



GOODNEWSletter

NOVEMBER 2025

thankful

Pastor's Note...

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

On Oct. 19 we welcomed Kasie as a guest preacher and heard a lesson from Acts on prayer. After worship we shared together a desire to grow in our commitment to prayer and talked through ways we can be a "praying congregation" with more intention.

You all shared that deepening our personal and collective prayer life would draw us closer together in community and to the work we are called to do in the Spirit.

We have a wonderful prayer group that meets each Tuesday at 9:30am here at the church and we have an active Email Prayer Chain. We also have prayer shawls available to any who need one.

We recognized there is more we would like to not only share the resources we currently have - but build new resources for prayer.

Several ideas and suggestions came to light that we will work on together. Here are a few of the items we came up with:

- Share access to the prayer chain on our website and on the bulletin and other publications so everyone - new and old and visiting - has the ability to ask for prayers
- Help remind each other to utilize the prayer chain for thanksgivings as well as needs.

- Work on holding each other accountable to setting aside time each day to pray
- Build prayer into every meeting and activity we have at the church.
- Ask each other more openly, "how can I pray for you?" as well as let folks know, "I'm praying for you."
- Have opportunities to learn various ways to pray and keep track of prayer lists

I am sure there are more ideas out there. Please share your ideas with me of how we can grow as a congregation in our personal and collective prayer life.

Also, if you are interested, please let me know if you think we should/could start a prayer partner ministry. Members would be paired together as prayer accountability partners and check in once a week/month with each other to pray and encourage one another in your prayer life. Thoughts?

Thank you all for your continued faithfulness and courage in the Gospel. I look forward to deepening our prayer life together. I pray this commitment bears fruit and brings glory to God.
Amen!

Peace, P. K.

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SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL MEETING, SUN, NOV 23

Special Events in November



Nov 6-9
Synod Youth Retreat

We are excited to go one again for the Fall Youth Retreat hosted by the Synod. This retreat is open to Middle and High School youth. We are headed to Black Diamond Camp this year. Please pray for Declan and Micah and Pr Krista as they attend this retreat.



Nov 30
Bless This Night Worship
6pm @ OSLC

On the first Sunday of Advent our conference is gathering together to share in Evening Prayer together at Our Savior Lutheran in Issaquah (745 Front St. S.).
5pm - Preview of Bless this Night Liturgy with writers
6pm - Worship
6:30pm - Treats and Fellowship



Nov. 16
Game Night & Spice Pack
5-7pm @ MSLC

Community Game Night & Spice Packing for SVFB! All ages are welcome to a night of food, fellowship, service and fun as we share board games, card games and pack spices for the SVFB. Please bring a snack and/or game to share!
Questions? Ask Pr. Krista



Nov 30
Advent Festival
Following Worship

Are you excited! Advent is here! Come gather after worship on November 30th for a special Advent Festival. We will make Advent wreaths, ornaments and share in a special time of fellowship. This is fun for all ages.
See you there!



Nov. 23
Annual Meeting
Following Worship

Please plan to remain after worship on Sunday, November 23rd for an important congregational meeting. We will vote on the 2026 Budget; vote to approve new council members; hear updates regarding staffing and shared ministry in the conference and more!



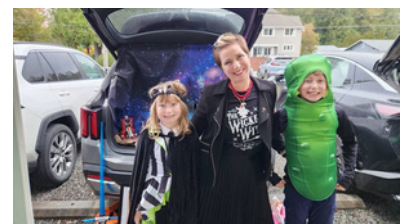
What Child IS This
Advent Theme

During Advent we will center ourselves in worship using the carol "What Child is This" and look deeply behind the nativity scene many of us are so familiar with. Who are these people? Who is this child? A special worship is being prepared for the season. Come, let us worship!

Our mission: to serve, reach out & grow in grace...

Let's Celebrate! Fall Family Festival Photos

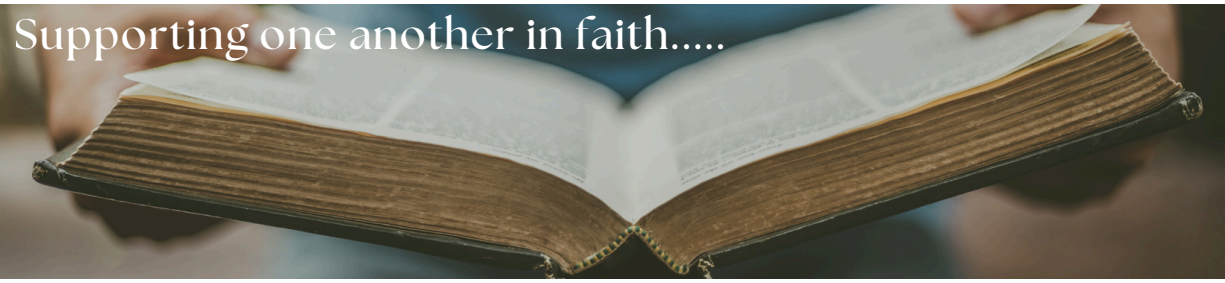
A big shout out to all our volunteers who spent hours decorating, planning and setting up for the Fall Family Festival this year. Thank you to those who helped on the day with various leadership roles and to those who decorated trunks! What a blast!!



You are invited! Weekly Gatherings

- *Come tie quilts on Monday mornings at 9:00am in the quilting room
 - *Women's Bible Study on Monday afternoons, beginning at 12:30pm - in multipurpose room
 - *The Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 9:30am in the Prayer Room
 - *Acts Bible Study meets Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 in the multipurpose room
 - *Men's Bible Study meets Saturday, 9:00 at Little Si Rest.
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Supporting one another in faith.....



Sunday Readings & Weekday Education Opportunities

NOVEMBER SUNDAY LESSONS

November 2 - (All Saints Sunday)

First Lesson: Ephesians 1:11-23
Gospel Lesson: Acts 6:8:7:60

November 9

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-16
Gospel Lesson: Acts 9:1-19a

November 16

First Lesson: 1 Peter 2:1-10
Gospel Lesson: Acts 13:1-3

November 23

First Lesson: John 3:1-17
Gospel Lesson: Acts 17:1-9

November 30

First Lesson: Lamentations 3:46-57
Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-5

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN NOVEMBER

Men's Bible Study - Saturdays, 9am @
Little Si Restaurant.

Women's Bible Study -
Mondays, 12:30pm, Multi-Purpose Room
12:30pm.

Wednesday Bible Study - Acts - You are
welcome to a Bible Study on Wednesday
evenings from 6-7:30pm.

Confirmation - Sunday, Nov. 2nd, 4-7 @
SHLC



Terry Adams 7th
Joanne Chase 7th
Sheila Rodriguez 11th
Tom Lee 13th
Jace Lee 15th
Charles Lynch 17th
Judah Tiongson 21st
Lindsey Cassidy 23rd
Margaret Mantz 23rd

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please reach out to the office so we can make the correction.



Flower Chart Sign-ups

Please consider signing up to bring flowers for our altar on Sunday morning.

This can be in honor or memory of a loved one or event in your life or just because you enjoy flowers!

The flower chart is in the Fellowship Hall hallway.
Thank you for your offering!





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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Bishop's Letter

November 2025

Dear Beloveds,

Across our country, people are struggling – financially, emotionally, spiritually. Division, violence, and uncertainty are paramount. We are living in a time when the weight of the world feels heavier than most of us can bear. Families are being torn apart, communities are threatened, and political leaders are trading compassion for power. Every day seems more chaotic and unmoored than the day before. For many, fear has become a daily companion. We might cry, along with the psalmist in Psalm 13, *“How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?”*

[Pause here. For we must acknowledge the pain that is happening within us and around us. Pause. This might be a long, long pause.] ... Now let us take a deep breath. Now let us move forward.

After we have named the deep wounds within us and across this nation; after we have confessed our grief, our weariness, and our complicity in the broken systems that bind us; after we have allowed the truth to settle in, let us remember that this is not the end of the story. As people of faith, we don't stop at despair and fear. We don't close our eyes or turn inward or try to protect ourselves from more pain. No. Instead we open our eyes, turn outward, and we rise to follow Jesus once more – into the very places and spaces where pain still lingers and where love is most needed.

How do we do this? As people saved by grace through Jesus, how do we look outward and love our neighbor? Here are some ideas from a letter (<https://www.lutheransnw.org/news/letter-from-elca-bishops>) signed by many of the bishops that was published in October 2025. These ideas include:

- Pray for those who are vulnerable and for all who work for justice.
- Advocate in your communities, legislatures, and Congress for laws that protect migrants, advance racial justice, and safeguard LGBTQIA+ people.

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- Engage in the holy work of hospitality, creating spaces of safety, affirmation, and belonging for all of God's children.
- Model respectful dialogue in a polarized world, seeking understanding rooted in love.
- Hold fast to hope, trusting that the Spirit is still at work renewing creation and reconciling the world to God.

As a guide to this holy work, I have always loved the story of Martin Luther who, when the plague was raging in Wittenberg, chose to stay in order to care for the sick and comfort the dying. We might sometimes think of Luther as curmudgeonly and argumentative. We might also think he was more concerned with being saved by grace through faith than loving his neighbor. But Luther's courage and pastoral care during the plague shows his heart and his response to God's amazing grace. For during the plague, as people were dying around him, he stayed and cared and ministered. In 1527 he wrote, "We are bound to each other in such a way that no one may forsake the other in his distress but is obliged to assist and help him as he himself would like to be helped." (*"Whether One May Flee from a Deadly Plague"*)

Above all things, let us not grow weary. Let us continue to hear the summons of Jesus. Let us continue to answer the call to love our neighbor – especially the most vulnerable. And, may we be the ones who, in a weary world, hope as the psalmist hopes at the end of Psalm 13: "*But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord because God has dealt bountifully with me.*"

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
bishop@lutheransnw.org

MSLC Finance Update

General Fund Income from Jan-Sept:
\$ 134,311
Expenses for Jan-Sept:
\$ 133,119
Net Loss Jan-Sept:
\$ 1,192

Please note - we have received \$1,219 from the noisy offering collected each first Sunday of the month for our upcoming Belize mission. THANK YOU! Next noisy offering is on **November 2nd**

Special Funds Update

I want to thank everyone who has donated so far towards our capital campaign. We have raised **\$8,620** so far towards our goal of \$20,000. The windows are now installed and we will begin payment on the windows in November. We have 12 months to pay off the windows through the companies no-interest financing.


The council is working to determine the best use for \$15,000 in designated memorial funds. If you haven't thought about it before, please consider adding Mt Si as a beneficiary to your estate. These gifts make a real impact on the life of our ministry. Thank you!

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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship, 9:30am Baptism AA, 6-9pm	3 MVP - 9-1pm Quilters - 9:30am WB - 12:30pm	4 MVP - 9-1pm PG, 9:30am	5 MVP - 9-1pm GS 4115, 5-7pm Acts Study, 6-7:30pm	6 MVP - 9-1pm AA, 7-9pm	7 MVP - 9-1pm Synod Youth Retreat	8 Men's Bible Study, 9am Little Si Rest. Daughters of Norway 10-12:30, FH Synod Youth Retreat
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16 Worship, 9:30am Community Game Night & Spice Pack, 5-7pm @ MSLC AA, 6-9pm	17 MVP - 9-1pm Quilters - 9:30am WB - 12:30pm	18 MVP - 9-1pm PG, 9:30am	19 MVP - 9-1pm GS 4115, 5-7pm	20 MVP - 9-1pm GSSU, 6-9pm AA, 7-9pm	21 MVP - 9-1pm	22 Men's Bible Study, 9am Little Si Rest.
23 Worship, 9:30am Annual Meeting AA, 6-9pm	24 MVP - 9-1pm Quilters - 9:30am WB - 12:30pm	25 MVP - 9-1pm PG, 9:30am	26	27 Thanksgiving  AA, 7-9pm	28 SVFB Board Meeting - 12:30-2pm	29

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 Worship, 9:30am
Advent Festival!

 Bless this Night, 6pm & OSCL
 AA, 6-9pm

Monthly Gatherings

Girl Scout Service Unit (GSSU)
 Thursday, 6-9pm
 (3rd Thursday)
 Fellowship Hall
SVFB Board Meeting
 Friday, 12:30-2pm
 (4th Friday)
 Multi-Purpose Room
Daughters of Norway
 Saturday, 10-12:30pm
 (2nd Saturday)
 Fellowship Hall

Weekly Gatherings:

Prayer Gathering (PG)
 Tuesdays, 9:30am, in Prayer Room
Women's Bible Study (WB)
 Mondays, 12:30pm,
 Multi-Purpose Room
Men's Bible Study
 Saturdays, 9am, Little Si Restaurant
Mountain Valley Preschool (MVP)
 M-F - 9-1pm
Acts Bible Study
 Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm
 Multipurpose Room

Weekly Gatherings Cont.

Girl Scout Troop (GS 4115)
 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 5-7pm in FH
AA
 Thursdays from 7-9pm
 Sundays from 6-8pm
 Luther's Lounge