



PASTOR'S NOTE

Blessings Dear Siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On Saturday, May 21st, six ELCA congregations gathered for open conversation regarding the potential for shared mission and ministry. Each congregation had 3-5 lay leaders present for the conversation. We opened by asking each congregation to share a bit about who they are. Jack Boller presented for Mt Si. As I listened to each congregation I was humbled at the honesty and vulnerability of each leader. Each shared areas of joy and strength and areas of fear and challenge. One leader in particular stood out as he named that the congregation he is apart of is great at serving the community and hosting wonderful events for the neighborhood, but, he said, “we are particularly good at not letting those who come that we are Lutheran” (or Christian). All of us offered a nervous laughter in response as we recognized some of ourselves in that statement. Needless to say, he didn’t actually see that as a positive quality—but a very real challenge facing his community of faith. It is a very real challenge facing many of our faith communities.

During our Discernment process here at Mt Si we have re-affirmed the deep sense of call towards service of neighbor that runs through this community of faith. We saw that clearly in the Scriptures we chose as our grounding Biblical Story. We saw that clearly in the Spiritual Gifts Assessment outcome that named “service” as the most prevalent gift with “giving” as a close second. I heard that as we began dreaming together about where God is calling us to serve and you all named a desire to explore housing, support of global neighbors and continued partnership with the Food Bank. We also learned that Evangelism and Exhortation are Spiritual gifts we need to learn more about and develop among our faith community.

Why are these gifts important? When these gifts are not developed we run the potential of hosting many wonderful activities and participating in many excellent service projects, but miss our primary call as those sent by Jesus to tell all people about who he is and the promises he offers freely to the whole world.

We are going to spend our Adult Study in June around Evangelism. We will learn more about what we mean by evangelism and ways to be intentional through the activities we already do to share the Gospel. One book we will look at is called “The Art of Neighboring.” I do want to add that the event on the 21st yielded incredible opportunities for shared mission and ministry. The 20+ leaders gathered name several areas they wished to focus in on for the good of all our churches. It was an exciting and hopeful gathering! Our leaders who were present will share their experience with us on June 5th during adult education hour.

Peace, Pastor Krista



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Bishop's Letter on last page—*great read!*
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“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone.”

Philippians 4:4-5

AA

AA will be meeting again at the church every Thursday evening from 7:00pm to 9:30pm



GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts Leaders will be meeting at the church on the third Thursday of each month

SUNDY ADULT EDUCATION

Greetings!

On June 5th - we will hear from Jack Boller, Dave Spurling, Ed Benson and John Grebe as they share about their experience at the Cluster Gathering on May 21st.

On June 12th—The Art of Neighboring Part One

On June 19th—The Art of Neighboring Part Two

On June 26th— What does Evangelism Look like at Mt Si?

- Pastor Krista

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The Women’s Bible Study is meeting again! All ladies are welcome to participate. The Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall each Monday at 12:30pm. They are studying the book of Joshua. If you have any questions, please reach out to Vivian Waid or the church office. Welcome back!

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Each Saturday @ 9am the men gather at Mt Si Golf Course for breakfast and Bible Study. The Study focuses on the readings for the upcoming Sunday worship. Reach out to Dave Spurling or Ed Benson for details.

THIRSTY FOR THEOLOGY

This group meets to discuss various theological topics. This is a low key group that welcomes open minds and hearts. We tend to laugh a lot and rarely get to an answer outside of our grounding in Christ and his abundant grace and mercy. Please bring a beverage of choice to the gathering. We meet at the parsonage next to the church. Reach out to Pastor with any questions.

Our next gathering is on **Thursday, June 2nd @ 7pm**

Topic of conversation: Evangelism, A Lutheran Perspective



COUNCIL REPORT

Greetings from your council.

We approved a request from the Snoqualmie Valley food bank for space to store some non-perishable goods through the summer. We will let them use a corner of Luther's Lounge.

On May 14 a group of volunteers from MSLC joined volunteers from other churches to clean up the grounds of the North Bend Encompass Center. We cleaned several garden plots and prepared them for planting.

Council decided that we will have a paint party this summer. We will be asking for volunteers to paint around the windows and trim on all of our buildings. We haven't decided on a date yet.

As I reported last month, council has been watching our finances closely. Our bank balance as of April 30, 2022 is \$70,917 compared to \$73,181 for March 31, 2022. In order to meet our budget each month we need \$17,092. Our income for April was \$13,463 which is down by \$3,443 from our March income of \$16,879. This is concerning because we had Easter in April and we usually get an increase in giving around Easter.

We will be hosting the Red Cross blood drive on June 21. Note that this is a different date then we originally put out. Contact the Red Cross if you wish to donate blood.

For concerns or questions about facilities and programs please contact a council member.

Jack Boller

Mt Si Financial Summary

Jan-April Budget =
\$62,095
Jan-April Giving =
\$42,318
Jan-April Exp. =
\$55,029
net income/loss =
-\$7,066

*since we print the newsletter prior to the end of the current month, the newsletter reporting will always be one month behind.



Ways to Give



If you purchase from Amazon:

1. Set up Amazon Smile
2. Select Mount Si Lutheran as a beneficiary.

We will receive a percentage as a donation from Amazon to Mt Si. See our website for links and more info.

Make a gift online through our website:

www.mtsilutheran.org/onlinegiving

Thank you for your continued generosity.

-Treasurer

"You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy"
Ps. 16

NEXT Craft Day for Children and Youth

Sunday June 5th

11:30am-1pm at the parsonage

Lunch and crafts will be provided.

Let Pastor Krista or John know if you wish to attend.



SUNDAY Children and Youth Education

FIRST Sunday of each month
10:45-11:30

Questions? Please talk to John Grebe or Courtney Adams



Great day to plant the Mt Si Lutheran Church Garden of Giving. Thanks for those who helped today, especially Brooklyn, Pastor Krista's niece. For those wondering, we planted green beans, peas, zucchini, cucumbers, eggplant, potatoes, lettuce, carrots, tomatoes, peppers, and yellow squash.



Vacation Bible School

**Reserve the dates:
July 24-28**

6-8pm daily

Experience a tropical island getaway!

Registration is on our website: <https://www.mtsilutheran.org/vbs>

We have room for 50 students, so please invite

your friends and register early!

VBS Volunteers and resources:

Thank you for your contributions, on June 5 during worship there will be a special offering.

- We are seeking to borrow decorations related to tropical islands.
- We are also looking for volunteers for a variety of roles.
- All volunteers will need a background check through John G. or Pastor Krista.

FAITH FORMATION

Recently I have been looking closer at the practice of defending faith and the ability to communicate ethical constructs based on facts rather than anecdotal evidence. Our ability to share an opinion is a wonderful part of our humanity. In transformational learning we identify emotional constructs and begin to explore them through critical thinking to form an ethical foundation. It is not that we need to remove emotion but instead we need to find a stronger foundation in empirical evidence that is not influenced by emotion.

An attitude can alter a value from one moment to the next much like the temper tantrum seen in a toddler who is not getting their way or what they want. An ethical foundation does not change in the same way because it is not reliant upon emotion to stay true. This can be experienced with the ideology of joy which we can find in happiness or sorrow.

The significance of this in children and youth is found in the way we support, encourage, and challenge them. Being able to defend an opinion or belief is important both within family relationships as well as how they interact with the world while not under our authority. To encourage growth and to build strength there must be adversarial experiences, for it is through these that we are strengthened.

Being malleable in God's hands is a good thing but we learn to be cautious about the societal winds of change that could throw us about haphazardly. As a community we offer gifts of comfort and support that help to form and guide our children and youth.

John Grebe
Director of Children, Youth, and Families

Summer Fun and Service Festival **Saturday, July 16** **11am-2pm**

A day full of fun, games, and service projects

Families of all ages are invited!

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church in Bellevue

There will be arts and crafts, outdoor games, various service projects, snacks, and even a food truck!

More details to come. Contact Doug Johnson at doug@salc.church for more information.

F.A.M.S.

(Faith Adventures @ Mt. Si)

Wednesday, June 15th

6:30-8PM

Our elementary and middle school program meets once each month.

We include games, crafts, snacks, and scripture lessons for a fun filled evening.

Sign-up ahead of each night on our website at: <https://www.mtsilutheran.org/fams>

We hope to see you here!

GAME NIGHT

Friday, June 17th

All ages are welcome for a fun Game Night!

Are you feeling lucky?

Come try your luck on Friday the 17th. Bring a favorite board game or just come ready to play. From 6-9pm, pizza provided, feel free to bring snacks for later in the evening.

Updates to events are communicated through Constant Contact and an email list of families and friends, if you are not on this list but would like to be included please let John Grebe know.

**JUNE
BIRTHDAYS**



Darlene Lockwood 2nd
Inge Burnside 9th
Paige Lee 10th
John Haycox 15th
Emma Imsland 20th
Julie Imsland 25th
Susan Schuba 30th
Megan Stone 30th

**JUNE
ANNIVERSARIES**



Joe & Denise Stone 14th
Larry & Kay Boyle 20th

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

**QUILTING GROUP
meets on
Monday mornings
9:30-11:00**



All are welcome to come and help tie quilts together with yarn as a group on Mondays and/or make quilt tops and bottoms at home between each Monday meeting. We appreciate any donations of any size sheets or fabric at least 10 1/2 inches wide. Happy quilting! The quilts go to Lutheran World Relief and go to disaster areas all over the world.

**Service of Prayer and Healing for
Our World**

June 5th, 4-6pm

**St. Andrew's Lutheran
Church, Bellevue, WA**

This service will feature special music, prayer and Scripture. All are welcome to attend.



Red Cross Blood Drive

**All participating donors will receive a coupon
for a FREE two-topping pizza at Papa John's
(as well as 20% off all other regular priced menu items)**



**June 21st
10am to 3pm**

Blood Drive registration is live for signups
at www.redcrossblood.org
Donate Blood, Platelets or Plasma. Give Life

The Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. The dangerously low blood supply levels have forced some hospitals to defer patients from major surgery, including organ transplants.
www.redcrossblood.org

The drive is open to the public and a spot can be reserved using the code: MtSiLutheran. If you are interested in helping with this blood drive please reach out to Rick Rodriguez.



BEES IN THE CHERRY TREE

Melody, a bee keeper, came on short notice Sunday, May 22nd to remove a swarm of honey bees from one of the church cherry trees. Here is what she had to say about the process and what will happen next.

It was a small swarm, about just over a pound, maybe 5,000 bees that had settled in the V of the thickest branch in the cherry tree. Half the bees were above and half below the branch, so I could not snip them free or shake them down. I took a good scoop with my hands from above and below the branch and was fortunate to get the queen in the box on the first attempt, then we just had to wait for all the rest of bees to find her make their way into the box.

They are in a small 5 frame box now, they have comb and some honey in the frames and they are busy today flying out debris and bringing in syrup and pollen they immediately got to work. On Friday I will relocate them to Soap Lake, Washington, where I will make sure the queen is laying, treat them for mites and borrow some more honey, pollen and brood from an established hive to ensure they have everything they need for a great summer. They will stay in Eastern Washington with my bees that have been pollinating cherries nectarines and apples, until our blackberries start to bloom, and 1/2 of my hives come back to North Bend for the rest of the summer. Half the honey collected from this hive will be donated to the Snoqualmie Valley Beekeepers club and will be sold at Snoqualmie Days (formerly Railroad days) to raise money for club education expenses.

Thank you for calling me rather than exterminating them! -Melody

Thank you to Terry for noticing the bees and finding Melody to come care for them.

Staff Updates and New Office Hours

We were blessed to find Kathleen T. back in October of 2021. She has been an invaluable staff member and I am so thankful for her hard work and dedication to the role of Office Secretary.

Kathleen is moving out of the area and will no longer be in the office as of June 1st. However, Kathleen will continue creating our bulletin, newsletter, worship slides and weekly News from the Pews from her new residence until such a time as we hire someone new. Kathleen's new contact email is: mtsi.assistant@gmail.com

Other responsibilities will be picked up by Pastor and volunteers.

During the month of June, the office will be open on Monday ONLY from 10-12pm. Pastor will be in the office during that time to take phone calls and drop-in visits. Pastor is available at other time by appointment. Please direct general church questions to Pastor during this transition. Thank you!

The Sunday flower chart is in the Narthex

(area outside sanctuary)

You are welcome to sign-up for a Sunday to provide one vase of flowers for the altar.



JUNE

SUNDAY LESSONS

June 5

First Lesson: Rm. 8:14-17
Gospel Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

June 12

First Lesson: Romans 5:1-5
Gospel Lesson: John 16:12-15

June 19

First Lesson:
Gospel Lesson:

June 26

First Lesson: Gal. 5:1,13-25
Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:51-62

BISHOP'S LETTER

June 2022

Today I walked my dogs. As I was walking, one person told me how beautiful my dogs were. (I agree!) Another person told me they were so glad to see the sun. (Me too!) Another mock-yelled after me when I didn't greet him, "Hey! Aren't you going to say hello?" (I smiled and waved.) I love my neighborhood in South Everett. I especially love that there are several languages being spoken in the homes surrounding mine: there is a multitude of ethnicities, there are different religious expressions, children's voices are heard at all hours of the day, and there are different food smells wafting out windows at dinner time



Even as I experience belonging and love for this neighborhood, though, I am also aware of the troubles and heartaches here. A little girl was hit by a car and died here a few years ago. People have been affected by COVID. Rising prices are causing some to not be able to live here. People who are renting are being forced out when landlords decide to sell. And there are people affected by meth, domestic violence, and so much more behind the walls of the homes in my neighborhood

I think of all of us in the "neighborhood" of the Northwest Washington Synod and how I love our neighborhood. I love the diversity we have in our synod. I love the different geographies, landscapes, languages, ethnicities, cultures, and foods in our synod. As I journey through the 110+ congregations and ministry sites of this synod, I am aware of the deep joys and crushing sorrows, and the connections and the loneliness that surround us. Much like my little neighborhood, there is diversity and there is belonging here. And much like my little neighborhood, there is loss and there is grief and there is difficulty. We cannot ignore that there are thorny and deep-seated social and relational complexities within us as a church and in society as a whole.

Holding the "both/and" of this reality – the true joy and the deep sorrow and frustration – is why the theme for this year's 2022 Synod Assembly is abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now let me say this: While it is true that some may look at our theme, "Abound in Hope" and assume that we are naively optimistic or positive. Others may look at our theme, "Abound in Hope" and think that we do not understand the mountain that we must climb. Still others may look at our theme, "Abound in Hope" and wonder how – with the pain Church has caused many or the sins of our ancestors – that we are only living in the present and not acknowledging the past. To those, this is what I say:

We are abounding in hope. And because we are abounding in hope we are invited into complex and difficult conversations through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are able to face the realities of life today - knowing that we are not alone. We do not ignore or downplay or pretend that there are not sad and horrifying realities in our world today. We fiercely hold on to the hope that comes only through Jesus. And, knowing this, together, we are called to be, share in, and live into the good news that comes through our risen Savior Jesus. And so ... we are abounding in hope. I am thankful to be living in this neighborhood of Northwest Washington Synod with you. May we abound in hope through God's Spirit living in this world and into God's future.

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee