

# MOUNT SI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Special Points of Interest:

- June 5th—Sunday School Teacher Recognition
- June 5th—Following 9AM Worship, Town Hall Meeting with Potluck Brunch
- June 12th—Graduate Recognition Sunday with reception to follow worship
- June 19th—Happy Father's Day
- June 23rd—SUMMER FUN!
- July 4th—HOLIDAY (offices closed)
- July 7th & 14th SUMMER FUN
- July 11th-14th—Re-keying
- July 31st-Aug. 4th—V.B.S.

## Summer Worship Schedule

**9:00AM Worship through Sept. 11**

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# Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

June/July 2016



## The Assignment of Impossible Tasks

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*  
St. Paul, Philippians 4:13

I am an oblate at St. Andrew's Abbey, a Benedictine monastery in Valyermo, California. An oblate is someone who desires to follow the Rule of St. Benedict, without committing to the communal life of monks.

One of my devotional practices is to read a portion of the Rule of St. Benedict from Sr. Joan Chittister's book, "The Rule of Benedict: Insights for the Ages." (If you'd like to check it out, see "Daily Readings from the Rule of St. Benedict" at the website: [eriebenedictines.org](http://eriebenedictines.org)) Over the years Sr. Chittister and St. Benedict's wisdom and counsel have shaped my pastoral ministry and personal faith, hope and love. One of my favorite readings in Benedict's Rule is Chapter 68, "Assignment of Impossible Tasks."

Benedict says that a monk may be assigned a burdensome task or something they cannot do. "If so, they should, with complete gentleness and obedience, accept the order given them." If the weight of the burden is too great, then they should discuss this with the prioress or abbot (the servant leader of the community.) "If after the explanation the abbot or prioress is still determined to hold to their original order, then the junior must recognize that this is best. Trusting in God's help, they must in love obey."

Sr. Chittister's meditation on this chapter in the Rule of St. Benedict is instructive. "The straight and simple truth is that there are some things in life that must be done, even when we don't want to do them, even when we believe we can't do them...The reality is that we are often incapable of assessing our own limits, our real talents, our true strength, our necessary ordeals. If parents, teachers, employers, and counselors somewhere hadn't insisted, we would have never gone to college or stayed at the party or tried the work or met the person or begun the project that, eventually changed our lives and made us more than we ever knew ourselves to be."

I return to this passage, and St. Paul's counsel that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," again and again. I need the reminder and the reality check that all things are possible and that by God's grace I can do what needs to be done. (And when I can't, I accept it, turn it over, and move on!)

Mt. Si Lutheran Church is entering into a time of change: A time of endings and grieving losses; an in between time, and a time of new beginnings. In the weeks and months ahead, we have work to do—important work. Taking stock of the mission and ministries of the congregation and what they have been, where they are now, and where MSLC is headed. Organizing a transition team; doing the ministry site profile; recruiting a call committee and calling a new pastor are transition priorities. The Holy Spirit will provide all the guidance and encouragement we need to make our way through this season of change to the new beginnings God has in store. These tasks are not impossible assignments, though some days, it might feel that way. It's just work. Good and godly work. Community-in-Christ building-work. I believe we can, by God's grace, do what needs to be done. Together. Now.

Larry E. Thomas, Interim Pastor

# A Warm Mount Si Welcome

## Pr. Larry Thomas, An Introduction

Pastor Larry Thomas was born in Los Angeles, California in 1947. He graduated from Reseda High School in 1965. Pastor Larry graduated from California State University, Northridge in 1970. The following month, Pastor Larry and Ann Hoiland were married in Seattle. In September 1970, they moved to Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, where Pastor Larry began his studies at Luther Theological Seminary.

Ordained in July 1974, Pastor Larry served Lutheran congregations in Malibu, San Diego, and Chatsworth, California. In 1992, The Thomas Family moved to Issaquah when Pastor Larry was called to serve as lead pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church. After serving OSLC for 22 years, he retired in November 2014. Ann and Pastor Larry live in downtown Issaquah.

Pastor Larry and Ann are the parents of four children. Their son, Anders, lives in Seattle. Their son Soren, lives in Los Angeles. Their daughter Rebecca and her husband Stephan, live in Wood Ridge, New Jersey with their daughter Beya; their daughter Emily lives with her husband Dontay in San Antonio Texas, with their daughter Lily.

Ann currently works as an elder care provider and a spiritual director. Previously she served as the Director of Conference Services at Trinity Lutheran College. Pastor Larry and Ann are oblates at St. Andrew's Abbey, a Benedictine monastery in Valyermo, California. Pastor Larry serves on the board of World Outside My Shoes, a Spokane, Washington, based non-profit that supports the work of Carl Wilkens, the only American to stay in Rwanda during the 1994 genocide.

Since November, 2014, Pastor Larry has been enjoying retirement rest and renewal. In February, 2016, he attended "Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry: The Work of the Leader," workshop presented by the Interim Ministry Network, in hopes of serving an interim pastorate in a congregation in the Northwest Washington Synod. He is grateful for the opportunity to serve as the interim pastor at Mt. Si Lutheran Church.



On May 15, 2016, The Rev. Larry E. Thomas, Interim Pastor, was welcomed at Mt. Si Lutheran Church with a special 'Beginning of Interim Ministry Liturgy' during worship. Nancy Flanagan, Council Sec.; Heidi Dukich, Council Pres.; Jack Boller, Vice Pres. and Pastor Larry Thomas participated in the liturgy. Heidi read a summary of the interim agreement between Pastor Larry and the congregation. A welcome reception was held between services.



Pastor Larry "moving in" to the office on May 9th. Is it a coincidence that a moving van happened to be in the photo?!

# Parish Education News!

The Sunday School season has ended for summer. We will resume Sunday School on Sept. 18th.

Check the schedule notes below:

June 5th: Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

July 31st-Aug. 4: VBS—Mark your calendar now so you don't miss out on "Egypt, Joseph's Journey"

September 4th: Labor Day Weekend

September 11th: "God's Work, Our Hands" Day of Service

September 18th: First day of SS for the new school year



## Sunday School Teacher Recognition and Appreciation Sunday, June 5th



Please join us as we recognize the following Sunday School Teachers for another wonderful year of faithful service. **Nancy Flanagan, Rosemary Hanson, Debbie Jones, Dana Koukol, Ann Bartlett, Courtney Adams, Mike & Kim Buckmaster, Joanne Chase, & Sue Shardelman.** **Special thanks to Courtney Adams and Debbie Jones for co-leading the Sunday School.** God bless you all for providing our children a full faith experience with *Deep Blue*, a curriculum that is Christ centered and Bible based for children that included adventure, exciting stories, science experiments, arts and crafts, and active games—all combined into a living-faith experience that helps children discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today!



## 2016 Vacation Bible School SAVE THE DATES! JULY 31—AUG. 4 6:00-8:00PM

If you want to help with planning and decorating for this year's V.B.S., please speak to **Debbie Jones**. Lots of volunteers are needed!

### Spend A While On The Nile!

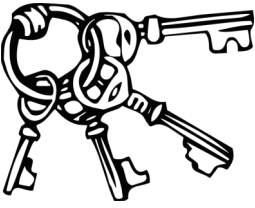


Join us in ancient Egypt! You'll explore Pharaoh's palace, experience thrilling "real-life" dramas, play high-energy games, sample tasty snacks, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends! Each day, your family members can become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Pharaoh's empire! You'll explore authentic Marketplace shops, visit Joseph (who's in Pharaoh's prison...then gets promoted to Pharaoh's palace!), take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as you discover more about how God was with Joseph in good times and bad. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate! Bring the whole family! Register on-line or pick up a registration form outside the church office, narthex, or fellowship hall.





**LIBRARY NEWS**—The Library Committee continues to search for books that will inspire and interest our congregation. Our display table features books for all ages, both fiction and non-fiction. Visit the FREE book cart! If we can help you find a book or 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, Sue Oster 425 888-4056, or Keira Booth-Risner 425 888-0281.



**Mt. Si Lutheran Church Re-keying Project**—Mt. Si has reached our goal for the re-keying fundraiser. **The locks will be changed approx. July 11-14. The deadline to complete a form is June 30, 2016.** If you have a key(s), and would like to have a new key, you must complete a Key Registration Form which is available in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall or Church Office. The completed form can be left on the office door or given to Sheila Rodriguez, Admin. Assistant during office hours. This project is directed by the Building & Grounds committee to limit the number of new keys assigned. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this process.



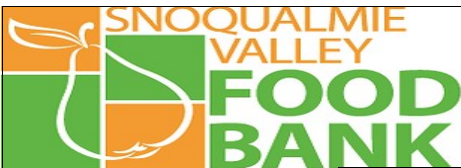
**SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND BACKPACK PROJECT**

It's time for the annual backpack and school supply project! I will be organizing this project again this year. Together with other local Valley churches we will collect monetary donations and school supplies, to provide backpacks, filled with school supplies for children grades K-12<sup>th</sup>. We are expecting 300 children to sign up for supplies this year! We need money to purchase supplies. You may also donate school supplies from the list below. I will purchase all the backpacks online for a discounted price. So, let's fill up the backpacks! I will have sign-ups in the narthex for help with inventorying supplies, filling the backpacks, and distributing them in August at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. Thanks for your help and support with this project serving the children in our community! If interested in helping, please call Jane Benson at 425 831-6896.

**School supplies needed:** 1 1/2 inch binders, colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks, glue bottles, highlighters, notebook dividers, pocket folders, washable and regular markers, college and wide ruled notebook paper, large pencil boxes, youth scissors 3<sup>th</sup> grade and up, wide and college ruled spiral notebooks, composition books, graph paper, index cards, pencil sharpeners, Ticonderoga brand pencils.



**Quilting Ministry**—The quilting ladies would like to thank Mike & Rosemary Hanson for picking up the boxed quilts and delivering them to Seattle to be shipped around the world through Lutheran World Relief. They sewed 63 beautiful quilts that will bless many in need of warmth. Fabric & sheets are always needed. Contact Barbara Touchette for questions.



*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 2016 Council Members

<b>President</b> Heidi Dukich 2018 (2) Email: hedukich@hotmail.com	<b>Vice President</b> Jack Boller 2018 (2) Email: jboller2@comcast.net	<b>Secretary</b> Nancy Flanagan 2017 (1) Email: nf2469@gmail.com	<b>Treasurer</b> Annual Renewal Jeff King Email: jeff_king_pnw@yahoo.com
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Paul Ritzenthaler 2018 (2) Email: paul.ritz@comcast.net			

## Council Corner!

**Submitted by Heidi Dukich, Church Council President**

It seemed timely that Pastor Larry started his first services as Interim Pastor on Pentecost Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The beginning of the church season is also a new beginning for Mt Si Lutheran Church as we look forward to the changes ahead. During fellowship hour we welcomed Pastor Larry and his wife Ann with a celebration cake and snacks.

Other things to know:

- Council is pleased to announce that we are on budget and that we have paid \$8,000.00 toward benevolence through April 2016.
- Stewardship and Finance recommended to council that we change banks from Bank of America to Umpqua Bank and the council approved. S & F will work with the executive committee to make the necessary arrangements.
- The funds needed to rekey the church have been raised. Due to scheduling, the rekeying will take place in July. As a reminder, you must request a key from the church office and complete a Key Registration Form available in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Church Office Summer Schedule: The church office will be closed on Friday's between June 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- "Town Hall" meeting and brunch potluck on June 5<sup>th</sup> following 9 a.m. service. Members, visitors and friends are invited. Pr. Larry will share how he will guide us through the interim period.
- Following June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mt. Si voting members will vote on hosting the Snoqualmie Valley Winter Shelter for the next season. Please plan on attending.
- Mt. Si wishes to thank Pr. Larry Thomas and Dan Luke for attending the 2016 NWWA Synod Assembly in May. For a brief summary about the 2016 Synod Assembly, please see pg. 9.

I hope to see everyone at the June 5<sup>th</sup> Town Hall meeting. This is a great opportunity to share your thoughts and visions for Mt Si Lutheran Church.



June 5th following 9AM Worship—Informational meeting and potluck brunch. Mt. Si voting members will vote on hosting the Snoqualmie Valley Winter Shelter.

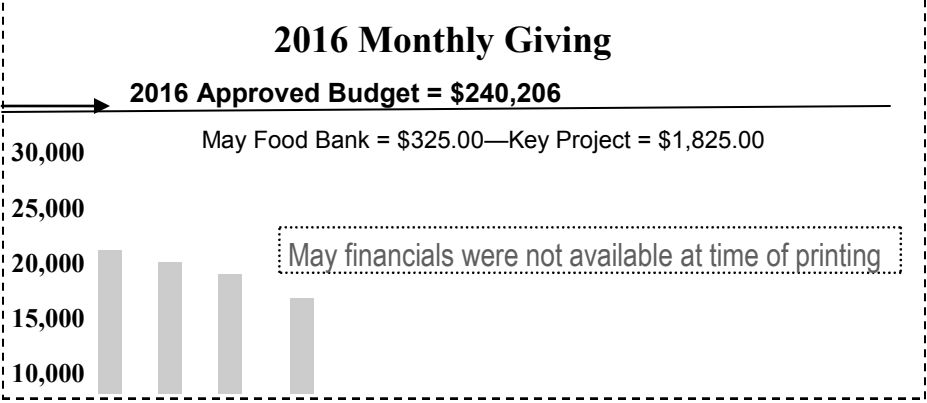


**SAVE THE DATE: Aug. 25-28**  
 Family Camping at Salmon la Sac Campground—sign up sheet available or contact Jane or Ed Benson or John Keiser.

Don't forget, your council members are your elected officials that you have entrusted with the workings of your church. Feel free to contact them to discuss issues that you feel are pertinent to the life of your congregation.

F.Y.I.

You may contribute to the newsletter by submitting your articles to the church office by email, snail mail, or a simple phone call. The Deadline for submissions is the THIRD MONDAY of each month, except when earlier deadlines are required due to holidays, etc.



### Automate Your Giving

Are you interested in automating your giving to the church? Through the Simply Giving program your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account or credit card. Forms are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall or contact the office. Forms should be returned to the church office with Attn: Financial Secretary.

### Office Volunteers Needed:

We are looking for office volunteers for June 20th-23rd & 30th, and July 5th & 6th (4th is a Holiday). We will have limited office coverage during this time to accommodate the volunteer's schedules (probably 9AM-Noon). If you can commit to one day or several days, please give Sheila Rodriguez a call at 888-1322. Thank you!

### Volunteer Opportunities

## Opportunities to Serve, Reach Out and Grow in Grace

All Committees will meet on the second Tues. of each month at 6PM to share a meal and discuss church goals with other ministries, then break into their individual committees. Anyone interested in hearing more about a committee is welcome to come and check it out. A free will offering is taken to go towards the meal.

Council meets at 7PM the third Tues. of the month.



### Church Photo Directory

Photo directory corrections/changes:

**Dan & Linda Luke**  
34917 SE Kinsey St., #202  
Snoqualmie, WA 98065  
(425) 269-5110

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



## 2016 Graduates Recognized on Sunday, June 12th



This summer, Mount Si Lutheran recognizes our 2016 graduates who have worked hard to accomplish their goals.

On Sunday, June 12th, we will celebrate the achievements of six high school graduates and two college graduates.

We are thankful to God for guiding these wonderful saints in their journey and for leading them on to what's ahead.

Listed below are the names of those who will be recognized on June 12th.

The Graduate families will host a reception during coffee hour immediately following worship.

All are welcome.

**Lindsey Cassidy from Mount Si High School**—*Lindsey will be taking a road trip with a few friends to California this summer and will be attending Central Washington University.*

**Autumn Dukich from Eastside Catholic School**—*Autumn is interested in studying Communications as a major and Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies as a minor. Her summer plans include exploring the northwest through hiking, concerts, spending time with friends and family, and participating as a bridesmaid in her cousin's wedding. She will continue to work at Mt. Si Sports & Fitness.*

*Autumn will be attending Western Washington University.*

**Jake Guenther from Mount Si High School**—*Jake is still making college plans for this fall.*

**Zack Hower from High School & College**—*Zack received an AA degree in General Studies from Bellevue College and will be attending Central Washington University for a bachelor degree in Construction Management.*

**Emilie Reitz from Mount Si High School**—*Emilie will start her summer by attending the 3-day WA state Democratic convention as a Bernie Sanders delegate for the 8th Congressional District. She hopes to be elected as a delegate to the National Convention that will be held in Philadelphia later this summer. Right after the convention, she and her parents will spend three weeks in Japan touring the Tokyo area and southern Japan—including the Kumamoto area. She last visited friends and relatives there back when she was nine years old. They hope that Kumamoto has had a chance to recover from the devastating earthquake. Emilie is still waiting to hear from colleges, but is interested in majoring in Computer Science and Linguistics. She has had four years of High School Spanish and would love to learn Japanese and Korean.*

**Cole Van Gerpen from Mount Si High School**—*Cole will be touring Europe this summer with the Washington Ambassadors of Music. He currently works at the Northwest Railway Museum as a ticket agent. He will begin studies for a degree in Music Education this fall at Central Washington University, where he has been accepted into the saxophone studio.*

**Megan Stone from College**—*Megan earned a B.A. in Economics, Law and Public Policy from the University of Washington in Bothell. This summer Megan will begin preparing to take the LSAT exam, for entrance into Law School.*



Baccalaureate  
Service

### HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE

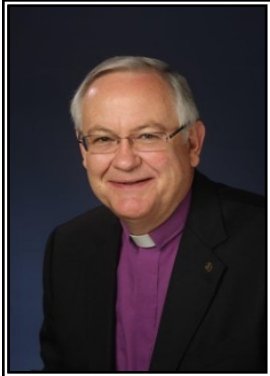
**JUNE 5 2016 at 6:00PM at Snoqualmie Valley Alliance Church**

Sunday, June 5th at 6:00PM, the High School Baccalaureate will be held at Snoqualmie Valley Alliance Church at 36017 SE Fish Hatchery Rd Fall City, WA. This program is a religious celebration honoring our seniors' commencement. All parents and graduating seniors, families & friends are invited to participate.



## The Spirit

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### When Strangers Become Friends?

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Bishop

There is a golden thread that has been woven through my life. It is the thread that moves me from being a person who is usually frightened and uncomfortable to a person who is blessed with new friendship.

I can tell you countless stories beginning with my childhood family. My father worked for the Easter Seal Society which is a non-profit advocating and providing services for people with incredible physical and mental challenges. It was my dad's habit to invite the people he was working with to our home. Imagine how my eyes lit up as a little boy when Harold Wilke, a man with no arms, was able to sit at the dinner table and use his feet as effectively as I use my hands. This once strange man became a highly respected family friend.

I remember in High School participating in a week long exchange program with Cleveland High School. We are talking about my nearly all white high school visiting a very integrated city school. It began with a parent orientation where the anxiety was off the charts. It took the parents from Cleveland to correct the many misperceptions and fears that the suburban parents held. I was so fortunate to have been selected as one the students to participate in the exchange. Yes, I was afraid and it would take weeks for the fear to turn into another great blessing in my life. Not to mention I developed a crush on a Chinese girl whose parents would not allow me to talk to her on the phone.

Moving to my internship year in Bellevue, I discovered the opportunity to take a group of High School kids to a group home in Renton where the residents were children who were mostly bed confined and with no speech skills. This was not only challenging for me but a brand new experience for most of the kids in the youth group. When I run into these kids who are now adults they often comment about how significant this ministry was.

Fear has often been a show stopper in my life and every time I give into it my life becomes constrained and limited. This is not to say fear doesn't have its rightful place. One of our daughters had a scary encounter with a large dog when she was quite little and developed a real fear of dogs. When we discussed this with our pediatrician she said, "She should be afraid of dogs. It will help protect her until she learns the necessary judgment skills to know when it's ok to engage a dog." It is a lesson I have not forgotten.

I am still trying to learn to honor the rightful place for fear in my life without letting it trump the golden thread of blessing that comes when I learn to welcome the stranger.

Friends, this has been one of the great gifts of serving the office of bishop. It continues to afford me the opportunity to be in the presence of people who first appear to me as strangers, often creating discomfort but almost always ending up as being gifts in my life.

It should come as no surprise that one of the most repeated admonishments in scripture is, "Do not be afraid!" Fear that surprises us with blessing is one more expression of God's grace.

**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)

## A Brief Summary of the 2016 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly

**The 2016 Synod Assembly** was held in the Edward D. Hanson Conference Center at the Xfinity Arena in Everett, Wash. on Friday May 20 and Saturday May 21. Over 400 voting members, observers, visitors, presenters and volunteers gathered for worship, fellowship, education, and business. Partners from the ELCA Churchwide's Glocal Team (Global + Local = Glocal) led us in music, worship, and workshops. GLOCAL takes the best of what we have learned from our Global Missions ministries and applies those same principles of companionship and accompaniment to our local ministries. We pondered how we engage those around us, heard concrete examples of how our congregations can meet our neighbors, and were inspired to join in God's work already taking place in our neighborhoods. We welcomed the Rev. Sunitha Mortha, Director for Mission Formation of the ELCA, as both our keynote speaker and our Churchwide Representative. Additionally, we had local ministry colleagues leading workshops and available for conversations at their display tables. During our festive worship service we collected nearly \$4500 in offerings for these ministries: 45% to Refugee & Immigrant Children's Program, 45% to the Evangelical Lutheran Church Africa Mission in South Sudan, 10% to our Companion Synod, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of European Russia. You can read more about these partners on our website.

**We elected the following people to serve as Synod Council Members:** Pr. Esau Cuevas, Pr. Joan Beck, Pr. Elizabeth Rawlings, Diaconal Minister Jan Cherry, Kay Edgerton, Joanne Hinkle, Curt Eidem, Jasen Frelot, David Horton, and David Salzer. Thank you to all of the faithful nominees who allowed their names to go forward for Synod Council positions. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated. Also, a big thank you to the Nominating Committee, the Elections Committee, and our Usher Team for a very smooth process!

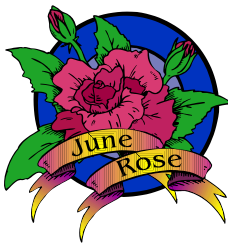
**We were able to discuss and approve four resolutions** that came before the assembly. Resolution A, regarding our Native sisters and brothers, was received prior to the April 30 deadline and was automatically included in the business agenda. Resolutions B (Supporting Muslim Neighbors), C (Support of Congregational Education Measures Regarding Transgender Individuals), and D (Black Lives Matter) were received at assembly and were approved to be discussed by the assembly. Each of them were subsequently approved. Please read the full text of each of these resolutions at [www.lutheransnw.org/2016-Synod-Assembly](http://www.lutheransnw.org/2016-Synod-Assembly) on the right sidebar, under Resolutions. Encouragement was given to all assembly members who wish to submit a resolution in the future, to do so as early as possible each year – so that they may be included in the pre-assembly information - allowing for attendees to better prepare for discussions on the floor. Turning them in by the April 30 deadline also ensures that we have adequate time and proper placement in our agenda to consider these important topics. Thank you to the Reference and Counsel Committee and the various resolution authors for presenting these for our consideration.

**Additionally,** we approved a dozen amendments to our constitution and bylaws (Amendments 74-85) we received officer reports, enjoyed live and video greetings from a number of ministry partners, passed our synod budget, and had the opportunity to share our stories with each other and with synod staff at “the listening post.” Thank you to all who were able to attend – thank you for engaging in this topic and sharing in your congregations what you have learned and what has inspired you from our time together. Please take a moment to share your feedback via our survey: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016NWWAAssembly](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016NWWAAssembly).

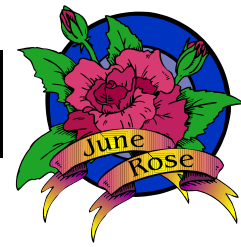
The next assembly is scheduled for May 19-20, 2017 at the Lynnwood Convention Center.

**Many thanks** to the volunteer teams who helped shape and execute this assembly. Thank you to these folks who led the way: Dianne Johnson (chair of assembly), Joanne Hinkle (registrar), Jan Cherry (worship), Malcolm Brown (stage manager), Darlene Buss (AV assistant), Kim Unti and Pam Kluth (décor), Malcolm McCallum (lead usher), Katy McCallum Sachse (nominating chair), Paul Stumme-Diers (elections chair), Tor Berg (reference & counsel chair), Kathy Brandstetter (office volunteer), Patrick Brady (display), David Johnson (parliamentarian), Millie Fosberg (assembly treasurer), the Synod Evangelical Outreach Team (program), Spiritborne Productions, the Synod Staff, and the Synod Council Members.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
			1	2 7PM AA	3 (offices closed)  12:30-2:30PM GS Tr. #42385	4 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
<b>5 Third Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00AM Worship & Sunday School Teacher Recognition <b>10AM Town Hall Meeting with potluck brunch</b>  6PM Baccalaureate Service at SVA  	6 12:30PM Women's Bible Study  5:30-7:30PM GS Troop #43665	7 3:30-5:30PM G.S. Tr. #42902	8	9 7PM AA	10 (offices closed)	11 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
<b>12 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00AM Worship & Graduate Recognition Sunday 10AM Fellowship Coffee Hour Graduate Reception 4PM Piano Recital (Suzy Schuba)   	13 12:30PM Women's Bible Study  6:15-7:45PM Cub Scouts Den #5	14 <b>6:00PM All Ministries meet for meal and group discussions</b>	15	16 7PM AA	17 (offices closed)	18 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
<b>19 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00AM Worship 10AM Fellowship Coffee Hour   	20 12:30PM Women's Bible Study  5:30-7:30PM GS Troop #43665	21 <b>7PM Council meeting</b>	22	23  <b>1-4 PM PreK—5th gr.</b>  7PM AA	24 (offices closed)	25 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
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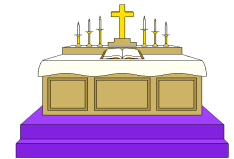
# Flower Chart for the Sanctuary



DATE	NAME	IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF
June 5	Ann & Bob Bartlett	Praise the Lord!
June 12	Rosemary Munson	Blessings!
June 19	Kay & Larry Boyle	In Honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary
June 26		



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## Worship Assistants for June


SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 9:00AM	June 5 Third Sunday after Pentecost Teacher Appreciation Summer Worship	June 12 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Graduate Sunday Summer Worship	June 19 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day Summer Worship	June 26 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Summer Worship
<b>Ushers</b>				
<b>9:00AM</b>	Jim & Nancy Flanagan	Tom & Connie Som	Herman Schlaht Mike Kober	Mike Hanson Bob Bartlett
<b>10:00AM</b>	Town Hall Meeting & Potluck	Coffee Hour Fellowship		
<b>Counters</b>	Kay Boyle Ann Bartlett	-- Counters Needed--		Ed Benson
<b>Communion Assistant</b>				
<b>9:00AM</b>	Ed Benson	Courtney Adams	Dave Franson	Inge Burnside
<b>Lector</b>				
<b>9:00AM</b>	Linda Velebir	Terry Adams	Suzie Franson	Tom Burnside
<b>9:00AM Cantor/Leader Music</b>	John Cassidy Dave Spurling Carol Reitz Andy Velebir	Jack Boller Rachel Combs	Dave Spurling John Cassidy Carol Reitz Andy Velebir	John Cassidy Dave Spurling Andy Velebir

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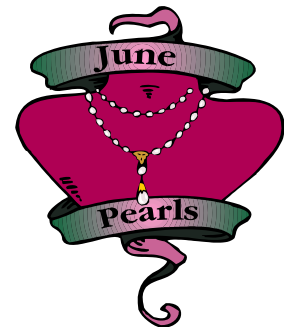
NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
Ian Auxter	2	Emma O'Brien	20
Darlene Lockwood	2	Michael Kober	21
Ann Bartlett	7	Tiana Graciidis	22
Sadie Griffith	7	Grady Guenther	24
Inge Burnside	9	Julie Imsland	25
Heather Griffith	9	Larry Thomas	28
Herman Schlaht	11	Susan Schuba	30
Elizabeth Prewitt	13	Megan Stone	30
John Haycox	15		



## Anniversaries!




Rick & Sue Van Gerpen	June 6
Tom & Connie Som	June 8
Joe & Denise Stone	June 14
Paul & Joan Guenther	June 18
Lenard & Joy Benson	June 19
Lawrence & Kay Boyle	June 20



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		Mt. Si Lutheran				1 (offices closed)	2 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
<b>3 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:00AM Worship 10AM Fellowship Coffee Hour 	4 12:30PM Women's Bible Study HOLIDAY (offices closed) 	5	6	7  1-4 PM <b>PreK—5th gr.</b> 7PM AA	8 (offices closed)	9 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course	
<b>10 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:00AM Worship 10AM Fellowship Coffee Hour 	11 12:30PM Women's Bible Study 	12 <b>6:00PM All Ministries meet for meal and group discussions</b>	13	14  1-4 PM <b>PreK—5th gr.</b> 7PM AA <p style="text-align: center;">- - - - -Re-keying project- - - - -</p>	15 (offices closed)	16 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course	
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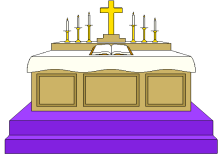
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July 10		
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July 24	Sue & Don Oster	In Honor of their wedding anniversary
July 31	Sheila & Rick Rodriguez	In Honor of Natalie & Rick's birthdays



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<b>Ushers</b>	Summer Worship	Summer Worship	Summer Worship	Summer Worship	Summer Worship
9:00AM	Mark Insland Mike Hanson	Tom Chase Bob Bartlett	Herman Schlaht Mike Kober	Ed Benson Bob Bartlett	Mike Hanson Mark Insland
10:00AM	<b>Coffee Hour Fellowship</b>				
<b>Counters</b>	----- Counters Needed -----				Ann Bartlett
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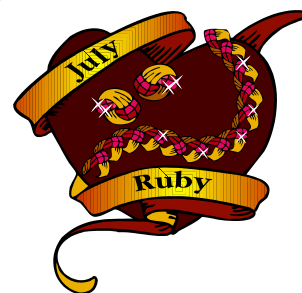
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Denise Stone	7	Jordan Wilkerson	17
Joan Guenther	9	Shelley Harding	20
Tom Burnside	10	Rosemary Koukol	20
Abby Laufer	11	Ben Luna	21
Genada Lynn	12	Ann Thomas	21
Grace Franson	14	Dora Huestis	25
Mason Wilkerson	16	Natalie Rodriguez	27
Doug Jones	17	Tillie Schlaht	30
Kaitlyn Lilleberg	17	Earl Wildes	31



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~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 Sunday Worship Schedule (May 29-Sept. 11)

9:00AM Worship

10:00AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Fifth Sunday of the Month will be Healing Sunday

## Sunday Worship Schedule (Sept. 18)

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

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Sheila Rodriguez—Administrative Assistant

Heidi Dukich—Council President

Andy Velebir and Carol Reitz—Worship & Music

Abigail Grimstad & Rachel Combs—Piano

Sue Oster—Custodian

Jeff King—Treasurer

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