

# Burlington Lutheran Church

## VICAR'S CORNER 8/18/19



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### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Birthdays and Anniversaries!**

**The 3rd week of August!**

**18th Nate & Erin Rozema**

**Alison Heyntsen**

**19th Lindsey Rosales**

**23rd Jeff & Laurie Miller**

**Doug & Becky Neff**

**Claire Burwash**

**25th Curt & Diana Tveit**

**Bradley Dana**

### Church Helpers this Sunday!

Usher: Curt Tveit

Scripture Reader:

Reidar Ytgard

Deacon: Shirley Osborn

Children's Church:

Lisa Svaren

Altar: Rita Forst

Fellowship:

**Thank you everyone who gives of themselves weekly!**

### Greetings of Grace and Peace!

Vicar Kristi here,

Thank you Becky, Pat and the BLC Quilting Club for the beautiful quilt that was presented to me my first Sunday of worship.

Thank you for the hugs and added bonus of cookies!!

This week I can't help but think about this flower pictured. I have been watching it for 6 years, sitting in a corner of my yard, not blooming. I finally decided to uproot it but didn't have the heart to compost it, giving it one more chance. This year it bloomed! Not only once but three times! Like God, we are given grace, made uncomfortable and often uprooted from our comfort. In all this we can do glorious things for the Kingdom of God! Peace & Grace, *Kristi*



### Looking ahead:

This Sunday! Aug. 18th BLC Church Council is holding a Special Congregational meeting to approve the budget for replacing the roof following worship!

Skagit Pride, Saturday the 24th at 11:00 a.m., Mount Vernon

Family Promise Sept 8-15th, BLC is responsible for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 12-15. This round we will need volunteers for three dinner meals and three overnight hosts. Millie or Shirley will walk you through each detail to make you comfortable. Thank you for your support; BLC is turning compassion into ACTION!

Quilting circle-is starting up again, the first meeting is Sept 12th at 9 a.m. till 11 a.m.

BLCW bible study starts Sept 17th at 10:30 a.m.

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### A note of thanks!

We received a thank you card from a high school graduate who was given a quilt by our ladies in June. His name is Ole Rodriguez, and he's the grandson of Mary Nolte.

It read: *"Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt! It's very comfortable and I use it every night. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness."* Sincerely, Ole

Be on the lookout: *If you have seen, or happen to have borrowed, the Young Children and Worship lesson book(s) we use for Godly Play please let me know. Nate Rozema was kind enough to put together all the lesson kits through mid-September with photo copies of the text but we will need the book to continue into the Fall.*—Linnie Scott

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

Ethel Adams, Chad Agen, Steven Dahl, David Fischer, Amelie Logan, Callie Logan, Karen Powell, Glenn Rickert, Nick Robinson, Lindsey Rosales, Flossie Steiley & family, Giordi Yunge; Diana Tveit brother Mike, Janice Burwash's co-worker suffering from depression and all those who struggle mentally, physically. For those who have tough decisions coming up we ask for guidance and direction.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers! Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

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## *“See Me”*

Dear Partners,

A short film was shown at our last Josephine staff meeting titled, “See Me.” It inspired these thoughts in me that I thought I would share with you this month...

*What do you see when you look at me?  
Do you see someone old and past their prime?  
Do you see a disease stealing away someone you love?  
Do you see someone who can't take care of themselves?  
Do you see a problem to be fixed?*

*What do you see when you look at me?  
Do you see my loss in memory?  
or maybe one of my other losses?  
take your pick: sight, sound, mobility, bowels, social graces...  
I've got plenty to choose from.*

*What do you see when you look at me?*

*Now, please—look at me.  
Don't look past me in shame—look me in the eyes.  
Take your time.  
See me.*

*See me...  
I still want to be loved.  
I still want to be forgiven.  
I still want you to be proud of me.  
I still want to laugh and sing and enjoy good food and good company.  
I still want to smell flowers.  
I still want to hear God's promises.  
I still want to enjoy chocolate and a good cup of coffee.  
I still want to smile and hear a good joke.  
I still want to see the wonder in the eyes of children.  
I still want to have some good friends.  
I still want to be useful.  
I still want to love someone.*

*See me...  
I am still a child of God.*

As always, dear Partners in Christ, thank you for your support of this ministry and for allowing us to do it on your behalf.

Warmly,  
Chaplain Andy