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IS IT TIME? AND, THE PEOPLE SAID, "YES!"



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The latest CDC assessment was so unexpected. So much so, that some of us still don't believe or can't imagine that we are making serious progress in dealing

with the COVID–19 Pandemic. It took the World's Best Worship Committee some time to gather and absorb what this might mean. Our Church Council also assessed the new information and the implications of the current news. "You mean we are moving towards being with each other?" The flag and the fireworks are admittedly inappropriate and ironic images to shout with JOY...

HE IS RISEN! HALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN INDEED.

The excitement is all about Grace Lutheran beginning worship, **in-person**, on Sunday, July 4th, 2021. The risen Lord is surely present and among us. We are Easter people as we enter into this season of Pentecost. Jesus walks with us towards a new beginning.

We have witnessed more than 100 days of competence, with science and our faith becoming the drivers. The work and sacrifice of medical personnel, support people, drug companies, our troops, a re-building of the CDC, a glorious National Institute of Health and a commitment to overcome a year that left us cold, sick and afraid all got us here. This year, we have begun anew with urgency, hope and love. More than 50% of the U.S. population has been vaccinated and we are now vaccinating children as young as 12. Our grandson Josef has had his first vaccine already. We are leading the world, and are likely to vaccinate the world!

Grace has been very cautious all through this very frightening time of trial. Without missing a beat, our ministries continued to serve, with miracles to be heralded, just as constancy and love. It is now time for us to look forward, to come together and to **worship**.

You are all invited to join us at 10:00 am on July 4th, 2021!

A New Worship Strategy

Some of us were unable to come to worship due to health limitations before the pandemic. Miraculously they were able to join us on Zoom. Zoom brought us together and held us there. With the help and support of a wonderful young man, Steven Havira, we were able to acclimate and ultimately operate independently in worshiping on Zoom. With his assistance every Sunday, and during the week, we created a new way for us to worship. Our Worship Committee continued to work on ways to improve the worship experience, engage as many as

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possible in the services themselves, and to have music a part of everything we did, even from the very beginning. I remember how thrilled we were when we saw Mavis worship with us for the first time, and our dear Cindy Jones, and others who surprised us like Guenther and Edith, and Gisela after her accident, and so many others.

We have acquired the technology to continue to have Zoom live, now from the church while we are worshiping there. Our goal is to have people able to be with us even as they are unable to physically get here. We have committed to make that work; from the very first day of worship on July 4th.

Rules and Pre-Cautions

In the beginning we will ask everyone to mask, and remain distanced, even those of us who are fully vaccinated. Most of us **are** fully vaccinated, thanks be to God. Ushers will be on hand to give folks direction, throughout the service. Please know that Grace will be responsive to changes made by the State and/or the CDC or the National Institute of Health.

On the 4th we will have a Healing Service, inviting individuals who are seeking healing prayer to come to the communion rail. All will be invited to make the sign of the cross on their foreheads, while the pastor makes the sign of the cross in the space between them. Words of prayer will be offered.

People will be invited to come up for the healing portion of the service without getting on lines or coming in close contact with each other. We will ask people to come in small groups, or even one at a time. Separation will be maintained for those kneeling or those standing.

We will offer communion in only one manner, the one where individuals select a small disposable cup, which will be filled by the pouring chalice. There will not be a common cup, and the pastor will either clean his hands in sanitizer or use gloves to offer the communion wafer to the people who are kneeling or standing with cupped hands.

At least at our first service, we will ask everyone to sing while wearing masks. Depending upon the ability to keep distances, we may decide that mask wearing for those vaccinated may change after all are comfortable. Our rules will be made clear and as changes are made, we will send out explanations to you about them.

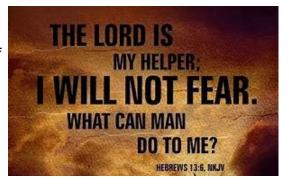
As we enter this phase of our recovery from this dangerous health environment, we will also be making improvements to our outside spaces, making our church more welcoming and attractive to serve all of you and the communities that we are engaged in supporting.

Grace is the place for loving support, compassion and care in Christian Community. Now we can come together as the Body of Christ, once again, being able to witness smiles and joy and to hear our musical instruments and voices once again giving thanks to the Lord our God. **Come worship with us, on Sunday, July 4th, in-person!**



Pastor's Message — Moving Forward Rarely Skips All the Bumps

The month of May has been a challenging one, but not without its wonders and joys. We have all been living in a time of great fear, loneliness, uncertainty if not just simply on the edge. We held two Council meetings this month, not counting the individual communications with Council Members made essential by poor communications, strong concerns about the plans for upgrading our property, and just our collective effort to pull together and sort things out.



Technology played its part, too. As well as a driver-driver pastor who was trying to do the best that he could for the church, its members, and the communities it serves. I want to bring us all up to speed as we have sorted out and are moving forward on many things, all at the same time! Why not, we've been sitting on our duffs for over a year of "pandemic-ing!" (This is not to make light of the horrors that so many have been living with, but rather to acknowledge the fact that the pandemic has profoundly impacted on every single one of our lives.) Add this to the divisiveness, violence and insurrection at a national level; it's remarkable that we are all doing as well as we are.

At our regularly scheduled Council meeting in May, we were to meet at 1:00 pm by conference call. I was going to discuss major planning and steps taken to move forward on the External Upgrade project for the church that we have been discussing for some time. Unfortunately, everything went wrong like nobody's business. There was the bad conference line that made it almost impossible for me to hear what people were saying, there were misunderstandings about the money that would fund the plans, there were people talking over other people and vice versa. Some just gave up and hung up. It was awful.

This pastor contributed to the "Donnybrook," just as others had their feet squarely set. After making it through a period of much needed silence and reflection, I had the opportunity to have two Council members come to my home to talk, and then another Council member joined me in a meeting with the folks from Fresh Start. These then led to another Council meeting **in-person** at the church on the following Saturday. I can only thank God and the Holy Spirit for the love and mutual support that came from the most difficult Council meeting of my 13 years as a pastor.

In the spirit of the second meeting, held **in-person** at the church I updated the Council, essentially, as follows:

First of all we were able to clarify the gifts we have been given by our friends and have enabled support of the Church, and its ministries (Fresh Start). In response to decisions made on that Saturday, I have signed the document with Bartlett for treatment of our cherry trees. This work began on 06-02 with pruning and cabling both. This will make way for a major clean -up process essential to the upgrade of the outside of the church.

We had a very helpful walkthrough a couple of weeks ago on a Monday morning. The Licensed Gardner, Allan Polak, was extremely helpful, and made lots of really, good suggestions. In addition Dennis Dell'Accio and Phil Rockwell, two additional Executive Committee Members of Fresh Start, agreed to do all the pruning of the bushes, to the specifications suggested by Allan, and listening to Louisa's ideas and reactions at the same time.

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Pastor's Message: IT IS TIME TO MAKE THINGS NEW!

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We discovered an abundant number of "Hosta" plants, which were blocked by the overgrown bushes. Once the large bushes are pruned (Barbara Calogero-style), we will encourage and allow the existing Hosta's to become the ground cover we need. Also, Louisa has identified some Oak trees growing amid the bushes and is relocating them to the far back of our parking lot with the goal of planting some trees in the area where our neighbors next door cut theirs down.



Allan was fully supportive of the Bartlett recommendations, and felt that serious pruning of the bushes would make the front of the church more visible and attractive.

As we discussed where furniture would go, and issues of landscaping and the like, we discussed cigarette butts and smoking. Phil suggested that there are some remarkable devices for collecting cigarette butts and will be getting us some information about them. They are black and look a bit like a pipe and get lost from view due to their design. These could solve smoking as an issue by being placed in different locations on the property.



Phil and Dennis agreed to do all of the pruning; all of the clean-up, and further offered to move the things that Louisa has placed on the property to location(s) that are suitable to her. They will rent a truck and move the furniture that is still useable to these locations, along with a sculpture that is in the backyard, the numerous pots and scattered items that she had at one time used or thought to use in our space. The goal is to declutter, to make the property more maintenance free, and to have the overall outside look of the church improve.



The space Louisa has made at the left side of the parking lot at the Niles entrance is quite lovely, and with some simple mulching, and better defining of the space, would continue to be where it is. See the bottom picture. The compost material in the back "composting area" would be used by our clean-up team as suitable in different locations throughout our property. The composting area in the back of the parking lot by the dumpsters will be dismantled and cleaned up, giving way to the Blue Earth service which is now the way that we are addressing composting.

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Dennis is going to facilitate the creation of a scaled plot-plan, with positioning of various pieces of furniture, planters, trash vehicles, a Gazebo, a small storage building to house the lawn mower, rakes, shovels, and the like. The latter will be built by students of the Academies at Fresh Start. The Gazebo will be built by Fresh Start craftsmen.

Because Fresh Start was in discussion with the City about dealing with the appearance of chain link fences, Fresh Start will look into a variety of options to deal with our chain link fence. I also have work to do with LEVO to deal with the positioning and servicing of the hydroponic gardens.

Just so that you realize, that this isn't all we are doing these days, we have ordered and received the MEVO camera system, that will enable us to Zoom our services, live, to those unable to come and worship in person. We will return to live worship on July 4th. Also, we are

replacing a \$980 hot water heater in the Sacristy with a small, counter- top device which will provide adequate hot water at about \$60. These things are already in hand.

Finally, the further plans to add insulation and replace lighting fixtures, all championed and managed by Dale Eberhardt, were accomplished this week. The church is now filled with LED lighting, which is brighter, more efficient and lasts for a long, long time. Congratulations to Dale for a job very well done!

Last week, too, we had a great Worship Committee meeting, I hope you don't miss our cover story for this month. Yes, we have the best Worship Committee in the world. And, "yes" God has gifted us with a remarkable, dedicated, and seriously giving congregation and leadership.



"Come, Holy Spirit Come."

More to come!



Mental Health Awareness statement from Bishop Eaton

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2 NRSV).

Since the global pandemic was declared in March 2020, many of us have endured extended emotional and psychological anguish. That experience may be dramatically worsened by the ugly realities of racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia or poverty. Our anguish has taken the form of sadness in isolation, anxiety in uncertainty, grief over loss, stress over economic challenges and worry over events beyond our control — including the tremendous impact of the crisis on our children. This pandemic threatens our mental health just as much as our physical health. For millions of us adults living in the United States, receiving the vaccine and the hope it brings has alleviated our unease, sorrow and grief.

This past year has provided some of us with a deeper understanding of and empathy for the ongoing mental health challenges endured by our neighbors, friends and family. During Mental Health Awareness Month, especially, our church intentionally recognizes the anguish our siblings in Christ experience daily — pandemic or no — and the fear many of them feel about sharing their stories.

As a church we also acknowledge the true depths of these invisible illnesses. Our children, neighbors and friends grappling with mental health issues need to know that God does not love them any less. They need to hear that they, too, are embraced by God's unfathomable love.

Our church cautions against judgmental words and actions that might suggest to someone that their faith is not strong enough or that their outlook on life would improve if they would change certain behaviors. Praying, socializing and exercising are great activities that can help someone get out of a slump or move past a painful episode. But this is not always the solution for moderate or severe depression, bipolar depression, anxiety or even grief. Telling someone they aren't doing enough to be happy creates a sense of stigma that they are not living "correctly." We need to listen so that our words of care and compassion guide others to the help they need. We need to support people in their struggles, walking side by side in partnership with them through the good days and the bad.

Dear church, God loves us all. No matter how we are grappling, we are not alone; God is with us. Throughout May and beyond, we must seek ways to erase the stigma surrounding mental illness and continually love everyone compassionately as a child of God. We must embrace the benefits of therapy and encourage the use of medication when necessary in supporting and sustaining mental health and wellness. We must also work to ensure access to affordable mental health care for all people, especially those living in poverty or in historically marginalized communities.

Our faith teaches that caring for health is a shared endeavor. Being the body of Christ means carrying one another's burdens; it also means placing our burdens in God's hands and admitting to a caring person close to us that we need help. This is true no matter how great or small our anguish may be.

In Christ.

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Mental Health resources:

"The Body of Christ and Mental Illness"

Suicide Prevention Lutheran Suicide Prevention Ministry

Mental Health Awareness statement Spanish translation

https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8101

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About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with nearly 3.3 million members in more than 8,900 worshiping communities across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands.," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer Martin Luther.

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Bible Verses for Mertal Health Matthew 11:28-30 Ephesians 5:18

Philippians 4:13 Romans 8:18 Romans 12:2 1 Peter 3:14 1 Peter 5:7 Isaiah 35:4 Isaiah 40:31 Philippians 4:6-7 2 Timothy 1:7 Isaiah 41:10 Romans 15:13 Joshua 1:9 1 John 4:8 Psalm 34:4 Romans 8:28 Psalm 94:19 2 Timothy 3:16-17 Romans 8:38-39 1 Peter 5:10 Proverbs 3:5-6 Philippians 1:6 Jeremiah 17:7-8 Psalm 34:17 John 14:27 Hebrews 12:1 2 Thessalonians 3:16 Proverbs 12:25 Philippians 4:8

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OPINION GUEST ESSAY



Bernie Sanders: The U.S. Must Stop Being an Apologist for the Netanyahu Government

Richard -

In the midst of this terrible Israeli-Palestinian conflict, part of a multi-decades long tragedy, I wanted to share with you an op-ed I recently wrote for the New York Times.

The bottom line is that the United States cannot continue being an apologist for an increasingly right-wing and racist Netanyahu government. Israel has the absolute right to live in peace and security, without the fear of terrorist attacks. But the Palestinian people must also enjoy the right to live in peace, security and democracy.

At this moment, our most important task is to stop the bloodshed and destruction. Please join me in demanding an immediate cease fire to the violence which has already claimed more than 200 Palestinian and 10 Israeli lives.

I hope you'll read the op-ed below:

"Israel has the right to defend itself."

These are the words we hear from both Democratic and Republican administrations whenever the government of Israel, with its enormous military power, responds to rocket attacks from Gaza.

Let's be clear. No one is arguing that Israel, or any government, does not have the right to self-defense or to protect its people. So why are these words repeated year after year, war after war? And why is the question almost never asked: "What are the rights of the Palestinian people?"

And why do we seem to take notice of the violence in Israel and Palestine only when rockets are falling on Israel?

In this moment of crisis, the United States should be urging an immediate ceasefire. We should also understand that, while Hamas firing rockets into Israeli communities is absolutely unacceptable, today's conflict did not begin with those rockets.

Palestinian families in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah have been living under the threat of eviction for many years, navigating a legal system designed to facilitate their forced displacement. And over the past weeks, extremist settlers have intensified their efforts to evict them.

And, tragically, those evictions are just one part of a broader system of political and economic oppression. For years we have seen a deepening Israeli occupation in the West Bank and East Jerusalem and a continuing blockade on Gaza that make life increasingly intolerable for Palestinians. In Gaza, which has about two million inhabitants, 70 percent of young people are unemployed and have little hope for the future.

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Further, we have seen Benjamin Netanyahu's government work to marginalize and demonize Palestinian citizens of Israel, pursue settlement policies designed to foreclose the possibility of a two-state solution and pass laws that entrench systemic inequality between Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel.

None of this excuses the attacks by Hamas, which were an attempt to exploit the unrest in Jerusalem, or the failures of the corrupt and ineffective Palestinian Authority, which recently postponed long-overdue elections. But the fact of the matter is that Israel remains the one sovereign authority in the land of Israel and Palestine, and rather than preparing for peace and justice, it has been entrenching its unequal and undemocratic control.

Over more than a decade of his right-wing rule in Israel, Mr. Netanyahu has cultivated an increasingly intolerant and authoritarian type of racist nationalism. In his frantic effort to stay in power and avoid prosecution for corruption, Mr. Netanyahu has legitimized these forces, including Itamar Ben Gvir and his extremist Jewish Power party, by bringing them into the government. It is shocking and saddening that racist mobs that attack Palestinians on the streets of Jerusalem now have representation in its Knesset.

These dangerous trends are not unique to Israel. Around the world, in Europe, in Asia, in South America and here in the United States, we have seen the rise of similar authoritarian nationalist movements. These movements exploit ethnic and racial hatreds in order to build power for a corrupt few rather than prosperity, justice and peace for the many. For the last four years, these movements had a friend in the White House.

At the same time, we are seeing the rise of a new generation of activists who want to build societies based on human needs and political equality. We saw these activists in American streets last summer in the wake of the murder of George Floyd. We see them in Israel. We see them in the Palestinian territories.

With a new president, the United States now has the opportunity to develop a new approach to the world — one based on justice and democracy. Whether it is helping poor countries get the vaccines they need, leading the world to combat climate change or fighting for democracy and human rights around the globe, the United States must lead by promoting cooperation over conflict.

In the Middle East, where we provide nearly \$4 billion a year in aid to Israel, we can no longer be apologists for the right-wing Netanyahu government and its undemocratic and racist behavior. We must change course and adopt an even-handed approach, one that upholds and strengthens international law regarding the protection of civilians, as well as existing U.S. law holding that the provision of U.S. military aid must not enable human rights abuses.

This approach must recognize that Israel has the absolute right to live in peace and security, but so do the Palestinians. I strongly believe that the United States has a major role to play in helping Israelis and Palestinians to build that future. But if the United States is going to be a credible voice on human rights on the global stage, we must uphold international standards of human rights consistently, even when it's politically difficult. We must recognize that Palestinian rights matter. Palestinian lives matter.

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Thank you for taking the time to read this op-ed.

Now, please sign my petition to join me in calling for an immediate ceasefire in Israel and Palestine to prevent any further loss of civilian life and to prevent further escalation of conflict.

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In solidarity, Bernie Sanders







Take Action: Urge House lawmakers to advance a study for reparations today through the <u>ELCA Action Center</u>.

The House of Representatives is expected to soon vote on <u>H.R. 40</u>, the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act. This bill would establish a new commission to study the lasting impacts of slavery in the U.S. and develop a set of recommendations for advancing reparations for affected people of African descent.

Better understanding of the role of U.S. enslavement of African Americans in national formation, slavery's legacy of systemic racial disparities perpetuated through practice and policy, and definition of reparations are long overdue steps in promoting racial justice in the U.S. As a moral issue, a matter of social justice, and an expression of the ELCA's commitment to advance racial equity, we support the establishment of this commission and their charge. It could bring our nation one step further in achieving greater racial justice and inform the work of the church in examining its own involvement in and benefit from U.S. slavery.

ELCA Foundation for Action

In 2019, the ELCA Church Council called for action to further "engage in anti-racism and racial justice work, work toward economic justice—including the study of reparations." This call to action was likewise recognized in the <u>Declaration to People of African Descent</u> by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. The Declaration offered a public apology to people of African descent which acknowledges that racism and white supremacy are deeply rooted in our history and that the church is complicit. This apology "means working toward a deeper understanding of slavery and its legacy, of institutional and structural racism, of white privilege, and of attitudes and foundations of white supremacy." The ELCA also adopted a resolution during the 2019 Churchwide Assembly condemning white supremacy, calling "all congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to engage in communal study of the structures and rhetoric that empower and fuel racism and white supremacy and to take to heart the teaching of Scriptures, so we may all be better equipped to speak boldly about the equal dignity of all persons in the eyes of God."

Our church undertook these actions because we know to healthily live into the future fully embracing one another's gifts, we need to examine the wounds we live with today with origins in the past. We think our nation will be stronger with similar examination.

Ahead of the vote, it is critical for lawmakers to hear the perspective of faith leaders in their districts, who express how this study is a critical matter of justice for our communities and a step towards addressing historic inequities in our nation. This is a critical moment for transformative change to meet the need for advancing racial equity. The new ELCA resource, "How Strategic and Authentic is our Diversity?," can be used to explore our commitments as church. More on H.R. 40 details can be found in the National Council of Churches talking point resource, "Faith & Facts for H.R. 40."

Share a customized letter with your own story, congregational experience or reflection to Congress today through the <u>ELCA Action Center</u>.

Statement on Escalating Violence in Palestine and the Holy Land

May 19, 2021 New England Synod Global Mission Team Middle East Advocacy subcommittee

The New England Synod has a deep and longstanding relationship with our companion synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). Many of us have visited the Holy Land to meet our ELCJHL Palestinian siblings and to experience the richness of their ministries. Our hearts are broken by the escalating violence now happening in Palestine and Israel.

The Palestinians have lived under military occupation since the creation of the State of Israel in 1948. At that time, a majority of the Palestinian people were driven out of their own homes and permanently displaced from their own land. The occurrence of this catastrophe - known as *Nakba* in Arabic - is observed in Palestine on May 15, the day following the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

The *Nakba* continues in Palestine. Even today, the Israeli government is engaged in settler colonization, as they attempt to confiscate all Palestinian land without regard for the lives or safety of the Palestinian people and in violation of international law.

This most recent violence began with Israeli settlers demanding the eviction of Palestinian families from their homes in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah. Then, during the holy month of Ramadan, Israeli forces physically interrupted Muslims praying inside the Al Agsa mosque on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem on several occasions.

The situation has worsened dramatically over the last week. Violence has broken out in the streets of many towns and villages across the land. Hamas' rocket attacks on Israel from Gaza and the counterattacks of bombs from the Israeli military complicate the quest for peace. These attacks have resulted in a disproportionate number of Palestinian deaths, including children and adults. Israeli casualties have been far fewer.

We denounce the ongoing violence and call for an immediate cease fire.

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of our ELCJHL companions and for all peoples living in Palestine and Israel. We stand with ELCJHL Bishop Azar in his May 8th call to pray for a just peace and reconciliation in Jerusalem. You can find Bishop Azar's statement on the ELCJHL Facebook page.

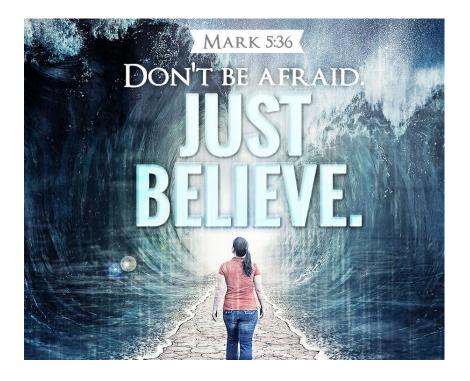
We hope, for the sake of the world, that the international community and our government, specifically, will recognize the causes of violence, and the desperation behind it, and help put an end to it by insisting that Israel comply with international law.

Watch Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's May 12th message on Support Peace in Palestine and Israel to understand the position of the ELCA.

Learn how the ELCA is working for peace and justice in the Holy Land and sign up for Action Alerts by visiting Peace Not Walls on the ELCA website. The Action Alert for May is to urge President Biden to send a message to Israel to halt the illegal removal of East Jerusalem families from their homes and respect the Status Quo agreement and holy sites in Jerusalem.

The Rev. Robert O. Smith, PhD, Associate to the Bishop of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod of the ELCA and former ELCA Area Program Director for the Middle East and North Africa, has written a detailed analysis of the current situation: The Present Violence in Jerusalem: An Explainer.







Monthly Energy Production Report for Grace Evangelical Church

Enphase Energy maximizes your solar energy production and keeps you informed about your system. Your monthly energy report shows how your system performed and how much you contributed to offsetting the global carbon footprint.

Week	Peak Power	Energy Produced
04/01/2021 - 04/07/2021	14.8 kW	662 kWh
04/08/2021 - 04/14/2021	14.8 kW	549 kWh
04/15/2021 - 04/21/2021	14.6 kW	382 kWh
04/22/2021 - 04/28/2021	14.8 kW	659 kWh
04/29/2021 - 04/30/2021	11.4 kW	78.5 kWh
	April 2021 Total:	2.33 MWh
	Previous Month Total:	2.67 MWh
	Year to Date:	7.15 MWh

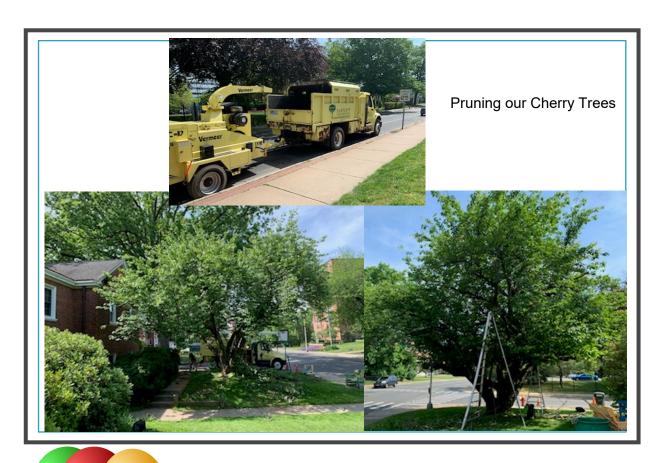
Your Carbon Offset for this month: 1.61 tons You have offset the equivalent of: 41 Trees

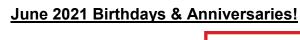




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Happy Anniversary

Mark & Cynthia Jones 06/03

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Contact the office, 860-527-7792 or email office.gracelutheranhartford@gmail.com to update our records.

Happy Birthday Franklin Darby Jr. 06/02 **Annelies Koenig** 06/04 Judith Butterworth- 06/04 Kremer **David Gould** 06/06 Sasha Williams 06/06 06/17 **Trenton Merrill** Jody Wynn Rodiger 06/19 **Anne Reiher** 06/20 **Barbara Calogero** 06/24 James Danielson 06/26

May you all be blessed as you celebrate your special days!





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