



Grace and peace to you beloved of God,

In September we find ourselves celebrating the 10 year anniversary of God’s Work. Our Hands. Sunday. As a congregation, we will again participate in a day of service and outreach to our community (Sept. 10th). In addition, as part of the 10 year anniversary, I invite you to consider taking part in one or more of the following “10 for 10” opportunities through the whole month of September. These are meant to be a fun way to spend time connecting with each other, with God and with our community. And, it doesn’t have to stop in September. Feel free to look over this list anytime and consider if one of these activities may be a blessing to you and those around you.

As in any service or task we do as followers of Jesus we keep at our core the understanding that we do these not to please God or gain God’s favor—we already have God’s love, forgiveness and grace through Jesus—we serve and seek to stay connected to God out of thankfulness and praise for all we have received.

Enjoy these opportunities to connect!

1. 10 min of Prayer  
Pray 10min a day
2. 10 Thanksgivings to God  
Give thanks 10 times (or more) to God during the month for specific events/moments
3. 10 Thank You’s  
Say a word of thanks to 10 people during the month
4. 10 Personal Affirmations  
Remind yourself 10 times (or more!) that you are a beloved child of God!
5. 10 External Affirmations  
Remind 10 people they are a beloved child of God!
6. 10 min of Scripture  
Spend 10min a day reading the Bible
7. 10 hrs of volunteer work  
Spend 10 hrs. serving the community in September, here are some ideas!  
(ideas: Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank, Senior Center, Treasures from Heaven)
8. 10 min Listening to God  
Spend 10min a day listening to God  
(ideas: time of silence, be out in nature, listen to music  
bake, knit or other activity that helps clear your mind)
9. 10 min Listening to Others  
Spend 10min a day listening to a friend or stranger  
(ideas: make phone call, meet for coffee, etc)
10. 10 Learnings  
At the end of the month consider 10 things you learned or experienced while participating in the 10 for 10 offering

If you find you have the time to complete any of these on the list, please take time to go into the Fellowship Hall where a cross with branches will be waiting with a bowl of felted bees. You are invited to place a bee on the tree. I promise it will make sense in due time! And, if you just wish to place a bee there—go for it! They will be available later this month.

Blessings,  
Pr. Krista



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**Special points of interest**

- Bishop’s Letter on last page—*great read!*
- Council Report pg. 3



### **MOUNTAIN VALLEY PRESCHOOL**

Class begins September 5th,  
and runs M-F from 9-1pm.

Questions? Please ask Jack or  
Pr. Krista. Please welcome  
Keeley when you see her!



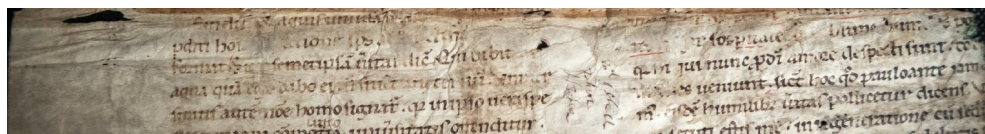
*Updates to events are com-  
municated through Constant  
Contact and an email list of  
families and friends, if you  
are not on this list but would  
like to be included please let  
Pastor Krista know.*

#### **AA**

Will meet Thursdays in  
Luther's Lounge weekly - 7 pm  
Ogle Street entrance

#### **GIRL SCOUTS**

The Girl Scouts Leaders  
meet the 3rd Thursday  
of each month



### **THIRSTY FOR THEOLOGY**

Thirsty for Theology will gather around the parsonage fire pit or inside depending on weather at 7pm on Thursday, October 5th—Please note the change back to Thursday for the fall and winter due to Confirmation on Wednesday nights.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Mondays at 12:30 starting on September 11th If you have any questions, please reach out to Vivian Waid.

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Each Saturday @ 9am the men gather at Little Si Restaurant in North Bend 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.

### **SUNDAY EDUCATION**

#### **Intergenerational Education Hour in the Fall**

#### **Theme: Fruits of the Spirit**

**Beginning Sept. 17th - November 19th following worship**

We are excited to try something new this fall with our education hour. Kids and Adults will meet together in the Fellowship Hall where we will learn together about the Fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5)

After sharing together we will break into groups for certain discussion and projects.

We look forward to taking this time to deepen our understanding of the Fruits of the Spirit and our relationship with Jesus. See you in September!



## COUNCIL REPORT

Greetings from your council.

Our income in July was \$15,726. Our expenditures for June were \$17,353. This is a loss of \$1,628. The expenses included an initial payment of \$4,515 for repairing the kitchen floor in the parsonage. Some of this expense will be recovered when we receive our final payment from our insurance company. At the end of the month we had \$52,756 in our checking account.

I received word from Re/Max Northwest regarding their search for a congregation looking for a place to meet. We are interested in finding a group that would pay us rent to share our facilities with them. Re/Max has reached out to some groups and has shared our information with other realtors in the area. They will get back to us in September to report their progress.

We will be having our congregational meeting on November 12 following the service. Please put this on your calendar and make an effort to be there. We need a quorum to approve the 2024 budget and to approve changes to our constitution that we proposed in January. If you can't make it in person, you will be able to join in by zoom.

On September 24 during the Coffee/education hour we will hold a planning session for our 75 th anniversary celebration next year. We will set a date for the celebration and decide what activities will be part of it. If you have any ideas, please share them with me or Pastor Krista.

Looking forward to next year, we will have at least four vacancies to fill on the council. Please give consideration to joining us as we move forward in this time of change. The term is for three years with an option to continue for a second three years. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. If you are on council and decide that it is not working out, you have the option to resign.

Jack Boller

### **Blood Drive September 12th 10-3pm**



Blood Drive registration is live for signups at:  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) *Donate Blood, Platelets or Plasma.Give Life*

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

### **SEPTEMBER SUNDAY LESSONS**

#### **September 3rd**

First Lesson: Psalm 138:1-8  
Narrative Lectionary Text:  
Gal. 5:13-18; 22-25

#### **September 10th**

First Lesson:  
Matthew 25:34-40  
Narrative Lectionary Text:  
Genesis 2:4b-25

#### **September 17th**

First Lesson:  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Narrative Lectionary Text:  
Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

#### **September 24th**

First Lesson:  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
Narrative Lectionary Text:  
Genesis 32:9-13, 22-30



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



### Save the Date

**Sunday**

**November 12**

Following Worship—please stay or connect via zoom for our annual meeting. At this meet we will vote on constitutional changes, budget and council members.

Your presence is greatly appreciated.

Did you take photos of an event with Mt Si that you would be willing to have used in our newsletters or other promotional purposes? Short videos are also appreciated. Please send to Kathleen at: [mtsi.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:mtsi.assistant@gmail.com)



“God’s work. Our hands.”



Join us for a day of service!

**God's Work.  
Our Hands.**

**Sunday, September  
10th**

It is time again to gather and celebrate with sibling congregations around the ELCA for God’s Work. Our Hands. Sunday. We will share in a special worship on Sunday September 10th followed by opportunities to serve with one or more of our five service projects

1. Onsite Project: Install of PVC irrigation in Garden of Giving  
Team Lead: Terry A.
2. Offside Project: Volunteer to assist at SVFB in North Bend  
Team Lead: Courtney
3. Onsite for all ages: Blessings Rocks  
Team Lead: Pastor
4. Onsite for all ages: Birthday Bags  
Team Lead: Sheila and Lisa
5. Onsite: Meal  
Team Lead: Janey B.

Thank you to those who have already signed up to help with the meal.

If you are able, please consider donating to help with the birthday bags. Items needed include:

Cake mix, plates, napkins, candles, frosting, table clothes and party favors

We look forward to worshipping and serving with you all on Sunday, September 10th! Remember your yellow t-shirt!

Take a look at Pr. Krista’s note on the front page to learn more about how we are honoring the 10th anniversary of God’s Work. Our Hands Sunday.

Plus, check out the photos from previous GWOH Sunday activities over the years. Thanks to Courtney for putting this together!

## FAITH FORMATION



### All Ages Invited!

**September 17th, 5-7pm @ MSLC**

All are welcome to come to our cluster family game night for all ages. We will meet the third Sunday of each month.

Each month we will be in a new location and enjoy the hospitality of our sister congregations.

A dinner will be provided.

As hosts of the September event we are excited to kick-off this new gathering. Get ready to play!

### Youth Fall Retreat

**All Middle and High School Youth**

**November 10-12**

@ Camp Lutherwood in Bellingham



You do not need to be in Confirmation to participate.

Several other congregations are participating in this event.

Questions about the retreat? Please reach out to Doug Johnson [doug@salc.church](mailto:doug@salc.church) for details.

Registration is open! Ask Pr. Krista for the link. If you need help with the cost, please let Pr. Krista know.

## CONFIRMATION

We will meet on  
**Wednesdays from  
4:45 to 5:45 pm.**  
Our first class will be  
**Wednesday, October 4th.**

This year we will focus on an overview of scripture from Genesis to Revelation. We will focus on major biblical characters and the overall outline of the biblical story. Please hold our confirmands in your prayers. Our second year students are Austin H., Kaelynn S. and Judah T. Our first year students are Kelsey H. and Annie S.



## HARVEST CARNIVAL

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**OCTOBER 21st**



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



Declan Haycox 2nd  
 Alisha Blakely 3rd  
 Kelsey Harding 6th  
 Stefan Van Handel 8th  
 Kailie Graciidis 11th  
 Heidi Dukich 12th  
 Jane Benson 14th  
 Kim Buckmaster 25th  
 Lesia Tiongson 27th  
 Lorraine Wilkerson 27th

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**



Christopher & Lisa Sampson 2nd  
 Marge Bliss 7th  
 Paul & Heidi Dukich 8th  
 Charles & Jenny Lynch 22nd  
 John & Erica Haycox 25th

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

**Si View Farmers Market**

**Last market was on September 7th  
 Thank you volunteers!**

**We offered free crafts  
 to children and youth.**



**Tiny House Build Update**

We had close to 30 volunteers help with the Tiny House build over two weeks here at Mt Si. We partnered with St. Andrews and Sammamish Hills adults and youth to make this project happen.



This project would not have been possible without the support of so many whether financial or through gifts of time and talent.

The youth engaged in multiple service projects alongside the build. Through it all they deepened relationships with each other and some real bonds were formed. Thanks be to God! Can't wait to see what God does next!



**Outdoor Worship** on August 20th was a blast! What a joy to worship together with SHLC, GCLC, COCLC and MSLC. Working with Pr. Jimmy, Pr. Wendy, Pr. Dave T., Pr. David S. and Pr. Nyla was a real treat. Thank you to all who came out wo worship! A big thank you to Nancy who led worship for folks who couldn't attend the outdoor gathering.

**The Sunday flower chart is in the Fellowship Hall outside of the library.**

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

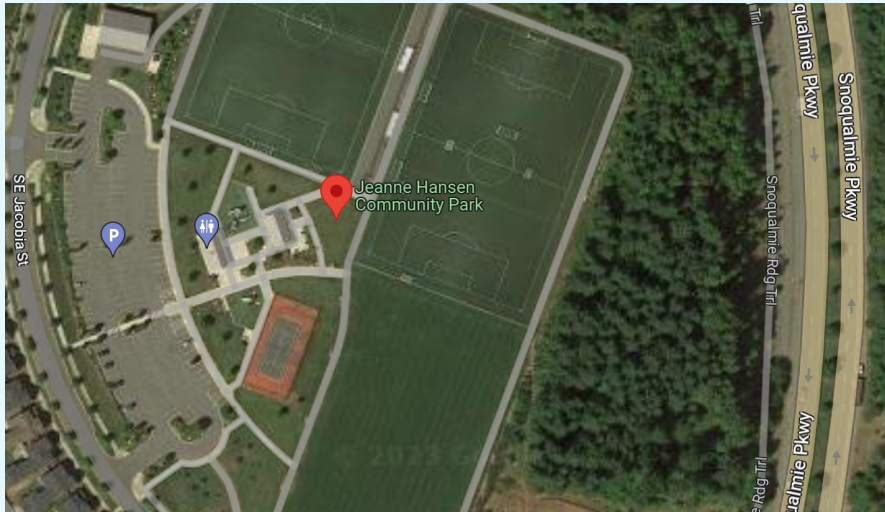
# All Church Potluck Picnic and Outdoor Worship Friday, September 8th 5-7pm @ Jeanne Hansen Park

*This park is accessible with a short walk from parking to the covered area. Please make sure to account for the construction on the parkway which is can add 15min or so to the drive depending on build-up.*

Thank you to all who signed up to bring food to share. Hotdogs, condiments, utensils, and beverages will be provided.

We will play games, fellowship, enjoy a meal and share in worship together. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Pr. Krista

The park is located on Jacobia off of the Snoqualmie Parkway.  
34226 SE Jacobia St, Snoqualmie, WA 98065



## The 2023 Thrivent Action Team Board

***Did you know that Thrivent Financial for Lutherans awards \$250 gift cards as “seed money” to help fund activities that benefit the church community – including events that educate church members about Lutheran missions?***

If you have project you would like to be considered for a card donation, sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway off fellowship hall listing the project and the date! If you have cards you would like to apply for and donate please check out the board too!

The cards do take some time to process so don't delay if you have a project coming up in the near future!

***Together we can make a difference.***

## We Need Your Support

***Make a gift online through our website:***  
[www.mtsilutheran.org/onlinegiving](http://www.mtsilutheran.org/onlinegiving)

Thank you for your continued generosity.

-Treasurer



## Garden of Giving

Garden of Giving is still producing lots of vegetables! Reach out to Terry Adams if you would like to help.



# BISHOP'S LETTER

September 2023



I went to the musical 1776 a few nights ago where I learned some new things about how the Declaration of Independence came to be written. As I watched, I felt proud to be an American – to be part of a group of people who wanted freedom from tyranny, freedom to vote, freedom from an empire far away.

There were also moments in this play when I was horrified at some decisions made. At the last minute, the clause to abolish slavery was removed so that all of the representatives would sign the document. The most powerful song in the musical, Molasses to Rum, reminds the audience how all the colonies were complicit in the selling of humans – not just the south. (<https://genius.com/John-cullum-molasses-to-rum-lyrics>)

As an American, I hold two realities. First, I rejoice in the wonder and aspiration of the United States of America. I am grateful for this country and I love what it is striving to be. At its best, it is a country where freedom and liberty are supreme. It is a place where care is given to those arriving on its shores. It is a place where people can freely go to church and other places of worship (or not go at all). In short, the United States is a promise of what can be.

At the same time, I hold the truth of this country's sins. Enslaved men built the White House, the U.S. Capitol building, and others. Homes of former presidents including George Washington's Mount Vernon and James Madison's Montpelier were built by men "owned" by them. The land that we in the Northwest Washington Synod are living on was once land that belonged to Samish and Duwamish, Lummi, and Muckleshoot and many others. Japanese people were unjustly imprisoned during World War II. Sundown laws and redlining laws were written throughout this country. As a white woman, I know that I could not vote until 1919. For women of color, the right to vote did not come until later. People who are part of the LGBTQIA+ communities have been harassed and discriminated against, beaten up and killed in this country. And discriminatory practices and violence continue to this day. In short, the systems in this country have violated and harmed people since its inception.

This is what it means to be an American: to vote, to engage in civic society, to appreciate this country, to grieve past and present sins, and to truthfully stand up and speak when it falls short of its ideals.

But what about those of us who are American and also Christian? Unequivocally it means that as much as one might love this country, this is not where our ultimate allegiance lies. For we are part of the body of Christ that extends beyond the borders of any country. As Lutheran Christians, we know that we are named, chosen, and called by God through Jesus. We hold deeply the joy that we are freed from sin, and, because of this, we are called into radical love, acceptance, and welcome – far beyond being a citizen of any country. We are freed to live beyond racism, injustice, and bigotry. Martin Luther wrote that freedom is a gift from God, not just for our sake, or our country's sake, but for the sake of the world.

Tragically, there are those who want to distort this freedom. To somehow merge Christian and American identities. Rather than freedom, conflating religious authority with political authority leads to tyranny and marginalization - especially of minority groups. Christian Nationalism is neither patriotic nor is it faithful. You do not have to be Christian to be a "true" American. And you do not have to be American to be Christian. At its heart, it is idolatrous. As the First Commandment states, "You shall have no other gods."

Together, as faithful Christians, let us live into Jesus' words –into radical love, acceptance and welcome. Let us speak truth to power and stand with those without power. Let us follow Jesus who commands us to love everyone as our brothers and sisters and siblings including our fellow citizens, those of other belief systems, and those of other nations. Together, as faithful Christians, let us stand up and speak out against Christian Nationalism and any system that marginalizes, harms, and subjugates another. As Jesus announces in the gospel of Luke, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'

For freedom Christ has set us free. May we live and dance and revel in the freedom of Christ.

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee