

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAT

Summer Reflection on 1 Peter 2: 1-10

Some years back I ran across this story, and I thought it seemed good to share it with you all during these waning summer days. In 1957, some Buddhist monks in Thailand had to relocate a large clay statue of Buddha. It seems that a highway was about to be built straight through the center of their temple. However, when a crane began to lift the huge statue, a loud crack was heard. At the same time, it began to rain. The head monk, afraid that the Buddha would be permanently damaged, decided to lower the statue to the ground and cover it with a huge tarp. Later that evening, the monk went to check to see if the Buddha was still dry. When he lifted the flap and directed his flashlight toward the idol, his eye caught a slight gleam.

Curious, the monk fetched a chisel and hammer and began to tap away at the clay. What he discovered after hours of delicate work was amazing—a solid gold Buddha—ten and a half feet tall, weighing two-and-a-half tons! After some research, the monk discovered that centuries before—when an enemy army was about to attack the country, the ancient monks had coated the golden Buddha with clay, so that it would not be destroyed or plundered. Because all the ancient monks had been murdered by the enemy army, nobody had discovered their secret until 1957. (Chicken Soup for the Soul, p, 69-71)

Patrick W. Riddle, Interim Pastor

*Bob Hawkins, Interim Parish
Musician*

Camille Joseph, Admin

Lisa Smith, Treasurer

Peggy Miller, Preschool Director

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SUPPORT**

Newsletter Deadlines

*The Monthly Happenings @ the Mount
deadline is the **18th of
each month.***

Dear friends, that story from long ago and across the sea makes me pause for a moment and ponder my faith walk in Christ. There dwells within us the very Spirit of God received in the precious sacrament of Holy Baptism. Throughout our faith-walk we shine God's golden, gleaming love to the world... our problem is that over the years, the clay and dust of this life cover us... hiding our light and tarnishing us. For some of us, the clay which is hiding our gold consists of childhood Messages of judgment or shame or inadequacy. For others, it is the stress of the corporate world that has tarnished the sheen of our own self worth. For some of us our calling, creativity, and initiative have been obscured. Yet others it has been failed relationships, broken trust, shattered dreams, or physical pain that has buried the spark of God within us.

St. Peter is writing to a fledgling group of Gentile Christians somewhere in Asia Minor—close to sixty years after Christ's death and resurrection. It appears these folks were outsiders in the community where they lived—as foreigners, aliens, laborers, the poor, and those whom the powerful of society used to maintain the status quo. And as a religious minority, believing in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ, they are ridiculed and harassed by the majority around them. Yet, it is to all God's people—with little affirmation from the world around them—the ultimate affirmation of God is given:

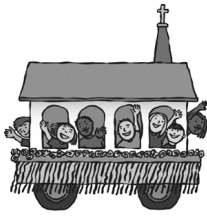
You are holy, you are precious, you are chosen, you are called, you are, in the eyes of God, important significant, and necessary people. And it is through the Christ in you that you have become the building blocks of the new creation.

Summertime Blessings!

Pastor Pat



WE CARE August needs will be posted in the August bulletins. We always need, toiletries, paper products and cleaning supplies. We also accept pet food.



LABOR DAY IS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH and it will be here before we know it! Chapin's Annual Labor Day Parade is certainly something special, and it's a great opportunity to bring awareness that MHLC is an integral part of the community. We can only have a successful Labor Day with YOUR help! This year we will have a float in the parade and a community bake sale at MHLC following the parade. If you are interested in contributing your time and/or supplies, please complete the form using the QR code below **OR sign up using the sign up sheet in the Narthex.**



2023 WELCA CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS The Thirty-Fifth Convention of the South Carolina Women of the ELCA was held June 23-24 at Zion Lutheran Church in Lexington with approximately 154 women from all over the state in attendance. The purpose of the convention was to conduct the business of our Synodical Women's Organization, hold elections, adopt a budget, and receive greetings from the institutions in our synod.

Keynote Speakers were Dallas Shealy of the SC Retreat Centers and Cathy Milejczak, member of the S C Global Missions Team working with the Southwest Diocese of Tanzania, SC Sister Synod.

2023 WELCA CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED Offerings received were as follows: Joy Offering - \$3,371, Convention Offering - \$2048 of which half was given to Camp Kinard for fencing around the new pool. \$9,557.46 was received for the Local Camp Kinard Appeal.

The 2023 Global Project was assembling Hygiene Kits for Tanzania and 1069 completed kits were brought to the convention. Mt. Horeb WELCA contributed 20 completed kits and gave many additional items that will be used to make more kits.

A resolution on supporting awareness and advocating legislation regarding Teen Suicide and Mental Health was passed by the convention and will be submitted at the WELCA Triennial Convention this fall in Phoenix, Arizona.

Sandra McKie and Rosemary Frick were voting delegates to the convention from Mt. Horeb.



THANKS to Pastor Pat for leading Miller's service. Also, a big thank you to the Mt. Horeb family for your prayers and cards. Another big thank you to the ladies for bringing a meal after the service.

Miller Lindler Family



DEAR FRIENDS, Thank you so much for your cards, prayers and expressions of love that you showed to me and my family while I was in the hospital and at home recovering from my bypass surgery. Also, thanks to Pastor Pat for his comforting hospital visits with scripture readings and prayers! With Love, *Jeanne Webber*



GIVING MOMENT—WHY DO YOU GIVE? I give because I have been called to be a Steward. This is one of the reasons behind our giving. We give because everything we have given comes from the gracious hand of God. He has bestowed upon us good gifts to use in God's service in sharing the Good News of the Gospel and for the benefit of all humankind. We respond with our gifts of time, treasure, and talent.

Your generosity in offerings (through PayPal, Tithe.ly, or the offering plate) makes an enormous difference in our mutual ministry.

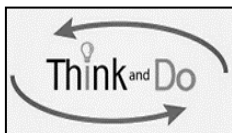
Thank you for your joyful and generous support.



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. We continue to support our brothers and sisters in time of crisis through the ELCA and Lutheran Disaster Response. Forms are on the Welcome Center.



LUTHERAN MEN will not meet in August.



BIBLE STUDY continues this summer on the book, Bible Stories for Grown-Ups, by Josh Scott. We meet at 10am or 6pm on Mondays **through August 14**. Invite a friend. We have some great discussion of familiar Bible stories.



HELP THE WITNESS TEAM update Mt. Horeb's website and social media accounts by emailing any recent church gathering photos to Cameron Prince at shortcn1@gmail.com. Please be aware that if you submit a photo, it may be displayed online.



Increasing Your Ways to Give! Your regular support is critical to the mission of Mt. Horeb.

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Ways to Give

Offering envelope – In the offering plate, in the Church’s outside dropbox, in the mail.

Bill Pay through your bank – Send a check from your bank account to the church.

Tithe.ly – Can be set up online or using the form below. Can use credit/debit card or ACH transaction. Use for one-time contributions or regular offerings.

PayPal – Can be set up online for credit/debit card transactions.

To set up Tithe.ly auto-offerings:

Complete the form below, attach a voided check or deposit slip, and send it to Lisa Smith, our Church Treasurer (c/o MHLC Office, 101 E Boundary St, Chapin, SC 29036), or enter information online at www.tithely.com.

TITHE.LY AUTO DRAFT FORM

Full Name	
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Amount	
Recurring – Circle One	YES NO
Frequency – SELECT ONE	
select from Sunday to Saturday	WEEKLY --- PROVIDE THE DAY OF THE WEEK
select from Sunday to Saturday	EVERY 2 WEEKS – PROVIDE THE DAY OF THE WEEK
Select from 1-28	EVERY MONTH --- PROVIDE THE DATE
SELECT FUND	Indicate the amount for the fund below:
General fund	
Building fund	
Memorial fund	
Cemetery fund	
Other fund	
COVER TITHE.LY FEES?*	YES NO

*Here’s how much it costs to use online or mobile giving with Tithe.ly:

2.9% + \$0.30 per credit/debit card transaction

1.0% + \$0.30 per ACH/bank transaction



UPDATE The Call Committee recently met with Bishop Ginny Aebischer and Pastor Emily Hartmann from the SC Synod. They have accepted our Ministry Site Profile and it is available across the ELCA for viewing by pastors who may be interested. We are considered now to be in the interview phase of our search. Please continue to pray for our congregation as we discern who will be our next pastor.



CARD MINISTRY – HANDMADE CARDS Pick up a handmade card today from the card rack in the Fellowship Hall! \$3 donation and \$5 for two cards. All donations support local, regional and global missions!





Congregation Council Highlights for July 2023

The Council met on July 9, 2023, discussed or voted on the following items:

- ⇒ Approved the Dutch Fork Choral Society to meet at Mt. Horeb for their 2023-2024 season.

- ⇒ A Nominating Committee for the Council Slate for 2024 will consist of the retiring council members Billy Griffin, David Williams, Rosemary Frick and Stephanie Stoudemire.

- ⇒ The Witness Team is planning a float for Mt. Horeb to enter in the Labor Day Parade. Anyone interested in helping with this needs to contact Cameron Prince.

- ⇒ Pastor and Ministry Team Reports were received and discussed.

ON GOING PRAYERS FOR:

- +Vie Wilmot
- +Jim Johnston
- +Nancy Hess
- +Nancy Crogen
- +Charlie Shealy
- +Margaret Greene
- +Henri Bishop
- +Jane Ramsey
- +Aubrey Metts
- +Pauline Wodtke
- +Sharon Shealy
- +Brady Amick
- +George Wessinger
- +Taylor Ann Fiber
- +Steve Cartin
- +Audrey Fulmer
- +Bob Irwin
- +Anne Mitchell
- +Bill Stockdell
- +Holly Knight
- +Randy Bundrick
- +Herbert Lindler



ALSO PRAYING FOR:

+Athalee Rauch & Gene Shealy and Ann Hutchens & Linda Olsten on the death of their brother/uncle, Jerry L. Shealy

+Pastor Henri Bishop and family on the death of Carolyn Bishop

PRAYING FOR FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

- + Ronnie Chapman, nephew of Rosemary Frick
- + Marie Fulmer, niece of Loretta Griffin & family
- + Amelia Kinard, sister of Billy Griffin
- + Sue Carver, friend of Joanne Hill
- + Tyler Grubbs, friend of Lillie Free
- + David Owens, friend of Tommy Hill
- + Lorraine Revels, daughter of friend of JoAnne Hill
- + Al Zaback, cousin of Jerry & Vicky Shealy

- + Sally Thompson, sister-in-law of Susan Addy
- + Evren Ray, great-niece of Susan Addy
- + Eddie Shealy, son of Gene & Ann B. Shealy
- + 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
- + Landon Derrick, Wes Hill's classmate & friend
- + Jimmy and Liane Talbert, uncle and aunt of Mattie Smith
- + Richard Gregerson, son of Vie Wilmot
- + Heidi Smith, wife of Lew Smith
- + Derald Edwards
- + Tom Naughton, father of Michael Naughton
- + Tyler Shepke, friend of Roger Lindler and Michael Naughton
- + Chris Shealy, son of Gene and Ann B. Shealy
- + Roy Talbert, father of Mattie Smith
- + Bill Plump, friend of Bill Stockdell
- + All those serving in the military





BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Danny Free
Kelly Wessinger
- 3 Bailey Shealy
- 5 Craig Hess
Ann Hutchens
- 7 Wes Hill
- 8 Rick Setzer
- 9 Wil Hutchens
JoAnne Hill
Jason Wells
- 11 Peaches Shealy
- 12 Jerry D. Shealy
- 13 Bonnie Counts
Andrew Miller
Peggy Roche
- 14 Audrey Fulmer
- 15 Patsy Comalander
Herbert Lindler
Jo Anne Ritchie
- 17 Drew McCall
Peyton Wessinger
Jeannie Webber
Larry Nelson
- 20 Melinda Morris
- 22 Margaret Robinson
Stan Shealy
- 24 Annette Stuck
- 27 Taylor Ann Fiber
- 28 Jordan McCall
Jenna McCall
- 29 Phyllis Metts
- 30 John Curry
Cindy Rego
Cathryn Summer

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2- Danny & Jenny Marks—26
- 4- Pete & Sandra Ayoub—60
Ken & Joan Heintz—39
Gene & Sherry Teal—49
- 11- Aubrey & Mary Nell Metts—50
- 13- Mike & Joni Epting—35
- 26- Robert & Hazel Smith—62

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary (or if our info is incorrect), please contact the church office. Thank you.

AUGUST 2023 CALENDAR

Wed Aug 2 10:00 Fiber Friends
11:00 Dorcas Circle

Thu Aug 3 7:00 Finance

Sun Aug 6 9:00 Learn
(green) 10:00 Livestream with Holy Communion
11:15 Worship Team

Mon Aug 7 10:00 Think & Do
6:00 Bible Study

Wed Aug 9 10:00 Fiber Friends

Preschool Summer Day Camp M-Thurs

Sun Aug 13 9:00 Learn
(green) 10:00 Livestream with Holy Communion
11:15 Council

Mon Aug 14 10:00 Think & Do
6:00 Bible Study

Tue Aug 15 6:00 LutheReaders

Wed Aug 16 10:00 Fiber Friends

Thu Aug 17 6:30 Agape Circle

Sun Aug 20 9:00 Learn
(green) 10:00 Livestream with Holy Communion

Wed Aug 23 10:00 Fiber Friends

Thu Aug 24 10:00 ID Theft - Chapin Police

Sun Aug 27 9:00 Learn
(green) 10:00 Livestream with Holy Communion

Tue Aug 29 6:30 DF Choral

Wed Aug 30 10:00 Fiber Friends

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UPCOMING LCY EVENTS

August's Youth Calendar at a glance:

--MHLCY will be taking a break for the summer, but we encourage ALL youth to participate in all activities at Mt. Horeb throughout the summer months! Check the church bulletin, newsletter, and social media posts for exciting upcoming events! See you at church!!

--All youth and families: If you are not on the email list for youth news, please send current contact info to Stephanie Stoudemayer: sjz85@sc.rr.com.

We hope to see you soon!!

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