



PASTOR'S REPORT

Grace and peace to you, dear siblings in Christ—

Over the last five weeks you were invited to consider five unique Biblical Stories and ask three questions of each text:

1. What is the Gospel in this passage? (Gospel-good news)
2. What is the Gospel message “for you” in this passage?
3. What is the Gospel for your/our neighbor in this passage?

You were invited to share your input via email, conversation or in our class each Sunday. After reading the five stories we then asked the question, “which of these stories best speaks to our congregation and how we understand God to be calling us to serve?”

We reached the consensus that two of the five stories would serve us well as we move forward in our discernment process. See the Adult Ed article on pg. 4 to see what the next step is!

I am excited to share that our two stories are:

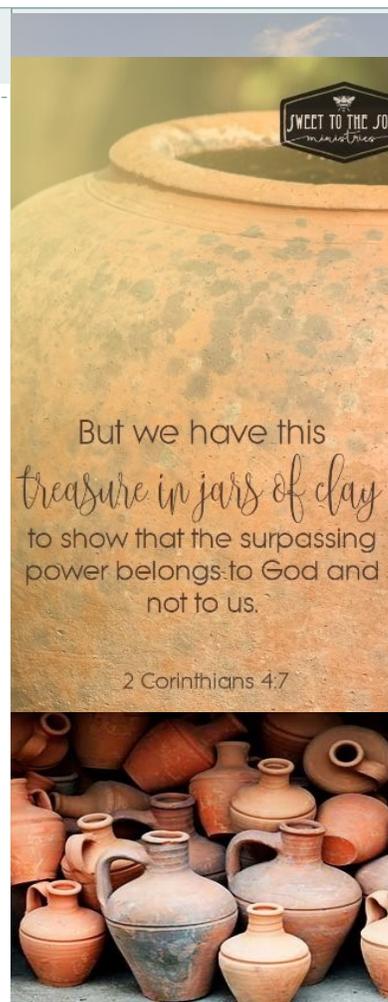
1. Matthew 25:34-40—This story gives clear direction to Jesus' followers for what types of service we called to be apart of in our congregation and in our personal walk of discipleship

- Feed the Hungry
- Provide drink to the thirsty
- Welcome the stranger
- Clothe the naked
- Care for the sick
- Visit those in prison

2. II Corinthians 4:11-8—This story teaches us humility and speaks clearly of our call to share the Gospel and teach/preach Christ and not ourselves. We are reminded that we have the light of Christ in us. We are referred to as clay jars in the text as a reminder of our own fragility and the wonder that God would choose us to be the vessels of Christ's light.

Please read these texts often over the next few months—they will be used to guide our conversations around ministry goals for the next few years!

Peace—P. K.



But we have this
treasure in jars of clay
to show that the surpassing
power belongs to God and
not to us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

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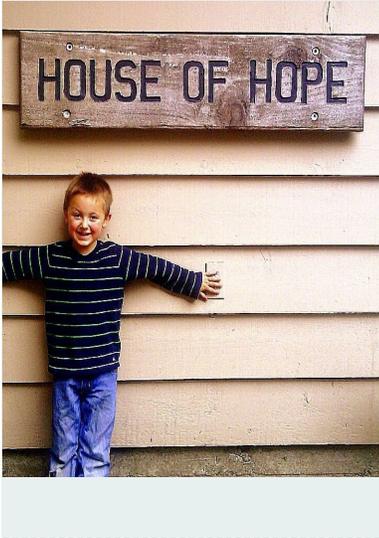
SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Power of Hope Dinner Gala
November 13th
- Advent Festival—December
5th
- Bishop's Letter on last page—
great read!

“POWER OF HOPE DINNER GALA”

Saturday, November 13th

Dinner at 6:00PM



At The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge.

A delectable gourmet dinner, dancing, and their famous “dessert dash” all to benefit the House of Hope.

Hear inspirational stories from residents and alumna, and win fantastic prizes in the Give Hope Raffle. More information coming soon!

Tickets are \$125 per person.

Purchase online at: mammashands.org

“Mamma’s Hands and the House of Hope serve as a beacon of light to those experiencing domestic violence and housing instability. We offer the means to a safe, healthy, and self-sufficient new life for every mother and child that walks through our doors. “

“We proclaim Christ—not ourselves” II Cor. 4

**WOMEN’S MONDAY
BIBLE STUDY**

Will be on hold for the time being.

**MEN’S SATURDAY
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. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY STUDY

Wednesday Oct. 6th-
November 10th

6:30-8:00pm

In the fellowship hall.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT PHOTOS



COUNCIL REPORT

Greetings from your council. Fall has arrived with its cooler and wetter weather and brilliantly colored leaves. Because of the pandemic we won't be having our traditional Harvest Carnival. However, we are planning to hold a "trunk or treat event" outdoors in the parking lot on October 30. This will include outdoor games for kids and the decorated cars handing out treats to the kids.

This fall we have been continuing with the mission discernment process we began earlier in the year. We began the process by identifying 26 Bible passages asking you to select the 5 passages that you believe most relate to our mission. We have been using the adult education time to discuss each of the 5 passages that got the most votes. We have been discussing the gospel messages that each passage presents. We will be presenting the outcome of these discussions to the congregation. We ask the congregation to select which one of the 5 passages we think best describes our mission. In the new year we will begin identifying the spiritual gifts that we each have.

Stewardship and Finance committee has been working with Council to develop a budget for 2022. We plan to approve a proposed budget at our November council meeting. We will be presenting the budget to the congregation for approval at our congregational meeting in November.

We have three council vacancies to fill for 2022. There will each be 3 year terms. If you are interested in being on the council please let Pastor Krista or a council member know. Our agenda for 2022 will use information we gather from the discernment process to determine what our mission in the community and the world should be and begin planning into the future how best to accomplish that mission.

We will be holding a congregational meeting November 21, following the 9:30 service. You will be able to attend and vote either in person or on line. We will be voting on the budget and electing new council members. We will also be deciding with Bible passage we will use as we continue to move through the discernment process described above. We will be able to vote electronically, so those of you viewing from home will be able to vote. We will provide you with more information on how to participate in this meeting. We will need a quorum of 40 adult members to be able to vote. Please plan to attend either in person or on line.

Our garden is done for this year. Thank you to all of you who helped with the planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting. Because of your work we were able to donate over 500 pounds of fresh vegetables to the food bank.

We wish blessings on you all.
Jack Boller

NEXT

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

December 14th

10-3pm

Mt Si Lutheran Church

To sign-up for a time to donate blood go to:

[https://
www.redcrossblood.org/
give.html/find-drive](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)

You must have a reservation. No walk-ins are being accepted at this time.

If you are unable to donate blood, please consider helping at the registration table. Contact Rick R. for details.

The red cross plans to use Mt Si Lutheran as a quarterly blood donation site for the near future.



**American
Red Cross**

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY LESSONS

November 7

Children and Youth Led
Worship

Frist Lesson: Is. 25:6-9

Gospel Lesson:

John 11:32-44

November 14

First Lesson: Ps. 16

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

November 21

First Lesson:

II Cor. 4:1-18

Gospel:

Matthew 25:34-40

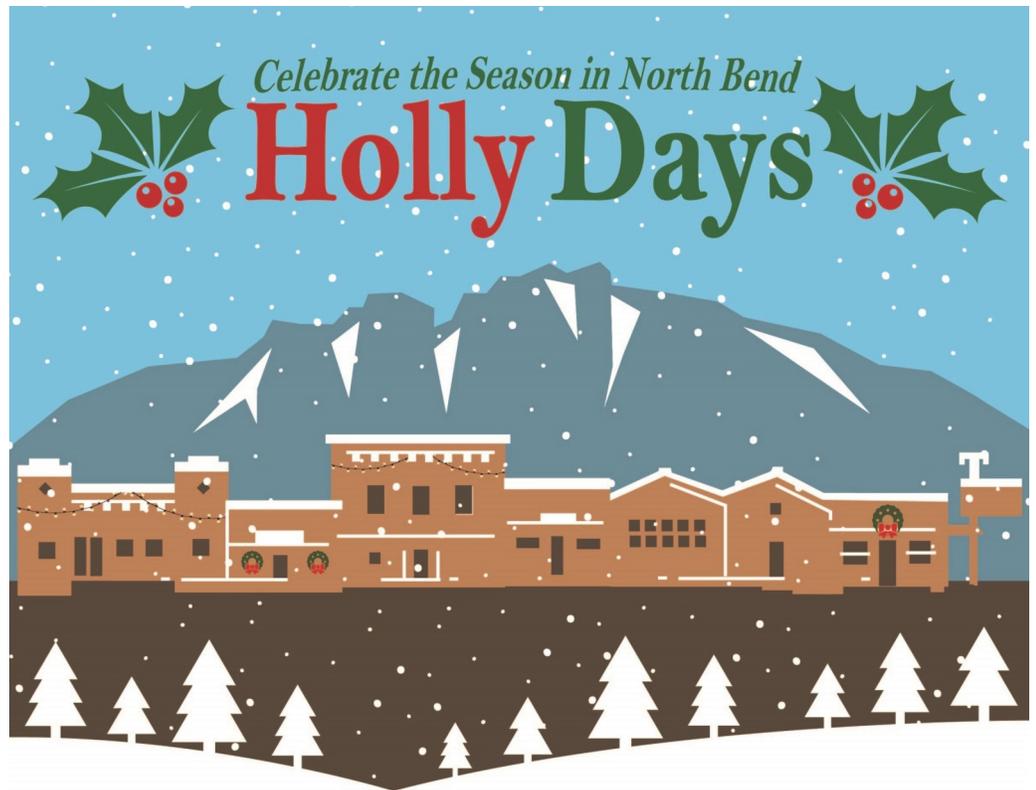
November 28

First Lesson: Ps. 25:1-10

Gospel: Lk. 21:25-36



HOLLY DAYS EVENT!



Saturday, December 4th - 5:00-8:00pm

Downtown North Bend—Mt Si Lutheran will have a booth this year! Want to help? Talk to John G. or Courtney A.

SUNDAY ADULT FALL EDUCATION

We are continuing forward with our Discernment Process during Adult education on Sunday Morning. We will focus on Spiritual gifts for the first few weeks of November. We will read scripture to learn what a Spiritual Gift is and how it is different from Fruits of the Spirit. We discern what our own individual Spiritual gifts are and what gifts our congregation has.

At our annual meeting we will review our collective giftedness alongside the two Biblical Stories that were chosen to help ground our mission and ministry here at Mt Si. We will link what God has called us to in Scripture with what God has gifted us to do.

This will lead us into our third phase—what does our community need? We will tackle this topic in December and January.

If you are not able to attend in person—that's ok! Check your weekly emails to learn how you can participate at home!

Peace—P. K.

THANK YOU ARBOR MONTESSORI SCHOOL!

They have given Mt Si Lutheran Church a
generous donation of \$1,000!

They held their Parent Teacher Conferences here on October 22nd.

Thank you so much for
allowing us to use your
facility. It really helped
so much.

Thanks again,

Mt Si Arbor Montessori
School



1st Sunday of Advent

November 28th

“whoever has done it for the least of these, has done it to me.” Mtt. 25

FAITH FORMATION NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

November is upon us which means it time for the holidays. The desire is for them to be filled with joy and love. For many it is a difficult time of the year filled with so many expectations that all too often get left unmet leaving a feeling of dread, loneliness, and even despair. No matter how great your expectations are there remains the unbridled truth of God’s love that will meet and exceed all expectations. Proceed with care toward a day to be reclaimed as a day of thankfulness, to the birthday of Christ, and finally to the new year. The significance of any given day is arbitrary unless we individually find significance within the moments of that given day. Much like the notes within a composition the significance is determined by many variables and even the rest or absence of a note can make a piece be powerful. Embrace the significance of the moments in each day that are relevant to God’s love and let all else fade away. Take moments with your family to emphasize God’s gifts in each other, in doing so you will see continued growth and build love in each other.

Upcoming Events:

Advent Devotionals have been ordered and will be available for families to pick up at the church. Advent begins November 28th, the devotions should arrive in a couple of weeks.

4th and 5th grade youth are working on a service project to buy gifts for families in need. We will be selling Christmas ornaments made by them along with other ages of kids in the congregation. We are working on details about two upcoming events for this group. The first will be a Thanksgiving meal and ornament decorating (early to mid-November) and then a date (December) to go shopping for the gifts. More details to come in the near future.

**NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

Terry Adams - 11/7
Joanne Chase 11/7
Sheila Rodriguez 11/11
Tom Lee 11/13
Charles Lynch 11/17
Lindsey Cassidy 11/23

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



WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

November 7th

Lector: Kaelynn and Declan
Ushers: Toren and Kaiya
Communion Assistant: Jenna R.
Communion Preparer: Inge B.

Sound/AV: Mike B.

Counters: needed

November 14th

Lector: Tom B.

Ushers: Jack B.

Communion Assistant: Inge B.

Communion preparer: Inge B.

Assisting Minister: Marlin O.

Sound/AV: Terry and Mike

Counters: Jack B. & Ed B.

November 21st

Lector: Rosemary H.

Ushers: Ed and Janey B.

Communion Assistant: Kay B.

Communion Preparer: Suzy S.

Assisting Minister: Jack B.

Sound/AV: Terry and Mike

Counters: Janey B. and Debbie S.

November 28th

Lector: Terry A.

Ushers: Marlin O.

Communion Assistant: Courtney A.

Communion Preparer: Courtney A.

Assisting Minister: Jenna R.

Sound/AV: Terry and Mike

Counters: Ed B. and _____



All Saints Sunday

November 7th

The Sunday flower chart is returning to the Narthex (area outside sanctuary) You are welcome to sign-up for a Sunday to provide one vase of flowers for the altar.

ADVENT FESTIVAL—DECEMBER 5TH

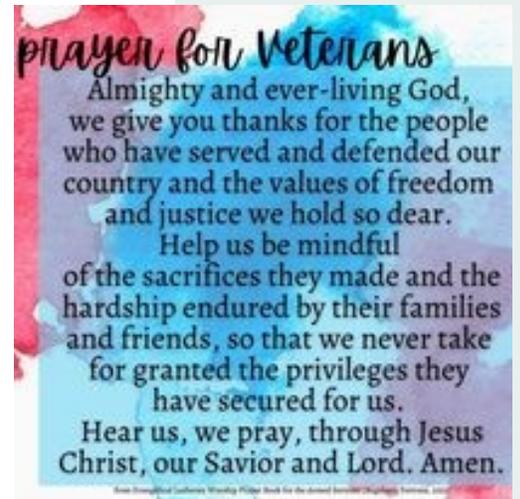
Mark your calendars!

This year we will again celebrate our Advent Festival

This year we will celebrate on December 5th.

There will activities outdoors as much as possible with some activities inside. We will have yule logs for folks to make, crafts and more.

Watch your weekly news for more info or ask John G. or Courtney A. for more details.



“when did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?” Mtt. 25

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

When we worship together on a Sunday morning it is a group effort! We are a church that celebrates the liturgy—which means—the work of the people.

Many willing hands are needed to bring worship together each week.

One way is to be a Lector (reader) or usher (helping folks get a bulletin and find where to go). There are communion assistants who help serve wine and grape juice and there are folks who bake the communion bread ahead of service and take the time to fill the communion cups.

There are those who help by running the sound equipment and video equipment and those who help put out the paraments (colorful clothes up front) as the seasons change.

There are those who may wish to help sing a song, play the drums or share their unique musical gift during worship. Dave Spurling is happy to help those who may wish to learn how to accompany music or serve as a song leader.

We are also restarting an older practice of having trained worship assistants who lead parts of the spoken liturgy you might be used to the pastor doing—but are not required for a pastor to do.

There are those who light candles or bring flowers for the altar and so much more.

We are always looking to share the joy of worship.

If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Pastor Krista. Thank you!



BISHOP'S LETTER

From the Bishop: What is Our Purpose?

The ELCA's Statement of Purpose is found in every congregation constitution, every synod constitution and in the ELCA Constitution. In the ELCA Constitution (4.01) we read: "The Church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world." This same Statement of Purpose is found in the NWWA Synod Constitution S6.01 and in the Model Constitution for Congregations C4.01. I encourage you to read ELCA's entire Statement of Purpose. It is beautiful and energizing. (Find the constitutions here: <https://www.lutheransnw.org/resources/constitutions>)

When I read the Statement of Purpose, it helps me remember who and whose I am and what I am called to do and to be. You see, sometimes we forget. Sometimes we forget what it means to be children of God, redeemed by Christ, and sent into the world. Sometimes we get caught up in finances or building maintenance, we get lost in petty disagreements and who should do what and so many other things, that we forget that we are created, empowered, called, and sent by God – by GOD – to live into and to share what God is already doing in the world – in God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying work in and for the world.

How do we live into this Statement of Purpose?

Below I propose three ways that we can (there are many more but I only have so much space).

Relationship: There are so many people in this world who are lonely, who are discouraged, who are anxious, who are tired. There are so many who feel unloved, unwelcomed, unwanted. They are living in your neighborhood, they are shopping at your grocery store, they have kids in school with your kids or grandkids, they are walking by your church every day. They are looking for relationship and for friendship. In a 2019 survey by CIGNA, 61% of working people identified as lonely. Did you catch that? Over half of people who are working are lonely. And this survey was taken before the pandemic. I can only surmise that the number is higher after 18 months of COVID life. Other studies I have read state that loneliness and isolation lead to physical and emotional difficulties as well as societal polarization. This is obviously a problem in this country. So, how do we have deep meaningful conversations so that people feel welcome and heard? Have connection and deep friendship? How does this fit with our Statement of Purpose?

Impact: There are so many people in this world who are looking to do something meaningful, to change the world for the better. There are so many people who wonder how they can make a difference, how they can positively influence their communities locally, nationally, and globally. These people are living in your neighborhood, they are shopping at your grocery store, they have kids in school with your kids or grandkids, they are walking by your church every day. They are looking for impact in this world. How can they be our partners in the ministries we are already doing and in the ministries they are doing? How can we listen to them to hear what other ideas might come through the Holy Spirit working in them and through their innovation? What partners do we need to multiply the impact of your ministry site in your neighborhood? How does this fit with our Statement of Purpose?

Transformation: There are so many people in this world who are looking for transformation, for new life, for a new path. There are so many people who have lost hope in institutions, in the church, in their lives. These people are living in your neighborhood, they are shopping at your grocery store, they have kids in school with your kids or grandkids, they are walking by your church every day. They are looking for resurrection. How is your ministry site set up to not only welcome those searching, but honoring who they are? How do they know that their story is welcome? How is the good news shared with those who have never heard it and are desperate to hear? How does this fit with our Statement of Purpose?

I invite you to look at ELCA's Statement of Purpose – or your own congregation Statement of Purpose and discuss in your councils, Adult Forums, small groups, and elsewhere. What other questions or thoughts come out of what you read?

Together may we live drenched in God's love and sent out to share the Good News. For we are created, redeemed, called, and sent to live into and share in God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world.

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee