

CLEAR WATER CURRENTS

June 2020 eNewsletter



We've waited for this day

How fitting that after the COVID virus isolation we were free to reassemble for worship on Pentecost. I didn't see doves descending or tongues of flame but felt the spirit's presence as we gathered. How appropriate that we sang "We've waited for this day" to open the service. We have gathered in his name through our "hunker down" period, but it is just not the same, is it? I know I have longed to see you face-to-face and to sing God's praises together.

So for those who couldn't attend, we were face-to-face at Goose Lake Park on a cool and slightly breezy morning with most wearing masks and maintaining comfortable distance. There was an interesting assortment of folding camp chairs where folks settled in family groups. There was also lots of room and fresh air for adults and kids to roam throughout our meeting. Our worship team was set up under the park pavilion where the gear would be protected from the forecasted rain that never happened. All in all, I found outdoor worship to be a pleasant experience and I recommend it to you and your friends and neighbors as we proceed.

Pastor Mike touched on the rise of anxiety and depression in our country reported in the news before his message from the five praises of Isaiah 25. I pray Mike's message and this newsletter find you healthy and hopeful as we continue to seek the new normal.

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Ways Clear Water Church will be providing worship service

Live stream **Thursday Night at 7pm** and **Sunday at 10am** via [Clear Water Church](#) website, [Facebook.com/clearwaterchurchak](#), and [YouTube](#).

Worship in the Park Service @ 11am



June 7 - Goose Lake Park Pavilion

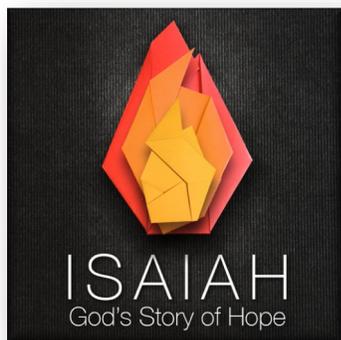
June 14 - Goose Lake Park Pavilion

June 21 - Taku Lake Park Pavilion

June 28 - Goose Lake Park Pavilion



Practice Social Distancing. Bring your own chair or blanket and face covering. We ask that you let us know you attended by going to our website [Clear Water Church](#) and clicking [Let us know you attended](#) link.



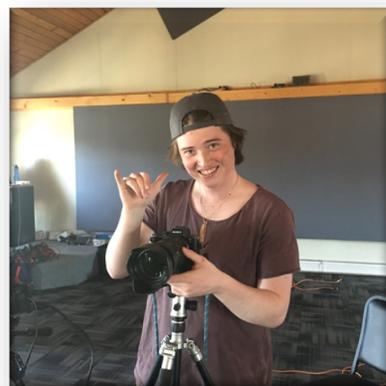
ISAIAH: God's Story of Hope

We are in the Old Testament book of Isaiah that will take us into August. Read through the longest major prophet with this [schedule](#), and check out the Bible Project's animation video overviewing the first 39 Chapters: [Overview: Isaiah 1-39](#)



Behind the Scenes

Thanks to a great team recording our online sermons. Great job to David Burgess and Kevin Goodman.



RECENT MINISTRIES

Thank you to the many who hosted the Nightly Devotions on Facebook

Since April 13 we have been “hunkered down” due to the Corvid-19 pandemic. One way we have stayed connected is through online social connection. Thank you to the many devotional leaders in the month of May: Robert and Koni Arnold, Robert and Maria Bell, Brandon Brenchy, James Embree, Kevin Glynn, Steve Gordon, Doug and LeAnn Ketterer, Aubrey Merriner, Mike Merriner, Katie Nash, Katie and Kyle Wilson, and Brian Whitson.

Previous nightly devotions are available on our Facebook page [Facebook.com/clearwaterchurchak](https://www.facebook.com/clearwaterchurchak).

Church Campout - May 22-25

We had a great turn out to our annual church camp out at Eklutna Lake State Park. There were about 90 participants during the Memorial Day Weekend. We had a fun time practicing social distancing around campfires, hiking, socializing and having fun. Photography by KRowe.





Softball Monday Nights

The softball season has begun! Grab a camp chair and come out to the Albrecht ballfields on Monday nights. See the [church calendar](#) for the schedule.



Church Calendar is now active on our [Clear Water Church](#) website. See upcoming events along with details and contact information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY WEDS



Teresa Mattson Walkush and Josh Harth were married on May 29th with Mike Merriner officiating.

CARE CONCERNS

Prayer and Speedy Recovery

Karen Gordon
Brian Whitson



THE MEMORY VERSE **BIGGER** CHALLENGE - May 8



Congratulations to the BIGGER Memory Verse Challenge Winner: Greg Moody. Greg was one of eight who entered a lot of monthly challenges this year and was then drawn for the annual \$500 gift card grand prize.

June's Memory Verse is [Isaiah 26:3-4 \(ESV\)](#)

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

ON MISSION

My Name is Amy Wilson and I am interning internationally with Cru. Cru is a mission organization active here in the states and overseas! I will be serving in Košice, Slovakia, alongside both national and American staff. Our primary focus will be investing in and sharing the Gospel with high school students in that country. My job will be to help students grow in their faith, share their faith, and multiply their faith! I would love to tell you more about what God has called me to! I would also love to partner with you! If you are interested feel free to contact me! Phone: (423)802-1657 Email: amethyst.wilson@cru.org. Give Link: <https://give.cru.org/1016235>



MISCELLANEOUS

Clear Water staff now have unique email addresses. Please update your address book.

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The due date for submissions to the next edition of Currents is June 18th.
Send articles and photos to admin@clearwater.church.