



Mount Si Lutheran Church

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Grace and peace to Siblings in Christ,

Several months ago you were invited to take part in the first step of a church wide discernment process by sending in the top five Bible Stories that you recognized as speaking to the mission and ministry of Mt Si Lutheran. Thank you for your responses! The purpose of the whole process is to determine clear short-term and long-term goals for the congregation's mission and ministry. Determining a grounding Biblical Passage is essential to help leadership and each of us in the discernment of future goals for this community of faith. Once we have this story in place and understand what God is uniquely calling Mt Si Lutheran to be and to do we will move on to the next part of the process.

Council leadership and I would like to invite you to participate in the current step of our discernment process. Out of all the responses you sent in, these are the top five stories that emerged from your efforts. They are listed in no particular order.

1. Psalm 96
2. Psalm 121
3. Matthew 25:34-40
4. John 13:1-20
5. II Corinthians 4:1-18

Over the next five weeks please take time to read each of these Biblical passages. For each passage answer the following questions. Please return your responses to pastor@mtsilutheran.org by April 10th. In addition, you are invited to attend a Zoom Bible Study on Thursday, March 25th at 7pm using the Thursday Bible Study Zoom link found on our website under the education tab www.mtsilutheran.org/education OR here is the Zoom link itself <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88461844875?pwd=UE1ZVXpsZGtxamlXNzRjcWpmRDE3dz09>

Questions:

1. In what ways is this scripture inviting us to love God and love our neighbor? Be as specific as possible.
2. Are there existing ministries of Mt Si Lutheran that align with this text's call to love God and love our neighbor?
3. What new ministry might Mt Si Lutheran be called to from this text?

After you review each of the five stories and answer the above questions for each story, please prayerfully consider which story out of the five best speaks to what God is calling Mt Si Lutheran to be and to do.

Thank you so much for your participation in this important process for the health and vitality of Mt Si Lutheran. If you have any questions, please reach out to a council member or Pastor Krista.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Krista