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Reflections with Pastor Scott



²⁶He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, ***and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.*** ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹***It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.***”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.” Mark 4:26-34

The text above was the gospel reading for the Sunday we focused on the One Parish, One Prisoner program. I thought I would point out two things that caught my attention on this text as I wrestled with it that week and shared some of those wrestlings on my facebook live devotions. The first is tied to, ***“and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.”*** During my time in the Midwest, I learned that while farmers can do everything possible for a good harvest to come, they ultimately do not have full control. The seed will grow as it will or not. I watched the Iowa floods of 1993 destroy acres of crops even though the farmers did everything right up to that point. On the way to church one Sunday, I saw field after field of destroyed corn from a hailstorm the night before, even though the farmers did everything correctly up to that point. It was devastating! While it is a generalization, I believe it rings true for most people, we don't like not being in control. And I do not mean just in farming, but in life. Often, we try to control those things that are beyond ourselves like trying to control other people. Trying to control our kids, people that think differently than we do, even determining who is a Christian and in the purview of God's salvation and who is not. One of the most helpful pieces of teaching I received in 25 years of ministry came from Michael Nell in a 6-week systems class I attended. He said, and I am paraphrasing, “Draw a circle around yourself. That is who you are responsible for and who you can control. Everybody outside of that, you cannot control, but you can by enlarge control you.” How many lives have been destroyed by people trying to control others? The church beat, imprisoned, and killed people that wouldn't confess the Trinity. Is that the gospel? Is that the Good News of Jesus Christ? We are called to throw the seed out. “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”. Do we trust the Spirit of God to do the saving or are we in a variety of ways trying to control others salvation verses leaving that part to God?

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The second piece that caught my attention is tied to, “*Kingdom of God...³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.*” Look at what God can do with the tiniest of seeds. I hear of more and more people who see themselves as having so little to offer or what they offer does not make a difference. Yes, it does! It takes each drip in the bucket to fill up the bucket, Janet St Clair shared with me the other day. Kristi, full of tears thinking what she had to offer wasn’t making a difference until she went to a conference and discovered people from all over the world were doing something similar and it was making a difference. My college roommate is battling cancer with a grim diagnosis, and he has received message after message of the impact he has had on the lives of so many people and he had no idea. He said, “who am I? I’m just a peon who tries to live a life faithful to God.” YES! What he sees as small, God grows in peoples’ hearts and transforms lives. Your gifts, one you think is so small, God can grow into great shrubs, putting forth large branches, so that birds of the air can make their nest in them. We the community of faith at CLC have all the gifts needed to be the people of God that God continues to use to help others experience God’s amazing grace filled love. Can we throw the seeds of our gifts out there trusting God can do something great with them?

Continuing the journey of faith with you,
Pastor Scott



The Bishop's Article from the July 2021 edition of The Spirit



For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1

What does freedom mean to you? In this month that we in the United States celebrate Independence Day with fireworks and barbecues (yay for vaccines – we can have barbecues again!), what is freedom?

Well ... first let's consider what freedom is NOT. Freedom is NOT enormous sums of money, power, privilege, assets, stocks and bonds, cars, clothes, or degrees. Freedom is NOT being able to do anything you want without worrying how your actions might affect another. Freedom is NOT hedonism or casual cruelty. Freedom is NOT the ability to yell at someone either in person or online. Freedom is NOT to be taken lightly.

Unfortunately, we have conflated freedom with selfishness. We have decided freedom means we don't have to worry about our behavior or words. We have decided that we no longer need to be civil or caring or understanding of another's viewpoint or worldview or interest. In this synod, I am concerned at the rancor I am hearing, the level of uncivil discourse, and the inability to listen to people from different sides of different issues.

So ... what IS freedom?

Martin Luther writes in *The Freedom of a Christian* that through Christ, we are set free from sin into new life. He writes:

From faith flow forth love and joy in the Lord, and from love a cheerful, willing, free spirit, disposed to serve our neighbor voluntarily, without taking any account of gratitude or ingratitude, praise or blame, gain or loss. Its object is not to lay [others] under obligations, nor does it distinguish between friends and enemies, or look to gratitude or ingratitude, but most freely and willingly spends itself and its goods, whether it loses them through ingratitude, or gains good will.

Freedom described in this way sounds amazing. But we know that it isn't that simple. We all know that even as baptized children of God, even as people assured that we are saved through Jesus Christ, even as people who revel in freedom – we know that we are not always cheerful and willing, disposed to serve our neighbor voluntarily. We know that the freedom we have been given through Jesus is sometimes squandered because of greed, racism, homophobia, sexism, nationalism, individualism, pride, and so much more. Quite simply, sin. We think that we are free and yet we are choosing death over abundant life.

And yet ... what a gift we have been given! For when we live fully into our baptisms, we are called into community with God and with one another. We are called into caring for one another. We are called to listen, love, and serve others – even those we might not particularly like. God calls us away from selfish behavior and into freedom to commit ourselves fully to each other. As Paul writes in Galatians 6:2: "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." As baptized children of God and as the body of Christ in this world, we are called to the freedom of Christ. And this means we are called to a life not only for ourselves, but to die to ourselves and live truly in the freedom of bearing one another's burdens.

As a proud American, I love the Fourth of July. As a person following Jesus, I know that freedom means more than waving a flag or wearing the colors of red, white, and blue. As Martin Luther writes in his treatise *On Christian Freedom*, "A Christian is the most free lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone."

May freedom in Christ reign. May the love of Christ be with you and all that you encounter.

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee / bishop@lutheransnw.org

The Veep's Article from the July 2021 edition of The Spirit



"What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." William Shakespeare, *Romeo and Juliet*

"If a person is called 'Heidi' and has grown accustomed to that name, I call her by the same, and so let it be." Johanna Spyri *Heidi*

"A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches." Proverbs 22:1

What is in a name? As Shakespeare points out, it does not change the nature of the object so named. I remain myself whether called Kay or Kathryn or Kathy. However, as the grandmother asserts in the novel *Heidi*, it is proper to call a person by the name they are accustomed to. In addition, naming, renaming, and misnaming have historically been used by one group of people to assert power over another.

The discovery of 215 bodies in a mass grave at an Indian Residential School in Canada has reminded us of the forced assimilation of so many Indigenous people not only in Canada, but also here in the United States. One way these schools sought to erase these Indigenous students' culture was to take away their names. The poem "Name Giveaway" by Seattle born poet Phil George, an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe, touches on this practice:

That teacher gave me a new name ... again. /She never even had feasts or a giveaway! / Still I do not know what "George" means; / And now she calls me "Phillip." / TWO SWANS ASCENDING FROM STILL WATERS / must be a name too hard to remember.

During Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (May), there were calls to use and pronounce AAPI names properly. I have a cousin named Shizuko and for most of her life, she has been Susie, even in the family. It was just easier that way. My family tends to downplay cultural differences and encourage assimilation. However, this is something I am striving to change about myself. I try to listen carefully when people pronounce their names and work to pronounce them correctly.

Finally, during Pride (June), there has been a focus on using trans people's correct names. My niece just got her name officially changed and I rejoice with her that her "legal" name now more clearly reflects her true self. During Synod Assembly, we asked voting members to identify their pronouns on their digital nametags, along with their names, as a sign of hospitality. We want to use the names and pronouns that show we see and respect the whole person.

A rose by any other name may indeed smell as sweet and it will continue to bloom and grow according to its nature regardless of what we name it. People, however, deserve the respect of being called by their correct or preferred names. We should allow every person the right to choose their own good name.

Here are a few things I or the Synod Council have been up to:

Executive Committee met on June 10. We are looking for some people who are passionate about funding ministry and mission here in NWWA and have an interest in historical research. If you are interested in serving on this limited task force, please email me: veep@lutheransnw.org

Synod Vice Presidents met June 12. We reviewed our synod assemblies, welcomed newly elected synod vice presidents, and shared plans for the return to in-person worship.

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Congregation Member Feature

Griffin Satterfield



Griffin Satterfield, a junior at Stanwood High School is heading to a national volleyball competition.

Satterfield is part of the U-17 Space Needle Volleyball Foundation team that won a bid to the national championships in July in Kansas City, Missouri, with a second place finish at the Boys East Coast Championship on May 31 in Richmond, Virginia.

This is the club that Griffin plays for and Greta is coaching for. Congratulations to Griffin and Greta and best of luck in July at nationals.



PERSONAL STATEMENT

My dream is to play collegiate volleyball for a coach that inspires me and with teammates that I can trust. I will give my best in and out of practice to achieve any goal I set. In previous years I've played outside, middle, and opposite. This year I'll be a setter for my U-16 team. With the experience of all the positions I've played, it makes me a stronger player and allows me to adapt to what my team is in needs.



Help Needed

Since we are returning to in person worship we need some additional volunteers for worship. Please consider volunteering to be the Lector (Reader) or the Greeter/Usher. I do have July covered so this would be for August and beyond.

Also we are in need of altar flowers for July and August.

Please contact Marilyn Smith if you can help. 206-276-4951 or moca4@wavecable.com.

Thanks, Marilyn



We are full in our Pre-K morning classes but we are taking names for a wait list for an afternoon class. We have several openings still available for our 2 day a week threes and three day a week threes classes.

Tuesday, August 3rd 6-8pm National Night Out – Participating, please stop by and see us.

If you need it, help is available.



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Lutheran Counseling Network is a nonprofit organization of dedicated professional therapists providing a range of counseling services to the greater Seattle area and Western Washington since 1981. Our staff of psychotherapists each possess master's or doctoral degrees and observes a strict ethical code of professional conduct.

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- Kent / Renton / SeaTac — 425-271-9711
- Seattle / Shoreline — 206-364-1046

Website— www.lutherancounseling.net

Stewardship Snapshot



	<u>May 2021</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Offerings Received	20,285	107,571
Fees/Reimbursements/Special	260	775
Interest Earned - General Account	32	441
Total Income	20,577	108,787
Budgeted Expenses Paid	22,649	116,455
Overage (Shortage)	(2,072)	(7,668)
Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out	959	4,795
Designated Benevolence Paid Out	3,360	9,425
Total Benevolence Paid Out	4,319	14,220

May 2021 designated benevolence paid out includes:
\$1,685 Easter offerings-50% to Food Bank, 50% to Resource Center

Following is part of an email sent from the Kissii Team member, Kennedy, on June 1



Good Morning from Boscovet Project in Kissii



It's sunny morning with cool wind of Kissi at this time of the year. The COVID situation in Kenya is not good at this time with the entry of Indian Variant from India via Kisumu which is closer to Kissii. The infection rates in Kisumu continues soaring every day. Vaccination drive is waiting for more vaccines from Astra Zeneca which are due this week. Many have not received their jabs and those who received the first are still waiting for the second. The situation is not rosy in Kenya on COVID as many have not been tested.

The GoK is tough on masks, social distancing and meetings which restricted to 15 people. Funerals and weddings are hard hit, though a blessing in disguise in terms of cutting costs. On arrival from abroad, one is subjected to COVID tests which is hectic. More messier is the....GoK has already announced Wave 3 of COVID in the month of July/August.

It's sad that the US Team visits have been missed for 2 years now. The visit is paramount as it gives you opportunity to gauge and evaluate what we have been able to do and revise strategy where necessary. It also gives the project new faces who come to support the project with a component of intercultural exchange and warm friendship. We shall miss all that!!!!

Farmers have trekked far to the Office to ask when again Dr Dan and his team will be in Kissii and will be visiting their villages. This is a clear indication of the impact of the animal health vaccination clinics have had on the lives of farmers in the project.

I am asking for prayers for these people in Kissii that their faith in God will stay strong and they will know we are here praying for them.

Teresa Luce



BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH

July 2021

Doctors Without Borders

Who Are They?

In May 1968, a group of young doctors decided to go and help victims of wars and major disasters. This new brand of humanitarianism would reinvent the concept of emergency aid. They were to become Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), known internationally in English as Doctors Without Borders. The organization was created on the belief that all people have the right to medical care regardless of gender, race, religion, creed, or political affiliation, and that the needs of these people outweigh respect for national boundaries.

What Do They Do?

Doctors Without Borders was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999. The judges chose them “in recognition of the organization’s pioneering humanitarian work on several continents” and to honor their medical staff, who had worked in more than 80 countries and treated tens of millions of people.

Doctors Without Borders has developed and produced pre-packaged disaster kits ready for transport within hours, including a complete surgical theatre the size of a small conference table and an obstetrics kit the size of a two-drawer file. The pre-packaged disaster kits are already custom-cleared and ready for flight. Planes can be loaded and flown into crisis areas within 24 hours. To make sure they are responding to emergency situations as quickly as possible, they have four logistical centers based in Europe and East Africa plus stores of emergency materials in Central America and East Asia. In China and Dubai, they also store thousands of tents, shelter kits, and other nonperishable items, ready for immediate use in the event of a disaster.

They rarely take funds from governments, businesses or institutions. Instead they rely mainly on the generosity of individual donors. Over 90 percent of their income comes from private donors giving small amounts. Approximately 85% of donations go directly to their programs, with 14% used for fundraising and 1% for management & general.

Because they are independently funded by donors, they do not need to wait for institutional or government funds to be released or for a crisis to make headlines. They can immediately act where and when the need is greatest.

Doctors Without Borders emergency medical teams have been mobilized around the world in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. They are responding on multiple fronts—caring for patients, offering health education and mental health support, and providing training for vital infection control measures in health facilities.

In response to the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States, Doctors Without Borders is working in key sites around the country with local authorities and partner organizations serving vulnerable communities who often lack access to health care, including migrants and people experiencing homelessness.

Please consider a gift today to support their response to the coronavirus pandemic and other emergencies worldwide.

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Anniversaries

5th John & Linda Leque
7th Pastor Scott & Lisa Brents
12th Martin & Elizabeth Paul
23rd Ruth & Carl Gabrielson
25th Rick Skiba & Lori Osburn
30th Elvin & Pat Major

If we missed your birthday or anniversary please call the church office so we can celebrate with you.



JULY

Birthdays

1 st	Thea Hanna	13 th	Kyle Knouse
3 rd	Dave Weir	21 st	Mike Swain
3 rd	Diane Weir	26 th	Jennifer Bueschke
6 th	Tyler Camp	27 th	Lisa Teichgrab
9 th	Valerie Rifner	30 th	Avery Yee
9 th	Chase Osburn	31 st	Cookie Frey
9 th	Ruth Gabrielson		



Prayers Needed

Healing for: Leif Larson, Lisa Hayes, Lori Skiba, Sharon Buffalo, Janet Mayer, Pam Larson, Susann Hendrickson, Ed Crow, Bob Thomas, Nadine Lien, Julie Bolser, Jeanette Jewell, Chris Syversen, Linda Mackie, Jessica, Ginny Wortman, Leif Larson, Linda Johnson, Helen Micucci, Inez Hushagen, The Cohn Family - Evelyn, Scott, Ava & Brayen Cohn, Glenna Timmerman, Miriam Clark, Elsie Jo Hendrickson, Jim Powers, Sandy Cowden, Cindy Hogman, Sophie Jackson, Tom Moore, Leah Rutledge, Brad McDonald, Ginny Esslinger, Nancy Johnson, Wilma Barrett, Wayne Wegner, Jim Olsen, Jan Karr, Maranda Hansen, Bill Holz, Andy Hamilton, Curtis Peterson, Antivius Rush, Bill Vance, Joshua Tinker, Davie Kelly, Andrew Adams, Eric McDonnell, Joy L Edwards, Diane Hilmo, Trisha Bourdeau, Geoff Taylor, Jessica, Jeanne, Barrett, Frances Viscoti, Dan Harris, Landry Hall (great grandson of Loretta Nelson), Sean Brough, Ken Bailey, Stacy Pinorini, Bonnie Thomas, Jan Churchill, Steve Schmitz,

Comfort for: Family of Ken Gilbertson, Claude Baily, Les Surridge, Allen Gilbertson

Guidance for: Port Towns Church Planting: Danny & Aubrey Edwards-Luce

Military persons associated with Camano Lutheran or Specific Request:

Dan Porter, Tyler Munson, Scott Johnston, Derek Hinde, Brian Cummings, Robert F Guerrero, John VF Guerrero, Michael SF Guerrero, Isaac Teichgrab, Olivia Shoup, Kyle Osburn, Nathaniel Powers,

July 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	28 9am Quilters 5pm Girl Scouts 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	29	30 8:30am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 5:30pm Confirmation	1 8am TOPS 12:30pm Martha Study Group	2 6:30pm AA	3 8am AA
4 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	5 9am Quilters 5pm Girl Scouts 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/ Luther	6	7 8:30am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 5:30pm Confirmation	8 8am TOPS	9 6:30pm AA	10 8am AA
11 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	12 9am Quilters 5pm Girl Scouts 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scout (Leader Meeting) 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Women's Evening Bible Study	13 6:30pm Stewardship and Finance	14 8:30am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 5:30pm Confirmation	15 8am TOPS	16 6:30pm AA	17 8am AA
18 10am In Person Worship Service 5pm Al-Anon (Business Meeting) 6pm Al-Anon	19 9am Quilters 5pm Girl Scouts 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/ Luther	20 7pm Council Meeting	21 8:30am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 5:30pm Confirmation	22 8am TOPS 10am Dove Flight Crew 6:30pm Boy Scouts (Leader Meeting)	23 6:30pm AA	24 8am AA 10am AA Business Meeting
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Scripture Lessons for July 2021

Sunday Lessons

July 4th: 6th Sunday after Pentecost

- Ezekiel 2:1-5
- Psalm 123
- 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
- Mark 6:1-13

July 11th: 7th Sunday after Pentecost

- Amos 7:7-15
- Psalm 85:8-13
- Ephesians 1:3-14
- Mark 6:14-29

July 18th: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

- Jeremiah 23:1-6
- Psalm 23
- Ephesians 2:11-22
- Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 25th: 9th Sunday after Pentecost

- 2 Kings 4:42-44
- Psalm 145:10-18
- Ephesians 3:14-21
- John 6:1-21



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