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Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

November 2018

Key Dates:

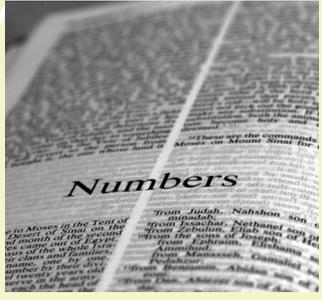
- Nov. 3rd** Daylight savings (set clocks back before bed)
- Nov. 4th** All Saints Day
- Nov. 11th** Veterans Day
- Nov. 18th** 9:30 Worship, Annual Congregation Meeting
- Nov. 22nd** Thanksgiving (Office closed)
- Nov. 23rd** Office closed

Worship Schedule
 8:15am Worship
 9:30am Coffee Hour and Education
 10:45am Worship

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From Pastor Krista's Desk.....



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we move ahead in our new lectionary, the month of November brings our attention to a book of the Bible many of us have little knowledge of: Numbers. Most of us, when flipping to Numbers will soon experience heavy eyelids as we read the lists and endless names and numbers recorded in the first couple of chapters. We also may see some similar and repeated material that appears in Exodus and Deuteronomy. So, why is this book important for us today? Numbers offers a detailed (literally!) look at the life of the Hebrew people while on the move through the desert and outlines many of the priestly practices that became central to the identity of the people. Within the pages are Scripture that still are a part of our weekly worship. Take a look at Number 6:22-26. Sound Familiar? This is where we find the standard blessing that is offered to us at the end of each worship service. Thinking on that fact alone it is rather incredible to imagine that since the time of Aaron and Moses this blessing has been offered over God's people.....that's over 3,000 years that this blessing has been spoken. The words and stories of Scripture connect us to a tradition and faith that crosses the centuries and the globe. That is a humbling and awe inspiring reality. The parts of Numbers we read on Sunday will include the sending of 70 elders out to serve the people (sound familiar to something Jesus does?). We will also, on Veteran's Day hear the roll call for those in the camp of the Israelites that are able to serve in the army. As we also recognize 100 years since the end of WWI there is a unique poignancy to hear words of Numbers and the names and numbers of those young men of long ago alongside the remembrance of those many young men and women who have died in service to the USA. We will be challenged by other texts as well through the month of November. Looking ahead, if you want to read these prior to worship, here is our Lectionary Schedule for November:

- Nov 4th Numbers 14:1-12; 16:1-5,23-35
- Nov 11th Numbers 1:1-16,44-54
- Nov 18th Numbers 11:16-35 *One Worship @ 9:30am
- Nov 25th Numbers 17:1-13; 21:1-15

- Peace, Pastor Krista Oppie

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS!



Apple Pressing with John Nov. 18th

Bring the little ones for apple pressing during the Annual Meeting!

Once the meeting is over, all are welcome to join. If you have any questions please contact John Grebe at 360-920-5876



Annual
Congregation
Meeting
Sunday Nov. 18th
after 9:30am
Worship

*Please note:
Only one worship on Nov. 18th*



Nov. 11th during coffee hour, Bill Marsh our local Thrivent Community Coordinator will be here to explain Thrivent benefits and to answer any questions you may have about Thrivent.

Bill will also be attending the Nov. 18th Congregational Meeting, so if you can't make it on the 11th, the 18th will be a great time to learn about Thrivent and what this company can do.



Woman's Group will be meeting Nov. 27th and will continue to meet regularly after that. This group will discuss volunteer opportunities within the community, some bible study, and a chance to have a fun evening with some fantastic gals



Women's Choir

Interested in being part of a women's choir here at Mt Si?
Talk to Pastor Krista!

We are hoping to sing for the Advent Season.



Bell Choir

Pastor Krista was able to secure a set of bells and chimes for the congregation from a congregation in NY. They are on permanent loan to Mt Si! Jenna R. is willing to teach the choir. Get ready to ring! Practice is on Thursdays at 6:30pm. If you are interested please let Pastor Krista know!

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...



Children's Ministry activity of pumpkin painting for the Harvest Carnival.

Thank you to John for setting this up and to all the parents who came out and helped. The kids had a great time!



Lutheran World Relief Service Care Kits
Thank you to everyone who donated and helped put the care kits together. Over 60 kits where assembled!



Wine and Cheese event was a huge success! Not only did everyone have a great time but this event raised **over \$900** towards the roof fund!
Thank you to everyone who attended



ONGOING GATHERINGS...

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

short stories by **jesus**



Women's Bible Study every Monday afternoon from 12:30-2:00pm.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast every Saturday morning @ Country Pride Restaurant at 8am

Monthly Birthday Celebration happens the first Thursday of every month at 11:30am in the fellowship hall. Celebrate the birthdays of the current month with cake, conversation and lunch

Quilters gather every Tuesday at 9:30am to make quilts for LWR.

Prayer Shawls & Needlework group meets every Thursday at Mt Si Golf Course at 9:30am



PARISH EDUCATION

Sunday School Offering:

Thank you for your generous Sunday School donations! In September we sent \$362.83 to Pura Vida! — Good Life! This money that the adult and child classes collected all throughout the 2017-2018 Sunday School year to help create a brighter future for the children in Guatemala! We received a wonderful postcard from the board of directors;

“To the Mount Si Sunday School class– On behalf of the Pura Vida board of directors, I want to thank you for your gift to support our programs in Guatemala. I hope you can take a moment and look at our website and see firsthand the exciting programs your donation helps us support.”

Bendiciones, Laura Richards
(Bendiciones means 'Best Wishes')

www.puravida.org



Sunday School Update!

“Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one” Psalm 133:1

We enjoyed learning about Jesus’ family and exploring how our families belong in God’s big story. In the next couple weeks we will begin to learn about the families of Joseph, Moses, and Sisters Mary and Martha! We also will learn about Naomi and Ruth—two women not related by blood but family all the same. We will learn how God was at work in these people’s lives and these stories remind us that God is at work in our world.

*The next couple of months are very busy! We will not have traditional Sunday school on these days but there are events for fellowship, fun and learning!

Sunday Nov 18th — *No Sunday School* Congregational Meeting and Cider making with John

Sunday Nov 25 — *No Sunday school* Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday December 2 — *No Sunday School* Advent Festival

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

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

***Adult Education Hour 9:45-10:30 AM**

Sunday School Staff for the 2018-2019 School Year:

Preschool—Peggy Halferty & Rosemary Hanson Kindergarten/First grade—Debbie Jones
Second/Third grades—Courtney Adams Fourth/Fifth grades—Kim Buckmaster & Joanne Chase

Submerge Teen Time—Dana Koukol & John Grebe

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

Substitute teacher- Enid Gast

COUNCIL CORNER

Council Report.....

We are in the middle of our fall season and a number of things are happening.

Our fund-raising campaign to raise money for the roofs is close to half way to our goal. We had a successful wine and cheese fund raising event in October. In the coming weeks we will be holding other events. We have also connected with representatives from Thrivent and they will be helping us identify other opportunities to raise money. The campaign will run through spring next year. Watch the bulletins and webpage for more information.

Our draft budget was discussed by the council at our October meeting. The final proposed budget will be presented to the council at the November meeting for approval to present to the congregation at the November 18th congregational meeting. Even though our September giving was up significantly we are still down by more than 15% compared to the last two years. We did take this into consideration as we developed the budget.

Once the council has approved the proposed budget, it will be made available to the congregation prior to the congregational meeting.

We will also be approving new council members at the November congregational meeting. We will need to fill at least two vacancies and could take in a total of four new members. The term is for three years with the option of extending a second three years. We meet once a month and have occasional retreats for planning and visioning discussions. If you are interested in serving on the council, contact current council members or Pastor Krista. The council will be holding a retreat on November 3rd to discuss the three-step visioning process we have begun based on telling our story. We will be using this time to plan our next steps to be rolled out after the first of the year and then continue on into the spring. We began this process by each of us producing an 8 x 10 canvass art piece to tell our personal stories. Many of us participated in this activity and the results are on display in the sanctuary.

If you have any ideas or issues you would like to raise to the council, please contact any of the council members or Pastor Krista and we will work with you to get them to the council.

As we move ahead, be watching for opportunities to volunteer to serve in our ministries and help fulfill our mission to serve our members, our community, and the larger world.

Submitted by Jack Boller, Council President

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Fundraising Goal: \$100,000 to replace the roofs on the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Please prayerfully consider helping Mt. Si reach this goal! **Current giving/pledges total : \$43,063!**

THANK YOU!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY

Children Youth and Family Ministry

We have a fun filled month planned we are always looking for chaperones and others who are interested in participating. If you would like to volunteer to work with the children and youth please contact John Grebe to fill out a background check and to find out what the needs are.

Children's ministry

During the Congregational Meeting on the 18th our children will be making applesauce and cider. Adults will join in this great fall activity after the meeting. Please consider inviting friends!

Youth ministry

The youth will be going into Seattle on the 11th for an afternoon of fun and new experiences. We will be heading to the Archie McPhee toy store, having dinner, and attending Compline at St. Mark's Cathedral. This is one of my favorite events because Compline is so unique and beautiful. We will be leaving the Church at 3pm and returning around 10:45pm. Friends are welcome to join you on this event!

Compline:

Every Sunday evening at 9:30 p.m. in the Cathedral's nave, the all-male Compline Choir leads this formal choral service that is a Seattle tradition. A congregation of several hundred packs the Cathedral each week for this meditative service. Thousands more listen to the broadcast on KING-FM (98.1 on the radio dial), streaming online at king.org, or to the podcast. Some weeks, informal organ recitals follow Compline at around 10 p.m.

An Order for Compline can be found in the Book of Common Prayer as part of the Anglican services of daily prayer, known collectively as the Daily Office. The Compline Choir's website contains the Order of Service as it is presented as Saint Mark's.

November Events

- 4 Confirmation Class 4-6pm
- 11 Youth Group / Trip to Seattle / Compline 3pm -10:45pm
- 18 Congregational Meeting
- 18 Children's ministry Cider Press
- 18 Confirmation Class 4-6pm

Welcome CYF Team!

A new CYF team is up and running to help plan events and support the educational work of the CYF ministry at Mt Si. Members of the team are

- Jenna Rhyne
- Ed Benson
- Vicki W.

Interested in serving on the team? Talk to John Grebe, CYF Director

CYF Integration Task Force

This team is working to celebrate and find new ways to fully integrate the multiple generations represented here at Mt Si. Team members include

- Jack Boller
- Marlin Olson
- Nancy Flanagan
- Deb Mach

This team is working hard to develop unique and meaningful ways to engage children, youth and adults in leadership and ministry together.



What possibly would be better than receiving a heifer or a pig for the holidays? Gifting one!

Starting Nov. 4th we will be holding a Heifer International Living Gift Market. The Living Gift Market will allow the opportunity to help change the lives of families in need by giving them direct assistance they need, like chickens, cows, pigs, even llamas, so families can create their own farms and businesses, and have steady incomes.

This is a great cause and the perfect time to consider gifts for friends and family for the holidays. With every \$10 used towards a purchase you may add your name to a link and had it to our extraordinary 'chain of giving'.

And on top of all the wonderful giving from you all, there is a Matching Fund up to \$250.00 towards the purchase of a beautiful Heifer.

Keep your eyes out for the table that will be going up very soon with all of the information!

In the mean time if your interested in learning more about what Heifer International does please visit them at www.heifer.org

A few facts about Heifer International and how they work to empower families:

- They train people in sustainable farming by teaching people how to use environmentally-friendly farming methods, create and operate businesses, and support their communities with their knowledge.
- They help farmers gain access to the market by strengthening entire communities by making large-scale improvements to existing economic systems to benefit farmers.
- They empower women by helping women develop leadership skills so that they can have access to greater opportunities such as education and entrepreneurship.
- For more than 70 years they have partnered with and helped communities.
- They work in 25 countries to attain sustainable livelihoods through community-owned interventions.
- They've provided more than 32 million families the tools and training to lift themselves from poverty.

Nearly 1 billion people around the world still live in poverty.



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 1st
Barbara Touchette
Nov. 7th
Terry Adams
Joanne Chase
Linda Luke
Nov. 10th
Lori J. Murton
Nov. 11th
Sheila Rodriguez
Nov. 13th
Tom Lee

Nov. 16th
Katie Luna Bezanson
Nov. 17th
Charles Lynch
Nov. 20th
Bert Sievertson
Nov. 23rd
Lindsey Cassidy
Nov. 29th
Andy Velebir



**Happy Birthday to you
all!**

*Happy
Anniversary!*

Nov. 8th
Sylvia and Brink Evens

Nov. 24th
Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Lynn

A Note from Sheila



I would like to welcome Ambur Brown as the new Office Manager. I have met Ambur and we have spent some time together helping her transition as a valued staff member. I pray that Ambur feels as blessed as I do to serve Mt. Si Lutheran. If you have not met Ambur, I encourage you to stop by during office hours to say hello and show her a warm Mt. Si welcome.

I also want to say thank you to the entire congregation for welcoming me, encouraging me, and supporting me for the past 13 years as the Office Manager. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the send off that you gave me on my last day in the office, Sept. 30th, and for showing me your love and appreciation at the retirement reception Oct. 21st. I truly love each and every card, your kind words of encouragement, the gift cards, the beautiful flowers, as well as gifts from individuals. My heart is filled and I feel loved and blessed.

Thank you
Sheila Rodriguez (happily retired)



Northwest Washington Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Gratitude

Bishop Kirby Unti

NW Washington Synod / ELCA

From the November 2018 edition of *The Spirit*

One of the great joys of owning our boat is how many people comment on her name.

When we are out on the water people will often pull along side and shout out, "I love the name of your boat." We hear this same comment dockside and from neighbors who walk by the house where we store the boat. What is it about the name Gratitude that elicits such a response? It certainly wasn't the case with our first boat. It was named C-Sick and we received very few comments.

I only have hunches as to why it strikes such a strong chord with people. The most obvious is we live in such a cynical world that more often expresses complaint and criticism before it expresses gratitude. People delight in hearing a word of appreciation.

Gratitude is acknowledgement that one has received gift in their life.

Gratitude is the discovery that enough is more than plenty.

Gratitude is the recognition that we have received that which we do not deserve.

Gratitude is heartfelt - down in one's bones -

appreciation and thanksgiving for the daily gifts that we receive.

God's people from the beginning of time have been taught to be people of gratitude. We most often express our gratitude through feasts. We gather around tables filled with plenty to give God thanks for delivering us from slavery to freedom, and from death to life.

St. Paul discovered that when you approach life out of a sense of gratitude it allows you in all circumstance to fill content. Even in times of need or when one has little. In such times one still knows that we are being provided for.

I love being around grateful people. They are always people of joy and promise. Their posture is humble, and their lives are filled with appreciation. They are often people who have been through the most difficult of times and they tend to see the best in everything.

I am so grateful as your Bishop that so many of you are people of Gratitude.

May you be strengthened this Thanksgiving by knowing that God continues to provide us all that you need to be content.

COME, LORD JESUS! - Bishop Kirby Unti



Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

- Philippians 4:11-13 (NRSV)

SERVING SUNDAY

Coffee Hour Hospitality

If you enjoy our coffee hour between worship services perhaps you would consider serving as a host for a coffee hour. If you aren't sure what that looks like, reach out to Pastor Krista or Courtney Adams. We are happy to teach anyone how to make the coffee. Goodies can be as simple as you like. The dishwasher makes clean-up easy. Thank you for considering this way of serving here at Mt Si!



Sunday Worship Assistants

Thought about serving during worship? Pastor Krista is happy to train Lectors and Communion servers anytime. We also have someone to train ushers and acolytes. If you are interested please just let us know and we will get you trained and ready. Youth and more than welcome to lector and serve in all other ways on Sunday.

Are you a musician? Want to offer special music at a service? Contact Pastor Krista or Dave Spurling or Andy Velebir to get involved in our music ministry. Thanks!

Flowers

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.

Nov. 4th Presented by Spurlings
Nov. 25th Presented by Kay Boyle

For Vila Burt, Debbie's Grandma
In Memory of Edna Jensen

Worship Assistants For November

| | LECTOR | USHER | COMM. ASST. | ACOLYTE | CANTOR |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|---------|--------|
| Nov 4th, 8:15 | Jeff Mach | Mark I./Mike H. | Deb Mach | | Warren |
| Nov 4th, 10:45 | Lisa S. | Tom C./Bill G. | Suzy C. | | |
| Nov 11th, 8:15 | Pat Palmer | Dana K./Mike K. | Inge Burnside | | Andy |
| Nov 11th, 10:45 | Anne Keiser | Janey B./Linda L | Vicki W. | | |
| Nov 18th, 9:30 | Ed Benson | Mark I./Suzy C. | Joanne Chase | | |
| Nov 25th, 8:15 | John Keiser | Mike K./Dana K. | Kay Boyle | | Jack |
| Nov 25th, 10:45 | Linda V. | Ed B./Janey B. | Suzy C. | | |

If you cannot assist on the day assigned, please contact the church office so we can help you find a replacement. Thank you for serving!

Counters

Nov 4

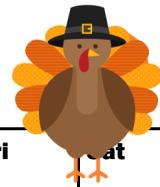
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November



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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Confirmation

November Meeting Schedule

Confirmation Class

Nov. 4th at 4pm

We will meet again on

Nov. 18th at 4pm

See you there!

Women's Bible Study
Every Monday afternoon from 12:30-2:00pm



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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Are you interested in contributing to the newsletter?

Please contact the church office and let us know!

We are happy to include your articles and stories.

Peace to you!