



# Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church

*No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

## Sunday Worship

10:00 am in person and via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/398434443>

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*The mission of Kunéix  
Hídi Northern Light  
United Church is to  
make disciples of Jesus  
Christ through  
God-centered worship  
and people-centered  
ministry.*

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## Into the Pool

I once described church as being a lot like swimming pools. Now, I realize that swimming pools are not something one sees in abundance in Alaska. They do exist, though, and, I think, most reading this article will have a *concept* of what a swimming pool is. So, how is a church like a swimming pool? Like this: a swimming pool is designed for people of all ages and skills. Pools are built so that people can get into them wherever and however they are most comfortable. Some people come flying off the diving board into deeper waters and others prefer to wade in slowly.

I think the church should be the same. Wherever you are in your journey of faith, there should be a way for you to participate, to *enter*. That also means that we aren't all going to be in the same part of the pool at the same time. However, it does mean that we are in the same *water*.

When we talk about water in the church, all kinds of images and symbols come to mind. The foremost one is the water of baptism, the symbol of life and salvation. And, as a community of faith, we

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- Church Banners
- Eagle River United Methodist Camp News
- August Birthday Celebration
- EV Charging Station
- Visit Pederson Hill Farm for fresh flowers!
- Fresh cakes from local baker

## Sermon Series

7/6 Luke 19:41-45  
Red Glare

7/13 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 8:6-8  
Kingdom Politics

7/20 Pastor Charles out  
of town

7/27 Genesis 18:20-32  
For Your Sake

## Bible Study

We continue to have our Bible Studies! We meet on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 in Memorial Hall for an in-person study and, if you can't join us in person, on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 via Zoom (same study topic!).

## Into the Pool continued

understand ourselves as being a part of that same water. Of course, one must exhibit a degree of caution around a pool, too. For example, jumping into something shallow rather than walking in could hurt an individual, even permanently injure them. Also, jumping into the deep end when you aren't a good swimmer can also be detrimental.

Nor should we push people in. Sometimes just being near the water can make people a little nervous if they don't have much experience swimming.

So, for those more familiar with the water, we should be those who invite people to enter the pool where they are most comfortable and able. And, putting the pool metaphor aside for a moment, that could mean singing in the choir, joining in a Bible study, or simply coming in and being present. We are invited to do what we can and to do that with which we are comfortable.

Now, back to the pool analogy again, the more time one spends in the pool, the greater their familiarity and comfort with it. And who knows? Eventually someone who waded in with some trepidation comes off the diving board like a pro!

In the church we believe that Christ calls us from wherever we are in life to follow. That means, if we continue our pool analogy, that we are going to enter into different parts of the pool as we are able. That also means that there shouldn't be any taunting or judging. Instead, there should just be an enjoyment of the water since, as a community of faith, we are all in the same water in the end: the water of life.

Come on in!

Peace be with you.  
Pastor Charles

## Graduation Celebration and Blessing

We celebrated the high school graduation of Dori Germain and Acey Wall at church.





Our congregation is blessed by banners created by many artists. This banner, created by Judith Morley's sister, RosaLea, celebrates Pentecost and was displayed in the sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday. Judith tells us that RosaLea has given many banners to our church and she sees them displayed quite often.

Thanks, RosaLea and all of our fabric artists!

### Family Promise

Family Promise of Juneau provides shelter to families who are experiencing homelessness and the Rapid Rehousing Program, which offers rental assistance and case management to families at risk of losing housing. K̄unéix̄ Hídi Northern Light United Church hosts families 4 weeks each year.

Sign up to serve meals, host overnight, or do the final laundry the week of August 3-10.

<https://signup.com/go/PhFJNqj>

For more information about K̄unéix̄ Hídi Northern Light United Church support of Family Promise, [email Linda McCargar](mailto:LindaMcCargar), Family Promise Coordinator.

## Tlingit Gospel Singers singing "You Are My Sunshine"

<https://youtu.be/Q4J6ko6Nggc>





Pastor Charles leading Children's Moment. Children's Nursery is also available during worship service.

## We look forward to a new instrument performance!

Jacque Farnsworth and new member B.G. Loper have been practicing



## Eagle River United Methodist Camp

Betsy Brenneman and Reed Stoops donated a pine Ethan Allen dining table with extension leaf to the camp. This table was their original dining room table from before their son Daniel was born. Betsy thought she might feel some sentimental pangs after donating the table, remembering all the times the table had played a role in their family life. Betsy recalled what Dr. Soboleff told her on his 100th birthday, “you’ve got to get used to change.” A new cherry table replaced the donated table.

We invited Betsy, Reed, and Daniel to come out to camp to visit their cherished table beginning its new life as a camp cabin table in the Gotschall Cabin.

We received donations of couches and a few new chairs in the Gotschall cabin! We also received items for the Manager’s Cabin including beds, dressers, end tables, and lamps. Things are looking great.

Thanks to all who have donated items to the camp and to those who have helped move all our donated items.

Let Nico Bus, John Doogan or Jane Ginter know if you have any items to donate to camp.



## More Eagle River United Methodist Camp news

We have some good news! Bruce and Judy Morley are making a generous offer to sell to the camp their John Deere 3320 tractor. It comes with the front bucket, 60-inch front mount snow blower and rear three-point counter weight. The tractor has less than 1,000 hours since new and has been meticulously maintained by Bruce.

Bruce and Judy are offering this tractor to the camp for the very generous price of \$8,000. That purchase price pretty much reflects the cost of the front mount snow blower alone that was purchased new in 2022.

### **What do we need the tractor for?**

- Snow removal and snow blowing
- Road grading
- Hauling gravel and logs
- General use for heavy items and equipment
- Replacing old snowplow truck

Will you make the Camp part of your charity and help us buy the tractor? Whether you can give \$500 or \$50 – every penny will bring us closer.

All you have to do is send us a check to us and put “TRACTOR” in the memo line – your gift can be deducted from your taxes (IRS EIN 92-0158234)! You can also use donate on line ([Donate for Tractor](#)) or on our web site: <https://www.methodistcamp.org/>. Please contact me, [ginteralaska@gmail.com](mailto:ginteralaska@gmail.com), 907 209-8185, and let me know if you have made a gift.

Eagle River United Methodist Camp  
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Thanks so much!

Jane Ginter



We welcomed new members Sharon Denton, B.G. Loper, and Elsie Westman! Thank you for joining our congregation



*August Birthday Celebration*

You are invited to help celebrate August birthdays by providing a cake or other refreshments or fruit for Sunday, August 3. Sign up at <https://khnluc.org/serve/>

Annie Knight and her daughter Bethany attended church on June 22. They brought along this plate which they found in her father, Allan A. Engstrom's, things.

Thanks so much, Annie & Bethany!



## EV Charging Station Please Donate!



<https://khnluc.org/give/>

Please park here only while charging  
Sundays: Park, charge, and worship with us!



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## Visit Pederson Hill Farm for fresh flowers!

I signed up to bring flowers for Bob's birthday, and I wanted to share a fantastic local source for fresh flowers!



<https://www.pedersonhillfarm.com/>  
10460 Glacier Hwy, Juneau, AK 99801

[pedersonhillfarm@proton.me](mailto:pedersonhillfarm@proton.me)  
Cell: (907) 209-5574

Would you like to visit Pederson Hill Farm?



Bouquet Bars & Tours Start in July! Fri, Sat, 1 hr 30 min, \$39

Bouquet Bar Details and Information:

Pick a date and time and purchase your bouquet bar booking online. Everyone building a bouquet will need to purchase a ticket. Events are limited to 15 guests. If you'd like to book a private party please contact us at 907-209-5574 or email [pedersonhillfarm@proton.me](mailto:pedersonhillfarm@proton.me). Minimum 10 guests.

Your online booking will include a farm tour and a bouquet bar where you get to choose 10-12 stems of your choice with a paper wrapping. Additional flower stems can be purchased for \$2.00 - \$4.00 per stem depending on the variety.

Flower Bar Events are booked for 1.5 hours, but it can last longer.

Bottled water will be provided.

Flowers that have not been harvested are for looking at, not picking. Please let them grow and mature.

The bathroom facility is a portable toilet.

Our garden facility is semi-handicapped accessible, though it does have uneven terrain and the surface is crushed rock and dirt. Wheel chairs and walkers cannot access the entire garden.

Children must be supervised at all times while at Pederson Hill Farm.

Pets must remain in your car. If it's hot outside, please keep them home.

Enjoy the farm and the flowers!



## Fresh Cakes from Local Baker

We celebrated Bob's 73rd birthday in June at church with a fabulous cake baked by my niece, Kelly Kuiken. She baked the cake for our wedding six years ago and we've had her bake a cake for our anniversary celebration at church every year since.

Many folks in the church have asked me about her baking so I'm sharing her information here.

Her business is named "Vert Kitchen" and here's how to get in touch:

VERT kitchen  
Personal Chef Services. Currently accepting new clients for weekly meal prep delivery. Meals are vegetable forward with a healthy slant, and made with the needs of busy moms and professionals in mind.

(714) 264-5014

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- Jane Ginter



## Thank yous

Many people and groups are involved in making sure things happen at KHNLUC. Each month we would like to recognize some of those individuals and groups for their special services. Special thanks to:

\*those who served as Liturgists: Linda McCargar, George Partlow, Patsy Wright, Jane Ginter

\*those who served as Greeters/ushers: Patsy Wright, Jane Ginter, Laura Doogan, Karen Lipson, Kristi Peel

\*Those who provided flowers: Elizabeth Wheeler, Linda McCargar, Anne Standerwick, Jane Ginter, Kristi Peel

\*Mary Borthwick, Karen Dillon, Marianne Mills, John Pugh, Carol Barril, Pat Gorman, Jan and Don Kussart, April Rezendes, Patsy Wright and Jim Alter for their help in counting and recording financial gifts received by Kunéix Hídi Northern Light.

*If you have a suggestion for a thank you, call Christina at the church office, 586-3131 or e-mail her at [office@khnluc.org](mailto:office@khnluc.org).*

## Sign Up!

You can be an important part of what makes our worship together a good experience.

Our web site, <https://khnluc.org/>, offers a section where you can help with worship. You can also tell Christina to sign you up if you prefer not to use the computer.

### **Everyone is invited to be part of our worship service.**

The liturgist reads the scripture and helps lead the service with the pastor. Sign up to be a liturgist on the sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall or call the office.

You can serve as liturgist even if you worship with us via Zoom.

The ushers greet people before the service, pass out bulletins, pass the offering plate, and assist with the prayers and announcements from the congregation. [Sign up to be an usher.](#)

The altar flowers are provided by the congregation. [Sign up to provide flowers for worship.](#)

You can provide flowers even if you worship via Zoom. Flowers can be brought to the church before Sunday if that is more convenient for you. Ask Christina for the new key code to enter the side door on A Street.

We encourage you to think ahead and plan to help out. Pick a special day for providing flowers to honor a loved one. Maybe sign up once a month to be liturgist or usher.



- 1 Laura Doogan  
Raymond Pastorino
- 2 Sherrie Myers  
Cherry Eckland  
Robert Jared Lewis
- 3 Myra Munson  
Margaret Katzeek
- 6 Nico Bus
- 8 Douglas Eckland  
Dabney Meachum  
Hunter Meachum
- 10 Billy White  
Duane McEwen
- 12 Mark Banda  
Sandra Baker
- 17 Meg Rosson  
Katie Rosson
- 19 Kathleen Jensen
- 24 Mariah Offer  
James Rosson
- 25 Mae Peterson
- 26 Saylor Satran
- 27 Tionne Green
- 29 J Allan MacKinnon
- 30 Jenifer Shapland  
Kristy Germain

# JULY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 12:00 Al-Anon	2 5:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Bible Study	3	4 <b>Office Closed</b> 10:00 Glacier De- lights kitchen use	5 8:00 Vets for Peace 4:00 Juneau Supper Club
6 10:00 Worship 4:00 Bible Study 5:15 Youth Group	7 6:00 ERUMC Board	8 12:00 Al-Anon Glory Hall Chili	9 5:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Bible Study	10	11 7:30 Men's Breakfast	12 10:00 Coming to the Table
13 10:00 Worship 4:00 Bible Study 5:15 Youth Group	14	15 12:00 Al-Anon	16 5:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Bible Study	17 5:00 Commit- tee on Property Management 6:00 Social Justice & Service Com- mittee	18 7:30 Men's Breakfast	19
20 10:00 Worship 4:00 Bible Study 5:15 Youth Group	21	22 12:00 Al-Anon Glory Hall Spaghetti	23 5:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Bible Study	24	25 7:30 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Healing Task Force	26 12:00 Wedding Rehearsal
27 10:00 Worship 4:00 Bible Study 5:15 Youth Group	28 6:00 Wedding & Reception	29 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 12:00 Al-Anon	30 5:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Bible Study	31		