

**MOUNT SI LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

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NORTH BEND, WA 98045

# Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

## December 2014

**Special Points of Interest:**

- Dec. 1st & 2nd—6-7:30PM  
Valley Renewal Center Open  
Forum Meetings at Mt. Si
- Dec. 3rd—8:30PM SnoValley  
Winter Shelter Opens
- Dec. 7th—11:45AM Special  
Congregational Meeting
- Dec. 13th—10:30AM-  
12:30PM Women's Brunch
- Dec. 24th—7 & 10PM  
Christmas Eve Worship  
Holiday (offices closed)
- Dec. 25th—Merry Christmas  
Holiday (offices closed)
- Dec. 28th—9:30AM  
Worship followed by potluck



**Dec. 28th—One  
Worship Service at  
9:30AM with  
Potluck to follow**

**Dec. 31st—NO  
Wed. Worship**

From Pastor Mark's Desk.....

### ***Spoiler Alert: Jesus is Coming!***

Have you ever recorded a TV show or a live sporting event with plans to watch it later? Even though you know it's not on live TV anymore and everyone knows how it turns out, you want to watch it as though it were just happening so you can experience the drama too. There are movies and TV shows, sporting events and games that we want to experience in their entirety with out having the end revealed.



Funny thing happens, try as we might sometimes the end is revealed, someone blurts out the score, the plot twist is shouted out before we can do anything about it. So, we carry on. We go home watch the game, the movie, or TV show, even though we know the end. But as we watch the drama unfold we know the outcome. And that changes how we see what's happening in front of us. If you know your team wins the game, the fumbles, bobbles, and missteps may be dramatic but you know they pull it off in the end. If you know the end of the movie all the dramatic steps along the way work out for the best.

This is a lot like the season of Advent. We know Jesus is coming. But how does that change the way we live now? What would it be like to face all of life's challenges and drama with the certain knowledge that Jesus is coming? I think that changes things, we know that whatever darkness the world has for us, the light wins. We know Jesus is with us and promises to always be with us.

This becomes how we live our lives, we know the end of the story—God's love wins and Jesus is with us. Advent helps us remember that all of our life is lived this way, before and after this particular season. We live in hope and expectation that God is promised to be with us.

This Advent season enter the drama of the season, allow yourself to long for the coming of Jesus Christ. Expect that he will be with us and banish the darkness. Remember that in what ever life throws your way, Jesus is coming and the light will prevail. It's like watching that movie of which you already know the ending.

I look forward to the season of Advent each year. We remember the historical event of the first Advent, when Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph so long ago. But the season also asks us to be ready for Christ to come again, to expect the coming of the light even in the midst of darkness.

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### **Snoqualmie Valley Winter Shelter Opens Dec. 3, 2014**

We are excited to announce that Mt. Si Lutheran Church will be hosting the first portion of the Snoqualmie Valley Winter Shelter beginning Wed., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The shelter hours will be 8:30PM-7:30AM, seven days a week. Please join us at one or both of the following public meetings to receive important information and ask any questions you might have.

**Monday, Dec. 1 & Tuesday, Dec. 2 6:00-7:30PM Mt. Si Lutheran Church**  
**Jennifer Kirk, Shelter Director**

[director@valleyrenewalcenter.com](mailto:director@valleyrenewalcenter.com) or 425 505-0038

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.



Welcome to the Book of Faith page. The purpose of this page is to share all things related to the Book of Faith focus at Mount Si Lutheran. Stay tuned each month, and prepare to share your input as we together do what the above tag line says, "Open Scripture and Join the Conversation".

## ADVENT

**The Meaning of Advent:** The word **Advent** means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate.

In this double focus on past and future, Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation, as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. That acknowledgment provides a basis for Kingdom ethics, for holy living arising from a profound sense that we live "between the times" and are called to be faithful stewards of what is entrusted to us as God's people. So, as the church celebrates God's breaking into history in the Incarnation, and anticipates a future consummation to that history for which "all creation is groaning awaiting its redemption," it also confesses its own responsibility as a people commissioned to "love the Lord your God with all your heart" and to "love your neighbor as yourself."

(Source: The Voice: Christian Resource Institute, <http://www.crivoice.org/cyadvent.html>)

**Why is it so difficult to enter into Advent?** We know in our hearts that Advent can be more than a "pre-Christmas" season, more than those four weeks of getting ready for the Big Day on December 25th...In the quiet darkness, we are aware of something stirring in our hearts, a longing we can't name. Something that no trip to the store, no decorations, Christmas dishes or new ornaments can fill...What is this promise for *us*? What does it mean for us in our comfortable, complicated and messy lives?...We have everything we could want. What else is there?

What if this Advent, we allow ourselves to imagine a life that is different? What if our hearts were at peace and our lives more satisfying? That longing in the most hidden corners of our hearts is something holy, a Holy Longing, a desire for a deeper relationship with God.

There are dozens of ways we can evade the issue, but still, that longing is there for something more. Advent is a time to recognize both our holy longing and the healing love God has for us, despite the many barriers we put up between ourselves and God. We can start simply and just rest at the edge of our beds in the mornings, open our hands and whisper, "Come, Lord Jesus!" If we let ourselves feel what is in our hearts, we know they are filled with love. We can carry that experience with us as we go through even the busiest of our days. We may not know exactly where to begin or how to fill this longing in our hearts, but it is simple. God waits with infinite love and with arms outstretched to meet us.

In this Advent season, it's time to risk, to make the first step, to find our way back home.

(Source: Creighton University, Collaborative Online Ministry (<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/difficult-entering-Advent.html>)



**Sunday, Dec. 28th 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.

# Parish Education News!

Our Sunday School season is under way. 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:

- \*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 2014-2015 School Year:

Opening Music—vacancy  
 Preschool & Kindergarten— Nancy Flanagan/Rosemary Hanson  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades—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—James Mehring  
 Adult Education Hour—Pastor Mark/Sue Shardelman

**No Sunday School  
Dec. 21 & 28  
Resume Sunday School Jan. 4**

## A Thank You & A Need

Earl Wildes led the opening music for our Sunday School kids for many years. However, he has now retired from that role. Thank you, Earl, for your faithful service, your music, your enthusiasm, and your contagious love for the children in our Sunday School program. You will be missed! Earl's retirement creates a vacancy in our Sunday School staff, and an opportunity for someone to step forward and fill the need. Do you enjoy playing music and singing with children? Do you remember those old Sunday School and camp songs? Then we need your talents. It only requires a few minutes of time each Sunday morning, but the rewards are priceless. Please see Courtney or Joanne for more information or to volunteer. Thank you!

## Adult Class

The adult class is finishing up discussions of: The New Parish: How Neighborhood Churches Are Transforming Mission, Discipleship and Community, By: Paul Sparks, Tim Soerens, Dwight J. Friesen, Inter-Varsity Press, 2014, Paperback, ISBN: 9780830841158. Pastor Mark is leading these discussions. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the library for lively conversation & fellowship. We meet at 9:45 am.

## Schedule Notes—Please Mark Your Calendars

- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>—Regular Sunday School schedule
- Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>—No Sunday School for all ages due to holidays
- Jan. 4, 2015—Sunday School Classes resume



## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who brought gift-filled shoeboxes for this year's collection. We collected 53 shoeboxes!



## *Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services Wed., 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. Come and enjoy the Mt. Si Holiday Choir led by Sue Schuba. 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 Savior—Jesus Christ!

**Please Note: NO Wed. Worship on Dec. 31, 2014**



**Senior Fellowship**—Mark your calendars for Senior Fellowship Mon., Jan. 19, 2015 at 2PM in the Fellowship Hall. We are happy to have Jack Boller talk to us about Hanford which will be of interest to everyone. All are welcome to join us. Please bring goodies to share. If you have any suggestions for Senior Fellowship activities or programs, please call Joyce Ayers at 425 865-9853 or Genada Lynn at 425 292-3124.



**LIBRARY NEWS**—Please see the display table in the library for books to guide us through this advent season and books of the day of Christ's birth which includes Martin Luther's Christmas Book. Also, please check out the inspirational Christmas fiction and children's books. On the table there is a list of books on the shelves. 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.



**Chronic Conditions Support Group for Women:** Once a month, a group of women with various chronic health conditions meet together to study, share, encourage and support one another. We meet on the second Saturday of each month, 10 am - noon, in the library or fellowship hall. All women with chronic health conditions are welcome to join us. Please contact Sue Shardelman (888-0772) for further information. The meetings will be noted on the calendar as CCSG.



**Calling all Singers!**—*Mt. Si Holiday Choir*—Practices will be Tues., Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7PM. The choir will perform during both services on Sun., Dec. 21st and at the 7PM service, Wed., Dec. 24. If you have questions, ask/call Sue Schuba at 425 831-5169.



On Sunday, Nov. 23rd, Mt. Si Women's Ministry collected a special offering during worship for the House of Hope Thanksgiving meals. Thank you to all who donated money for the special offering. A grand total of \$250 was collected to purchase gift cards to local grocery stores so the House of Hope women can shop for what they need.



**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 tree, located in Fellowship Hall has 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 choose a tag, list it on the sign-up sheet by the tree, buy the requested gift & return the gift, wrapped with tag attached by Tuesday, December 16th. This is a wonderful way to share our blessings with those less fortunate. **Thank you for your support!**



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 2014 Council Members

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

Greetings and peace to you all from your Church council.

As the weather gets colder we are reminded that the holiday season is rapidly approaching. We'll start with the observance of Thanksgiving followed closely by the Advent season in which we look forward with anticipation to the birth of Jesus on Christmas. We will begin Advent this year with our annual advent festival on November 30.

In the last newsletter we said that we would be presenting a budget to the congregation on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Our budget committee worked hard to put together a budget in October and presented it to the council. After prayerful deliberation the council decided it wanted to take a closer look at the budget to see if we could reduce our expenditures without adversely affecting our ability to carry out our mission of service to our community. We decided therefore to postpone presenting the budget to the congregation until after our November council meeting. After a lot deliberation and frank discussion we were able to reduce the original proposed expenditures by approximately \$15,000 and approve a proposed budget to present to the congregation. We will hold a congregational meeting on **December 7** following second service to present and vote on the budget. It is necessary for us to have a quorum of 40 members at this meeting to complete the budget process. This is a very important event in the life of our church. I strongly encourage you to make an effort to attend this meeting.

Even though we didn't have a budget ready, we did hold a congregational meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss and vote on our role in hosting the winter shelter for the homeless. After about an hour of very positive discussion, the congregation overwhelmingly approved hosting the homeless shelter for 45 days beginning as soon as we can have everything ready. It is hoped that at the end of the 45 days, which will be in early to mid-January, we will have another church in the valley ready to step up and host the shelter into March. The council will revisit our decision in late December and decide if we need to consider extending our participation past the agreed 45 days.

Our focused giving campaign to raise money for an industrial dishwasher for the kitchen in fellowship hall as raised enough money to buy the dishwasher. The council approved going ahead with the purchase. Purchase of the dishwasher will allow us to use the dishes and flatware we have on hand for any social events or dinners. In the long term, this will result in significant savings of money from not having to purchase paper plates and plastic ware. It will also greatly reduce the waste we generate and improve our stewardship of the earth. Thanks to all of you who contributed to make this possible.

We are still looking for candidates to fill at least two council vacancies. If you are interested and willing to serve in this capacity please let Pastor or one of the council members know. The council meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm and you would be expected to attend as many of these meetings as possible. We would like to be able to vote on new members at the December 7th congregational meeting. I urge you to give prayerful consideration to these opportunities and if you feel called to serve on the council, contact any council member or Pastor Mark.



### We Wish Joan Moe A Very Happy Retirement

Many people in the valley know Joan as the twin sister of Pat Thomas, or from the days when she and her husband, Orman, owned a popular mercantile in downtown Snoqualmie, but Joan is also a beloved member of Mt. Si Lutheran Church and has been a devoted Custodian and dedicated Caretaker at Mt. Si for 17 years! Joan has worked with 5 Pastors, 10 Youth Directors, and probably a handful of Administrative Assistants over the years. We will celebrate Joan's many years of service at a special reception in January. Watch for the date and please come and share special memories with Joan. We also welcome Sue Oster as the new custodian who will begin working at Mt. Si Lutheran Church on Dec. 1. We look forward to Sue joining our staff.



December 7, 2014—Congregational Meeting at 11:45AM

# What's Coming Up?



## MOUNT SI WOMEN OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

*"Be still and Know that I am God" Psalm 46:10*

**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:** *Inspirational Speaker Donna Oiland  
Author ~ Executive ~ Encourager*

**WHEN?** *Saturday, December 13 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*

*Hope to see everyone there!*



All contributions will need to be made by **Dec. 28, 2014** to be recorded on your 2014 Mt. Si Contribution Statement. By law, any checks received after Dec. 31, 2014 regardless of the date, will be recorded on your 2015 contribution statement. The last deposit for contributions will be made on Dec. 28, 2014.

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. 12, 2015. 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.

## 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 Revelation. Please join us every Monday at 12:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Grace Culver at 425 222-7515 or Betty Shardelman at 425 888-0772.



# The Spirit

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## Advent's Invitation

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop, NWWA Synod



Advent is upon us again and with it comes the scurry of activities that lead up to the celebration of the Christ child's birth. It stirs within me memories about how we celebrated Advent with our children as they were growing up. The two family traditions we participated in were the daily opening of the Advent calendar and the lighting of the Advent candles. They both created their own challenges. We spent too many years fighting over whose turn it would be to perform the rituals. Kim eventually assigned each child a day.

We had one daughter who simply could not resist opening up the little doors of the calendar ahead of their assigned day. She is the same child who knew what all of her presents were before she opened them. This came from the constant examination of them as they sat beneath the Christmas tree. She also could not keep a secret of what she purchased for her sisters and often insisted they open their presents before Christmas Day. She still struggles with waiting.

When it came to the lighting of the Advent candles and the accompanying reading we were hopeless. We just could not lend to it the seriousness that it deserved. The kids and their father too often used funny voices or tried to cut out sections of the readings so we could get on with dinner. At least one child insisted on playing with the candle wax. And there was the battle over who got to blow out the candles. Mother was not happy with us and on more than one occasion threatened to end the whole celebration. We protested her threat, even though we made fun of the rituals, because we were not prepared to go without.

Somehow we knew that there was something holy in what we were doing. Somehow we knew the marking of each day with these rituals was a way to add value to the expectation of the mystery. The mystery that there is a God. The mystery that this God takes up residency in our world. The mystery that our God becomes human clothed in baby flesh. The mystery of God's constant coming into the world.

This is what ritual does. It calls us back to the truth. It invites us again and again to consider how something so much greater than what we can comprehend can come to be. It invites us to set aside all of the distractions of our lives to entertain for just a few moments what it means that there is a God who cares so deeply for our lives and the whole creation. A God who has the capacity to delight in God's children. Even those who lack proper reverence. Now this is a great God.

May this Advent season be a time that invites you into the mystery of the incarnation. May it provide you with a few moments of holy laughter in the midst of your preparation and anticipation of the word made flesh. Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Synod Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm  
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**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>30 First Sunday of Advent 9:30AM Worship</b> 10:30AM Advent Festival/Decorate Church  <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	1 12:30PM Women's Bible Study 5:45-7:45PM GS Tr. #43665 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             6-7:30PM              Valley Renewal Center/SnoValley Winter Shelter Open Forum           </div>	2 7PM Mt. Si Choir Practice <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             6-7:30PM              Valley Renewal Center/SnoValley Winter Shelter Open Forum           </div>	3 5:45PM Confirmation <b>7PM Worship</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter Begins           </div>	4 Noon ELCA Pastors' study 4:30-6:30PM Girls Choir 7PM AA <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	5 12:45-2:45PM GS Tr. #42385 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	6 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 10AM CCSG 4-8PM North Bend Holiday Festival <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>
<b>7 Second Sunday of Advent</b> 8:15AM Trad. & 10:45AM Praise 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School 6:30-8:30PM H.S. Youth Group <b>11:45AM Cong. Mtg.</b> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	8 12:30PM Women's Bible Study 6:30-7:30PM Tiger Cubs Den #5 7PM Food Bank Mtg. <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	9 <b>7PM Parish Ed meeting</b> 6:15-7:30PM Den #4 7PM Mt. Si Choir Practice <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	10 5:45PM Confirmation <b>7PM Worship</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	11 Noon ELCA Pastors' 4:30-6:30PM Girls Choir <b>6:30PM Stewardship &amp; Finance meeting</b> 7PM AA <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	12 6-9PM Family Night—Make gingerbread houses & watch a movie <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	13 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course <b>10:30AM-12:30PM Women's Christmas Brunch</b> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>
<b>14 Third Sunday of Advent</b> 8:15AM Trad. & 10:45AM Praise 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & 6:30-8:30PM H.S. Youth Group 6:30-8PM Cub Scout Den #1 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	15 12:30PM Women's Bible Study 5:45-7:45PM GS Tr. #43665 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	16 <b>6:30PM Evangelism meeting</b> <b>7PM Council meeting</b> 7PM Mt. Si Choir Practice <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	17 5:45PM Confirmation <b>7PM Worship</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	18 Noon ELCA Pastors' Study 4:30-6:30PM Girls Choir 7PM AA <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	19 12:45-2:45PM GS Tr. #42385 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	20 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>
<b>21 Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 8:15AM Trad. & 10:45AM Praise 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & 6:30-8:30PM H.S. Youth Group <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	22 12:30PM Women's Bible Study 6:30-7:30PM Tiger Cubs Den #5 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	23 7PM Mt. Si Choir Practice  <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	<b>24 Holiday (office closed) Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 7 &amp; 10PM</b> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	<b>25 Holiday (office closed)</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	26 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	27 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>
<b>28 First Sunday after Christmas</b> <b>9:30AM Worship</b> 10:30AM Potluck  <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	29 12:30PM Women's Bible Study <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	30 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	31  <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	<b>Jan. 1, 2015 Holiday (offices closed)</b> 7PM AA <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	2 12:45-2:45PM GS Tr. #42385 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>	3 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             8:30PM-7:30AM              SnoValley Winter Shelter           </div>



# Flower Chart for the Sanctuary



DATE	NAME	IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF
Dec. 7	Kober Family	In Loving Memory of their son, Chad Kober
Dec. 14	Mike & Rosemary Hanson	In Honor of their wedding anniversary
Dec. 21		
Dec. 28		



If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2015**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.



## Worship Assistants for Dec.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 8:15AM & 10:45AM	Dec. 7 Second Sunday of Advent	Dec. 14 Third Sunday of Advent	Dec. 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Dec. 24 The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve 7 & 10PM Candlelight Worship	Dec. 28 First Sunday after Christmas
<b>Usher</b>					
8:15AM	Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler	Tom & Connie Som	Herman Schlaht Mike Kober	7PM	9:30AM
9:30AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Coffee Hour</b>		<b>No Sunday School</b>	10PM	<b>No Sunday School</b>
10:45AM	Tom Chase Mark Imsland	Mike Hanson Bob Bartlett	Ed & Jane Benson		
<b>Counters</b>	Kay Boyle Courtney Adams	Bob Bartlett	-----Counters Needed-----		
<b>Communion Assistants</b>					
8:15AM	Courtney Adams	Inge Burnside	Dave Franson	7PM	9:30AM
10:45AM	Debra Spurling	Rosemary Hanson	Joanne Chase	10PM	
<b>Lector</b>					
8:15AM	Terry Adams	Tom Burnside	Suzie Franson	7PM	9:30AM
10:45AM	Linda Velebir	Ed Benson	Joan Guenther	10PM	
<b>Cantor</b>	John Cassidy	Jack Boller	Dave Spurling		

**Worship Assistants**

If you are interested in assisting on Sunday mornings as Usher, Communion Assistant, Lector, or Acolyte, please call the office and speak to Sheila Rodriguez. She would be happy to add your name to the Worship Assistants list.

Please consider helping with the Sunday coffee hour at Mt. Si. It's a wonderful way to welcome and show fellowship to our members and guests. A sign up sheet is available during coffee hour.

# 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	Giles Franson	23
Joshua Stone	12	Don Oster	26
Rosemary Stethem	13	Carol Reitz	26
Ed Benson	14	Nate Chase	30
Eric Kober	17	Haley Chase	30

## Anniversaries!

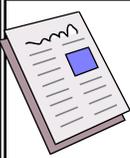


Dave & Suzie Franson	Dec. 3
John & Lissa Lynn	Dec. 7
Doug & Paula Jones	Dec. 10
Andy & Linda Velebir	Dec. 11
Mike & Rosemary Hanson	Dec. 15
Abe & Mary Abrahamson	Dec. 22



Please call the church office at 888-1322 and let us know if we skip your special day.

### Read All About it!!



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### 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 [sofficka@gmail.com](mailto:sofficka@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

### The Rev. G. Mark Griffith—Pastor

James Mehring—Family & Youth Ministry Director

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

Paula Hower—Treasurer

Leslie Hatling—Financial Secretary

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