

Special Points of Interest:

- Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th—7PM Wednesday Worship
- Dec. 8th—6PM All Committee Meeting
- Dec. 12th—10:30a-12:30p Women's Christmas Brunch
- Dec. 24th—7PM & 10PM Christmas Eve Worship. Holiday (offices closed)
- Dec. 25th—Merry Christmas Holiday (offices closed)
- Dec. 27th—9:30AM Worship followed by Christmas potluck
- Jan. 1, 2016—Happy New Year. Holiday (offices closed)

# Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

## December 2015

From Pastor Mark's Desk.....

### *Hope and Expectation*

I love the way Thanksgiving ushers us into the season of Advent. We frame the hope and expectation of the season of Advent with gratefulness. And the perspective of gratefulness can make all the difference. I think practicing gratefulness makes being hopeful all the more powerful. Being grateful for the things I have and, the people in my life, fuels my imagination for my hopes for the future. Gratefulness leads to hopefulness. If I become consumed with what I don't have that consumption limits my ability to look to the future with hope. So while not technically a church holiday the practice of Thanksgiving is a Christian practice and one we ought to take seriously.



The word Advent is from the Latin *Adventus*, which means arrival or coming. It is a season in which we look for the arrival of God with us in the person of Jesus. The season of Advent contains two threads that we need to tend to carefully. One thread asks us to remember the historical account of Jesus birth. That is we look back in time and remember that the Word of God was made flesh that Jesus walked the earth and God is with us. The other thread of Advent asks us to look ahead to Christ's return that is when Christ will come again.

Advent is a season of hope and expectation. We look at the world around us and look for signs of hope. Are you on the lookout for things like forgiveness, grace, peace, reconciliation, goodness? Where do you see these signs? I promise if you keep an eye out you will see these signs of hope all over the place. We also imagine things for which we are hopeful as the future unfolds. For what do you dare to hope? Call me crazy but I hope for peace, here in our community, our nation, and abroad. Can we dare to hope for peace in the Middle East? In Syria? In war torn African nations? We can dare to hope because God is with us. This is the radical good news that our hope is not pie in the sky naive pipe dreams that our hope is with us in the flesh!

With gratefulness and hope we can look to the future with expectation. We expect great things to come, we've seen the signs. Just like a meteorologist looks at signs like barometric pressure, moisture content, temperature, etc we look to the world around us and see the signs of the coming of the kingdom that we expect to see new life all around us. We see things like food being distributed at the food bank, clothes handed out at the teen closet, shelter provided for the homeless, and we know that those are signs of our hope. Signs of hope like this allow us to look to the future, to our children's future, and expect to see the reign of God unfold.

Join me in this season of Advent in prayer, in hope, in expectation; let's look for signs of life in the world. And let's share story, share our hopes and dreams, and trust that the incarnate one walks this holy ground with us.



**Dec. 27th—9:30AM  
Worship Service  
with Christmas  
Potluck to follow**

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# Parish Education News!

Sunday School has begun and we are excited for the year ahead. 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:

No Sunday School  
Dec. 27 or Jan. 3  
Resume Sunday  
School Jan. 10, 2016

- \*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- Dana Koukol
- Adult Education Hour- Pastor Mark/Sue Shardelman

## Adult Class

The adults are once again meeting together on Sunday mornings with Pastor Mark as our discussion leader. Bring your Bible, grab a cup of coffee, and join us in the library for lively conversation! We start at **9:45 am**.

**WANTED:** Worship & Music is seeking an individual or several individuals who would be interested in creating and managing the slides for Sunday Worship. Training will be provided. If interested, please speak to Andy Velebir or call the office to inquire.



## *Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services* *Thurs., December 24th @ 7:00PM & 10:00PM*



We offer two candlelight services at Mount Si Lutheran Church on Christmas Eve. The first service will be offered at 7 pm with special music from the praise team. The later traditional service will begin at 10 pm. Each service will reflect the joy of the Messiah arriving in our midst and we will celebrate the gentle rule of Christ that begins with a baby on Christmas morning! Please invite family, neighbors, and friends to join us in celebrating the birth of our Saviorô Jesus Christ!



All contributions will need to be made by **Dec. 28, 2015** to be recorded on your 2015 Mt. Si Contribution Statement. By law, any checks received after Dec. 31, 2015 regardless of the date, will be recorded on your 2016 contribution statement. The last deposit for contributions will be made on Dec. 28, 2015.

Any purchases you have made for Mt. Si, but are not asking for reimbursement, must still be on your Mt. Si contribution statement in order to be a tax deduction. To get those purchases/expenses on your contribution statement, please fill out a "Unreimbursed Expenditures" form and turn it in to Leslie Hatling by Jan.15, 2016. Forms are available on the table by elevator in the Narthex, or from the office.

If you have any questions, please speak to Leslie Hatling, Financial Secretary, or call the office at 888-1322.



## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who brought gift-filled shoeboxes for this year's collection. We collected 30 shoeboxes!

## What's Coming Up....

### *MOUNT SI WOMEN OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS BRUNCH*

*"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works;  
and that my soul knoweth right well." Psalm 139:14*

*WHAT? Women of all ages are invited to join us for a special event as we  
celebrate the joy of the Christmas season together!  
Join us for Food, Fellowship, Games, Singing, Door prizes,  
and a drawing for a hand-made quilt!*

*SPECIAL GUEST: Ali McKeerlich  
Miracles! They do exist today and Ali McKeerlich is here to inspire us with  
her miraculous testimony. Paralyzed from the neck down and learning to  
drive a power wheelchair with her chin...how does an active mother of two  
and lifelong athlete cope? Faith, hope, and courage! After a rare  
neurological disorder and over seven months of invasive treatments Ali  
has amazed neurologists and strengthened the faith in Christians to  
believe in miracles by moving beyond her wheelchair and living an exciting  
life that's full of gratitude.*

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

*WHERE? Mount Si Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall*

*WHAT TO BRING?*

*\*A friend or two and a brunch dish to share  
\*Travel size personal toiletries—we will be collecting these items for the  
Snoqualmie Valley Winter Shelter guests  
~Look for sign up sheets in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall~  
ANY QUESTIONS? see Courtney Adams or Denise Stone*

*Hope to see everyone there!*

### **House of Hope Giving Tree**

This year the Mount Si Women of Christ are honored once again to sponsor a Christmas giving tree for the women & children living at the House of Hope/Mama's Hands houses. Each year we do this to provide gifts for the families who are displaced so they have something to open on Christmas. The houses currently have 9 moms and 25 kids. The tree, located in Fellowship Hall has 2 gift tags for each of the moms and children labeled with specific gift requests. If you are able to help this year we ask that you:

1. choose a tag,
  2. list it on the sign-up sheet by the tree
  3. buy the requested gift & return the gift, wrapped –with original tag attached by Tuesday, December 15th.
- This is a wonderful way to share our blessings with those less fortunate. **Thank you for your support!**





**LIBRARY NEWS**—Check out the FREE Book Cart! If we can help you find a book or 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.



**Mamma's Hands/House of Hope—Can you Help? If so...Please call: 206 915-2073.** House of Hope Wish List: Twin sheet sets, twin comforters, pillows. Bath towels, wash cloths, bath mats, shower curtains. Kitchen towels, paper towels. Anti-bacterial wipes, baby wipes, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products. Full-size shampoo & conditioner. You can bring these items to the church and we will deliver them to the House of Hope.



**Quilters Need Material**—The Quilting Ministry is in need of 100% cotton fabric. They prefer dark or patterned sheets, any size. You can bring it by the church during regular office hours. If you are interested in joining the quilting ministry, please speak to Nancy Anderson, Barbara Touchette, Pat Palmer or Laura Ritzenthaler.



If you are interested in FREE PVC pipe, please speak to Tom Som, Building & Grounds or help yourself to the PVC on the side of the storage building behind the Fellowship Hall.



**New Church Photo Directory**

*Thank you to everyone who participated in our New Church Photo Directory. Lifetouch did a nice job and we are excited to see the photo directory once it is completed. We are still working on updating our roster information so if you have moved or changed phone numbers or emails, please call Sheila Rodriguez in the office at 425 888-1322. I wish to especially thank the Photo Directory 'Dream Team': Terry Adams, Suzy Schuba, Debbie Spurling & Denise Stone. Also the Host Volunteers: Shelley Huestis, Barbara Touchette, Leslie Hatling, Courtney Adams, & Ann Bartlett. We couldn't have done it without each of you!!! ~Sheila*



**VALLEY RENEWAL CENTER**

*Working together to end homelessness in our community*

If you are out and about shopping, the shelter would appreciate it if you could consider buying any of the following items to donate to the winter shelter:

- Little Hotties Hand Warmers & Little Hotties Foot Warmers
- Earplugs (soft ones, not the wax ones)
- Cough drops or hard candies
- Tang or non-perishable juice

- Long johns
- 3-blade razors
- Hot cocoa (in packets)
- Travel-size tubes of toothpaste



**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

<b>President</b> Jack Boller 2015 (1) Email: jboller2@comcast.net	<b>Vice President</b> Heidi Dukich 2015 (1) Email: hedukich@hotmail.com	<b>Secretary</b> Kelly Luna 2016 (1) Email: ksluna@gmail.com	<b>Treasurer</b> Annual Renewal Lori Murton Email: l_murton@hotmail.com
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Paul Ritzenhaller 2015 (1) Email: paul.ritz@comcast.net	<h2 style="color: #006400; margin: 0;">Council Corner!</h2>		Debbie Spurling 2016 (1) Email: angeltender@hotmail.com

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

This is an important time for the future of our church. We are preparing to make some important decisions in the next few months that will significantly impact our future. Some of these decisions were discussed in our congregational meeting held on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The following items on the agenda were voted on at the meeting: 2016 operating budget, new council members, and the winter shelter for the homeless.

The congregation voted to approve a 2016 operating budget of \$240,206. This is \$8,000 less than the 2015 budget. This is mostly due to reducing the salary for a family and youth director to a half time position. So far in 2015 we have been able to pay all of our bills, meet our salary commitments, and make monthly benevolence payments to the Synod. As we approach the end of this year and move into next year we anticipate that we will be able to continue this pattern.

We needed to select two new council members. Peggy Halferty and Jane Benson each volunteered to serve on the council. The congregation voted overwhelmingly to approve their appointment to the council.

There was a lot of discussion about hosting the winter shelter for the homeless. Following the discussion the congregation voted to approve hosting the shelter from November 24 to January 7, 2016. This approval was contingent on having a signed Memorandum of Understanding with Congregations for the Homeless regarding the length of our commitment and the conditions of our hosting. This agreement has been put in place. At the end of our commitment the shelter will move to the Snoqualmie United Methodist Church.

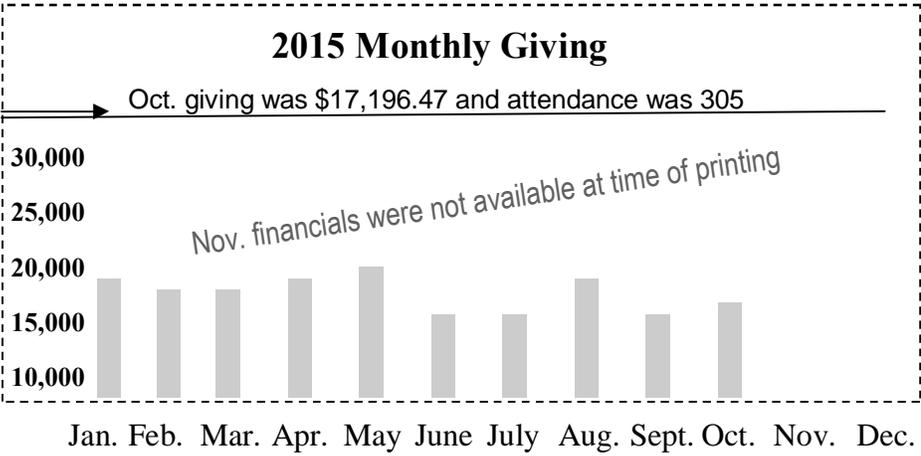
We discussed four options for the future of the parsonage. The options discussed were: Sell it to Life Enrichment Options (LEO) for use as a group home for developmentally disabled adults; enter into a long term lease with LEO; sell it on the open market; retain ownership and rent it out. After much discussion the congregation directed the council to flesh out the proposal to sell it to LEO and bring it back to the congregation for a vote. Following the meeting Pastor and I along with representatives of the Building and Grounds Committee met with representatives from LEO. We reached tentative agreement on where the property boundary should be. We began discussion of a selling price and will be working with the council to put together a proposal for approval by Leo and the congregation.

As we move into Advent we will be reviving the Wednesday night services. The plan is to continue them through Lent and then decide if we want to continue with them further. For more information, talk to Pastor.

We are continuing our monthly Committee Night meetings. This is a good way to participate in the life of our church. We start with Pizza at 6:00 and business begins at 6:30. Our next meeting will be December 8<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all there.

**Don't forget, your council members are your elected officials that you have entrusted with the workings of your church. Feel free to contact them to discuss issues that you feel are pertinent to the life of your congregation.**

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.



**Sunday, Dec. 27th only  
one service at 9:30AM  
followed by a Christmas  
Breakfast Potluck**

Please come join us in the Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship. Watch for a sign up sheet to bring something to share.

### 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.

### 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.**

**Church offices will be closed  
Dec. 24th & 25th and Jan. 1, 2016**

### Snoqualmie Valley Winter Shelter Opened Nov. 24, 2015

We are excited to announce that Mt. Si Lutheran Church is hosting the first portion of the Snoqualmie Valley Winter Shelter. The shelter hours will be 8:30PM-7:30AM, seven days a week. To help with meals, please go to [www.valleyrenewalcenter.com](http://www.valleyrenewalcenter.com) (click on "provide a meal", then "take them a meal") Scroll down, find a date and sign up to bring a meal and help serve. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Kirk, Shelter Director 425 505-0038 or [director@valleyrenewalcenter.com](mailto:director@valleyrenewalcenter.com).

**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 Mark. 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.

# The unsettled season of Advent

By Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

## **In incarnate Christ, God finds us and gives restless hearts rest**

*O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 257).*



Advent. We were just here it seems. It's a season of preparation and anticipation. It can become exhausting and relentless. The commercial run-up to Christmas has certainly gotten longer. Sometime right after Labor Day the holiday displays appear in stores, ads pop up on our laptops and hand-held electronic devices, and carols creep into Muzak. And the annual holiday worship war between pastors and people will be waged over whether to sing Christmas carols in church during Advent. I will not weigh in on that epic debate in this column.

Instead, I want us to consider the deep and holy longing that is part of this season. It is significant that the words of the prophets and the yearning of Israel in exile are so prominent in the lessons appointed for Advent. The people longed for the Lord to come, to act, to redeem them, to take them home. Their exile in Babylon was no longer harsh. Many had made good lives, raised children and settled in. But it wasn't quite right. They were physically present in Babylon, but their hearts were not there.

I think Advent is that way for us. The earth is God's good creation. We find much joy in this life. As Lutherans we do not withdraw from the world but engage it, believing that it is a gift. But we also know that it is not quite right. That there is brokenness and pain — the pain we experience, the pain others cause, the pain we cause others. And, because of our brokenness, we turn in on ourselves trying, in futile self-sufficiency, to make ourselves whole.

In some ways Advent creates a certain restlessness. It may be one of the few seasons of the year when we become more aware of our longing for wholeness and more alert to the signs that something is approaching. It's like hearing a sound in the distance that heralds something, but we just can't quite make it out. I believe Advent is a liminal time, a threshold. The Celts called this a "thin place," a place and time where heaven and earth seem to touch. It's just there, just out of sight, just out of reach. And we are filled with a holy longing. Isaiah said it: "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down ..." ([Isaiah 64:1](#)).

What is it about us that makes us care, that makes us restless? Isaiah also wrote: "Yet, O Lord, you are our Father, we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand" ([Isaiah 64:8](#)). It seems that this Advent longing is an awareness that apart from God we are not whole. In Advent we find ourselves in the unsettled and restless time between the ending of the old year and the beginning of the new, a thin place where we draw near to God realizing, as Augustine wrote, "You have formed us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you" (Confessions).

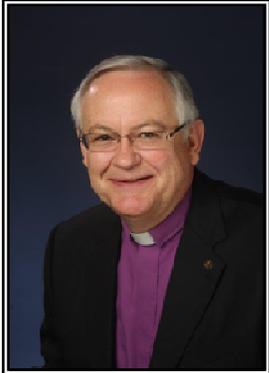
A monthly message from the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Her email address: [bishop@elca.org](mailto:bishop@elca.org)

Borrowed from "The Lutheran Magazine, December 2015



# The Spirit

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## No Room at the Inn?

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Bishop

*And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." Matthew 8:20*

One of my fond memories of Christmas at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Renton was the child-sized nativity scene that was set up in the narthex. The children of the congregation were utterly fascinated by it and could often be found playing among Mary & Joseph, the Wisemen and Shepherds. In fact, one year a child made off with the Baby Jesus.

The nativity scene stirs up the child in me. The child who is captured by the incredibly sad news, "That there was no room for them in the Inn."

This sad news has now become a reality in every town of this Synod. We have families and individuals who are rebuffed with the same message. "There is no room for you in the Inn." So, we find people sleeping in the cars, in tents, on bus shelter benches, and any place that they can find a barrier from the cold and damp Northwest nights.

I cannot imagine trying to survive out of doors night after night. I so easily become cold - even while living indoors. It would be my worst nightmare.

I am grateful that so many of our congregations and ministry sites are committed to trying to provide housing for those who go without. I don't think it is any accident that the Christmas Story includes lodging the Holy Family in a stable. This is the God I know. The God who hears the cry of God's people and comes down to be with us. This is the Jesus I know who enters into the forsaken, rejected, brokenness of the world. This is the Spirit I know who when everyone else is absent comes to counsel and comfort.

What would it mean if the community could see every family without a home as the Holy Family? What would it mean if every person who has to seek some form of flimsy shelter in the cold would be seen as the Baby Jesus?

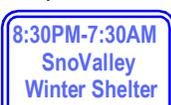
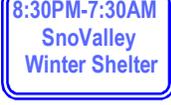
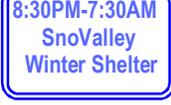
Is it possible we might treat our sisters and brothers with greater kindness? Is it possible that we would have the political and moral will to put an end to the reality that there are those who go without shelter?

I invite you during this Advent / Christmas season to see those who struggle the most in our community through the eyes of a child - the child who cannot wait to pick up the Baby Jesus from the crèche, wrap them in warm blankets and hold them tightly in love.

P.S. You will note that I did not use the phrase, "homeless people." For me, it has become a demeaning term. Homelessness describes their lack of shelter. It should never define who a person is. They are persons without a home.

Synod Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm  
Staff:  
Rev Kirby Unti, Bishop  
Rev Kathryn Buffum, Assistant to the Bishop  
Rev Jerry Buss, Assistant to the Bishop & Director for Evangelical Mission  
Rev Nancy Winder, Assistant to the Bishop  
Margaret Spatafore, Synod Office Administrator  
Susan Berg, Synod Relations Administrator

**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)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<h1>Mt. Si Lutheran</h1>				
<b>29 First Sunday of Advent</b> 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Advent Festival/Decorate Church 	30 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	<b>Dec. 1</b> 3:30-5:30PM G.S. Tr. #42902	<b>2 7PM Worship</b> 	3 Noon ELCA Pastors' Study  7PM AA	4 12:30-2:30PM GS Tr. #42385	5 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 10AM-Noon CCSG 4-7PM North Bend Holiday Festival
						
<b>6 Second Sunday of Advent</b> 8:15AM Traditional Worship & 10:45AM Praise Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour	7 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	<b>8 6:00PM All Ministries meet for meal and group discussions</b>	<b>9 7PM Worship</b> 	10 Noon ELCA Pastors' study  7PM AA	11	12 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course <b>10:30am-12:30pm Women's Christmas Brunch</b>
						
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<b>27 First Sunday after Christmas</b> 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Potluck 	28 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	29	<b>30 7PM Worship</b> 	31 Noon ELCA Pastors' Study  7PM AA	<b>Jan. 1, 2016 Holiday (office closed)</b> 	2 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
						



# December Birthdays!



NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
Bernice Prindle	2	Jack Boller	20
Martha O'Dell	3	Madison Lilleberg	20
Lauralee Ritzenthaler	4	Lissa Lynn	21
Sue Shardelman	5	Kay Boyle	22
John Auxter	10	Christopher Sampson	24
Joshua Stone	12	Don Oster	26
Rosemary Stethem	13	Carol Reitz	26
Ed Benson	14	Haley Chase	30
Zowie Karren	14	Nate Chase	30
Eric Kober	17		



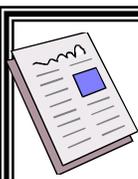
## Anniversaries!



Brian & Tammy Hayes	Dec. 2
Dave & Suzie Franson	Dec. 3
John & Lissa Lynn	Dec. 7
Doug & Paula Jones	Dec. 10
Andy & Linda Velebir	Dec. 11
Michael & Rosemary Hanson	Dec. 15
Abe & Mary Abrahamson	Dec. 22



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 [soflicka@gmail.com](mailto:soflicka@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

(watch for details when our Wednesday Worship resumes)

### 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-F 9AM-12Noon & 12:30-3:30 PM

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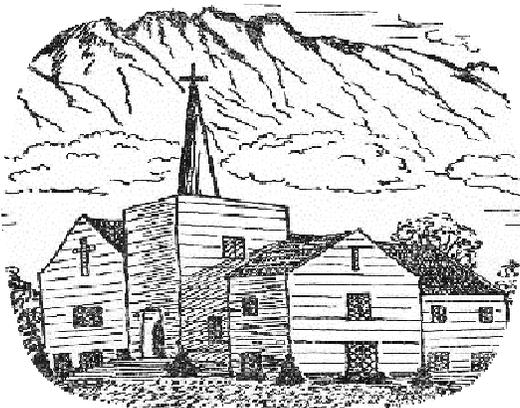


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