

## Welcome Allie Boettcher

Hello WUMC congregation! For those of you who I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, my name is Alaina Boettcher, though I go by Allie. I am both a long time congregation member and an ELI project intern this summer. I have personally been a part of this congregation for as long as I can remember, beginning with coming to church as a child with my grandmother. As I grew I found myself helping with Sunday School and eventually going to STORM camp while in high school. I found so much joy in helping others through STORM and deepening my faith.

Being introduced to the ELI project a few years ago kept my wheels spinning as I moved on to college pursuing a degree in Spanish education. I kept thinking about it. This year I was encouraged to apply and was blessed to receive a spot as an intern. I look forward to seeing what I can learn from not only Pastor Holly and the leadership team here, but also what I can learn from the congregation as I move forward in my faith journey. I can't wait to get started and take on a new role here at WUMC!

## Stepping Stones

Many years ago, kids from our church created stepping stones for the garden. We've recently removed them as some were breaking apart. If you are interested in taking one that your child/grandchild made, they are outside next to the shed. There are around 22 of them. We will keep them until mid-June.

## Calling All Graduates!

Did you graduate from High School, College or Grad School in 2020 or 2021? If yes, please contact the church office (office.wyomingumc@gmail.com) with your information (where you graduated from, what degree you got, what your future plans are) so that we can honor you during worship on Sunday, June 13.

## Third Grade Bibles

This year we're offering safe delivery of Third Grade Bibles to our third graders. Many of our families with third graders aren't able to worship with us on a regular basis this year, but we still want to get them their Bibles even if they live 5, 10, 20 miles away! We love our third graders. If you have a third grader in your home, or someone who is even a year or two older than that and never got their own Bible from church, please let us know and we will arrange a time in early June to deliver one to them. We also hope to have a parent and the third grader attend a Zoom session a week or so following the delivery of their Bible along with all the other parents and third graders, so that we can help these young readers begin with the 10 key stories in the Bible and begin to read the Bible for themselves in a way that is meaningful to them.

## Worship Services in June

Starting June 13, we begin a series of sermons on the book of Acts. The Acts of the Apostles (a book some call the Gospel of the Holy Spirit) shows us the early church and how they moved and grew in the time following Jesus' resurrection. Filled with stories of the Spirit's work, we'll explore how the Holy Spirit worked then and works in our lives today.

### June 6

Love in Action  
Colossians 3:12-17

### June 13

Empowered by the Spirit  
Acts 2:14-18

### June 20

Get Up!  
Acts 3:1-10

### June 27

Extravagant Generosity  
Acts 4:32-37



Look at the birds of the air: they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

-Matt. 6:26

## June Celebrations



### Birthdays

- 6/1 Ron L.
- 6/2 Gloria K.
- 6/3 Lisa R.
- 6/6 Henry S.
- 6/9 Kiara B.  
Pierce B.
- 6/11 Kristin I.
- 6/13 Diane D.  
Russ J.  
David W.
- 6/14 Jan F.
- 6/19 Barb B.
- 6/21 Dave A.
- 6/25 Pastor Holly
- 6/30 Marti G.

### Anniversaries

- 6/10 Bud & Shirley J.  
Gordy & Rita P.
- 6-21 Denny & Nancy H.  
Tom & Bernie S.
- 6/25 Myron & Bea Z.
- 6/29 Gary & Marti G.



Alex Boettcher is graduating from High School and you are invited to his open house! The open house is at 3549 172<sup>nd</sup> Lane NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304 and will be held Saturday, June 5th 2-5 p.m. Congratulations to Alex!

## From the Pastor . . .

It's been quite the year. Recently, our Administrative Council made the decision to open up our church building to group meetings. A couple of Small Groups have already been meeting in the church building and we are now inviting back the quilters, the Men's Prayer Breakfast and all manner of other groups that use our building during the course of a normal week. I've talked to some people who are eager to return to their groups, but will not feel comfortable gathering with them unless everyone is wearing a mask. Some groups that involve food may not want to meet until everyone in the group is fully vaccinated. We need to respect everyone's physical and emotional needs in this scary and exciting time.

On Sunday mornings we've started singing instead of simply humming during our congregation hymns while still remaining physically distanced. Masks are now optional in our worship as multiple Wyoming businesses and institutions (library, bank, grocery store, City Hall) are lifting their mask requirements. We're also opening back up our Sunday School for those who feel safe enough to come. Again, some of our kids are excited to return to Sunday School, some of our families aren't ready for this step. And we respect that.

For some of us, this change has taken way too long and should have happened months ago. For others, this change is happening way too fast and we should be more cautious. We need to remind one another that none of us have been through a pandemic before. We're all navigating new territory and above all other things we need to be kind to one another.

In last month's newsletter I spoke of taking a couple of vacation weeks in June. Those weeks have now changed to the end of July/beginning of August. I will be around for all of June.

I'm excited that Alaina Boettcher is joining us as an Eli Intern this summer. She will be a member of our staff June 1- August 8. Look for her in worship and other activities during those weeks.

I'm also excited that our church is giving Bibles to third graders and that we're honoring our 2020 and 2021 graduates. Spring is here. Summer is coming. God is faithful through it all.

~ Pastor Holly

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.  
-Lam. 3:22-23 (ESV)

