

# 2020

## HAPPY NEW YEAR



### Upcoming Events in the New Year



January 5th—Annual Epiphany Bonfire at the Burnside's

Bring your LIVE tree to burn while enjoying homemade chicken noodle soup, coffee and hot chocolate.

**\*Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex\***



Mt. Si's Slippery Slope  
Inner Tubbing

@ Snoqualmie Summit

February 15th Session 5 6pm – 8pm

Tickets are Adult (13+) \$26, Youth (6-12) \$24, and Child (0-5) \$8. You can purchase your tickets in advance, but they are nonrefundable. From previous experience there hasn't been an occasion when the advance purchase was necessary. We will be providing snacks and hot chocolate. Scholarships are available.

Contact John Grebe for more information

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# Mt Si GOOD NEWSletter

JANUARY 2020

## WORSHIP FOR JANUARY

~Jan. 5

9:30am Children and Youth led Worship

~Jan. 12

8:15am Worship

9:35—Education

10:45am Worship

~Jan. 19

8:15am Worship

9:35—Education

10:45am Worship

~Jan. 26

8:15am Worship

9:35—Education

10:45am Worship



## Pastor's Note

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

Merry Christmas and blessed Epiphany to you! Since we don't have many stories of Jesus' childhood we move quickly from Jesus' birth to his ministry some 30 years later. However, the stories in Luke of Jesus as a young boy are worth taking a moment to look at before we hurry on to Jesus' teachings, healings and miracles. Luke recounts two important stories of Jesus as a child. The first is when Jesus is just 8 days old. Mary and Joseph go to the Temple in Jerusalem to follow in the teachings of Abraham and Moses to have Jesus circumcised and officially named in the presence of God. As Mary and Joseph enter the Temple grounds we are introduced to two elders, Simeon and Anna. Both are devout Jews who have been waiting for the coming of the Messiah, the anointed, who would restore God's people. Upon seeing Jesus the Holy Spirit helps them to recognize that this baby is indeed that promised Messiah. Simeon and Anna will both tell Mary and Joseph how precious and important this baby is and both recognize that they can now depart in peace with the knowledge that God has fulfilled the promises made to his people. This story reminds us one very important truth (along with many others), belief that Jesus is the Messiah comes as a gift from the Holy Spirit not from logical evidence or

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We are looking for hands to help feed our neighbors in need each fourth Wednesday of the month at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. Our next day to serve is **January 22nd** The food of the month we are collecting is:

**Canned Soup (all except tomato and chicken noodle please)**

### 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.



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UPCOMING  
COUNCIL  
EFFORTS TO  
LOOK OUT FOR

# Council What you need to know!



Mark your Calendars...February 2nd is our next annual meeting following one Worship.

“SERVING—REACHING OUT—GROWING  
IN GRACE”

As we reign in the another New Year we look forward to the renewed promise that a small baby born for us brings. We are blessed with another year to grow in grace, serve, and reach out to our community, friends and family. Your church council will be faithfully working throughout the year and continuing to ask for your help and service to continue to further Mount Si Lutherans' mission. As 2020 begins please continue to support and help our many wonderful ministries. We are always looking for volunteers who would be willing and able to serve. Please reach out to any of the ministries, Pastor Krista or John Grebe. Thank you for trusting me in 2019 as your council president.

Blessings and joy for 2020,  
Erica Haycox



1. **Little Free Library** is up! We will be filling it this week with books. Inside each book will be a sticker with church info along with a bookmark.

2. **Sanctuary Ceiling** tiles will stay in place for now. There is additional foam board beneath them that will make it hard to remove some to boost our acoustics.

3. **Bringing Baby Grand Piano** into the worship space. Conversations are continuing around bringing the baby grand up into the sanctuary. This will be a winter project. We look forward to having this beautiful instrument in our worship space. The existing piano will move to the Fellowship Hall.

4. **Watching our budget.** The council is keeping a close eye on our budget as well as pledges for next year. THANK YOU to all who have pledged. It makes a big difference in our ability to plan for the future.

### Welcome to our new Council Members !

Council President:  
Jack Boller  
Vice President:  
Rick Rodriguez  
Secretary:  
Suzy Cassidy

New Members!  
Peggy Halferty  
David VanHandle  
Jeff Yokum

### Giving Tree

House Of Hope Holiday Update  
Due to the congregation's generous hearts we were able to make the holidays brighter for the House of Hope/Mamma's Hands families. Together we fulfilled 82 out of 90 tags to the moms and little ones along with last minute donations from outside of the church! It was amazing. Thank you so much for your generosity and support of this very worthwhile cause.

# Children and Adult Education



### Sunday school Update! SPARK!

It's hard to believe that the New Year is upon us! As we enter into this New Year and Winter season we are excited to explore the Spark Curriculum lessons and travel together with the rest of the church learning about Jesus' ministry and life. Our first theme for the New Year is **Discipleship: Follow Me!** We begin exploring the concept of Discipleship- How we are called to be disciples in Christ's kingdom here on earth. What does this mean? What does this look like? **Let's find out together!**

**\*The New Year is great time to renew our commitment to church and Sunday school so we hope to see all our kids back and ready to learn!**

Please join us January 5<sup>th</sup> with **One Worship service at 9:30** with the youth leading much of the service. (Those participating should arrive 15 minutes earlier.) The theme is *Anticipation & Expectation and the Kids* will be sharing what they learned the past weeks during Sunday school and over the holiday season.

January 5 <sup>th</sup>	One service 9:30 Epiphany – Tree burning at the Burnsides!
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	John the Baptist - SS 9:35
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus Goes to Nazareth - SS 9:35
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	The Disciples - SS 9:35
February 2nd	One Worship! 9:30

\*Just a reminder that we are collecting money and food (peanut butter, jelly, and after school snacks) for the **Fall City Food Pantry** as our Sunday school offering throughout the month of January.

\*\*Don't forget to check out our Sunday school bulletin board in fellowship for all the latest news!

### **Forever Evergreen—Women's Christmas Brunch Re-cap!**

On December 7, 40 women, little ladies and two young gentleman gathered together for a festive morning together celebrating the joy of the Christmas season! Our theme was Forever Evergreen – the evergreen signifying the eternal forever love of our Lord Jesus. We enjoyed a morning full of delicious food, fellowship and fun! We enjoyed an ornament exchange & learned how to create origami Christmas trees. Our guest speaker was Tonya Guinn- one of the founders of Trail Youth Coffee Home and she shared her inspiring story of how this ministry began. We collected \$223 to donate to this amazing program. Ann Keiser and Joanne Chase won the raffle for the 2 beautiful Christmas quilts made by Sue Oster for the Quilting ministry. \$240 was collected for the quilters needed supplies. It was a wonderful time !



Peggy Halferty	Jan. 4	Brent Koukol	Jan. 7
Mike Hanson	Jan. 10	Ashley Kober	Jan 10
Lisa Sampson	Jan 10	Joe Stone	Jan. 14
Vicki Wallentine	Jan. 14	Darrell Willson	Jan. 15
Brett Imsland	Jan. 16	Paul Katocs	Jan. 16
Leslie Haltling	Jan. 18	Nancy Flanagan	Jan. 24
Dana Koukol	Jan. 25	Krista Cassidy	Jan. 29
Judy Stoddard	Jan. 29		

HAVE QUESTIONS?  
PLEASE TALK TO A  
STAFF MEMBER  
OR COUNCIL  
MEMBER



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Spirit Article  
January 2020

I was sitting in Resident Assistants training at Pacific Lutheran University in 1986. Suddenly the door opened and three people walked in: two men and one woman. They were introduced as the new campus pastors at PLU. I couldn't stop staring at the woman. In my twenty years on earth at that time, I had never met a pastor who was a woman. Pastor Susan Briehl changed my understanding of ministry, what it means to be a pastor, and what a difference it makes when you hear preaching from someone who has wrestled with much of what you have wrestled with, too.

The year 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women into Word and Sacrament ministry. While women have been preaching for thousands of years before this (think Sarah and Miriam and Mary Magdalene to name a few) the predecessor bodies of the ELCA felt called by God to open up the pulpit, the font, and the table to women for the first time after studying scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.

This decision wasn't made lightly. Seminaries, judicatories, and other groups took time to arrive at the decision to ordain women. In the end, though, these various groups realized that there was nothing in scripture, the Lutheran Confessions, or church constitutions to prevent the ordination of women. As

Luther Seminary's Board of Directors wrote in 1966, "God has left the details of the ministerial office to the discretion of the church, to be developed according to its needs and according to the leading of the Holy Spirit."

And just like that, the way was open to the thousands of women who have been ordained into Word and Sacrament Ministry in the last fifty years.

While this is an important milestone, we are also mindful that the last fifty years have not been without difficulties. It took ten more years for the first woman of color to be ordained in the Lutheran Church here in the United States. It has only been in the past ten years that LGBTQIA+ people have been able to serve freely. As we celebrate, we also lament the sexism, racism and homophobia that has been part of our church structure. And we are called to work towards a day when all are celebrated and welcome.

In this synod, we are excited to mark this anniversary with some special events. Each woman pastor will be videotaped with their story. At synod assembly in 2020 we will show some of these video interviews. We will also have a festive worship service during synod assembly to celebrate, remember, and look to the future. During this year we invite congregations to commemorate this anniversary. Pastor Nancy Winder, the first woman ordained locally and the 14th

woman ordained overall, is happy to come and preach and teach in your local congregation. In addition, there are resources at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) to use for congregations or clusters.

A brief story: At one of the churches I served there was a man named Dell. On my first Sunday there he came up to me and said, "You know, I didn't vote for you. I don't think women should be pastors." I said, "OK." And left it at that. In spite of telling me that, week after week Dell and his wife were in worship. Week after week they heard me preach. Week after week they received Christ's body and blood as I presided at the Lord's Table.

About three years after I was there, Dell was diagnosed with terminal cancer. I visited him frequently at his home. On one such visit, as I was setting up the Communion elements, Dell said, "You know, I didn't vote for you." I said, "I know." He sat there for a long time in silence. Then he said, "I was wrong." And I looked at him. And I smiled. And I held his hand. And then I reached for the bread and I said, "On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread ..."

We give thanks for all the women pastors who proclaim the good news of Jesus, who baptize in the name of the Triune God, and who serve at the Lord's Table. We pray that we continue to be made new into the future.

**Children, Youth and Family Updates**

On to a new year with renewal and intentionality. We are working on developing techniques for encouraging and developing character within our children and youth. A great resource for us to use is the Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets. Merton Strommen, a young Lutheran Youth Director in 1955, developed his doctoral dissertation to address the needs of Lutheran youth. As a result, the Lutheran Youth Research was established in 1960 to use scientific research on youth in religious institutions. The organization evolved and broadened the scope of scientific inquiry to become the Search Institute. Today their research and resources are used internationally within secular and religious organizations as a source for youth development. Some of the resources we will be using can be found on their website: <https://www.search-institute.org/our-research/development-assets/developmental-assets-framework/>.

I have found these resources to be helpful in developing strategies. They focus on identifiable character-building opportunities rather than focusing on what might be wrong. The power of transformation comes from a place of addition rather than merely subtraction. Removing negativity from our lives is significant but the transformative power of adding positive influence far outweighs the mere removal. So much of what we do as a congregation fulfills the 40 Assets, placing intentional focus on what we do aids in making it even more significant.



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You shop. Amazon gives.

Super Exciting News!  
The church is now signed up with amazon smile! When you shop through amazon smile 0.5% of what you spend will go to the church. So when you go to shop on amazon instead of typing in 'amazon.com' you will need to type in '**smile.amazon.com**' and select "**Mount Si Lutheran, North Bend**" as your designated charity  
**or**  
go to our website and select the Amazon smile link on the front page. For the phone app, only android has it. Amazon's website has directions on how to get it on your iPhone.



**FLOWERS**

Date	Name
Jan. 5	
Jan. 12	
Jan. 19	
Jan. 26	

# Worship Assistants

Dater	Ushers	Lector	Communion	Acolyte
Jan. 5 9:30am	Koukol Family	Youth		
Jan. 12 8:15am	David V/Mike K	Terry Adams	Courtney A	
Jan. 12 10:45am	Mark I/David W	Lisa Sampson		
Jan. 19 8:15am	Sue O/Austin and Zowie	Tom B	Inge B	
Jan. 19 10:45am	Mike H/Ed B	Lorraine W	Janey B	
Jan. 26 8:15am	Tom C/Jack B	Peggy H	Joanne C	
Jan. 26 10:45am	Ed B/Bill S	Brenda D	Janey B	

## SUNDAY READINGS FOR JANUARY

**Jan. 5th Children and Youth Led Worship @ 9:30am**

Texts—re-cap of last three lessons

**Jan. 12th**

**Luke 3:1-18**

Isaiah 42:1-7

**Jan. 19th**

**Luke 4:14-30**

Psalm 40:1-11

**Jan. 26th**

**Luke 5:1-11; 8:1-3**

Psalm 19

Our Theme for January is

Discipleship:

Follow Me

**Prayer Chain Update:**  
Our church has an active group of people who are prayer warriors on our prayer chain. Would you like to be a praying person on the prayer chain? You can choose to receive a phone call or an email when prayer requests come through. If you would like to join the prayer chain and pray for various needs on a consistent basis, please contact Nancy Flanagan at [nf2469@gmail.com](mailto:nf2469@gmail.com) or 425-891-2210 by January 15th. If you are on the prayer chain and would like to step away, please let Nancy know by January 15th.

## Annual Epiphany Live Tree Burning at The Burnside's

**Bring your live tree to burn while enjoying homemade chicken noodle soup, coffee and hot chocolate. If you would like to participate please refer to the sign up sheet in the Narthex**



# January 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>Happy New Year</b> Office Closed	2 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 11:30am Bday Luncheon 4-8pm Youth Christmas Party 7:00pm Thirsty	3	4 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
5 9:30am Child and Youth Led Worship  Epiphany Bonfire	6 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	7	8 6-8pm BSA #456	9 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 6pm AA Bible study 7pm AA	10 1:30-6:00pm Kid's Club	11 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
12 8:15am Worship 9:35am Education and Coffee Hour 10:45am Worship	13 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	14 7pm Council Meeting	15 6-8pm BSA #456	16 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 6pm AA Bible study 7pm AA	17 1:30-6:00pm Kid's Club	18 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
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