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CHRIST OUR SAVIOR NEWSLETTER

Holy Spirit on Bird Ridge

BY PASTOR ANNA SILCO

The season of Pentecost is upon us, where we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending upon the disciples. This reminded me of my own experience of going on a hike on a beautiful day to Bird Ridge. It is not where my husband and I intended to go at first, as it is supposed to be ridiculously steep and very hard. But we thought we would just try a little bit of it, and hope for the best. As we were driving there, we were worried it was going to be too hard, and almost pulled off on many different other trailheads along the Seward Highway before we made it to Bird Ridge trailhead. But then, we did make it to the parking lot...and, it was full...so we thought, alright it's a sign we shouldn't do it. But as we were turning around, we saw people coming down who were going to leave. So we thought, okay well maybe we will just take their parking spot- it must be a good hike since it was so popular. .(continue to next page)



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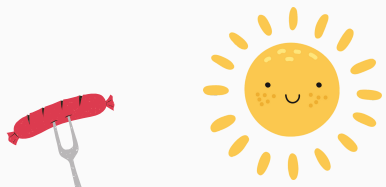


So we took the last parking spot, and we made our way up. And yes it was tough, but it was beautiful. And we kept on going, up and up, and turning around and saying: Wow! Wow at the beauty of creation. Wow at going farther and higher than we ever thought we could. Wow at how ridiculously WINDY it was up there. And wow at how important breathing deep is when climbing a mountain, but how enjoyable it is with a good view. And in retrospect I think this connects a lot to the Holy Spirit. There are subtle connections, with bird ridge, and windy, connecting to the images of bird and wind of the Holy Spirit. But also a reminder of how staying open to the spirit sometimes gets us to places we never imagined we could, and looking back and seeing where the spirit has led us and taken us is awe inspiring. And we continue to be open and inspired and invigorated by the Holy Spirit who leads us and guides us to new places, and we breathe it all in deep! Wow, Wow, wow! (And doubt along the way is normal too.)

I hope you too can find ways to notice the Holy Spirit in your life, and to breathe it all in and out. The Spirit is there for us to be with us, guide us, lead us, and be felt. May we draw closer to God, led by the spirit, and be energized and invigorated in our ministry and life together.

**"Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. When he has said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit"
John 20:21-22**





ANNOUNCEMENTS



GARDEN PARTY

We are going to have a Garden Party on June 14th at 5:30pm. Join us to celebrate the garden season with food, games, door prizes, and fun!



"God is entirely and personally present in the wilderness, in the garden, in the field."

MARTIN LUTHER



RUMMAGE SALE

We are going to have a Rummage Sale this summer on June 24th! Come help us clean out the church (or donate items of your own)! If you are interested in volunteering in any way, contact pastor.anna@coslc.ws for more information!

KIDS CORNER

- VBS- June 19th-23rd 5:30-8:15pm, K-6th grade, 7th-12th as helpers. At Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.
- Alaska Synod Youth Trip- Valdez, AK June 26th-30th, cost \$50 ages 6th-12th grade
- Glacier Bible Camp- Juneau, AK, 5th-9th grade. \$50+ travel, July 17th-22nd



Contact pastor.anna@coslc.ws for more information if you are interested in any of these opportunities!



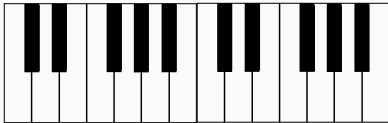
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WORSHIP & MUSIC



Mary Munson

@MaryRuth72 3.59K subscribers 2.6K videos



We are trying something NEW this summer! We will be having a youtube pianist- Mary Munson play our Sunday worship songs for us that we will be streaming through the powerpoint and through our speakers. We are grateful for technology that helps lead us in singing praises to God! We also will be testing out a new bulletin format- all feedback is welcome. Our next WAM meeting is June 20th.

COUNCIL NEWS

This past month we chatted about the best ways to utilize our technology subscriptions for our church, some possibilities for the future of the admin position, our upcoming events with the garden party, and rummage sale, and much more. Feel free to reach out to any council member with your questions, comments, and concerns at any time!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- Jamie B. (June 13th)
- Walter M. (June 21st)
- Dallas M. (June 22nd)



COMMUNITY GARDEN



GARDEN NEWSLETTER

Check out our latest Garden Newsletter on our website <https://coslc.ws/community-garden> and all sorts of other Garden information!



GARDEN BED ASSEMBLY-SUCCESS!

Our garden is growing in more ways than one! We have been adding new beds to the garden, and have had a great turnout of volunteers from church and the community in helping assemble our garden beds together. We will be adding the dirt on Sunday, May 28th at noon (join us!), and we will be **CELEBRATING** on June 14th with a garden party. Thanks to all in making the garden GROW!

