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Mount Si Lutheran Church

To Serve
To Reach Out
To Grow In Grace

GOODNEWSletter

JULY 2025



Pastor's Note...

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

I had the pleasure of attending the kick-off event for the Capital Campaign of the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. I was struck by the presenters as they each spoke of their passion for the valley. One speaker addressed her thankfulness to live in a community that cares for everyone - including those who find themselves in need of the Food Bank's services. She shared, that as a mother of young children, she wants to raise her kids in a community that takes steps to take care of its neighbors.

I found this to be in beautiful alignment with Jesus' command to "love our neighbors"

The Food bank serves 200+ household each week. With a 1/3 of those served being seniors on fixed incomes. Another 1/3 is children under the age of 18 and the final 1/3 are individuals and families who often have work, but are unable to pay for food after rent, insurance and other critical expenses.

The current location of the Food Bank is far too small for the growing need, which is up 14% this year. There are many times that clients have to wait over an hour in the weather before being able to collect their food.

In sharing all this information with us the leadership at the Food Bank expressed a desire to serve people with dignity and respect and to treat their volunteers with dignity and respect. For example, in the winter, volunteers have access to one heat lamp and no other source of heat.

Mt Si has long supported the Food Bank. Members have volunteered, served on its board, offered financial aid, built shelving and so much more. Right now we serve by donating produce from the Garden of Giving, providing storage space at a low cost to the Food Bank, serving on the board and continuing our work with the backpack and school supply ministry.

I invite you to continue your support of the Food Bank in the next months as they seek to raise \$5 million dollars to renovate their new space.

How can you do this?

1. Hold them in prayer. Ask that hearts be softened to their need as they approach donors. Ask that their leadership find trustworthy contractors to do the work. Ask that board members and staff be strengthened as they carry out this campaign.
2. Consider who you know who might be able and willing to support their campaign. Invite them to visit: <https://www.snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org/building-together>
3. Consider how you may be called to give of your time or wealth to support their mission
4. Talk with Erica Haycox, our member who sits on the board, to learn more!

I trust the Valley will come together to support this critical need. I'm so grateful they have purchased a new space. What a blessing it will be!

Peace, P. K.

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Special Events in July & August



Summer Water Worship Series - July 6-August 10

In preparation for VBS, Pr. Mark and Pr. Krista met to develop a six week worship & Ed. series focused on water stories in the Bible. Let's dive into God's Water & the Word!



MSLC Outdoor Worship & Picnic July 20 - 10:00am

Let's enjoy the outdoors! We will gather at **EJ Roberts Park** on Sun. July 20 at 10am for worship, fellowship, food and games!



Joan Moe Memorial July 12 - 11am @ MSLC

All are welcome to attend the memorial service for Joan Moe.

We are hosting a luncheon following the service. Please see sign-ups or talk with Courtney for how you can help.



Beach Church Aug. 6, 13, 20 - 6pm

We meet for potluck, grilled hotdogs, and smores; games and a swim; devotions and songs. This is an intergenerational event for members and friends of Issaquah and Eastside churches. Please bring a dish! Consider bringing your own table setting to reduce trash and recycle. And bring beach games, of course!

Directions: Drive West on E Lake Sammamish PKWY SE; just after Lake Sammamish Park Boat Loading Ramp Road, turn left on SE 44th St and drive to the Lakeshore.



VBS - Splish, Splash! God's Water & the Word - July 14-18

Register Now for VBS!

Mon-Fri 9-12pm

Go to: www.elfpnw/events

FREE VBS- July 14-18 - 9-12pm (K- grade 6)

Come on an adventure with Splish, Splash and Splosh as we explore five Biblical stories featuring Water and God's Word. Learn more about what it means to be a good steward of creation, make crafts, play with water, conduct water experiments and more!

Backpack Distribution Aug 19-20

We anticipate handing out 500 backpacks this year and we need your help! Please talk with Erica or Janey about our distribution dates and how you can assist.

THANK YOU!

SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS

FARMERS MARKET BEGINS!



**We've had over 100 kids attend each week at the market!
Thank you to all our volunteers who facilitate the crafts
and share about Mt Si with those who stop by.**



PENTECOST, GARDEN BLESSING & MORE!

On June 8th following Pentecost worship, we gathered around the Garden of Giving to bless and entrust the harvest to God's hands. We are so grateful to have such a beautiful space to grow produce for our neighbors. A big thank you to a farmer in Fall City who provided many of our tomato plants, free of charge. We also made stepping stones for a new walkway from the backdoor of the offices to the preschool playground.



MSLC Council Update - Window Contract

Council held a brief in-person meeting to discuss quotes acquired for replacing four picture windows and two standard windows at the parsonage that have damaged seals. A decision was made to have a formal online vote to approve one of the bids. Council will begin a fundraiser for \$20,000 to cover the cost of the windows and build a pot for additional upcoming repairs. Council approved a contract with Signature Windows to install Marvin Infinity Windows at a cost of \$15,305. Mt Si will be able to make interest free payments for a year until the invoice is paid. If you have questions, please contact Jack or Rick for more information. - Respectfully Submitted by Pastor Krista

Tiny House Build Begins!

We will into our 3rd Tiny House Build. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers! We will continue to build until July 3rd. Over 30 volunteers are helping to complete the build and additional side projects.



MSLC Finance Update

To meet our projected annual budget, our General Offering income **goal is \$16,000/mo.**

Income from Jan-May:
\$74,384

Expenses for Jan-May:
\$77,408

Net Loss Jan-May:
-\$3,024

Supporting one another in faith.....



Sunday Readings & Weekday Education Opportunities

JULY SUNDAY LESSONS

July 6

Genesis 1:1-10;
Genesis 2:10-14;
Psalm 104

July 13

Genesis 24:10-21;
Genesis 29:1-14;
Ex. 2:11-25; John 4:1-26

July 20

Genesis 8;
Exodus 2:1-10;
John 13:1-20

July 27

Ezekiel 47:1-12;
Luke 5:1-11;
John 21:4-14

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN JULY

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

Women's Bible Study - is on their seasonal break. They will resume their study of Luke in the Fall.

VBS - Coming soon! July 14-18, 9-12pm



Denise Stone	7th
Tom Burnside	10th
Shelley Harding	20th
Rosemary Koukol	20th
Ingrid Garhart	25th
Andrew O'Leary	25th
Ava O'Leary	25th



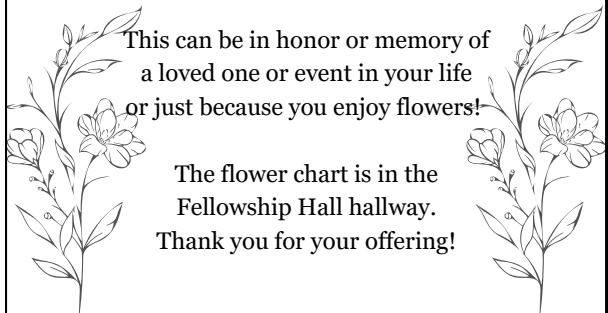
Tom & Joanne Chase 1st
Don & Sue Oster 30th

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!



Let's Work Together!

We need your help to keep our buildings clean - Leslie Hatling has agreed to coordinate volunteers to clean the church buildings each week. She is creating a check list that will be posted in each area that needs cleaning (Fellowship Hall, Offices, Luther's Lounge, Sanctuary, Bathrooms). If you see something on the list that needs to be done, please feel empowered to do so and then checkoff when the task is complete with your initials & the date/time you completed the task.

If you are interested in helping, please let Leslie know. You don't have to commit to doing the same thing week after week. If you have time one week and not the next, that's ok! We are hoping that many hands will make light work. We will try this method for taking care of the buildings for the next four months and then review if this is working or if we need to hire someone to clean the buildings for us.

Not sure where the supplies are? We'll help you find them! Ask Leslie or Pastor.

See supplies we are out of? Erica is taking care of ordering, please talk with her.

Thank you all!



The Advisory Board continues to meet each month. Our representatives from Mt Si include Jack Boller, Bud Pierce and myself. The Board is facilitating avenues of collaboration between our conference congregations. We meet monthly to discuss possible next steps and to hear from teams working on various projects. This includes a communication team, finance team, CYF team and mission team.

The communication team facilitates sharing information across our congregations through the ELCC website: www.eastsidelutherancc.org, sharing flyers, etc. They also developed a logo for our use so folks know when an event is being put together by and for the ELCC.

The mission team shares info about mission trips and opportunities to serve such as the Belize Mission, Rwanda Mission, God's Work, Our Hands, Day of Service and more.

Right now, our Stewardship and Finance Team are actively working with the joint Finance team of the ELCC to develop a proposal of shared Bookkeeping and Payroll. An early step has been for Mt Si to move some of our bills to auto-pay rather than writing monthly checks. We will also acquire a non-profit priced version of QuickBooks so that we are on the same platform as the other churches in the conference.

In addition, the Eastside Lutheran Fellowship team continues to provide shared children, youth and family ministry. This includes the Tiny House Build that is happening right now at Mt Si, the upcoming Fall Retreat, game nights, movie nights and more.

Our goal is to facilitate shared ministry opportunities, build relationships between our congregation members, and celebrate the gifts of each congregation. Please check out the ELCC website, support events shared from the ELCC and pray for our work together as we seek to grow our capacity for ministry for the sake of the Gospel. Questions?

Please talk with Jack, Bud or Pastor Krista.

Respectfully Submitted, Pastor Krista



Mark you
Calendars!



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God's work. Our hands.



Bishop's Letter

July & August 2025

I thank you for calling me to a second term as bishop. I am honored and to be on this journey with you all. Below is a shortened version of the speech I gave during our last Synod Assembly. Beloveds in Christ, there's a lot happening in our world. You know this. And it's easy to get overwhelmed or discouraged. But let me say this clearly: There is no better time than now to be the church. The world is complex and the work before us might be at times frustrating and messy and hard. And yet, I truly believe that in this complicated moment in time, for the sake of every beloved child of God, we are called to be the church of Jesus Christ.

And Christ is calling us for this moment – not to fear, but to love. Not to look backward, but forward. Not to hide, but to hope. Not to retreat, but to rise. Not to hate, but to love. Now is the time. Rooted in God's presence and promise through Jesus the risen Christ - now is the time to stand in courage and truth. There is no better time than now to be the church.

Six years ago, when you called me to serve as your bishop, I promised – through the power of the Holy Spirit – that together we would focus on four things:

1. We would walk alongside both traditional congregations and new ministries – honoring sacred practices while also innovating.
2. We would deepen lay leadership across the synod – building richer, more vibrant communities of faith.
3. We would strengthen relationships with our ecumenical and interfaith partners.
4. We would listen to and lift up the diverse voices around us and amongst us – especially those who have long been silenced or marginalized.

In these last six years we have made great strides in all of these four areas. We haven't always been perfect. We have learned, reflected, and grown. And yet, even through COVID and all the challenges and complexities that have come in these six years, by the Spirit's breath and power, we are practicing these things together. Thanks be to God!

Now, in these days and as we look ahead to the next six years, I feel the Spirit calling us to something more. Let us be the church that publicly leads in love.

- In a time of rising hate speech, we are called to speak boldly – in love.
- As Christian nationalism distorts our faith, we are called to publicly resist – in love.
- When people are erased or excluded, we are called to uphold every person's dignity and act for justice - in love.

Above all things, through all things, in everything we do and say, we are called to live and move and breathe in Christ's love and, in this love, love every person – even those we are tempted to call our enemies. For we hold the promise that no matter what comes, Jesus Christ who died and is risen lives and moves and breathes in us. And Christ calls us not to fear, not to hate, but to love – to radically love.

I look forward to partnering with you for the next six years. I am grateful to be church together. For truly, we are chosen, forgiven, gathered and sent in Christ's name and love for the sake of the world. Beloveds in Christ, let us show the world what it means to love in Christ. For there is no better time than now to be the church.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee bishop@lutheransnw.org

2025

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		MVP - 9-1pm 1 Tiny House Build 9-4pm Prayer Gathering PG, 9:30am	MVP - 9-1pm 2 Tiny House Build 9-4pm GS 4115, 5-7pm	MVP - 9-1pm 3 Tiny House Build 9-4pm FM 4-8pm AA, 7-9pm	4	5 Men's Bible Study, 9am Little Si Rest.
6 Worship, 9:30am AA, 6-9pm	7 MVP - 9-1pm Quilters 9:00am	8 MVP - 9-1pm PG, 9:30am	9 MVP - 9-1pm	10 MVP - 9-1pm FM, 4-8pm AA, 7-9pm	11 MVP - 9-1pm	12 Men's Bible Study, 9am Little Si Rest. Joan Moe Memorial - 11am
13 Worship, 9:30am VBS Decorating 12-3 AA, 6-9pm	14 MVP - 9-1pm VBS 9-12 Quilters 9:00am	15 MVP - 9-1pm VBS 9-12 PG, 9:30am	16 MVP - 9-1pm VBS 9-12 GS 4115, 5-7pm	17 MVP - 9-1pm VBS 9-12 FM, 4-8pm GSSU, 6-9pm AA, 7-9pm	18 MVP - 9-1pm VBS 9-12	19 Men's Bible Study, 9am Little Si Rest.
20 Worship, 10am @ EJ Roberts Park AA, 6-9pm	21 MVP - 9-1pm Quilters 9:00am	22 MVP - 9-1pm PG, 9:30am	23 MVP - 9-1pm	24 MVP - 9-1pm FM, 4-8pm AA, 7-9pm	25 MVP - 9-1pm SVFB Board Meeting	26 Men's Bible Study, 9am Little Si Rest.
27 Worship, 9:30am AA, 6-9pm	28 MVP - 9-1pm Quilters 9:00am	29 MVP - 9-1pm	30 MVP - 9-1pm	31 MVP - 9-1pm		

July Monthly Gatherings

Girl Scout Service Unit (GSSU)

Thursday, July 17, 6-9pm
(3rd Thursday)

SVFB Board Meeting

Friday, July 25, 12:30-2pm
(4th Friday)

July Weekly Gatherings:

Quilters

Mondays, 9:00am

Prayer Gathering (PG)

Tuesdays, 9:30am, in Prayer Room

Men's Bible Study

Saturdays, 9am, Little Si Restaurant

Mountain Valley Preschool

Summer Classes - M-F - 9-1pm

July 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

Farmer's Market (FM)

Thursdays, 4-8pm, Si View Park