

MOUNT SI LUTHERAN CHURCH

411 NE 8TH ST
NORTH BEND, WA 98045

Special Points of Interest:

- Sept. 3rd—Labor Day Holiday (office closed)
- Sept. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th—8:30AM-4PM Classical Conversations Homeschool Group
- Sept. 9th—9:30AM Worship God's Work, Our Hands Sunday/ELCA & Mt. Si Lutheran Day of Service
- Sept. 15th—11AM-2PM Tell Your Story Art Project
- Sept. 16th—8:15AM & 10:45AM Worship and 9:30AM Sunday School
- Sept. 16th—12N-2PM Tell Your Story Art Project
- Sept. 19th, 26th—6:30-8PM Dinner & Faith

**Fall Worship Begins
Sept. 16th
8:15AM & 10:45AM
Worship
9:30AM Sunday School**

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Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

September 2018

From Pastor Krista's Desk.....

An incredible summer has transpired over the last few months! Between a successful VBS, the ministry of backpacks, the new Hot Meals program, the Church camping trip, the youth led community Carnival, 1st place in the Festival at Mt Si parade and selling dippin dots and making hats at the North Bend Block Party this community has been on the go to share the love of God with North Bend! Along with all these incredible ministry events you all supported me through the cleaning out and sale of my family home and transitioning dad to assisted living. To say a lot has been going on would be an understatement. Many of you too have experienced difficult transitions this summer with health, family challenges and the loss of loved ones. There is always layer upon layer to our lives. I pray that you have experienced the grace and forgiveness of Christ this summer no matter what joys and challenges you faced.

I pray that this community of faith is a place of restoration for you. I pray it is a place of renewed hope for you. I pray that is a place where you can praise God and give thanks for all the blessings of your life and a place you can come to lament and lean on God's strong arms for comfort in dark times of you life. I pray that you never feel a burden of obligation to volunteer or serve at every event and function of this faith community. Instead, I hope you feel your gifts are being used in ways that not only bless our community, but you as well. It is my hope that whatever we are doing as a church it is for the strengthening of our faith and our sense of connectedness to one another and to Jesus.

As we enter into the fall and as the church activities continue to be many, please know that leadership has worked to provide a variety of community events. Not all the events may appeal to you, but that's ok! We hope you find a few that will be meaningful for you and your family. One event coming up that I hope many if not all will find time to participate in is our first "Tell Your Story" event on **September 15th, 10am-2pm**. See the article for more details.

I'm also excited to invite folks to my home (the parsonage) on **October 20th from 4pm-8pm** for an open house/roof fundraising event...Wine Cheese and Chocolate. You can come for a little bit or stay the whole time. All ages are welcome. I have a room set up for little ones and I'll find some chairs to sit on for those who need a break!

It amazes me that I have already been serving at Mt Si for nine months. This is truly an awesome community and I am so grateful to be here as your Pastor. Thank you for all the ways you have made me feel welcome. I look forward to many years to come on this adventure of ministry!

This summer has also meant two major staff transitions. First, we welcomed John Grebe on board as the new CYF director. He hit the ground running and has been a wonderful colleague in ministry. We are working together to line up fall and winter confirmation classes, youth activities and inter-generational events. Second, Sheila shared that she was ready to retire. This will be a difficult transition on many levels and, personally, I will miss Sheila's willingness to listen to my silly stories, watch rubber duck YouTube videos and attend to other very important church matters. THANK YOU Sheila for all you have done for this community of faith! We will deeply miss you in the role of Office Manager, but I'm excited to see what ministries you find you can be a part of as a member of the faith community. As personnel gets ready to begin interviews in the first week of September, be watching for information regarding a Retirement party for Sheila in October!

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, grace and peace to you! ~ Pastor Krista



Upcoming Events!



Tell Your Story Gathering! Saturday, Sept. 15th 11am-2pm

We are embarking on a season of storytelling here at Mt Si. To get us started, we are inviting everyone in the church of all ages to come to this very important event. You will be giving a chance to tell part of your story in small groups and work to create a piece of art that symbolizes part of your story. These pieces will be hung in the sanctuary for our storytelling season.

On Sunday the 2nd and 9th we will hand out sheets to help get you thinking about what you want to share!

****Can't make it the 15th? Come on Sept. 16th from 12pm-2pm**

SAVE THE DATE!
Roof Fundraising Event—Wine, Cheese and Chocolate!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH 4PM-8PM @
THE PARSONAGE
\$15 per person (\$5 for kids)



**God's work.
Our hands.**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

9:30am Worship

We welcome guest preacher

Rev. Shelley Bryan-Wee; Assistant to the Bishop

Potluck Lunch to follow

FOUR SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Team Hospitality** (set-up, serve meal, clean-up)
2. **Team Luther's Lounge**—kitchen & lounge painting and cleaning
3. **Team House of Hope** (offsite) grounds projects
4. **Team Honor our Heroes**—write letters and create greeting cards for Veterans

See the sign-ups in the Fellowship hall for more details. We look forward to this day of service with our brothers and sisters around the ELCA!

****Bright yellow God's Work, Our Hands t-shirts available for purchase @ \$8.00 ea. See Courtney.**

short stories by jesus

A fresh interpretation of Jesus' most popular parables

New Bible Study from Amy-Jill Levine

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS DINNER AND FAITH: THE PARABLES 6:30-8:00PM

Starting September 19th, Ending November 7th
(no class on Halloween)

This study goes through some of the most well known parables of Jesus from the perspective of its original Jewish listeners.

This will also look at the ways in which the parables have been interpreted over time.

*This is the same study as Sunday Adult Forum



Save the Date—Oct. 14, 2018
Mt. Si Lutheran Church, along with Snoqualmie United Methodist Church, St. Clare's Episcopal Church, and Fall City United Methodist Church will worship together at Snoqualmie UMC at 10:30AM with a potluck to follow.

Parish Education News!

Sunday School is back!

Beginning on September 16th - Let's Go Deep Blue! Join us as we dive deep into God's word with us. We'll have adventures, hear exciting Bible stories, and learn how to live as disciples of Jesus through service – just like Jesus taught!

The Deep Blue Mission:

Reaching, empowering, and equipping children, and those who care for them, with grace-based resources that help them on the journey.

Deep Blue Kids will...

Be with God

Love God and neighbor

Understand themselves as children of God

Explore faith and the Bible

Deep Blue offers meaningful and engaging curriculum, encouraging children to “dive deeper” into the Bible and explore their faith in fun and age-appropriate ways.

This year our theme will be *At Home With God*:

Children will explore families in the Bible, learn how today's faith families care for children as they grow, build loving relationships, and find out what it means to be part of God's family!

We are looking forward to a great year! Check out the schedule below:

***Children's Sunday School 9:35-10:30 AM**

***Submerge Teen Time: 9:45 Ready! 9:50 Set! 10:30 Go!**

***Adult Education Hour: 9:30-10:30 AM**

Sunday School Staff for the 2018-2019 School Year:

Preschool—Rosemary Hanson/Peggy Halferty

Kindergarten/First grade—Debbie Jones

Second/Third grades—Courtney Adams

Fourth/Fifth grades—Kim Buckmaster/Joanne Chase

Submerge Teen Time—Dana Koukol

Adult Education Hour—Pastor Krista/Marlin Olson/Dan Luke

Child, Family, Youth (CYF) Director—John Grebe

**Sept. 16th
Return to two
Worship Services**

**Sept. 16th
Sunday School
Resumes**

Schedule Notes

September 2nd: 9:30AM Worship (Labor Day Weekend)

September 9th: 9:30AM Worship “God's Work, Our Hands” Day of Service

➔ **September 16th: Resume two worship services.** First day of Sunday School for children and adults.

-Adult Forum resumes Sept. 16th at 9:30AM: THE PARABLES This study goes through some of the most well known parables of Jesus from the perspective of its original Jewish listeners. This will also look at the ways in which the parables have been interpreted over time. If you are interested and cannot attend the Sunday Forum, please join us on Wed. Nights Sept. 19-Nov. 7 for Dinner and Faith. (see pg. 2)

October 14th—World Communion Sunday (details soon)

Sunday Adult Forum Schedule:
Sept. 16 - Intro
Sept. 23 - Chapt. 1
Sept. 30 - Chapt. 2
Oct. 7 - Chapt. 3
Oct. 14 - World Communion
 Sunday (no forum)
Oct. 21 - Chapt. 4
Oct. 28 - Chapt 5
Nov. 4 - Chapt 6
Nov. 11- Wrap-Up

Sunday School Teachers needed!

We are on the lookout for 2 new teachers to fill 2 open positions as well as a new person to lead our music opening. We always need volunteers for special projects or as substitutes! If you feel you are being called to serve God by serving and leading His very special children see Debbie Jones or Courtney Adams!

Have you heard?



NEW Non-Profit Sharing Space at Mt Si Lutheran

Council is pleased to share with the congregation that we will be sharing space with a new non-profit organization that provides tutoring to home-school children and parents. There are about 60 children and youth in the program.

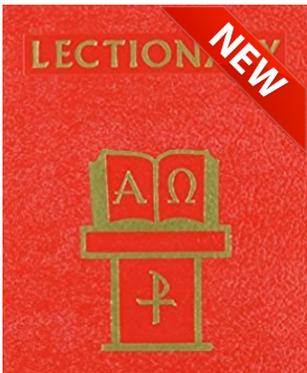
This group was at another church, but outgrew the space. They will be using most of the church buildings on Tuesdays beginning Aug. 21st. The contract is for one year and they have their own insurance. The monies we receive from the group will support extra maintenance needs and other church projects. If you have questions, please talk to a Church Council member.



Backpack/School Supply Project



Thank you to everyone who donated money, school supplies, and their time and energy to put together 290 backpacks. A special **THANK YOU** to Janey Benson, for countless hours of shopping, inventorying, and organizing another community backpack project. We also want to say thank you to everyone who helped with the backpack/school supply project: Mt. Si Lutheran Church, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, St. Clare's Episcopal Church, Costco, Big Lots, Ace Hardware, QFC, Office Depot, Target, and Thrivent for Lutherans. We couldn't have done it without your help!



I bet you are a person who loves the lectionary! Me too! So, I wanted to let everyone know that the Worship and Music team has learned of new Lectionary put together by our brothers and sisters in Scotland. This group of pastors, educators, worship leaders and authors have been putting together wonderful materials to supplement the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) and the Luther Seminary sponsored, Narrative Lectionary that came out around 2011. Now, this group has developed a new lectionary for use this year! Before I explain further...let me back up. First of all, what is a lectionary? Simply put, it is a collection of readings. The RCL is a lectionary used by many mainline denominations and was approved by the church for use in 1994 after nine years of collaboration between Protestant and Roman Catholic faith leaders. It was a show of unity to have so many various denominations agree to use this lectionary. The RCL rotates on a three year cycle and the hope of the lectionary was to pair Old Testament Readings with Gospel Lessons and Paul's Letters as well as teach the Psalms. The RCL has been meaningful for many congregations and

pastor's for over 20 years. In the early 2000's, as the church began to change and fewer people were experiencing the Bible on a daily basis through teaching at home and school and through media, many in the church started noticing that regular church goers were having difficulty following or naming the over arching Biblical Story. Such as being able to put Moses and Abraham in their proper places on the time-line and be able to name why the promise made to Abraham has crucial significance to the work God will do through Moses. Somehow, we were reading the story in church on Sunday, but there was a disconnect between the hearing and drawing together of the grand Narrative of Scripture.....and so....the Narrative Lectionary was born out of the work of Lutheran professors at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. The goal and purpose of this lectionary is to go in chronologic order through Scripture from Genesis to Revelation and leave the Summer months open for sermon series and topical study. Denominations around the world have loved this new Narrative Lectionary that works on a four year cycle which allows each of the four Gospels to have its own year in the spotlight.

The freedom of the Narrative Lectionary has opened the door for others to consider how we read Scripture on Sunday. Pastors and lay leaders from around the globe pooled their thoughts and a new Lectionary was born. This new lectionary is 18months and has a narrative quality as you will notice...in September we begin with Genesis...and it has a thematic quality...you will see in Advent that each Sunday we focus on important birth stories in the Bible including Moses and John the Baptist. We hope you enjoy this new lectionary! We are excited to see what the Spirit will reveal through the reading of Scripture together.

Meet your 2018 Council Members

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Debbie Spurling 2019 (2) Email: angeltender@hotmail.com	<h2 style="color: #6666ff; font-size: 2em;">Council Corner!</h2>		

Submitted by Pr. Krista Oppie

Council Updates: At our most recent council meeting in August we discussed Sheila’s retirement and approved changes to the job description as well as approving the hourly rate for a new hire. A few council members stepped forward to plan a retirement event for Sheila to thank her for 13 years of service here. Details coming soon!

Council also approved updates to the Personnel Policy manual to bring us in-line with WA state guidelines.

We discussed the Roof Project and approved three upcoming events to help raise funds for the roof. Thanks to your generosity we have over \$40,000 in pledged and received monies toward the roof. In addition we have just over \$10,000 from previous capital fundraising collected in previous years. That means we are half-way there! Check out the tiles on the roof in the Narthex which are marking our progress.

Council also spent time discussing a plan to engage in intentional community building over the next Fall-Spring to build a strong foundation for our visioning process. This community building is taking on the theme of “Telling the Story.” We will participate in this activity together in three parts. Part One: Tell Your Story. Part Two: Tell Our Story. Part Three: Tell God’s Story. There will be community activities around each theme that we hope will strengthen our faith community and help foster new relationships and stronger relationships between our members. The first event will be held on **Sept. 15th from 10am-2pm** and will involve each person making an 8x10 canvas art piece that showcases part of their personal story. Suzy Shuba and Pastor Krista will be there to lead us through the process. You don’t have to be an artist!

Council also heard the reports of each team ministry and gathered the first round of budget information. Council is working hard this year to ensure that our budget is as accurate as possible when we present it to the congregation. We have asked each team to be thoughtful in what they are asking for and specific in their needs and the costs to fulfill these needs.

If you ever have questions for council, please ask Jack Boller, Council President; Erica Haycox, Council Vice President; or Nancy Flanagan, Secretary.

Camping Update: What fun was had at the Mt Si camping trip this year! About 40 people came and spent time at Lake Easton Camp Ground. We played games, went hiking, rode bikes, roasted marshmallows, sat around the camp fire, worshiped God and ate yummy food! Thanks to our organizers and all who helped make this a great trip.



Check out our updated website for current information and upcoming events!!!

Adios, Farewell, and Thank You!

As you read the Sept. newsletter, I will have officially retired as the Office Manager for Mt. Si Lutheran Church. I began working at Mt. Si Lutheran May 1, 2005. It has been 13 wonderful years of service in ministry and I leave with heartfelt tears; but also a smile on my face looking forward to what “retirement” will bring. So many great things have happened during my time as the Office Manager. My first newsletter was June, 2005 where I introduced myself and my family. Update....my “kids” are now 29 and 26 years old. Our daughter, Natalie, is married and lives and works in New York City. Our Son, Matt, lives and works in Seattle. They were in tenth and seventh grade when we moved to North Bend. My husband, Rick, retired with 26+ years in the U.S. Coast Guard, but continues to work in Seattle for the Coast Guard as a civilian. We still live in North Bend (conveniently across the street!) and we will still be part of this loving congregation. After some time to get away and just ‘kick back’, I hope to seek other ways to be involved in the ministry of the church. Being a military family, we were used to moving every four years, but this is the longest we have ever lived anywhere as a family. I have enjoyed seeing families grow and kids in this congregation go from elementary school all the way to graduating high school and entering college. What a joy that has been!

Does anyone else like useless fun facts? Here are a few: I have served in ministry with 5 Pastors, 4 Family & Youth Directors, 5 Treasurers, 5 Financial Secretaries, and 2 Custodians. I was the editor and publisher of 160 newsletters and approximately 676 Sunday worship bulletins. I have assisted 7 Church Council Presidents and countless Council members, as well as ministry chairs. I have witnessed the joys of births, baptisms, new memberships, graduations, and weddings as well as the loss of so many beloved members, former members, and family members of our congregation. I will cherish both the joyous and the sad occasions and hold all close to my heart.

I am forever grateful and humbled for the opportunity to serve as the Office Manager at Mt. Si Lutheran Church and leave with an abundance of heartfelt thanks. Thank you to all of the Pastors and co-workers I have served with. Thank you to Pr. Krista Oppie for blessing my life both as my Pastor and friend. Thank you to the Church Council for your support through the years. Thank you to Leslie Hatling (Financial Secretary), for the many laughs we have working together and trying to figure out computer “glitches” a.k.a. “operator error”. Thank you to Jeff King (Treasurer), for always assisting me whenever I needed you.... even if it meant digging into boxes in the storage closet for something I needed. And, a huge thank you to Sue Oster (Custodian), for being there and showing support for me each and every day that we worked together. Sue and I have had many good laughs as well. We are always joking that we need cameras installed to find the answers to so many mysteries: *Who left the lights on? Who left the door unlocked? Who moved this or that? Who donated this or that? Who borrowed the chairs?* Some mysteries get solved and some are still....well, mysteries. Last, but not least, I want to mention John Grebe (CYF Director), for making yet another transition to a new staff member pleasant, fun, and effortless. John seemed to fit right in from the beginning and I am grateful that he chose Mt. Si Lutheran as the place that he feels called. May you continue the office shenanigans and may you find the hidden mini porcelain doll, a.k.a. “creepy baby” soon.

I am confident that the next person to fill the Office Manager position will feel as blessed as I did to serve the congregation of Mt. Si Lutheran Church. I pray that they feel as welcomed and loved as I have felt. Soon there will be a new face in the church office. Please stop by and introduce yourself and get to know them.

With Gratitude,

Sheila Rodriguez, Retired



What's Been Happening....



All hail our own 'Queen Victoria' a.k.a. Vicki Wallentine, for her extraordinary work on the parade float for the Mt. Si Festival Grande Parade on Aug. 11th. Vicki and Marlin Olson were the designers, architects, and contractors of this project. We had lots of people helping decorate. Their hard work paid off and we won the First Place trophy. We had several children participate in the parade; the majority came because of VBS. Both kids and adults who joined us in the parade gave out candy and flyers about our church and

upcoming events. We were the only church that participated in the parade this year and we represented our community well with a great deal of enthusiasm and pride. Special THANK YOU to Tom & Inge Burnside for loaning their flatbed trailer for the parade float.

August 18, 2018



A big thanks to Cassandra K., Rosemary K., Tyler K., Isaac E., Andrew E., Paige L., Lindsey F., and Rachel F. for their involvement in making the Carnival a success. All of them worked on fundraising with the Easter breakfast and the rummage sale. Many of them worked the Carnival from 9am until 5pm. This project served the neighborhood and community well. We had about 25 kids and their families come play and eat. We heard many great compliments about the activities as well as about how great our youth are, make sure you affirm them when you see them next.

Immense gratitude to all the adults who showed their support to the youth and helped with the carnival.
~John Grebe, CYF Director



V. B. S. Shipwrecked!



About fifty kids and lots of adult and teen volunteers were 'Shipwrecked' for five days! Fear not, as we all had tons of fun singing songs, doing nifty science experiments, watching cool videos about the island animals, and learning all about God and Jesus. Although it was very hot, we were also able to cool off with water games and cool treats. Thanks to all of the volunteers and the generosity of our church members, we learned no matter what happens....Jesus Rescues! We collected \$138 for World Vision Operation Kid-to-Kid to help farmers in Haiti. We wish to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Vicki Wallentine and Marlin Olson for creating and designing decorations to make the sanctuary to look like a shipwreck, and to Debbie Jones for organizing and leading another AMAZING V.B.S.!!!





Cast Away Sing and Play



God Sightings



Bible Discovery



Shipwreck Games



Tropical Treats



Kidvid Cinema



Imagination Station



Sail Away Sendoff

Fall Worship Schedule Begins Sept. 16th

We will have two worship services, both with Holy Communion, at 8:15AM Traditional and 10:45AM Praise. Coffee Hour Fellowship will follow 8:15AM worship and Sunday School for Children and Adults resumes.

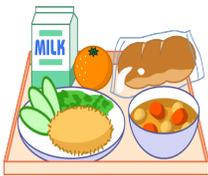


Congratulations and Blessings to Brett and Emma Imsland who got married on July 21, 2018 as family and friends gathered for their celebration. Brett is the son of Mark and Julie Imsland, and grandson of Joyce Ayers. Brett and Emma have a 4 year old son named Hayden.



Volunteer Opportunities

Food Bank Volunteers Needed: Mt. Si Lutheran Church needs 8 volunteers every 4th Wednesday of the month to help serve at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank from 9AM-12:30PM. There is a sign up sheet available in the narthex or call the office. All are welcome to serve. If you are interested in coordinating our food bank volunteers, please speak to Pr. Krista or call the office.



Hot Meal Program at North Bend Community Church Every Wednesday, Hot Meals offers a free meal to the public, and for decades it has operated out of the NBCC kitchen. Mt. Si Lutheran Church currently volunteers at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank the 4th Wed. of the month, and now we will also participate in the Hot Meals Program from 9AM-12Noon the 4th Wed. of every other month as well. If you are interested in helping with the Hot Meals, please contact Mt. Si Lutheran Coordinators: Erica Haycox, Pastor Krista, or call the office at 425 888-1322. **Next date is Oct. 24th.**



ACOLYTE TRAINING

Acolyte Guardian—Shelley Harding. To schedule your child(ren), please see the sign up calendar in the cry room of the church. Shelley will remind Acolytes each week when scheduled. If you would like to help Shelley, or are willing to rotate with her, please speak to Shelley. If you are interested in acolyte training, please speak to Pastor Krista.



Do you like to celebrate birthdays? Mt. Si has a group of ladies who have been meeting the first Thursday of the month to celebrate birthdays for several years. Anyone can come. No membership required and we promise we are a friendly/inviting group of ladies who enjoy friendship, fun, and fellowship. If you are home during the daytime and would like to join us, please come. Instead of gifts, we bring non-perishable items for the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and bring something to share for lunch. Please come and join the “*Birthday Lunch Bunch*” at 11:30AM. If you have questions, please contact the office at (425) 888-1322.



Chronic Conditions Support Group (CCSG) This group is for anyone coping with a chronic condition. The CCSG group is on hiatus till further notice. If you have questions, please contact Susan Olds at (425) 888-0281 or call the office at (425) 888-1322.



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

Community In Action
www.snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org

Mt. Si Lutheran Church volunteers 4th Wed. of the month

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

F.Y.I.

**Mt. Si Lutheran Church
Income Statement July 2018
2018 Approved Budget = \$243,437**

You may contribute to the newsletter by submitting your articles to the church office by email or a simple phone call. The Deadline for submissions is the 3RD MONDAY of each month, except when earlier deadlines are required due to holidays, etc. Call 425 888-1322

<u>BUDGET UPDATE</u>	July Actual	July Budget	Net Difference	Percent Difference
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Offering Income	18,337.96	20,376.32	(2,038.36)	-10.00%
Total Income	18,337.96	20,376.32		
Expense	18,181.34	20,186.25	(2,004.91)	-9.93%
Net Income	156.62	190.07	(33.45)	17.60%

Automate Your Giving

Are you interested in automating your giving to the church? Through the on-line giving program your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account or credit card. Just go to www.mtsilutheran.org and click Online Giving. If you have questions, please speak to Leslie Hatling, Financial Secretary.

Aug. Food Bank = \$297.01
VBS Donation to World Vision = \$138.00
Bake Sale/Roof Fundraiser = \$541.00
Quilt Raffle/Roof Fundraiser = \$40.00



Sharon Augenstein was the lucky winner of the beautiful handmade quilt at the North Bend Block Party. The drawing raised \$40 towards the Roof Fundraiser. Thank you to our Quilting Ministry for donating the quilt for a great cause.

CONTINUE *the* VISION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Fundraising Goal: \$100,000 to replace the roofs on the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Please prayerfully consider helping Mt. Si reach this goal! You can go to our website at mtsilutheran.org and click 'Online Giving' tab to donate to General Operations or Roof Fund.

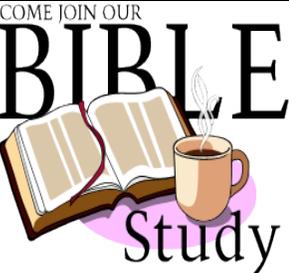
UPDATE!!!! The Stewardship and Finance team are pleased to announce that we currently have received approximately \$40,231 in pledges and actual gifts as of Aug. 31, 2018.

Thanks to you we are nearly half the way to our goal of \$100,000. If you have not had the chance to pledge or make a gift, please pick up a pledge card in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate or pledge box. **THANK YOU ALL!**

**Wednesday Nights
Dinner and Faith:
The Parables
Sept. 19-Nov. 7**

We meet at 6:30pm for dinner in the Fellowship Hall and the study is 7-8PM. All are welcome. This is the same study as Sunday morning Adult Education Class.

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 425 691-0181 (new #)

**Bible Study
for
Women** Monday Women's Bible Study Group. Please join us every Monday at 12:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Grace Culver at 425 222-7515 or Laura Ritzenthaler at 425 888-5294.



The Spirit

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Bishop Election

By the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop



Friends,

Our 2019 Synod Assembly will include a Bishop Election in the Northwest Washington Synod. The Synod Council has appointed David Swartling to shepherd the process. You will be hearing more soon about the upcoming timeline which runs from November to May.

I want you to know it has been a real joy and a great honor to have served the Office of Bishop for the last five years. It has afforded me a perspective of the whole church that I otherwise would have never had. It has been a term blessed with the opportunity to spend time with so many wonderful people who make up the church. I have been privileged to meet our ecumenical partners and to break bread with our neighbors of faith. I have been gifted with attending two National Youth Gatherings and to witness the work of our synod's Children, Youth and Family Ministries. I count as one of the greatest blessings the wisdom that has been shared by our Native American sisters and brothers who hold the creation in sacred relationship.

Under my leadership I have placed a strong emphasis upon collaboration between congregations and members of the roster. The emphasis includes strengthening our ministry relationship with partners both within the Lutheran community and beyond. I take seriously Presiding Bishop Eaton's teaching that we are church at our best when we are church together for the sake of the world.

It has also been important to me to see us engage the neighborhood in new ways. All our congregations, in one way or another, serve the local neighborhood through feeding, sheltering, clothing, and providing emergency help. Some of our smallest congregations do so on a scale that is very impressive for their size. I applaud all our congregations for this outreach in Jesus' name.

My emphasis has been on taking the next step in neighborhood engagement - which is not about providing services, but about deep listening to our neighbors for the purpose of joining them in building stronger communities. This next step may seem subtle, but it is a major shift in both how we see our neighbors and relate to them.

I have tried to elevate the place of our specialized ministries as they provide a high level of care where some of the greatest pain exists in the community.

I have also been about the work of our Capital Campaign, *Because of You*, trying to increase the resources that we have, to form new leaders and to support the work of mission on the territory of our Synod into the future. We set a very ambitious goal of 3 million dollars and the fruit of our efforts need to be realized this next year.

This Synod has been well served through two significant staff changes. The Staff has committed itself to being responsive to the needs of those we serve. Having a good staff has meant I have always looked forward to coming to work and have felt confident when I am away.

This summer I have been in deep discernment as to whether I will allow my name to go forward for a second term. It is a call that is very hard for me to say no to because of the blessing that it has been to serve you.

I have reached the conclusion that I am not going to consider a second term. I feel my shelf life has expired and the Synod is deserving of a leader more gifted to serve the church in these times. There is no doubt in my mind that God will raise up the right leader who is likely to be both culturally and technically more fluent than I.

I will end my term with deep gratitude to the people of this Synod and with a commitment to set the table well for the person who is to follow. It has been a privilege. Grace, grace, grace!!!

Stay in touch and in the know!
Have you checked out the Synod Website Calendar? www.lutheransnw.org/calendar
Do you receive the Weekly Update eNews? www.lutheransnw.org/subscribe
Stay connected to the wider church by subscribing to ELCA news at <http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Mt. Si Lutheran						
2 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Hour Fellowship	3 HOLIDAY (office closed) Labor Day  12:30PM Women's Bible Study	4 8:30AM-4PM Classical Conversations Homeschool Group 9:30AM Quilters	5	 6 9:30AM Needle Art/Fellowship at Mt. Si Golf Course 11:30AM Monthly Birthday Lunch 6-8PM AA	7 Pr. Krista's DAY OFF (office closed)	1 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 8 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
9 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM ELCA Day of Service Potluck & Service Projects 	10 11AM Staff Meeting 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	11 8:30AM-4PM Classical Conversations Homeschool Group 9:30AM Quilters 7PM Council	12	13 9:30AM Needle Art/Fellowship at Mt. Si Golf Course 6-8PM AA	14 Pr. Krista's DAY OFF	15 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 11AM-2PM Tell Your Story Art Project
16 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block;"> Back to two worship services and Sunday School Resumes </div> 8:15AM Traditional Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour 10:45AM Praise Worship 12Noon-2PM Tell Your Story	17 11AM Staff Meeting 12:30PM Women's Bible Study Newsletter Deadline 	18 8:30AM-4PM Classical Conversations Homeschool Group 9:30AM Quilters 7PM Parish Ed	19 6:30-8PM Dinner and Faith	20 9:30AM Needle Art/Fellowship at Mt. Si Golf Course 6-8PM AA	21 Pr. Krista's DAY OFF	22 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
23 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15AM Traditional Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour 10:45AM Praise Worship 3PM Wedding/Reception	24 11AM Staff Meeting 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	25 8:30AM-4PM Classical Conversations Homeschool Group 9:30AM Quilters	26 6:30-8PM Dinner and Faith	27 9:30AM Needle Art/Fellowship at Mt. Si Golf Course <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;"> Pr. Krista is away Sept. 27-Oct. 1 </div>	28 Pr. Krista's DAY OFF	29 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
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Flower Chart for the Altar



DATE	NAME	IN MEMORY, IN HONOR, OR IN CELEBRATION OF
Sept. 2	Kay Boyle	In Loving Memory of her father, Leslie Stroming
Sept. 9	Enid & Bill Gast	In Honor of birthdays and their wedding anniversary
Sept. 16		
Sept. 23	John & Erica Haycox	In Honor of Declan's birthday and their wedding anniversary
Sept. 30		



If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2018**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.



Is Serving as Worship Assistant Really a Ministry? Absolutely!

Ushering is a public ministry of hospitality and evangelism. In a real and vital way, ushers are the “welcoming committee” here at MSLC. **The Lector** is the minister who brings the Word of God to life for all to hear. This calling requires preparation so that the readings can become a vehicle for sharing the Word with God’s people. **Communion Helper** also serves a vital and holy ministry. They assist the Pastor with distributing the “bread” and “wine” to those wishing to receive Holy Communion. **Acolyte** is an ancient Greek word meaning helper or follower. Acolytes help shape the worship experience by lighting and extinguishing (putting out) the altar candles.

Worship Assistants for September



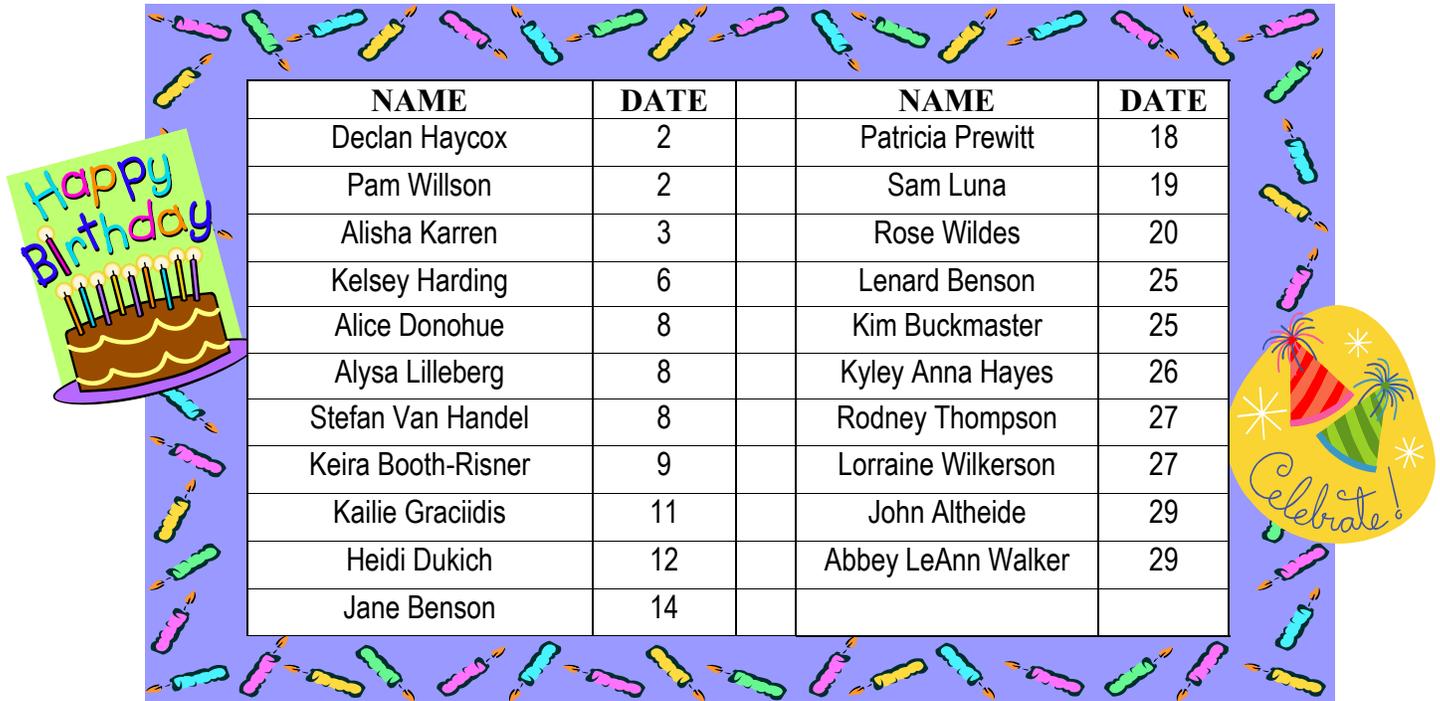
SUNDAY SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 9:30AM	Sept. 2 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Summer Worship	Sept. 9 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Summer Worship	SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 8:15AM & 10:45AM	Sept. 16 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Sept. 23 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Sept. 30 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Usher	9:30AM Only	9:30AM Only	Usher			
9:30AM	Ed & Janey Benson	Flanagan Family	8:15AM	Tom Chase David VanHandel	Koukol Family	Bill Gast Mike Kober
10:30AM	Coffee Hour Fellowship	Potluck & ELCA Day of Service MSLC Projects	9:15AM	Coffee Hour Fellowship and Sunday School		
			10:45AM	Mark Imsland Mike Hanson	Ed & Janey Benson	Suzy Cassidy Linda Luke
8:15 Acolyte	Addison Wambsganss	Addy Harding	8:15 Acolyte 10:45 Acolyte	D. Davis	Rosemary K.	
Counters	Ed Benson	Nancy Flanagan	Counters	NEEDED	NEEDED	Debbie Spurling Nancy Flanagan
Communion Assistants			Communion Assistants			
9:30AM	Courtney Adams	Inge Burnside	8:15AM	Joanne Chase	Marlin Olson	Kay Boyle
			10:45AM	Rosemary Hanson	Suzy Cassidy	Debbie Spurling
Lector			Lector			
9:30AM	Terry Adams	Tom Burnside	8:15AM			Jeff Mach
			10:45AM	Suzy Cassidy	Linda Velebir	Ed Benson
Music Team 9:30AM	Warren W. Dave Spurling	Andy V., John A., Dave S., Erik R.	8:15 Cantor/ Music Leader	John Cassidy Dave Spurling	Jack Boller Dave Spurling	Warren W. Dave S.

Worship Assistants
If you are interested in assisting on Sunday mornings as Usher, Communion Assistant, Lector, or Acolyte, please call the office. We 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.



Sept. Birthdays!



NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
Declan Haycox	2	Patricia Prewitt	18
Pam Willson	2	Sam Luna	19
Alisha Karren	3	Rose Wildes	20
Kelsey Harding	6	Lenard Benson	25
Alice Donohue	8	Kim Buckmaster	25
Alysa Lilleberg	8	Kyley Anna Hayes	26
Stefan Van Handel	8	Rodney Thompson	27
Keira Booth-Risner	9	Lorraine Wilkerson	27
Kailie Graciidis	11	John Altheide	29
Heidi Dukich	12	Abbey LeAnn Walker	29
Jane Benson	14		

Anniversaries!



David Scott-Risner & Susan Olds	Sept. 2
Chris & Lisa Sampson	Sept. 2
Bill & Enid Gast	Sept. 4
Stephen & Tammy Lilleberg	Sept. 4
Glen & Marge Bliss	Sept. 6
Paul & Heidi Dukich	Sept. 8
Charles & Jenny Lynch	Sept. 22
John & Erica Haycox	Sept. 25



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 @ 425 888-1322, or via email at 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.



Hospitality Coffee Hour Fellowship and Worship Assistants

We invite you to Mt. Si's Hospitality Coffee Hour and Fellowship following 8:15AM worship. We need volunteers to sign up for hosting the coffee hour. There is always a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. Sue Oster coordinates 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. 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

Summer Worship Schedule through Sept. 9, 2018

9:30AM Worship

⇒ Fall Sunday Worship Schedule Resumes Sept. 16, 2018

8:15AM Traditional Worship

9:15AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour

9:35-10:30AM Sunday School

9:30-10:30AM Adult Christian Ed

9:45-10:30AM Submerge Teen Time

10:45AM Praise Worship

Pastor Krista Oppie

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Pastor's cell: (206) 473-7460

John Grebe, Dir., Children, Youth, Family (CYF)

John's email: snowshoe2day@hotmail.com

John's cell: (360) 920-5876

Vacancy—Office Manager

Jack Boller—Council President

Andy Velebir—Worship & Music

Dave Spurling—8:15AM Accompanist

Sue Oster—Custodian

Jeff King—Treasurer

Leslie Hatling—Financial Secretary

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