeing what is the task that is set before us. No matter how long it takes or how far we travel, we do it in the name of the one God who comes among us—creating newness, and fine-tuning our decision, and sustaining us in all the days ahead.

May God bless us every one as we listen to God, discern our challenges, and take steps to act in faith as faithful disciples in the world.

-Pastor Hill

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOANNA

When I was eight years old, I said a curse word.

Let me tell you the whole story. I heard it at school, one of my friends said it, and I did not know what it meant. My two sisters and parents and I were sitting at the dinner table and as someone passed the potatoes, sweet little sister said a curse word. I didn't get in trouble, I did however learn not to add that one word to my vocabulary! So many teachable moments happen at every dinner table and conversation time with family and friends, and it is in these ways we learn how to use our words.

Words and the ways we use them are important.

Words build and break community apart. We, as a wider community, are seeing and experiencing this fact every day. As our brothers and sisters use words on every internet platform to divide and cut down each other, we know that our faith has something to say about these things.

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. (Ephesians 4:29)

Building one another up, being imitators of Christ, showing God’s love in our words and actions is how we are called to live. We can disagree with one another until the cows come home or until the second coming, but there is a difference in openly disagreeing and using words to hurt one another. I am not going to give you examples, there are plenty every time we turn on the news. The thing that I want us to hear is God’s call to be different, to not let the world’s hate or displaced anger change our language of love and forgiveness, justice and mercy, peace and reconciliation. And we can disagree while showing love and grace.

...And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. (Ephesians 4:32)

Next time you find yourself in a difficult conversation, pray for the words that the Holy Spirit speaks through you. Know that your words are the grace and forgiveness that the world hears and sees, that we can be the way Christ is known to all. Community is the ultimate blessing from God, go and speak a word of truth today!

+Peace,
Pastor Joanna

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THANK YOU!

Thank You! Your response of financial support to Mt. Horeb is a blessing to our ministry! Thank You! Offerings are collected at both services. They may also be sent in by mail, placed in the drop box near the portico, or provided online

through PayPal and Tithe.ly (look for the red ‘Donate Online’ button). Our individual and collective effort is vital to our faithful work together.

Just as you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us-- see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:7

Happy 130th Anniversary!

2021 marks the 130th Anniversary (1891-2021) for Mt. Horeb! On October 10, 2021 our Worship Team is planning a special Homecoming celebration with Worship and lunch. Bishop Ginny Aebischer will be our guest preacher. Also, in the months leading up to October, we will hear a recorded video message from special individuals affiliated with the life of our congregation. Look for their premier each 2nd Sunday of the month during the 8:30 am service.



FIRST COMMUNION

On May 23rd, we celebrated with the following who completed their First Communion instruction and were able to partake in Holy Communion with their families and church family:

Mary Grace Leininger + Wilson Moore Hutchens +
Jonathan Luke McDonald + Leyla Emani McClaney
Gavin Matthew Wells + Jason Brian Wells + Caleb Baker Williams



Office Hours

OFFICE HOURS

The office began abbreviated hours from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Masks are required if you are not fully vaccinated. Also, please practice safe distancing.

Thank you for your prayers, patience and support!

E-NEWS

If you haven't already signed up for our weekly e-news, you can go to www.mthoreb.net to do so. Click on the red box titled "Newsletter Sign-up", enter your information and stay "in the know" on the latest MHLC news!



SPRING FLING FELLOWSHIP EVENT

The Spring Fling Fellowship event was held on Sunday, May 18, outside in the worship area of the church. Those attending enjoyed ice cream with toppings and a variety of games. The hit of the afternoon was the Corn Hole Tournament directed by Coach John Rodgers. After elimination rounds the winners were presented certificates and prizes.

First Place: Gloria and Wayne Addy
Second Place: Joe Lassiter and Gene Olsten
Third Place: Pat Lewandowski and Jim Lindler

A good time was had by all on this beautiful spring afternoon.



FUNERAL USHERS NEEDED

Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church is need of funeral ushers. If you can serve in this capacity, please contact our Lead Usher, Rod Davis, at (803) 260-1219 or rodvs08@gmail.com.

MHLC PRAISE BAND

The MHLC Church Council and Worship Teams are working on getting a praise band going again for the church, and we need your help!



We are welcome to anyone who is interested in sharing their musical talents! Special note: you don't have to play an instrument to be part of the praise band! We will definitely be in need of people who can sing as well!

If you would like to be a part of this, or have any questions, please contact David Williams at nthngalone@gmail.com or on his cell phone at (843) 601-1458.



WELCOME TO THE SUHR FAMILY!

On May 30th, we received into membership Fred, Joan and Rebecca Suhr. The Suhrs come to us from Christus Victor Lutheran Church and we welcome them into our church family!

MHLC UPDATED MASK / SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES

In response to recent changes to the CDC guidelines regarding Covid-19, the following motion was approved by the Church Council on Sunday, May 16th, and is effective immediately:

We recommend the option for all vaccinated people attending indoor worship to be unmasked. All unvaccinated people, including children, except those 2 or under, will wear masks. All members must remain socially distanced except within family units at the 8:30 indoor worship service. We will designate the Fellowship Hall as a "mask only zone" for those who feel more comfortable worshipping with other masked worshipers. At the 11 am outdoor service, all worshippers may opt to unmask and if vaccinated, do not need to socially distance while outside. Team meetings can be held in the Fellowship Hall as long as attended by 25 or fewer people with social distancing measures in place and vaccinated members may attend without masks. The motion was made by Jen Wells and seconded by David Williams and was approved unanimously.



Mt. Horeb friends,

Thank you for the prayers, food, cards and calls. My recovery from a broken right wrist and ankle has been long. Thank you Pastor Hill and my “angels” that touched my heart by remembering me and with prayer.

Blessings,
Tarzie Johnston

To Our Church Family,

Many thanks for all the love shown to us during the past several months. Don fell and broke his shoulder and I had Cochlear Implant surgery. The prayers, food, thoughts, cards, and calls (even though I can't always understand what you're saying, you can still hear me) are very much appreciated! Some of the cards made me shed a tear and some made me laugh out loud.

My doctors say I am doing well with my implant. I am still getting it fine-tuned. I know you all will be happy not to hear “I'm sorry, would you repeat that?” I know that I will!

Special thanks to Pastors Hill and Joanna for their thoughts and prayers also.

Love and God Bless!
Jane and Don Ramsey

Congregational Council Highlights for May 2021

The council met on Sunday, May 16, 2021 via Zoom video conference due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The council took action on or discussed the following items:

+The Council reviewed updated COVID19 recommendations from the CDC and approved the following motion:

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+The Council approved new members who expressed a desire to join Mt. Horeb.

+The Council approved Arnie Wodtke, Deena Bishop, and Stephanie and John Stoudemayer as delegates to the 2021 SC Synod Assembly to be held virtually on Saturday, June 26.

+The Council approved the following motion recommended by the Finance Team: *The Finance Committee moves to delegate the responsibility for use of the CARES Act fund balance of \$84,000 to the discretion of Council with the understanding that \$10,000 will be designated for the pre-school.*

+The Finance Team reported that based on the Offerings Budget Worksheet that offerings are \$10,000 less through April of 2021 than they were through April of 2020. The team will continue to monitor news for any new PPP opportunities and explore those, if we are eligible. Total income for April was \$40,900 and total expenses were \$47,035 for total net loss in April of \$6,135. Year-to-date total income was \$165,159 and year-to-date total expenses were \$172,131 for total year-to-date net loss of \$6,972.

+The Council will meet on Sunday, June 13 for a combined mini-retreat and council meeting. The meeting will be held outdoors in the Creative Learning Place (next to the old bus shed).

+The Fellowship Team reported a very enjoyable and successful Spring Fling Fellowship activity that was held on Sunday, May 16. The team has worked to clean up fallen trees and branches from the Creative Learning Place to make ready for other fellowship and other church activities.

+The Serve Team is continuing to work the Community Garden and is participating in the Chapin Farmers Market held on the first Saturday of each month through October with the exception of July which will be held on the second Saturday in July.

+The Youth Team is encouraging all youth to participate in GraceWorks to be held the week of July 25th. GraceWorks is a weeklong service opportunity for Columbia area Lutheran church youth.

PRAYING FOR:

- +Jim Pope
- +Ron Stockman
- +Alicia Joyner
- +Jim Johnston
- +Heyward Kleckley
- +Aubrey Metts
- +Patsy Comalander
- +Mary Kern
- +Ginny Hatfield
- +Carolyn Bishop
- +Brady Amick
- +Albert Shealy
- +Michael Hatchell
- +Nancy Crogen
- +Charlie Shealy
- +Andrea Fickle on the death of her father, William Roundey

PRAYING FOR FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

- + Perry Barton, brother of Bill Barton
- + Christy Bundrick, daughter-in-law of Gail Bundrick
- + Melissa Smith, sister of Dean Smith
- + Ronnie Chapman, nephew of Rosemary Frick
- + Kathy Ransom, friend of Robbie DeFreese
- + Sadie Gillian, friend of Jennifer Wells
- + Matthew Coker, great nephew of the Shealy family
- + Marie Fulmer, niece of Loretta Griffin & family
- + Amelia Kinard, sister of Billy Griffin
- + Sarah Grace Jerkins, great-niece of Anne Wessinger
- + Tom Crooks, brother of Carolyn Bishop
- + Linda Floyd, friend of John & Cathy Rodgers
- + Sue Carver, friend of Joanne Wessinger Hill
- + Sonny Blocker, brother-in-law of Dan & Robbie DeFreese
- + David Owens, friend of Edward Neeley,

- Fred Garren and Tommy Hill
- + Tyler Grubbs, friend of Lillie Free
- + Lorraine Revels, daughter of friend of JoAnne Hill
- + Marie Syrett, sister-in-law of Mary Kern
- + Nate Williams, friend of Linda & Gene Osten
- + Al Zaback, cousin of Jerry & Vicky Shealy
- + Sally Thompson, sister-in-law of Susan Addy
- + Diane Nichol, friend of Susan Addy
- + Keith & Bonnie Maddox, Cindy Rego's parents
- + Evren Ray, great-niece of Susan Addy
- + Chris & Eddie Shealy, sons of Gene & Ann B. Shealy
- + Sherri Adams, Paul Rego's sister
- + Tommy Ward, friend of Jim Pope
- + William Eckley, cousin of Vicky Shealy
- + Payton Dominick, great-nephew of Glenda Lindler
- + Tyler Richardson, son-in-law of Pastor Dick & Jeannie Webber
- + Heidi Smith, Lew's wife
- + Todd Buehler, Debbie Hjelseth's brother
- + Landon Derrick, Wes Hill's classmate & friend
- + All those serving in the military



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Fred Stuart
Zachary Stoudemayer
2 Craig Lindler
Don Martin
3 Camille Joseph
Harper Gowans
Billy Griffin
Jim Johnston
5 Samantha McCall
6 Mary R. Epting
8 Will Rodgers
10 Linda Crede
11 Cherilyn Heintz
12 Phyllis Barton
Jonathan McDonald
Jennings Shealy
13 Berley Rister, III
15 Brandon Miller
16 Alvin Shaver
17 Rachel Horton
Colleen Holt
18 Lisa Epting
Geo. R. Wessinger, Jr.
David Remley
Mattie Remley
20 Carolyn Hunt
Y. M. Miller, Jr.
Harper Rister
21 Carl Lukitsch
Sherry Teal
23 Berley Rister, Jr.
Nikki Sansbury
24 Campbell Ellis
Tyler Hatchell
Bob Irwin
25 John DiMascio
Vicki Stockman
Woody Trexler
26 Athalee Rauch
LaDona Shaver
27 Herb Harrison
Gene Teal, Jr.

Everest Parks

David Luck

Calvin Holt

28 Ann S. Shealy

29 Pastor Henri Bishop

Pauline Rister

30 Crystal Campbell

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

5 Benny & Bonnie Counts---53

6 Dick & Jeannie Webber - 50

11 Randy & Shannon Bundrick-10

Karl & Georgie Fulmer---55

Albert & Sharon Shealy-55

14 Joel & Debra Hjelseth-46

15 Carl Lukitsch/Sandy Zdrojewski-36

16 Wil & Rachel Hutchens-14

18 David & Ashley Williams-16

19 Luther & Chuanling He Lindler-21

20 Ron & Vicki Stockman-51

21 John & Cathy Rodgers-41

Kenny & Allison Shealy--13

22 Jerry & Sandi Mesimer-41

24 Glen & Kelly Wessinger-26

25 David & Holly Knight--38

Y.M. & Carolyn Miller-51

26 David & Linda Crede-51

Bart & Alice Teal-55

30 Pastor Henri & Carolyn Bishop-64

Bernie & Faye Hawkins---64

Al & Susan Koon---48

Gene & Ann Shealy---60

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary (or if our info is incorrect), please contact the church office so we can add you to our birthday and anniversary lists or correct our information.

JUNE 2021 CALENDAR

Pastor Joanna's Day Off—Thursday

Pastor Hill's Day Off—Friday

Sun, June 6 8:30 In-person & livestream
(Green) w/ Holy Communion
11:00 Outdoor w/ Holy
Communion

Sun, June 13 8:30 In-person & livestream
(Green) w/ Holy Communion
11:00 Outdoor w/ Holy
Communion
7:00 Council Mtg. via Zoom

Sun, June 20 8:30 In-person & livestream
(Green) w/ Holy Communion
11:00 Outdoor w/ Holy
Communion

Sun, June 27 8:30 In-person & livestream
(Green) w/ Holy Communion
11:00 Outdoor w/ Holy
Communion
5:00 Youth via Zoom

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UPCOMING LCY EVENTS

**Calling all youth!
Grace Works is happening this Summer!**

GraceWorks is a local servant camp for Midlands Youth who are rising 6th graders through recently graduated 12th graders. Youth will gather at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1301 Richland Street, Columbia, 29201. This will be our home base, with various service project field trips in the area. Monday-Thursday, July 26-29, from 8:00am until 5:00pm. REGISTRATION is needed. Please look out for emails from Pastor Joanna or directly contact us if you need more information: pastorjoanna@mthoreb.net or (803) 345-2000.



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