

# Mt Si GOOD NEWSletter

OCTOBER 2019



## WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER

**October 6th—9:30am**

One Worship! Children & Youth Led

**October 13th**

8:15 & 10:45, Education at 9:35am

**October 20th**

8:15 & 10:45, Education at 9:35am

**October 27th**

**Reformation Sunday**

8:15 & 10:45, Education at 9:35am

*\*wear red if you can!\**

Harvest Carnival 4-7pm

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## Pastor's Note

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

I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you to our staff, ministry leaders and council for all the many hours of work you put into keeping everything moving here at Mt Si. There are many pieces to keep track of as the days and weeks plod ahead and I appreciate the dedication of all our staff and leaders to the details. Right now, believe it or not, staff and leaders are looking ahead to Advent. You may not realize it, but we try to be at least one season ahead. I would humbly ask that, as we move into this season of Fall, we all can hold our staff and leaders in prayer. If you think about it, take a moment to thank staff and leadership for their commitment.

I would like to thank our Sunday School leadership and Parish Ed team for their vision to try something new for our kids and adults. I truly hope that our efforts in education this year build up the body of Christ. Please take a moment to encourage them!

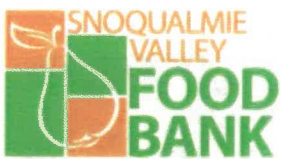
I would also like to thank our Music leadership as they seek to step in to the roles that Andy played as Worship and Music chair. His gifts will be dearly missed and I know that our current music leadership is dedicated to the continued growth of our music ministries. Please take a moment to encourage them!

There are also new/renewed ministries just starting out that you all have jumped to support. The children's book ministry, Farmers Market and, just recently, the Friday Kids Club. Thank you to those who take the risk to cast a new idea. It can be a bit scary to put out something new and untested.

If you are someone who has always been interested in getting more involved, but aren't sure how, please give me a call or send me a note. Or, if you know what you want to do, but aren't sure if there is a need, I'd still love to talk with you.

We are all in this together and I am grateful that God has gathered such a gifted community!

Peace, Pastor Krista



We are looking for hands to help feed our neighbors in need each fourth Wednesday of the month at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. Our next day to serve is **October 23rd**. The food of the month we are collecting is:

**Gravy and Instant Potatoes**

**HOT MEALS** is also this month on the 23rd.

UPCOMING  
COUNCIL  
EFFORTS TO  
LOOK OUT FOR

# Council What you need to know!



1. **Little Free Library** is painted and ready to go up! This should be happening in the next couple of weeks :)

Mark your Calendars...November 3rd following our ONE worship service we will gather for our Budget Approval Meeting.

2. **November 3rd**—Annual meeting Part One. We will vote on the budget for 2020 and new council members as well as hear some important updates!



“SERVING—REACHING OUT—GROWING  
IN GRACE”

2. **Sanctuary Ceiling** tiles are being investigated to see what we can replace them with or if we want to keep some up and remove others to create some better acoustics in our worship space. Anyone with ideas or who wants to help, please ask Pastor Krista

Greetings,

As we begin settling into our Fall routines and look forward to the upcoming seasons. Your council has been diligently working on finalizing our upcoming 2020 budget. We are currently looking at deficit of \$24,000.00 so far for 2019. We have been doing wonderful things this year in our community and look forward too many more opportunities to serve. We had a great turn out for God’s Work Our Hands Sunday in early September and are looking forward to the upcoming event Love Snoqualmie Valley on Saturday October 5th. Please look at their website for sign up opportunities and information.



3. **Community Information Gathering** has begun! We want to hear from our neighbors...so, we’ve been asking them what they love about North Bend!

We are currently looking for church members to serve our church council beginning January 2020. If you are interested in possibly serving or have questions, please speak to any council member or Pastor Krista.

4. **SERVE on Council!** Consider serving on council in 2020. please talk to Erica for more information!

We are also looking for volunteers for lectors, ushers, and communion assistants. Other volunteer opportunities include serving at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank on the last Wednesday of each month. Our new Kids Club on Fridays is also looking for volunteers.



Blessings,  
Erica Haycox



# Children, Youth and Family Updates

This fall is off to a great start with the new ministry Kids Club! Erica Haycox and I have been working on this all summer and are happy to see bright shiny faces showing up to be part of it. We are excited to report that there are 11-15 kids in attendance. A big thanks to our current volunteers Jack Boller, Ed and Jane Benson, and Pastor Krista! This ministry meets on Fridays regularly! We hope this will promote patterns for our youth as they age into other ministries such as Confirmation and youth group. Creating these patterns will help

us as a congregation to develop patterns and expectations for our CYF ministry! If you or anyone you know of is interested in learning more about this ministry please reach out to John Grebe or Erica Haycox.

Our main focus for October is kids club and the harvest carnival which are two significant ministry opportunities if you are interested in volunteering please let me know. You will need to have a background check completed before you volunteer to work with

kids. We are able to do these through our membership software.

With the new school year starting there are many opportunities to show youth our support as a congregation. Please consider attending events they are involved in. If you know of any activities that are children and youth are involved in please let me know so that I can attend and so that we can make announcements for members to attend as well!

—John Crebe



## OCTOBER MONTHLY GATHERINGS

**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

**Women's Ministry** is meeting on October 22nd @6pm. All women of the church invited!

**Thirsty for Theology Thursday** is meeting @7 on October 3rd at the Parsonage. Please call the office for an address.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY UPDATES

Our women's ministry has been gathering the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6pm for the last several months. At this gathering we plan upcoming events and share in Bible Study as well as encourage each other in our faith. Any women in the church are welcome to come!

At our last meeting we agreed on a date for the Women's Christmas Brunch. See details below!

We hope all the women here will participate and bring your voices and gifts to this ministry.



**Mark your Calendar!**  
**Saturday, December 7th from 10-12pm**

Gather with women of all ages to share in a potluck brunch, play games, participate in an ornament exchange and hear our guest speaker from **Trail Youth** here in North Bend.

# Worship Assistants

## FLOWERS

Date	Name
Oct. 6th	Pastor Krista
Oct. 13th	
Oct. 20th	
Oct. 27th	Tom & Inge

Dater	Ushers	Lector	Communion	Acolyte
Oct. 6th 9:30am	Jack Boller, Flanagans	Children & Youth	Inge Burnside	CYF
Oct. 13th 8:15am	Erica H. & Tom C.	Terry A.	Courtney A.	Haycox Family
Oct. 13th 10:45am	Mark I. & Bill S.	Brenda D.	Rosemary H.	Davis Family
Oct. 20th 8:15am	Rick & Sheila R.	Peggy H.	Marlin O.	
Oct. 20th 10:45am	Mike H.	Lisa S.	Vicki W	Sampson Family
Oct. 27th 8:15am	David V. & Jack B.	Nancy F.	Kay B.	Flanagan Family
Oct. 27th 10:45am	Ed & Janey B		Suzy C.	

## SUNDAY READINGS FOR OCTOBER

**October 6th—**  
Children and Youth  
Led Worship @  
9:30am

Texts—re-cap of last  
three lessons

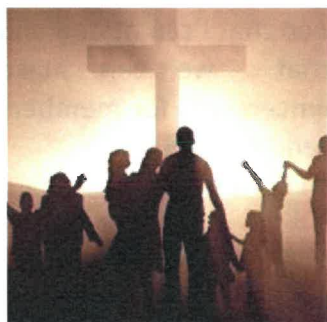
**October 13th—**  
Exodus 16:1-18;  
17:1-7

**October 20th—**  
Judges 4:1-5:31

**October 27th—**  
1 Samuel 3:1-20

Our Theme for Octo-  
ber is: Thanksgiving  
and Abundance

## Evangelism & Outreach



Working to fulfill our  
mission of Reaching  
Out to our community!

I wanted to take a moment and share the impact this congregation has made in this community through the Evangelism and Outreach ministry! This summer we participated in the North Bend Block Party and saw over 200 people, we participated in the Farmers Market and saw over 800 kids in our 15 weeks leading crafts and that doesn't include the

parents! We also saw about 200 folks at the Festival at Mt Si. In addition, staff has been attending Chamber of Commerce luncheons to network and talk about what is important to our community. This has led to making some great contacts with leaders in the valley.

We also continue with projects supporting House of Hope, the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank, Lutheran World Relief and more. I can say that I have heard directly from leaders in the Valley that they are aware of and supportive of the work they see Mt Si doing in our community.

I'm also very excited that Mt Si is hosting two projects for the Love

Snoqualmie Valley Event on October 5th and both projects have filled up quickly with volunteers from the valley! I also want to thank those who are contributing their Thrivent Action Teams to support these unique outreach events.

One thing I would ask is that we all watch closely for upcoming events in the valley that this church community can be a part of. Also, consider volunteering to help represent the church at these events. We have a solid group of about 10 people who have given a lot of time to support and I am so thankful for the hours they are putting in! Although I know this group loves what they do to serve this community, I would strongly encourage others to step up and show up to these events. This is one way we answer

# October 2019

Pick-up your Church Directory in the Narthex or Main office!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30pm Dinner & Faith	3 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 11am—BD Luncheon 6pm—Worship and Music @Parsonage 6pm-8pm AA 7pm—Thirsty Theology	4 1:30-6:00pm Kid's Club	5 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
6 <b>One Service</b> 9:30am Children and Youth Worship Service	7 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	8 7pm Council Meeting	9 6-8pm BSA #456 6:30pm Dinner & Faith	10 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 6pm AA Bible study 7pm AA	11 1:30-6:00pm Kid's Club <b>Ambur Off</b>	12 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
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HAVE QUESTIONS?  
PLEASE TALK TO A  
STAFF MEMBER  
OR COUNCIL  
MEMBER

# Birthdays and Anniversaries



## BIRTHDAYS

Hallie Lynn	1st		
Brenda Davis	2nd		
Brittney Hower	3rd		
Baily Dukich	3rd		
Stephanie King	8th	Autumn Dukich	13th
Joan Moe	9th	Victoria Spurling	13th
Matt Rodriguez	9th	Debbie Spurling	14th
Pat Thomas	9th	Riley Buckmaster	20th
Kaelynn Sampson	10th	Courtney Adams	23rd
Rosemary Munson	12th	Joyce Ayers	29th

## ANNIVERSARIES

Pam & Darrell Wilson

Oct. 10th



**Northwest Washington Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.



Thursdays in Black  
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee's  
October 2019 Article from The  
Spirit

For the next several months, as I am able, I will raise up issues, resolutions, actions and memorials that were taken at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. This month I am focusing on the ELCA's Commitment to the World Council of Church's "Thursdays in Black" campaign toward a world without rape and violence.

Several years ago I sat in the window seat on a plane. The plane ride was long. Fourteen hours long. The man next to me struck up a conversation. We talked for a while. I then fell asleep. When I woke up it was dark in the plane's cabin. No lights were on. Everyone appeared to be sleeping. But the man's head was resting on my shoulder. Thinking he would be embarrassed when he awoke, I

gently tried to move my shoulder away from him in order to give him more space. Instead, this man woke up and with his face right next to mine he attempted to kiss me while groping me. I was caught between this man and the wall of the plane. Why I didn't notify the flight attendant is still a mystery to me. Instead, I somehow pushed my way out to the aisle and wandered through the plane - wondering what to do. Honestly, I couldn't think. Eventually I returned to my window seat and sat as close to the window as possible, as far away from the man as possible, putting a barrier of sweater, blanket, and pillow between me and the man.

You know, with the amount of violence and harm that happens to women throughout the world, this is a small story. Unfortunately, many women have much worse stories to tell. This is why this month I want to lift up the important action that took place at the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. The assembly voted to adopt a resolution to support the World Council of Church's "Thursdays in Black" campaign toward a world without rape and violence.

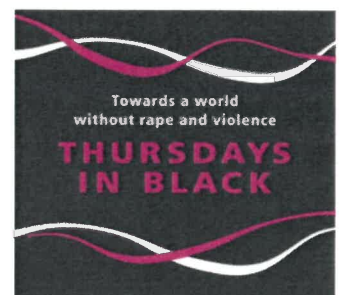
In its simplest form, this means wearing black on Thursdays declaring our support through words and actions towards a

world without rape and violence. The color black was chosen as a color of strength. As the WCC's Thursdays in Black website states, "Often black has been used with negative racial connotations. In this campaign Black is used as a color of resistance and resilience."

I invite you all to wear black on Thursdays. I hope that you will look at the website and see the materials available for you and for your congregation. (The link to the website is [www.oikoumene.org/en/get-involved](http://www.oikoumene.org/en/get-involved)). Especially, I strongly encourage and advocate that we all work towards a world where there is no more rape or violence against any vulnerable population. As WCC's Thursdays in Black website states, "We all have a responsibility to speak out against violence, to ensure that women and men, boys and girls, are safe from rape and violence in homes, schools, work, streets - in all places in our societies."

In the synod office, we have ordered pins that you are welcome to wear each Thursday. We hope that you come and visit the office and pick up a pin. Even more, beloved Children of God, I pray that God grants us courage and strength as we work towards peace, wholeness, justice, and love.

In God's Peace and Joy,  
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee



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# Children and Adult Education

## God's Work Our Hands Sunday

Sunday September 8, Mount Si Lutheran Church's congregation joined thousands of ELCA churches across the country and in the Caribbean doing service projects as part of God's Work, Our Hands Sunday! The forecast called for rain so we kept our fingers crossed and said some prayers. We started our day with a combined worship service that centered on worshipping God and committing ourselves to service. This was followed by a delicious potluck meal served and cleaned up by the awesome ladies of Team Hospitality. Then we broke off into teams and went in to the neighborhood to serve! Thanks to the congregation's generosity and VBS donations Team Birthday Bag was able to put together 32 Birthday party bags with cards full of all the items needed to make a great birthday party for kids! These will go to the SVFB to be handed out to their patrons. Team Grow the Garden got busy extending the garden 20% making more room for more planting plots. It was a big job that involved moving the fence, fence posts and even the green house! They also had lots of help with a group laying down the weed block fabric and harvesting vegetables! We had a break out group that painted the archway over the main church doors and yet

another group that weeded the flower beds in the front of the church! Everyone also put their hand prints on the trees that were placed in the sanctuary. We all wore bright yellow t-shirts so we could be seen in the community doing God's work! And amazingly even though there was an 80% chance of rain held off! God is good!

This was an amazing day that really made us feel so privileged to be able to serve God as we serve His people. This national event was a huge success and each year the ELCA is planning on continuing the tradition. So save your shirt and save the second Sunday of September 2020 for next year's day of service. Know that any day we do something in the name of The Lord, we are doing God's Work and our hands are God's Hands. Thank you to everyone who participated in any way ~ together we can make a difference.

A special thanks to those who helped make this day a huge success especially to Pastor Krista, Terry Adams, John Grebe, Sheila Rodriguez and Sue Oster.

## Sunday School Update

Sunday School began on September 15th – And we've got a Spark! Spark All Kids! Our Sunday school hallway has been transformed into a star studded bright fun learning adventure! Come check it out! We invite everyone to join us! We're

excited to explore the Old and New Testaments with kids using Spark: Activate Faith Sunday school where kids will learn a new Bible story each week through activities, music, and buddy activities. We will then take what we learned and share it with the congregation in a combined worship service the first Sunday of every month! This month we began at the beginning Genesis and Creation then we will work our way through the Old Testament learning more about God and ourselves from God's people. Our theme for September was Created and Called. This month -our theme will be Thanksgiving and Abundance. Look for updates and info on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

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

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

\*Adult Education Hour: 9:45-10:15

## Sunday school Staff for the 2019-2020 School Year:

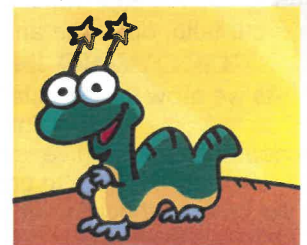
Teachers All-Kids: Kim Buckmaster, Joanne Chase, Rosemary Hanson, Debbie Jones, and Courtney Adams

Youth: John Grebe & Dana Koukol

Adult Education: Pastor Krista, Marlin Olsen

## Sunday school Offering

This year we asked our students where they think our Sunday school offering should go as we try to use the money in a place the kids can relate to. Many of the children had wonderful ideas. One precious little girl expressed concern about some homeless people she sees that live in Fall City and can we help them? We reached out to the Fall City Community Food Pantry housed out of the Fall City United Methodist Church and they would love the support. Founded in 2007, the Fall City Community Food Pantry aims to serve those in need in their community in a manner that respects each individual's dignity. They told us peanut butter and strawberry jam are favorite items for their patrons and they always have a need for after school snack items. We will be collecting these items as well as our Sunday school offering for them. Look for the containers in Fellowship Hall as well as upstairs in the Sunday school opening room! Let's make a difference for our Fall City neighbors!





## Upcoming FALL Events

**October 5th—  
Love Snoqualmie  
Valley!**

We are hosting two projects at Mt Si for the Love Snoqualmie Valley event. Both projects are already full with volunteers from the valley!

There are other projects that still need help. Please consider signing up online!

[www.lovesnoqualmievalley.org](http://www.lovesnoqualmievalley.org)



Love Snoqualmie Valley

**October 6th—  
9:30am  
ONE Worship**

On October 6th, at 9:30am our children and youth will lead our worship and share what they have learned about the last three lessons we studied in worship and education hour. Please be sure to attend and support our young ones as they grow into worship leadership roles. We will also hear special music from some of our young ones!

If your child or youth has not been able to participate in Sunday school please know that we are ready and excited to welcome them on this special Sunday to participate in any way we can!

**October 27th—  
Harvest Carnival!!  
4-7pm**

It is time again for the Annual Harvest Carnival! Please see the sign-ups that will be posted shortly in the Narthex and Fellowship halls to see where you can help make this a great event for our community.

**4-7pm—Oct. 27th**

- \* Trunk-or-Treat
- \* Chili Cook-off
- \* Costume Parade
- \* Crafts, games
- \* Food

**October 27th—  
Reformation  
Sunday!**

October 27th is the day we celebrate and remember the Reformation of 1517. October 31st is the official day, but we celebrate on the Sunday in October closest to the 31st. You are invited to wear red on that Sunday in honor of the Reformation.

**November 3rd—  
Annual Meeting Part  
One**

Please plan to attend our Annual Meeting: Part One on November 3rd following worship at 9:30am. At this meeting we will approve the budget, vote on our new council members and continue to discuss the future of our congregation!

### 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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