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Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

December 2018

Key Dates:

**Dec. 1st-Holly Days,
Downtown North Bend**

**Dec. 2nd-One worship
service 9:30am followed
with Advent Festival**

**Dec. 8th-Women's
Christmas Party
@10:30am**

**Dec. 16th Christmas
Pageant following
8:15am worship and
brunch**

**Dec. 19th Caroling at
NB Food Bank 3-5pm**

**Dec.24th 7pm and
10pm Christmas Eve
worship**

**Dec. 26th Hot Meals at
NBCC**

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From Pastor Krista's Desk.....

It is hard to know where the days have gone. I have now served here at Mt Si for one year. This is a congregation on the move and I have enjoyed trying to keep up with all that is going on. I also appreciate your willingness to let me throw out some new ideas. As many have realized, I have an affinity for change. That can be a good thing and a not so good thing...and I am aware of that. I hope that the changes that have been made over the last year have been more helpful and useful than frustrating or discouraging. I have a deep respect and love for the faithfulness I see in each of you. It is an honor to serve in this place.

As we move into the season of Advent we find ourselves in a month full of events, opportunities and shifting schedules. I invite you, as I do each Sunday morning, to take a deep breath...just give yourself a moment to collect your thoughts and, if are able, let your mind be still for a moment.

From that place of stillness take a moment to picture in your mind Mary, the mother of Jesus going about her daily life in 1st century Nazareth. She has chores, responsibilities, she is recently engaged and preparing to enter a new chapter in her life. Enter an angel...in an instant all of Mary's careful planning goes out the window, her engagement is in jeopardy, everything is upside down not to mention, "what will her parents think!" You may not have been in Mary's shoes before, but you can appreciate what level of anxiety and fear she might be experiencing in this moment. (I know, you were just feeling all calm and now you are back in a tizzy) Well, hear what the angel says to Mary and says to you, "Do Not Be Afraid." Why? Jesus. Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us, is here.....right now....with you. Always. If you find yourself overwhelmed in this Advent season, take a moment to remember Mary and the words of the Angel and the words of Jesus, "Do not be afraid," "I will be with you to the end of the age." Let those sacred words seep into your life and bring you some peace this season. Let this season be about Jesus...let Jesus be your rock and your salvation. Amen. - Pastor Krista

Caroling at the Food Bank!

The board of the SV Food Bank has asked Mt Si to carol at their Christmas Party for the community on **Wed. Dec. 19th, 3-5pm**. Pastor Krista will also be bringing a craft for the kids from the community to make. We have books already...please let Pastor know if you can come!



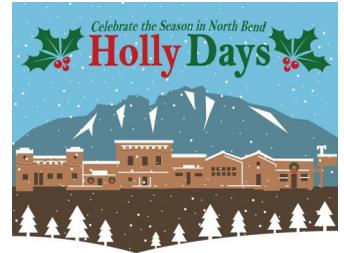
COMMUNITY GATHERINGS!



Happy Holy Holly Days. A day of celebration with the wonderful community of North Bend.

Dec. 1st 4-7pm down town North Bend.

Come by our tent and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate while decorating your own delicious cookie

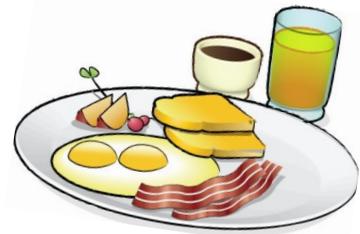


— Downtown Community Celebration —



A Luther's Christmas Play! **December 16th**

Dec. 16th after morning worship (8:15am) there will be a brunch potluck in the Fellowship Hall followed by the very anticipated Christmas Pageant. John C. will play Martin Luther and Erica H. will play Katie Luther with Jenna R. as Ursula. Our children and youth will fill the many other roles to this play. We will start the play around 10:00am and it will include congregational singing. We expect to be done about 11:00am. There is no formal 10:45am worship.

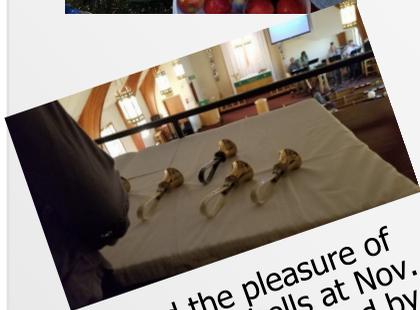


Mt Si is hosting the Hot Meals program at the North Bend Community Church on Dec. 26th. This is a fantastic way to volunteer and serve a hot meal to the great people of North Bend. Please contact Pastor Krista, Erica Haycox, and/or Ambur Brown if you would like to volunteer

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...



Children's Ministry activity of apple pressing was a huge hit! The kids had a great time grinding and pressing apples into delicious apple cider and applesauce! Thank you to everyone who came out and helped!



We had the pleasure of hearing the bells at Nov. 18th's service played by Jenna. Such a beautiful addition to the service



Youth Ministry had a great time visiting Seattle on Nov. 11th.. There were a lot of laughs while visiting Archee McPhee, the Troll, dinner, and ending the night with Compline

ONGOING GATHERINGS...

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS DINNER AND FAITH: Advent 6:30-8:00PM

We are currently working our way through several birth stories in the Bible leading up the birth of Jesus!

Come each some wonderful food and have meaningful and respectful conversations about Scripture and life. We would love to welcome you to the table!

Women's Bible Study every Monday afternoon from 12:30-2:00pm.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast every Saturday morning @ Country Pride Restaurant at 8am

Monthly Birthday Celebration happens the first Thursday of every month at 11:30am in the fellowship hall. Celebrate the birthdays of the current month with cake, conversation and lunch

Quilters gather every Tuesday at 9:30am to make quilts for LWR.

Prayer Shawls & Needlework group meets every Thursday at Mt Si Golf Course at 9:30am



PARISH EDUCATION

Sunday school update- we have been enjoying meeting Biblical siblings and seeing how God worked in their lives. Our meetings are few in December but we look forward to continuing to learn about Gods provisions for us and our families. The New Year will find us meeting more courageous families like faithful Hannah and her much prayed for son Samuel and Naomi and Ruth-not related by blood but family all the same.

The Sunday school teachers would like to wish all our church families and friends
A Very Blessed Christmas & New year.

Sunday School Staff for the 2018-2019 School Year:

Preschool—Peggy Halferty & Rosemary Hanson Kindergarten/First grade—Debbie Jones
Second/Third grades—Courtney Adams Fourth/Fifth grades—Kim Buckmaster & Joanne Chase
Submerge Teen Time—John Grebe
Adult Education Hour—Pastor Krista/ Marlin Olson/Dan Luke
Substitute teacher- Enid Gast

Mount Si Women of Christ Christmas Brunch Unwrapping the Gift of Christmas

“Every good and perfect gift is from above...” James 1:17

WHAT? *Women of all ages are invited to join together and celebrate the joy of the Christmas season!*

WHEN? *Saturday, December 8 from 10:30-12:30*

WHERE? *Mount Si Lutheran Church ~Fellowship Hall*

WHAT TO BRING? *A friend, an ornament to exchange and a brunch dish to share*

*Come for Food, Fellowship, Games, a Drawing for a Christmas Quilt,
Lots of Door Prizes and Fun!*

**Guest speaker will be Karina O'Malley from The Sophia Way~ a program that assists single women helping them move from homelessness to independence.*

A Freewill love offering will be collected for The Sophia Way

ANY QUESTIONS? *See Pastor Krista, Jane Benson, Suzy Cassidy, Erica Haycox, Debbie Jones or Courtney Adams*

*Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall!
Hope to see everyone there!*

COUNCIL CORNER

Council Report.....

As the year winds down and we move into the advent season a number of things are happening.

A congregational meeting was held on November 18. The congregation passed a budget of \$235,304 which is approximately \$8,000 less than last year's budget. We also elected Bill Gast and Marlin Olson to fill the two council vacancies. We will be electing officers for next year at the December meeting.

Our fund-raising campaign to raise money for the roofs is continuing to bring in money. With the help of representatives from Thrivent we will be holding a silent auction for the community in March 2019. The goal for this event is \$20,000. We have already received several commitments from local artists and businesses to donate items for the auction. The roof campaign will run through spring next year. Watch the bulletins and webpage for more information.

John Grebe, our Children Youth and Family ministry (CYF) director, submitted a proposal for an initiative for the CYF ministry. He presented a vision/ mission statement that was developed by the CYF task force over the summer and fall. This statement closely aligns with Mt. Si's Mission statement. From this statement we will be developing goals for the CYF program and then organizing a variety of activities that help us to achieve these goals. For more information on this talk to John.

If you have any ideas or issues you would like to raise to the council, please contact any of the council members or Pastor Krista and we will work with you to get them to the council.

As we move ahead, be watching for opportunities to volunteer to serve in our ministries and help fulfill our mission to serve our members, our community, and the larger world.

Submitted by Jack Boller, Council President

FYI—at our council retreat in Nov. the council made a commitment to reach out and speak to each member in the next couple of months. Please expect a phone call from one of our council members as we work to check in and see how you experience Mt Si Lutheran. We will be asking you to share your excitement, your concerns and how we can best pray for and support each of you in your walk.

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Fundraising Goal: \$100,000 to replace the roofs on the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Please prayerfully consider helping Mt. Si reach this goal! **Current giving/pledges total : \$44,000!**

THANK YOU!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY

Children Youth and Family Ministry

CYF Committee and Integration Task Force

The Integration Task Force has completed the task of evaluating the efficacy of integration within the CYF ministry. The five main topics explored include; the Gospel as a foundation, service to others, leadership and involvement in worship, meeting diverse needs, and mentoring. As we work together to develop a foundation for this ministry we plan on using the work of the Task Force as a lens to look at all events and programs. Each of you contribute to the life of this congregation and it is our desire to understand the best way to value each person! We believe the intentionality leads to purpose driven direction and of course it frees us up to have fun because of the blessed assurance we have knowing we are a faith community!

Children's ministry

We are planning on having an event on Thursday Dec. 20 at approximately 12-4pm. Children and chaperones will be going shopping for supplies for Community Care Kits which are used during visitation and for those who need a little care and love after surgery, when homebound due to illness, or are just having a bad day. We will be having lunch, having some fun, and shopping for supplies. As we get more chaperones we will finalize the plans and share details.

Youth ministry

Hey it is time to celebrate Christmas as a youth group on Dec. 20 4-7pm!!! The theme will be "Christmas Movie characters", so dressing up as fantastic character from a Christmas Movie. We will be making ginger bread houses, individual pizzas for dinner, and last but not least there will be a White Elephant gift exchange. Of course there will be judging and prizes for costumes and houses! Keep in mind that the gifts should be \$10 max and you do not need to buy anything, re-gifting is recommended! More details to come!

Expanding the Children's Message:

December is full of wonder and exciting activities! Consider for a moment how we are building community! Examine the significance of self! Our children and youth are surrounded by constant images and sound bites in this technology driven society. Research reveals that problem solving, creativity, and effective communication can be fostered by perceived risk and challenges.

Did you know that in Bio Dome 2 the scientists discovered the significance of wind in the maturation of fruit trees? Without wind the trees fell over and the fruit fell off the branches prematurely. The reason, "adversity produces resilience". Our brains need adversity as well. In short we need to challenge our youth and children to work through the simpler struggles such as boredom so that they might grow in their resiliency in order to confront greater adversity. Our faith is compounded by adversity when we wrestle with our own understanding and open ourselves to God. This isn't merely blindly following but rather active wrestling with how the Gospel is lived out in our lives. May the season of Advent be an adventure!

Serving together in Christ, John Grebe

****See CYF activity schedule on last page****

Giving Opportunities



Mt Si Christmas Outreach Project

Check out the display in the Fellowship Hall!

HEIFER
INTERNATIONAL
heifer.org

Ever buy a cow for Christmas? Now is your chance to purchase an animal to help enrich the lives of a family in need. A heifer, bees, a llama, or a tree not only helps a family provide food, clothing, or resources for their farm, it helps provide for an entire village. Thrivent will match up to \$250 towards a Heifer

House of Hope is an amazing organization that provides refuge for women and children in need of a roof over their head and resources for a better life. This Christmas we are hosting families in need of everyday supplies along with toys and items to enjoy a very Merry Christmas. All purchased items are to be unwrapped with the tag attached and delivered under the tree no later than Dec. 16th.

Thank you for helping make someone's Christmas extra special this year!



Food of the Month:

Canned Chili



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Martha O'Dell Dec 3
Laura Ritzenthaler Dec 4
Joshua Stone Dec 12
Ed Benson Dec 14
Zowie Karren Dec 14
Eric Kober Dec 14
Jack Boller Dec 17
Madison Lilleberg Dec 20
Lissa Lynn Dec 20
Kay Boyle Dec 21
Michael Harding Dec 22
Deb Mach Dec 22
Chris Sampson Dec 24
Don Oster Dec 26
Nate Chase Dec 30
Haley Chase Dec 30



Brian and Tammy Hayes Dec 2
Jeff and Cathy Yokum Dec 4
John and Lissa Lynn Dec 7
Michael and Rosemary Hanson Dec 15
Abe and Mary Abrahamson Dec 22

A Moment of Thanks

The season of Thanks and Giving . During service on Nov. 25th there was an opportunity to take time to write a thank you card to anyone you wanted. The Church was blessed with a lovely thank you from one of our very own.

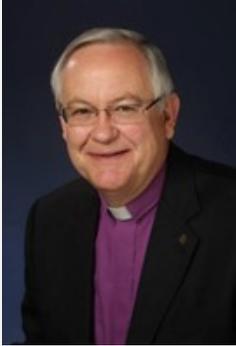
“To Mt Si Lutheran Church:

Thank you for the many things you've done to bless our lives. From welcoming us as new members, to supporting my journey through the reinstatement process, to praying for my family during a death and illness. We are so grateful for all of you!

As I begin internship for 3 months and “disappear” from Sunday mornings, know that I will keep you all in my heart and in prayer.

Deb Mach”





God knows how to disarm the world

Bishop Kirby Unti

Friends, we are living in some disturbing times where violence, bullying, threats and hostility abound. The world can be downright mean. No one is spared—not even mothers and children.

How is one to respond in times like these? Do you just duck and seek cover? Do you remain silent? Do you confront those who are the source?

What many have chosen to do is to up their security systems. It is one of America's fastest growing industries. Others choose to literally arm themselves. While some others practice what is called situational awareness. It

is about being alert to your surroundings and trying to take the necessary precautions. On a recent trip to Chicago I heard a wonderful story from one of our Lutheran Bishops about Munib Younan, Bishop Emeritus of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (He served as bishop from January 1998 to January 2018.)

My colleague was traveling with Munib when they crossed through a Check point between Palestine and Israel. They were met by a security guard armed with an assault rifle who was anything but kind to Munib requiring time to get out of the car before he could proceed.

What Munib did is unimaginable to me. During the interrogation Munib said to the guard, "I don't think you like your job." Obviously, this comment took the guard by surprise. It didn't stop Munib. He asked the guard about his family and discovered he had a girlfriend. Munib increased the level of empathy for the guard's difficult position. Before long the guard put down his assault rifle and wanted to know who this man was.

Munib Younan is one of the most disarming people you will ever meet. He feels so deeply that he has been freed in Christ that he experiences very little fear in what for many is a very frightening place in the world. Everywhere he travels, Munib engages people with this same disarming charm—confronting hostility by revealing the fear that lies behind it.

When I grow up I want to be like him.

We are entering the Advent Season and Christmas. It is a time when we prepare ourselves to worship the Prince of Peace who was born in the same land as Munib. How brilliant of God to enter the world as a baby. I know of no power greater than that of a newborn.. A newborns can quickly take over an entire household. They have the power to make macho men break into tears. They attract admiring looks wherever they go, unleashing a power of endearment that is hard to resist. Yes, our God knows how to disarm the world. This God baby grew up teaching others to turn the other cheek. This baby who became an adult stood up to the likes of Herod and Pilate without batting an eye. Yes, Jesus, the Prince of Peace, has come into the world to disarm it. To disarm the hostility and meanness. To create a world where the stranger is welcomed, and all are accepted. This Jesus has come to face the fear of the world and replace it with peace. Might this Season indeed be a season where each day we pray more fervently: Come Lord Jesus! -BKU

SERVING SUNDAY

Coffee Hour Hospitality

If you enjoy our coffee hour between worship services perhaps you would consider serving as a host for a coffee hour. If you aren't sure what that looks like, reach out to Pastor Krista or Courtney Adams. We are happy to teach anyone how to make the coffee. Goodies can be as simple as you like. The dishwasher makes clean-up easy. Thank you for considering this way of serving here at Mt Si!



Sunday Worship Assistants

Thought about serving during worship? Pastor Krista is happy to train Lectors and Communion servers anytime. We also have someone to train ushers and acolytes. If you are interested please just let us know and we will get you trained and ready. Youth are more than welcome to lector and serve in all other ways on Sunday.

Are you a musician? Want to offer special music at a service? Contact Pastor Krista or Dave Spurling or Andy Velebir to get involved in our music ministry. Thanks!

Flowers

If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2018**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.

Dec. 2nd Presented by The Spurling Family
Dec. 16th Presented by The Luke Family

If you cannot assist on the day assigned, please contact the church office so we can help you find a replacement. Thank you for serving!

Worship Assistants For December

	LECTOR	USHER	COMM. ASST.	ACOLYTE	CANTOR
Dec. 2nd 9:30	Jeff Mach	Tom C/Mark I	Deb Mach	Addison H	
Dec. 9th, 8:15	John A	Bill G/Dana K	Jeff M	Addison W	
Dec. 9th, 10:45	Brenda D	Mike H/Suzy C	Ed B.	Molly D	
Dec. 16th, 8:15	Marlin O.	Bill G/Mike K	Janey B	Kaelynn S	
Dec. 23rd, 8:15	Anne K	Dana K/Tom C	Inge B		
Dec 23rd, 10:45	Lisa S	Mark I/Linda L	Vicki W.	Addison W	
Dec 24th	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Dec 30th, 8:15					
Dec 30th 10:45					

Counters

Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30
Ed/John K	Janey	Erica		

December

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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| 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 8AM Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride Restaurant | 12 | 6:30-8PM Dinner and Faith-Advent 3 |
| 2 | 9:30AM single worship service
10:30AM Advent Festival | 15 | 1PM Susan Olds' Memorial Service
9-10:30AM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal |
| 2 | 2:00PM Confirmation Class | 16 | 8:15AM Special Chrismon Worship
9:30AM Potluck Brunch
10:15AM Christmas Pageant! |
| 3, 10, 17, 31 | 12:30PM Women's Bible Study | 18 | 7PM Parish Education Meeting |
| 4 | 8:30AM-4PM Homeschool Group | 19 | 6:30-8PM Dinner and Faith-Advent 4 |
| 5 | 6:30-8PM Dinner and Faith -Advent 2 | 20 | Children's Day Out 12-4pm |
| 6 | 11:30AM Birthday Brunch
6PM Boy Scouts
4-5:30PM Girl Scouts | 21 | 4-7PM Youth Christmas Party |
| 6, 13, 20, 27 | 6-8PM AA
6:30PM Handbell Practice | 23 | 8:15AM Worship
9:30AM Coffee and Education
10:45AM Worship |
| 8 | 10:30AM-12:30PM Women's Christmas Brunch
2-4PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal | 24 | 7PM Worship
10PM Worship
Office Closed |
| 9 | 8:15AM Worship Service
9:30AM Coffee and Education
10:45AM Worship Service | 25 | Merry Christmas!
Office Closed |
| 11 | 8AM-4PM Small Homeschool Group | 26 | 8AM-12PM Hot Meals @NBCC |
| 11 | 7PM Council Meeting | 30 | 8:15AM Worship
9:30AM Coffee and Education
10:45AM Worship |
| | | 31 | New Years Eve |

Confirmation

December Meeting Schedule

Confirmation Class
December 2nd
See you there!

CYF December Schedule

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| 2 | Advent Festival |
| 2 | Confirmation Class, 2-3:30pm |
| 8 | Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
2-4pm |
| 15 | Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
9-10:30am |
| 16 | Potluck and Pageant meet at 9am. |
| 20 | Children's Christmas play day |
| 21 | Youth Christmas Party Friday
4-7pm |
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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.

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*Are you interested in contributing to the newsletter?
Please contact the church office and let us know!
We are happy to include your articles and stories.
Peace to you!*