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Mount Si Lutheran Church

*To Serve
To Reach Out
To Grow In Grace*



GOODNEWSletter

OCTOBER 2025

Pastor's Note...

Grace and peace to you,

As we begin our study of the Book of Acts I am grateful for the witness of those first followers of Jesus. As we will come to see, they didn't have all the answers right away - in fact, as the Holy Spirit began showing up when disciples went out into the world to tell everyone about Jesus, the disciples had to quickly rethink what they thought they knew about what it would look like to be a follower of Jesus.

Early on there is confusion - how do we live as Jesus people? Do we follow the food laws and circumcision laws in Hebrew Scripture as we were taught by our parents? How do we worship together? Is there a "right" way to worship? How do we share communion together? Are there words we should say or not say - how much wine and bread should we consume when having communion? Who is Jesus? Is Jesus the Son of God in the sense he is a demi-God or is he fully God? So, if he fully God - was he just God wrapped in human skin or was he just a human granted special God-like abilities?

So many questions! So much wondering. Jesus didn't leave us all the answers. However, we do have some instructions to follow - here are some that I see:

First, He commissions the disciples to go to the ends of earth teaching about the Kingdom of God and baptize in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Second, he sends them the Holy Spirit to be the one to speak through them about this Kingdom of God.

Third, he boils down all the commandments to two - love God and love your neighbor as yourself. He teaches that the greatest love is to lay down your life for your friends - which he then done for us on the cross.

Fourth, he teaches them to go out into the world with humility and with a heart for service - telling them to take only what they need and to trust the hospitality of those they will meet on the way.

Fifth, he teaches that when they share a meal together and when they break bread and share a cup, they should remember all he has taught them.

What else would you add to this list? What did Jesus tell those early followers about what they should do when he was gone?

What happens when a questions pops up that doesn't have a clear answer? This has been the challenge since the very beginning. I believe we can learn from the example of the early followers. They met, they discussed the question and, most importantly, they heard witness to what the Holy Spirit was doing and trusted that witness even if it meant changing their minds about how to follow and what to teach - they prayed and they decided together how to proceed.

What are you learning as we read Acts together. Peace, P. K.

In this newsletter you will find:

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Special Events in October & November



Oct. 4
Spice Pack
10-12:30pm @ MSLC

This Service project is a youth event for Middle and High School youth. Come for a Bible Study, fellowship and packing spices for the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. Members of the community will join us at 11am to help pack as part of the Love Snoqualmie Valley Service Day.



Oct. 5
Lutherfest, 4pm
@ SALC

Enjoy this fun-filled evening to raise funds for the Summer Youth/Adult Mission Trip to Lantern Hill in Mexico. Cost is \$20 per person. Please buy tickets by emailing Sherry at: sherry@salc.church



Oct. 18
Family Fall Festival
4-6pm @ MSLC

NEW name - same fun! This year we are revamping a fall favorite - the Harvest Carnival. We are working up new games, new crafts and a fresh invite to our community. To better indicate to the wider community that this is a family friendly event we're trying out a new new - the Fall Family Festival. We'd love your help! Trunks are needed for Trunk-or-treat, hosts for crafts and games and so much more! See sign-ups in the Fellowship Hall.



Oct 19
Community Game Night
5-7pm @ SHLC

Community Game Night is back! All ages are welcome to a night of food, fellowship and fun as we share board games, card games and more. Please bring a game to share/teach others and a snack to share. We'll see you at Sammamish Hills Lutheran!



Oct 26
Reformation Sunday

On this Sunday we honor the 500+ year history of the Lutheran Church and celebrate our faith that we are: "saved by grace through faith apart from works of the law." (Eph. 2:8-9)

You are invited to wear red on Sunday as a symbol of the Holy Spirit's work among us.

Nov 6-9
Synod Youth Retreat

We are excited to go one again for the Fall Youth Retreat hosted by the Synod. This retreat is open to Middle and High School youth. We are headed to Black Diamond Camp this year. Want to know more? Please talk with Pastor Krista.

Our mission: to serve, reach out & grow in grace...

What a wonderful God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday!

A big shout out to the Daughters of Norway who served our coffee and brought so many wonderful goodies to share for coffee hour. Thank you to all our volunteers who also brought food, helped with cleanup, moved items all around the church, created our new welcome bags and to those who went to the new SVFB site to help clean up.



You are invited! Weekly Gatherings

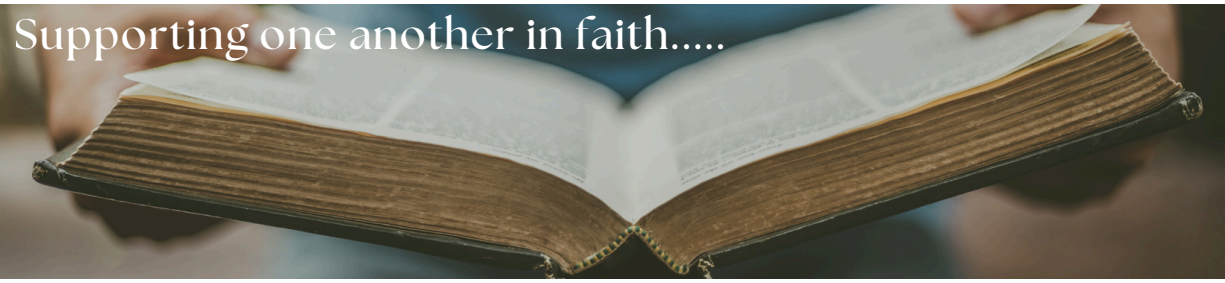
- *Come tie quilts on Monday mornings at 9:30am.
- *Women's Bible Study on Monday afternoons, beginning at 12:30pm - currently studying the Gospel of Luke
- *The Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 9:30am
- *Acts Bible Study meets Wednesday Evenings at 6:00
- *Men's Bible Study meets Saturday, 9:00 at Little Si Rest.

Thank you, Pr. John R.

Thank you to Pr. John Rutsindintwarane for preaching this month. What a gift! Blessings in your ministry.



Supporting one another in faith.....



Sunday Readings & Weekday Education Opportunities

OCTOBER SUNDAY LESSONS

October 5

First Lesson: Luke 7:1-10
Second Lesson: Acts 3:1-10

October 12

First Lesson: Luke 10:1-11
Second Lesson: Acts 4:1-22

October 19

First Lesson: Romans 12
Second Lesson: Acts 4:23-31

October 26

First Lesson: Romans 3:19-28
Second Lesson: Acts 4:32-37

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN OCTOBER

Men's Bible Study - Saturdays, 9am @
Little Si Restaurant.

Women's Bible Study -
Mondays, 12:30pm, Multi-Purpose Room
12:30pm.

Wednesday Bible Study - You are
welcome to a new Bible Study on
Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30pm. We
will study the book of Acts using the Book of
Faith materials from the ELCA.



Bailey Dukich 6th
Stephanie King 8th
Matt Rodriguez 9th
Pat Thomas 9th
Kaelynn Sampson 10th
Autumn Dukich 13th
Victoria Spurling 13th
Debbie Spurling 14th
Riley Buckmaster 20th
Courtney Adams 23rd
Joyce Ayers 29th

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please
reach out to the office so we can make the correction.



Flower Chart Sign-ups

**Please consider signing up to bring
flowers for our altar on Sunday morning.**

This can be in honor or memory of
a loved one or event in your life
or just because you enjoy flowers!

The flower chart is in the
Fellowship Hall hallway.
Thank you for your offering!





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Bishop's Letter

October 2025

There are snakes all around us. It might not seem like it, but just like the snakes that surrounded the people of Israel, snakes are surrounding us. Let me remind you of that story found in Numbers 21. The people of Israel had been in the wilderness for almost 40 years and they are tired. They are worn out. They are angry. They are annoyed. There is no water and the manna which God has provided for them is, as the people say, "miserable." They complain about God and they complain about Moses. And suddenly, in the middle of their complaining, they are surrounded by snakes.

Snakes slithering around them. People running and screaming. People snatching their children up from the ground. Snakes biting and biting and biting. People dying. Finally, desperate, they ask Moses to pray to God on their behalf. And he does. And in response to Moses' prayer, God sends this message. God commands Moses to lift a rod into the air with a bronze serpent on it for the people to gaze upon. (You can read the full story in Numbers 21:4-9).

Do you see how strange it is for God to command this? To tell them to make a statue of the horrible thing that is killing them? My guess is that they wanted to shield their eyes from this monstrosity. No one wanted to look. Truly when they gazed upon that bronze serpent they saw a scary, horrifying, life-killing image of death. They saw poison and destruction.

But do you know what happens in the story? It is amazing. For when those who were bitten looked up and saw that which scared them the most, what brought the most destruction to them, they were saved. They lived. Out of death came new life.

There are snakes all around us, too. Do you feel them? These snakes take many forms: violence, hatred, greed, despair. Sometimes the snakes look like systems too big to fight. Sometimes they look like shadows in our own hearts. We may want to pretend they are not here. We may want to close our eyes and hope they slither away. But they don't. They linger, bite, and wound. Like the Israelites in the wilderness, we are not spared from being surrounded by snakes.

And just like the Israelites, God calls us not to turn away but to look. To see the truth of what is around us. To name the injustice, the fear, the grief, the death-dealing realities in our midst.

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This is not easy. Looking at the snakes feels unbearable. But even more, we are called to look beyond the snakes to what is lifted up. For it is only when the people lifted their eyes and saw the bronzed snake could they find life again.

This Numbers story is quoted by Jesus in John 3. There, we hear, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

Jesus is using the Numbers story as an invitation for us as followers of Jesus. We are called to gaze upon something beyond the heartache and violence and all the snakes that are surrounding us. God calls us, just as Moses called the Israelites, to look up.

And what are we called to see? Not a bronzed snake but a cross. The cross. The cross of Christ is our bronzed serpent. On it, we see the ugliest things – violence, betrayal, injustice, sin, death itself. And yet, we are promised that this is exactly where God meets us. It is where Jesus bears what we cannot carry, where God does not hide from the world’s brokenness and, instead, becomes broken for the world. Where God’s promise that even death is transformed to the means of redemption, healing, and abundant life.

The snakes don’t magically disappear. And we are called to confess, grieve, speak, listen, and act in community regarding the snakes. But ultimately, we lift our eyes, our voices, and our actions beyond the snakes towards the new life that is promised – where suffering is met with God’s redeeming love. And in holy community is where we are strengthened again – discovering that healing and new life are possible, always, together, through Christ. Amen.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee | bishop@lutheransnw.org

SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL MEETING, SUN, NOV 23

MSLC Finance Update

General Fund Income from Jan-Aug:
\$118,620
Expenses for Jan-Aug:
\$119,571
Net Loss Jan-Aug:
\$-955

Please note - we have received \$1,219 from the noisy offering collected each first Sunday of the month for our upcoming Belize mission. THANK YOU! Next noisy offering is on **October 5th**

Capital Campaign Update

I want to thank everyone who has donated so far towards our capital campaign. We have raised **\$7,120** so far towards our goal of \$20,000.

“The windows have been installed in the parsonage and look amazing. The difference in the temperature variations on the main level is drastic! Thank you!” - P. K.

We have purchased the needed computers for pastor and the finance/main office. We have one additional computer that will be used in the sound booth.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Men's Bible Study, 9am Little Si Rest. Spice Pack 10-12:30pm
5 Worship, 9:30am Lutherfest!, 4pm @ SALC AA, 6-9pm	6 MVP - 9-1pm Quilters - 9:30am WB - 12:30pm	7 MVP - 9-1pm PG, 9:30am	8 MVP - 9-1pm GS 4115, 5-7pm Acts Study, 6-7:30pm	9 MVP - 9-1pm AA, 7-9pm	10 MVP - 9-1pm	11 Men's Bible Study, 9am Little Si Rest. Daughters of Norway 10-12:30, FH
12 Worship, 9:30am AA, 6-9pm	13 MVP - 9-1pm Quilters - 9:30am WB - 12:30pm	14 MVP - 9-1pm PG, 9:30am	15 MVP - 9-1pm Acts Study, 6-7:30pm	16 MVP - 9-1pm GSSU, 6-9pm AA, 7-9pm	17 MVP - 9-1pm	18 Men's Bible Study, 9am Little Si Rest. Fall Family Festival 4-6pm
19 Worship, 9:30am Community Game Night, 5-7pm @ SHLC AA, 6-9pm	20 MVP - 9-1pm Quilters - 9:30am WB - 12:30pm	21 MVP - 9-1pm PG, 9:30am	22 MVP - 9-1pm GS 4115, 5-7pm Acts Study, 6-7:30pm	23 MVP - 9-1pm AA, 7-9pm	24 MVP - 9-1pm SVFB Board Meeting - 12:30-2pm	25 Men's Bible Study, 9am Little Si Rest.
26 Reformation Sunday Worship, 9:30am AA, 6-9pm	27 MVP - 9-1pm Quilters - 9:30am WB - 12:30pm	28 MVP - 9-1pm PG, 9:30am	29 Acts Study, 6-7:30pm	30	31	

Oct. Monthly Gatherings

Girl Scout Service Unit (GSSU)

Thursday, Oct. 16, 6-9pm
(3rd Thursday)

Fellowship Hall

SVFB Board Meeting

Friday, Oct. 24, 12:30-2pm
(4th Friday)

Multi-Purpose Room

Daughters of Norway

Saturday, Oct. 11, 10-12:30pm
(2nd Saturday)
Fellowship Hall

Oct. Weekly Gatherings:

Prayer Gathering (PG)

Tuesdays, 9:30am, in Prayer Room

Women's Bible Study (WB)

Mondays, 12:30pm,
Multi-Purpose Room

Men's Bible Study

Saturdays, 9am, Little Si Restaurant

Mountain Valley Preschool (MVP)

M-F - 9-1pm

Acts Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm
Multipurpose Room

Oct. Weekly Gatherings Cont.

Girl Scout Troop (GS 4115)

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 5-7pm in FH

AA

Thursdays from 7-9pm
Sundays from 6-8pm
Luther's Lounge