



Monthly newsletter of Magnolia Presbyterian Church - Summer 2019



### Pastor's Column: May God Be With You There

While we celebrate the happy news of Dr. Liina-Ly Roos' new job at the University of Minnesota, it brings with it the need to say goodbye both to Liina-Ly and to her husband Justin, each of whom has been an integral part of our church staff.

It's hard to believe it was nearly five years ago now that the not-yet-Reverend Justin Beatty came on board as our Youth Director. We were honored to be able to ordain him as our Associate Pastor in May 2016. We are grateful for Justin's dedication to growing group of middle school and high school

students and for his contributions in other areas of church life too. He has preached for us, served on Session and the Board of Deacons, and assisted with pastoral care visits.

Little did we expect when they first arrived that Justin's wife Liina-Ly would come to be our Children's Director, but what a gift it was when she stepped into that role in the summer of 2016. We will long remember her wonderful children's messages in worship, first with her stuffed bear Alexander and stuffed husky Nate Robinson, and more recently with her lively retellings of biblical stories. We were glad to have the opportunity to hear her preach a few weeks ago, and we have appreciated her musical gifts too as she has played the flute for us in worship and sung in our choir.

Justin and Liina-Ly, we will miss you and we hope you will update us from to time on this next exciting chapter of your lives. May God be with you there!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Deb Sunoo

## CALENDAR

**June 2nd**

Breakfast Celebration

**June 2nd**

Teacher Thanks and Fourth Grade Bible Presentation

**June 8th**

Supper Club

**June 9th**

Music in Swahili on Pentecost Sunday

**June 24th**

Final Evening Bible Study

**June 16th, July 14th, Aug 11th**

Ice Cream Sundays

**July 8th - 12th**

Ecumenical VBS at Magnolia Lutheran Church

## SAVE THE DATE

**Sept 8th**

Church Picnic

**Sept 21st**

Prayer Retreat

## 9:15 am Breakfast Celebration June 2nd

Be sure to join us for a breakfast celebration before worship on Sunday, June 2nd to thank Justin and Liina-Ly for their ministry with us.

### Goodbye from Justin & Liina-Ly

I wanted to make sure that everyone knows how truly grateful both Liina-Ly and I are to all of you for all of your love and support over the last five years. We have been truly blessed, and honored, to be a part of the Magnolia Pres. community, and to be involved in your lives and the lives of your children. We are who we have grown into over the past few years in large part because of the impact that you all have had on our lives; you have made us better and more mature as adults, and as church leaders, and for that we are truly grateful. Even though this new adventure and chapter in our lives is incredibly exciting for both of us, we will also miss you terribly.

~ Justin Beatty, Youth Pastor

It has been so amazing to work with the children during the last few years! I have grown a lot in this position and learned so much from teaching and speaking with the children and with all of you. Thank you so much for your prayers, nice conversations and helping to make the children's sermons so much more fun! I am really grateful for the encouragement and love that you have given to both me and Justin. As you have known for a while, I have been on the academic job market this year and I am very excited about this new position at University of Minnesota. I will be a full-time lecturer of Swedish and Nordic studies, which will be a valuable experience as I continue to apply for full professorship positions. We are looking forward to our new journey, but we are also sad to leave this incredible family that you all have been to us. We will definitely keep in touch and appreciate your prayers for a smooth transition to Minnesota, peace and wisdom in the new responsibilities.



~ Liina-Ly Roos, Children's Ministry Director



### Teacher Thanks & Fourth Grade Bible Presentations on June 2nd

As the school year ends we want to thank our volunteer teachers for their wonderful work with our children this year, and to present Bibles to our fourth grade students. This year's fourth graders are: Owen Cooper, Greta Clark, Maia Larner, Jonathan Mak, Micah Morriss, Vanda Novak, and Olivia Tello.

## Intergenerational Communion Services in May and June

What a fantastic job our MPC children did leading worship on Sunday, May 5th when we all remained together in service to talk about the importance of the Lord's Supper. The kids were also introduced to their new communion books entitled "A Place For You." We'll enjoy a similar opportunity for intergenerational conversation and use of these wonderful books at our June 2nd communion service.



## Supper Club on June 8th

All adults in the congregation are invited to join us for a potluck dinner on Saturday, June 8th at the home of Anné and Brom Wikstrom. Come at 6:30 pm with a dish to share and we'll enjoy an evening of delicious food and fun conversation. Please let Anné know if you'll be at Supper Club by e-mailing [miele444@comcast.net](mailto:miele444@comcast.net) or calling (206) 683-7844.

## Final Evening Bible Study June 24th

Our Evening Bible Study will focus on Romans 15:14-21 as the final lesson in this year's series. In this passage Paul reminds his readers of God's glorious plan for the gospel and that God has their best interests at heart. We'll meet in the Mount Rainier Room at 7 pm for tea and treats followed by the Romans lesson led by Joyce Yost.

## Music in Swahili on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th

We look forward to welcoming the choir from City of Glory Church International, an African congregation in our presbytery, on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. We'll also be hearing from their founding Pastor Laudén Kangele who will be our preacher that day. We hope you can join us for lively Pentecost worship and a luncheon to welcome our guests.



### Animal Blessing Service

We enjoyed a beautiful sunny day for our Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, May 11th. Thank you, Sally King, for serving as our photographer for the occasion!



### Ice Cream Sunday Dates

It's summer & it's back - Ice Cream Sunday! In place of our regular coffee hour downstairs, we'll gather on the front patio a few times this summer for coffee, lemonade, and ice cream. It's a fun occasion so feel free to invite friends and neighbors. Mark your calendars for June 16th, July 14th, and August 11th. (Please let Linda Keylon if you would enjoy lending a hand with set up or serving.)



### Save the Date: September 8th Picnic

Plan now to be part of this fun annual event! We'll head over to Magnolia Park after worship on Sunday, September 8th to enjoy our church picnic.



### Coffee Hour Conversations Continue

As we look forward to our 75th anniversary as a church family in 2020 we've been inviting you to reply to a new question every couple months. Your responses will continue to be posted around Fellowship Hall for all to enjoy. Our question in May was "What is your favorite way to help at church?" Here's a preview of some of the responses you shared.

### Ecumenical VBS at Magnolia Lutheran Church, July 8-12th

9 am – 3 pm Monday through Thursday and 9 am to 12 noon Friday with BBQ immediately following. Come and enjoy a fun week of learning about Jesus through games, worship and songs, outings, and special surprise visitors! All are welcome. Sign up soon. Invite your friends. Cost is \$100 per child. Scholarships available. To register or to volunteer go to [www.magnolialutheranchurch.org/youthministries](http://www.magnolialutheranchurch.org/youthministries).



### Save the Date: Prayer Retreat Saturday, September 21st

Your MPC Session has hired an organization called Renewal Ministries Northwest to lead us in a period of prayer and discernment as we approach our 75th anniversary as a congregation. In addition to looking back over the rich history of this church family, we want to look forward too: Where is God calling us and what does God have in mind for us as we move into our next chapter together? Join us for the fall kickoff event, an all-day prayer retreat on Saturday, September 21st at which Renewal Ministries Co-Directors Denise Easter and Dianna Kunce will help us learn to listen for God's voice both as individuals and as groups.