

**MOUNT SI LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

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# Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

## September 2015

**Special Points of Interest:**

- Sept. 7th—Labor Day Holiday (offices closed)
- Sept. 8th—6PM All Committee Night
- Sept. 10th—11AM Memorial for Carol Monahan
- Sept. 13th—Mt. Si & ELCA Day of Service
- Sept. 20th—Back to two worship services and first day of Sunday School

**Sunday, Sept. 20**  
**Return to two**  
**worship services**  
**8:15AM Traditional**  
**10:45AM Praise**  
**9:30AM Sunday**  
**School Returns**

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From Pastor Mark's Desk.....

### *Back to Normal*

I was going to write an article about coming back from sabbatical and getting back to normal. Then I wondered, "what would that look like?" Nothing we do together is normal! When you let the power of the Holy Spirit be your guide in life you must be prepared for the adventure of this faith journey.



I am incredibly grateful for the time of sabbatical. It was a powerful experience to live in that alternate rhythm. One of the things I am most grateful for was the opportunity to worship with my family on Sunday mornings. We visited several congregations in the area and were able to be together. A lot of times it was me in the cry room with a fussy baby—a perspective I'd never had before!!

Visiting other congregations, both Lutheran and other denominations, was also interesting as you get to see how other people gather to be the church. No two are the same. I was surprised by the varied practices we experienced all essentially using the same ingredients. The form was recognizable but the way elements of liturgy and song are incorporated make a worship experience unique to each community. This experience made me really appreciate being a part of the way Mt. Si Lutheran Church tends to worship. I also wonder where the Holy Spirit might be leading us in growth and change as we approach the fall season? I invite you to pray, wonder, and imagine, with me about who God is calling us to be in this moment in time.

I was able to make significant progress on my dissertation. It is exciting to see it take shape and even start to see the finish line. The doctoral program has been incredible and a valuable investment in our life of ministry together. I will host at least one evening event this fall—more likely a couple—to present the work I was able to do during this sabbatical time.

So here we go, back to normal—whatever that means. I am excited to be back with you, I am excited to see what the Holy Spirit will do in our midst.

## Thank You

**On Sunday, Aug. 30th, we celebrated with Pr. Larry Thomas and his wife, Ann, for joining us this summer and for Pr. Larry leading worship while Pr. Mark Griffith was on sabbatical. Pr. Larry and Ann are now part of Mt. Si's church family and we will miss them. We hope they feel all the love and we look forward to them coming back to visit us again.**





Welcome to the Book of Faith page. The purpose of this page is to share all things related to the Book of Faith focus at Mount Si Lutheran. Stay tuned each month, and prepare to share your input as we together do what the above tag line says, “Open Scripture and Join the Conversation”.

As we kick off the new school year and begin to look toward the busyness of the holidays, it is a good time to remember to stay grounded in our relationship with God and in God’s Word. Scripture helps us know God, provides encouragement in our times of struggle, and sends us out into a hurting world with a message of grace, hope and love. Let’s all challenge ourselves to spend time daily in God’s Word—especially in our busiest times—and to listen for the message that God wants to speak to us.

## YOUR DAILY DEVOTIONS

### “Search me, O God, and know my heart.” (Ps. 139:23 NIV)

Here are two more reasons why spending time alone with God each day is important:

1) *To take spiritual inventory of your life.* David prayed, “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting (vv. 23-24 NIV). Note the words “anxious thoughts” and “offensive way”. These are things you begin to take stock of when you are in God’s presence. For example, are you growing daily in your spiritual walk? Are you allowing unconfessed sins to pile up in your life? How about your attitudes? In order to see yourself from God’s point of view, you have to face these questions in His presence and answer them honestly.

2) *To commit each day to the Lord.* The writer of Proverbs said, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight” (Prov. 3:5-6 NIV). Share your schedule with God, ask Him to guide you in your daily activities and alter them as needed. Ask Him to help you manage your time better so you can get more done (See Prov. 90:12). Ask Him to help you distinguish between what is truly important and what isn’t (See 1 Cor. 10:23). Every day of your life, you will have to deal with two things: problems and opportunities. And God will give you the right perspective and approach to handle both. You’ll be amazed how much more effective and efficient you are when you’ve spent time with Him.

(From: *The Word for You Today* devotional, entry for January 9, 2015.)



## Parish Education News!

The Sunday School season begins on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The final arrangements are being made, and we are excited for the new school year. Come check us out! We have classes for ages 3-103, so there is sure to be something that will meet your needs! Check the schedule below:

**\*Children's Sunday School is 9:30-10:30 AM**

**\*Teen Time Schedule: 9:45 Ready! 9:50 Set! 10:20 Go!**

**\*Adult Education Hour: 9:45-10:30 AM**

### **Sunday School Staff for the 2015-2016 School Year:**

Opening Music—Vacancy  
Preschool & Kindergarten—Nancy Flanagan/Rosemary Hanson  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade—Debbie Jones/Dana Koukol  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades—Anne Bartlett/Courtney Adams  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades—Kim & Mike Buckmaster/Joanne Chase  
Teen Time—Vacancy  
Adult Education Hour—Pastor Mark/Sue Shardelman

### **Schedule Notes**

September 7<sup>th</sup>: Labor Day

September 13<sup>th</sup>: "God's Work, Our Hands" Day of Service

September 20<sup>th</sup>: First day of SS for the new school year

**Sunday School Kickoff—Sept. 20th from 9:30-10:30AM**

**Kids ages 3-6th grade are invited to join us for the beginning of our Sunday School year as we set sail on a grand adventure through the Bible**

## **Get ready to serve! "God's work. Our hands." Sunday Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015**

On Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015, the nearly 10,000 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are invited to put their faith into action by serving their communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people.

"'God's work. Our hands.' Sunday reminds us that we are church together for the sake of the world. Our lives have been changed by our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and it's that encounter with Jesus that frees us to make a difference." — ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

For the second year in a row, Mount Si Lutheran Church is excited to join with our fellow ELCA churches in this day of service! Following the combined worship service on September 13 focusing on service - we will all join together for food & fellowship and then break off into 5 family-friendly, all-ages-welcome service projects serving our church & our surrounding community. So save the date! This is big! The five service projects you will have the opportunity to join will be: **Team Suzy - making and filling Norwegian heart baskets & decorating cards for our service men and women; Team Burnside - Church Flower Bed & Property Clean-up; Team Tom - Painting the posts at the church; Team Mary & Martha - Set-up/clean up Meal for Congregation & Volunteers; & Team Heidi—Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank Clean-up.**



We will be wearing matching bright yellow t-shirts as we work in the community.

Buy one now for \$6! See Courtney to buy a t-shirt.

We are hoping that every member of every age will participate in some way!

You work hard to make your community a better place. Now let's do this work together!



**LIBRARY NEWS**—Our church library has a good selection of inspirational Christian fiction. This month Sue Oster has written a review of one of the books on our display table—The Blue Bottle Club by Penelope J. Stokes. “The story starts at the beginning of the depression era. Four friends who will graduate from high school during the next two years meet on Christmas Day in the attic of one of the girls’ homes. They each had written on paper their dreams of what they wanted to do and become after graduation. The papers were folded and placed in a cobalt blue bottle, then hid in the rafters of the attic. Years later when the house was being demolished, the cobalt blue bottle was found, then given to a young TV reporter. She looks for each of the girls to find out if their dreams had been fulfilled. Read and find out how God worked in each of these five women’s lives.” Check out the FREE Book Cart! If you have questions or would like to volunteer in our library, please speak with Connie Som 425 888-0727, Joyce Ayers 425 865-9853 or Sue Oster 425 888-4056.



**Backpack/School Supply Drive:** Our backpack project was a huge success! Mt Si Lutheran Church sponsored this event and 2 new Churches joined us this year! We received donations from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Costco, Mt Si Lutheran Church, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Cascade Covenant Church, Saint Clare’s Episcopal Church and Snoqualmie United Methodist Church. We also received funds from Walmart and discounts from Big Lots and Fred Myers this year. We filled 266 backpacks for children in the Snoqualmie Valley school district. The backpacks were distributed at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank on 8/19 and 8/26. The children were so excited to have a new backpack with supplies to start the new school year. Snoqualmie Valley Alliance Church also handed out new shoes for each child signed up! Thanks to everyone who participated with this project and all of those who donated school supplies, shoes, and funds to purchase supplies. Thanks for assisting me with this ministry for the children in need in our community.

~Janey Benson

## SOUP and CHILI DRIVE

WHEN:

The month of **SEPTEMBER**

**Mondays & Tuesdays: 9:30am–1:30pm**

**Wednesdays: 9am–6:30pm**

**Thursdays & Fridays: 9:30am–12:30pm**

WHERE:

Bring donations to the food bank at:

**122 East 3rd Street, North Bend, WA 98045**



*Community In Action*

[www.snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org](http://www.snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org)

Help us maintain a healthy community and provide food to our neighbors in need. Be part of a community in action.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION**  
Every Wednesday  
9:00 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.  
No Appointment Necessary  
122 E 3rd St  
North Bend, WA 98045  
Located next to the King County Library in North Bend

**FOOD DONATIONS**  
Non-Perishable Donations  
Monday & Tuesday 9 a.m.-11 a.m.  
Wednesday from 9 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.  
Perishable Foods  
Monday & Tuesday 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.  
Wednesday from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.  
Bring donation to food bank located at  
122 E 3rd St North Bend, WA 98045

# Meet your 2015 Council Members

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**Submitted by Jack Boller, Church Council President**

Greetings and peace to you all from your Church council.

Hope you all had a relaxing and fun summer. We are all looking forward to Pastor Mark returning from sabbatical on Sept. 1st. I do want to thank Pastor Larry Thomas for his very able service this summer while Pastor Mark was away. With his worship leadership we had good attendance throughout the summer.

One of the highlights of our summer was our annual Vacation Bible School held on July 26-30. The theme this year was “Everest”. Our average attendance exceeded our expectations with a total of 54 children participating during the week. By all reports things went very well through the week and everyone involved had a fun time. We wish to say a special thank you to James, Vicki, all the leaders, helpers and volunteers as well as those who donated money, time & supplies for VBS this year.

We also had an enjoyable progressive dinner in August with approximately 20 people participating. Entertainment was provided by the Mt. Si High School jazz band. The following weekend several of our members held a group camping trip to Salmon La Sac.

As we move into the fall we have a number of things on our agenda. Our biggest decision will be how we want to move forward with our family and youth programs now that James has left. We will need to decide what the scope of the programs will be and if we really need to hire a full time director to run the programs. There will be ample opportunity for you to give input on this matter as we move into the fall.

As most of you know, Pastor Mark and his family have purchased a house and are moving out of the parsonage. This will give us an opportunity to decide on the future use of the parsonage building. One of the options we are looking into is to enter into a lease agreement with Life Enrichment Options (LEO). They are non-profit organization that operates group homes for developmentally disabled adults. The homes are set up for 5 or 6 residents and a live-in professional care provider. LEO would foot the entire bill for the needed renovation of the house and enter into a long term lease agreement. We would be responsible for upgrading the septic system and addressing the old underground oil tank. We would need to have the congregation’s approval before we could move ahead with this project. For more information please contact me or Pr. Mark.

You may have noticed that King County has begun the work to clear and reclaim the creek along the north end of our property. The county has cut out brush and invasive species, and will come and spray in a couple of months. Once that is completed they will begin to replant with native plants, and maintain it for three years.

Our Budget Work Group is busy putting together our budget for the coming year. One of our goals is to clarify the lines of accounting to make it easier to decide which ministries are responsible for which charges. We are also trying to better identify all of our income and better reconcile our expenditures with our income. We plan to have a budget ready for the congregation’s approval in November.

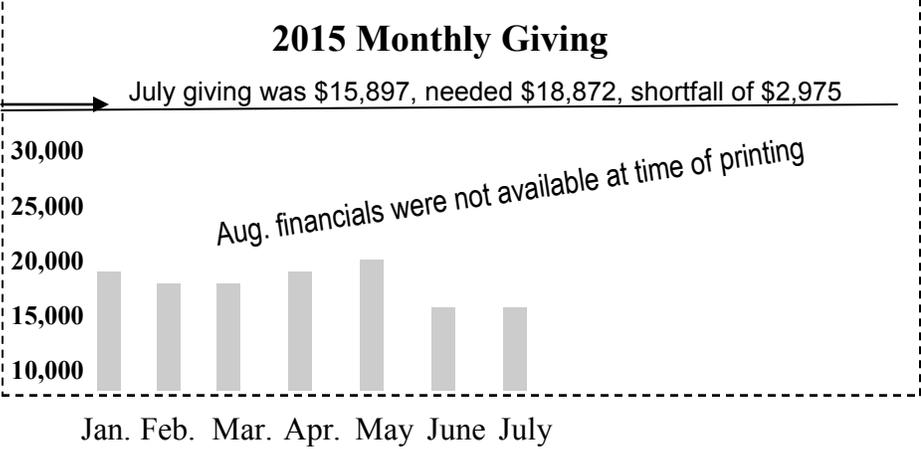
As part of our overall management of our finances the Stewardship and Finance Committee will be conducting a stewardship drive this fall. There will be more news on this as we move into the fall.

We will begin our fall activities with the God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday on September 13. There are five different work groups that you can sign up for. We will begin with a lunch and then split out into our work groups. This is a great way to benefit our church and our community. For more information see pg. 3 or speak to Courtney Adams.

We are continuing our monthly Committee Night meetings. The best way for you to get involved in working on any of the items discussed in this report is to join a committee. All you need to do is show up at the Committee Night meeting. This will give you the opportunity to see what each of the committees does and decide what the best fit for you will be. Families are welcome. We start with pizza at 6:00 and business begins at 6:30. Our next meeting will be September 8. Hope to see you all there.

F.Y.I.

You may contribute to the newsletter by submitting your articles to the church office by email, snail mail, or a simple phone call. The Deadline for submissions is the THIRD MONDAY of each month, except when earlier deadlines are required due to holidays, etc.



9:00AM Summer Worship will go through Sept. 13

**Automate Your Giving**  
Are you interested in automating your giving to the church? Through the Simply Giving program your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account or credit card. Forms are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall or contact the office. Forms should be returned to the church office with Attn: Financial Secretary.

Snoqualmie Valley School District starts classes Sept. 2. Please keep all teachers, parents and students in your prayers.

**Opportunities to Serve, Reach Out and Grow in Grace**

All Committees will meet on the second Tues. of each month at 6PM to share a meal and discuss church goals with other ministries, then break into their individual committees. Anyone interested in hearing more about a committee is welcome to come and check it out. A free will offering is taken to go towards the meal.

Council meets at 7PM the third Tues. of the month.



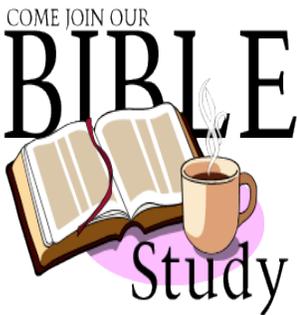
**OFFICIAL ACTS**

**MEMORIAL SERVICES**

August 7, 2015 *A memorial service for Marilyn Irene Guse, member of Mt. Si Lutheran Church. Pastor Larry Thomas, presided.*

Sept. 10, 2015 *A memorial service for Carol Monahan, former member of Mt. Si Lutheran Church. Pastor Mark Griffith presided*

**Bible Study News...there's one for you!**



**Men's Saturday Breakfast Bible Study**

Come join the men at 8AM and review the Sunday readings and lessons for that Sunday. All men are welcome. For more information, contact Paul Ritzenthaler at 425 888-5294. **Location: Mt. Si Golf Course**

**Bible Study for WOMEN**

The Monday Women's Bible Study Group is studying the Book of Matthew. Please join us every Monday a 12:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Grace Culver at 425 222-7515 or Betty Shardelman at 425 888-0772.

# Farewell to James Mehring

## Mt. Si Says Farewell and God's Blessings to James Mehring

On Sunday, July 19th, Mt. Si Lutheran said farewell to James Mehring, Director, Family & Youth Ministry. James accepted a position as a Pre-K Teacher at Bright Horizon's Learning Center in Renton and his last day was July 31, 2015. James has worked as the Family & Youth Director since January, 2014. He is loved by all and we are sad to say farewell, but wish him the best in his new adventure. We celebrated James' time with Mt. Si with a BBQ-themed reception in his honor with plenty of food and lots of great desserts. Jack Boller, Council Pres., and Sheila Rodriguez, Admin. Assistant, presented James with gifts for his new Pre-K classroom as well as a card and gift card from the congregation. James was always one to make events fun, so in his honor, the youth group surprised him during a photo op by covering him with Wacky String! James loved it! Special thank you to our "grill masters", Bob Bartlett & Rick Rodriguez. Terry Adams did an awesome job on the watermelon grill! James was able to stay and lead our Vacation Bible School the last week of July. We averaged 54 kids a day and everyone loved the Everest theme: *Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power*. Thank you to James for all his hard work and dedication for organizing another fun-filled VBS and to all those who helped with crafts, snacks, games, story time, and decorations! Special thank you to Vicki Wallentine for her incredible ice cave at the entrance, and all the spectacular mountain and glacier props she created.

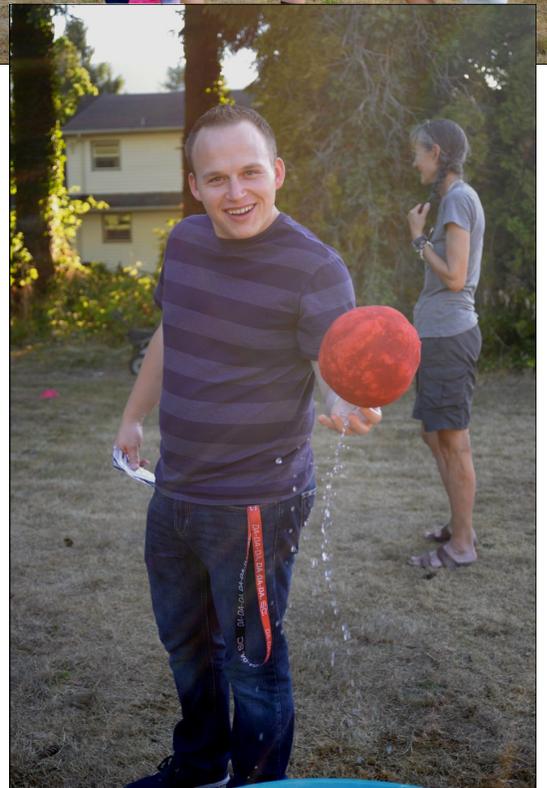
Mt. Si bids farewell, but not good-bye, and we will keep James, and his fiancé, Kayla, and his sister, Chloe, in our prayers. They will always be welcome at Mt. Si Lutheran



Chloe Mehring, Vicki Wallentine, James Mehring, Sheila Rodriguez



# 2015 V.B.S. Everest



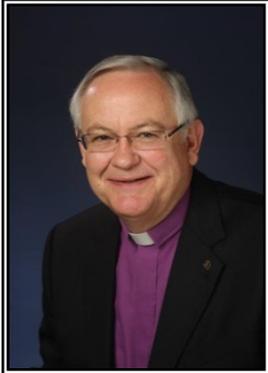
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# The Spirit

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## Grace Rock

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Bishop

I have rock in my office with the word grace etched into its hard face. I received it as a gift from a friend who knows my only hope is the pervasiveness of God's grace. The rock isn't big - but it's big enough that if you hold it in your hand or stuff it in your pocket you will know that it is there.

I made a habit of sharing my grace rock with people who were struggling to forgive themselves. One dear friend allowed a poor choice in her past to rob her from fully embracing life. She truly believed she didn't deserve to be happy.

She was able to manage her blues when she was single but then when she married and had children, she became more keenly aware of how the guilt was robbing her husband and children as well. She was one of the most gracious and forgiving people that I have ever known. She comes from a family that extends acceptance to everyone they meet. In fact, it is hard to tell when you hang with her family who is blood and who is not. Everyone is family.

Forgiving others came easily to my friend, but allowing herself to be forgiven was a corner she was struggling mightily to turn.

One day I asked if she thought she was more powerful than God. This set her back as she looked at me askew. "What do you mean? Do I think I am more powerful than God?"

I answered her by saying, "It seems as though you believe you have done something so wrong that it is beyond God's capacity to forgive." I knew she would have to stew on this idea for a while.

It was at this point that the grace rock appeared out of the corner of my eye. Without thinking, I picked it up and pointed out the word grace to her. She began to tear up. She had spent so many years keeping her secrets hidden that exposing them to the light of grace was rocking her world. (No pun intended.)

I made her an offer. I said, "I want to share my grace rock with you. But, here is the deal: you have to keep it with you twenty-four/seven for a whole week. I would rather you carried around the weight of grace than the weight of shame." Her tears gave way to a giant smile as I placed the rock in her hand.

She returned a week later. I knew she had made progress just by the way she carried herself: her shoulders more upright, her face lifted. We both knew there was absolutely no magic in the rock. We also knew that it wouldn't put an end to her struggle to forgive herself. However, the grace rock gave her a new way to embrace her pain.

Her story is in no way unique. Forgiveness is hard, hard work, especially when you have to own it for yourself.

Thanks be to God that God etches grace into the hard rock of life! Let me know if you want to carry the rock for a week.

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**Stay in touch and in the know!**  
 Have you checked out the Synod Website  
 Calendar? [www.lutheransnw.org/calendar](http://www.lutheransnw.org/calendar)  
 Do you receive the Weekly Update eNews?  
[www.lutheransnw.org/subscribe](http://www.lutheransnw.org/subscribe)



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Oct. 31, 2017, will mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany – an act that sparked the Lutheran Reformation. A little more than a year before the anniversary, on **Aug. 10-13, 2016**, we will be hosting the **Grace Gathering** in conjunction with the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans. Please **save these dates now and make plans to attend the [Grace Gathering](#)**.

This special event will give Grace Gathering attendees and Churchwide Assembly voting members an opportunity to come together in kicking off the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary! There will be fruitful workshops and keynotes to inspire planning for local observances, time to worship and participate in experiential learning activities, as well as opportunities to gather with voting members of the ELCA throughout the Churchwide Assembly.

I also invite and encourage you to become involved even now in the ELCA's observance of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation by visiting and bookmarking [ELCA500.org](http://ELCA500.org), a growing hub of resources, events and news surrounding preparation for the observance. You also can follow current developments on Facebook at [ELCA Reformation 500](#).

Please look for more information on the **Grace Gathering** in the coming months! Early bird registration will open on **Oct. 31, 2015**. I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans in August 2016!  
Grace and peace to you,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
		1	2	3 Noon ELCA Pastors' study  7PM AA	4 (offices closed)	5 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
<b>6 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:00AM Worship 10AM Fellowship Coffee Hour  	<b>7 Labor Day Holiday (offices closed)</b>   12:30PM Women's Bible Study 5:30-7:30PM GS Troop #43665	<b>8 6:00PM All Ministries meet for meal and group discussions</b>	9	<b>10</b> 11AM Memorial Service for Carol Monahan  Noon ELCA Pastors' study  7PM AA	<b>11</b> (offices closed)	<b>12</b> 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course  10AM-Noon CCSG
<b>13 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:00AM Worship 10AM Fellowship Coffee Hour    <b>Mt. Si &amp; ELCA Day of Service</b>	<b>14</b> 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	<b>15</b> 7PM Council meeting	16	<b>17</b> Noon ELCA Pastors' Study  7PM AA	18	<b>19</b> 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course  11AM-1PM Teen Closet Sorting
<b>20 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> 8:15AM Traditional Worship & 10:45AM Praise Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour  <div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;">             Back to two worship services and Sunday School Begins           </div>	<b>21</b> 12:30PM Women's Bible Study  5:30-7:30PM GS Troop #43665  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 	22	<b>23</b> 11AM Teen Closet Set-up 4-6PM Teen Closet  	<b>24</b> Noon ELCA Pastors' Study  7PM AA	25	<b>26</b> 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
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# Flower Chart for the Sanctuary



DATE	NAME	IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF
Sept. 6	Spurling Family	In Loving Memory of Vila Burt, Debbie's grandma
Sept. 13		
Sept. 20		
Sept. 27		



If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2015**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.

## Worship Assistants for September



SUNDAY SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 9:00AM	Sept. 6 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Summer Worship	Sept. 13 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Summer Worship	SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 8:15AM & 10:45AM	Sept. 20 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Sept. 27 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
<b>Usher</b>	9:00AM Only	9:00AM Only	<b>Usher</b>		
9:00AM	Bob Bartlett Mark Imsland	Tom & Connie Som	8:15AM	Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler	Herman Schlaht Mike Kober
10:00AM	Coffee Hour Fellowship	Food, Fellowship & ELCA Day of Service	9:30AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Coffee Hour Fellowship</b>	
			10:45AM	Mike Hanson Tom Chase	Bob Bartlett Mark Imsland
<b>Counters</b>	Kay Boyle	Ed Benson	<b>Counters</b>	<b>Counters needed</b>	
<b>Communion Assistants</b>			<b>Communion Assistants</b>		
9:00AM	Courtney Adams	Rick Rodriguez	8:15AM	Inge Burnside	Kay Boyle
			10:45AM	Rosemary Hanson	Joanne Chase
<b>Lector</b>			<b>Lector</b>		
9:00AM	Terry Adams	Peggy Halferty	8:15AM	Tom Burnside	Betty Shardelman
			10:45AM	Joan Guenther	Ed Benson
<b>Music Leader</b>	Jack/Lori	Andy/Praise	<b>8:15 Music Leader</b>		

**Worship Assistants**  
If you are interested in assisting on Sunday mornings as Usher, Communion Assistant, Lector, or Acolyte, please call the office and speak to Sheila Rodriguez. She would be happy to add your name to the Worship Assistants list.

Please consider helping with the Sunday coffee hour at Mt. Si. It's a wonderful way to welcome and show fellowship to our members and guests. A sign up sheet is available during coffee hour.



# September Birthdays!




NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
Declan Haycox	2	Sylvia Evans	16
Alisha Oster	3	Patricia Prewitt	18
Bob Bartlett	6	Sam Luna	19
Alice Donohue	8	Rose Wildes	20
Alysa Lilleberg	8	Lenard Benson	25
Stefan Peter Van Handel	8	Kim Buckmaster	25
Mae McLean	10	Kyley Anna Hayes	26
Kailie Graciidis	11	Rodney Thompson	27
Heidi Dukich	12	Lorraine Wilkerson	27
Jane Benson	14	Joan Ritland	29

## Anniversaries!

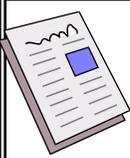


Chris & Lisa Sampson	Sept. 2
Stephen & Tammy Lilleberg	Sept. 4
Paul & Heidi Dukich	Sept. 8
Charles & Jenny Lynch	Sept. 22
John & Erica Haycox	Sept. 25
Jim & Carol Reitz	Sept. 29



Please call the church office at 888-1322 and let us know if we skip your special day.

### Read All About it!!



If you have any questions regarding the newsletter, please call the office and speak with Sheila Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant at 425 888-1322, or via email at [mtsilutheran@mtsilutheran.org](mailto:mtsilutheran@mtsilutheran.org). We would love to include special interest articles, i.e. awards & recognition for sports or academics, special events or gatherings, etc. The **GOOD NEWS**letter is your newsletter, so be sure to share your comments, suggestions, and articles! Visit our website: [www.mtsilutheran.org](http://www.mtsilutheran.org).

### Hospitality Coffee Hour Fellowship and Worship Assistants



We like to encourage a combined fellowship/coffee hour between services in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30. We need volunteers to sign up for hosting the coffee hour. There is always a sign up sheet at the coffee hour. Sue Oster is our coordinator for the coffee hour fellowship. If you would like to help with our coffee hour fellowship, please contact Sue at 425 888-4056 or [sofficka@gmail.com](mailto:sofficka@gmail.com). Also, if you are interested in being a worship assistant, please call the office at 888-1322. Mt. Si needs you!

# Mount Si's Mission and Vision Statement

## THE MISSION OF MOUNT SI LUTHERAN IS:

~SERVING~

Mount Si Lutheran is a Christ centered community in service to others.

~REACHING OUT~

We are following Christ's Great Commission, bringing others to Christ through our love, our faith, our hope and our actions.

~GROWING IN GRACE~

As we grow in understanding of God's unconditional acceptance and forgiveness, we encourage others to grow in the biblical principles of faith, hope and love.

## THE VISION OF MOUNT SI LUTHERAN IS:

To develop ministries that encourage individual and group involvement in service, outreach and spiritual growth.

These ministries follow the Six Marks of Discipleship:

1.~Prayer

2.~Worship

3.~Reading the Bible

4.~Serving at and beyond Mount Si

5.~Spiritual Relationships

6.~Giving of our Time, Talents and Resources

We are a Christ Centered Community Located near Mount Si



### Sunday Worship Schedule

8:15AM Traditional Service

9:15AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour

9:30-10:30AM Sunday School

9:45-10:30AM Adult Christian Ed

10:45AM Praise Service

Fifth Sunday of the Month will be Healing Sunday

7:00PM Wednesday Evening Worship w/Holy Communion

### Summer Sunday Worship Schedule (June 7-Sept. 13)

9:00AM Worship

10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

### The Rev. G. Mark Griffith—Pastor

Sheila Rodriguez—Administrative Assistant

Jack Boller—Council President

Andy Velebir and Carol Reitz—Worship & Music

Lori Murton, Abigail Grimstad & Rachel Combs—Piano

Sue Oster—Custodian

Lori Murton—Treasurer

Leslie Hatling—Financial Secretary

Church Office Hours: M-Th 9AM-12Noon & 12:30-3:30 PM (office coverage may vary)

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