

Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

December 2017

Special Points of Interest:

- Dec. 1st—Pr. Krista begins ministry at Mt. Si Lutheran
- Dec. 3rd—Welcome Pastor Krista—9:30AM Worship with Advent Festival to follow
- Dec. 9th—10:30AM-12:30PM Women's Christmas Brunch
- Dec. 16th—1:30PM Pastor Krista's Service of Installation
- Dec. 17th—9:30AM Childrens Christmas Program
- Dec. 24th—9:30AM Worship, Christmas Eve 7:00 & 10:00PM Candlelight Worship
- Dec. 22nd, 25th 26th Merry Christmas (office closed)
- Dec. 31st—9:30AM Worship

DEC. 24, 2017
9:30AM WORSHIP
CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT
WORSHIP 7PM & 10PM

DEC. 31, 2017
9:30AM WORSHIP

From Pastor Krista's Desk.....

A New Beginning

by Pastor Krista Mendoza



Grace and peace to you all from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

What a tremendous joy to be in North Bend! After an epic four day road-trip across the country, my two driving companions (Pastor Leanne from Elimra, NY and Chani, my childhood friend from Seattle) and all five pets arrived in one piece at the parsonage. My dad and Sheila were at the door to greet us. What a blessing to arrive to such a beautifully prepared home with a fridge full of food and dishes to use and pots and pans to cook in. Thank you so much for your generous welcome! The next day the moving truck arrived and Rick came over and worked so hard alongside my dad and two of his friends to unload everything in one day! The dogs are loving the big yard and have attempted to catch deer on one occasion with no success. It took a great deal of preparation...but a new beginning has dawned for me and for us.

As I think about how I prepared for my trek from New York to Washington I am reminded that we are invited to "prepare" as disciples of Christ over the next four weeks as we anticipate the birth of the Messiah. On Sunday we hear the story of God's people preparing for the Messiah from ancient times, and then of Mary and Joseph as they prepare for the birth of a child, and then a trek from Nazareth to Bethlehem where Jesus will be born. John the Baptist even cries out, "prepare the way!"

As a congregation you spent 18months preparing yourselves as a faith community to call a new pastor. You prepared a home for your new pastor and prepared yourselves as leaders to care for the community during a time of transition alongside your interim pastor. I am curious, what did it mean to you to prepare over the last year and half and how did you know you were prepared? Maybe you were not closely engaged in the congregation's process of preparing to call a new pastor....so, think of a time you did have to prepare for something...perhaps you have a child and you went through a process to prepare for that child to be welcomed into your home and family....or, maybe you brought home a new pet or started at a new school or at a new job or had to move or perhaps you had to prepare as a loved one neared the end of their life. On a daily basis we prepare. We might prepare to cook a meal or take a shower or take out the trash. So, back to the question I started with: how do you know you are prepared? How do you know you are ready to get started? To welcome? To do what it is you have been preparing for?

Let's turn it back to Advent...if this is a time to prepare for the arrival of Jesus it follows that upon the arrival of Jesus we are invited to be ready to receive Jesus, to do something with this Jesus who has arrived, to act upon the arrival we have prepared for. Right? I didn't pack all my belongings in preparation to move across the country and then do nothing when the day arrived that I was scheduled to leave. I prepared as best I could and then got moving.

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So, brothers and sisters in Christ, I would invite you to consider what you are preparing for as disciples of Christ this advent season. Let's remember that Jesus is going to show up no matter how prepared or ill prepared we are. And that is good news because when Jesus shows up so does life, light, forgiveness, grace, mercy and unconditional love. You will receive all the good gifts of Jesus no matter how ready you are (that's grace). With that truth in mind, I invite you to take a step in your faith formation and prayerfully consider what it is you would like to see occur upon the arrival of Jesus. What are you preparing for? What would you like to see happen when Jesus arrives. Spoiler alert, Jesus is already here with you. So, don't feel like you have to wait until December 25th to receive whatever it is you are waiting for from Jesus.

I trust you all will enjoy your holiday season. I look forward to worshipping with you all December 3rd!

Peace be with you all, Pastor Krista



**First Sunday of Advent - Dec. 3, 2017
One Worship Service at 9:30AM
followed by Annual Advent Festival**

December 3rd will be Pastor Krista Mendoza's first Sunday at Mount Si Lutheran Church. Please come and meet her and show Pastor Krista a warm Mount Si welcome!!!

***Service of Installation for Pastor Krista Mendoza
Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017 at 1:30PM***

All are invited to the Service of Installation for Pastor Krista on Saturday, December 16th at 1:30p.m. at Mount Si Lutheran Church. Bishop Kirby Unti and Assistant to the Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee will be assisting with the worship. We will welcome pastors from the local area and pastors from the NWWA Synod who are able to attend this celebration of new ministry. A reception with coffee and cookies will follow the worship service. We hope you can join us!





Thank you Pr. Larry and Ann Thomas

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.
(Philippians 1:3-6)



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Ann and I are so grateful for your thoughtful, generous, and graceful farewell/Godspeed sendoff Nov. 12th. We had a wonderful time. Last night we sat down and read through the cards and notes savoring each and every one of your kind and loving words. Thanks for the Mt Si Lutheran Church/Mt. Si (the mountain) photo. Thanks for the Seahawks pom-poms, winter cap, and jersey. Thanks for the Mt. Si photo/scrapbook of the eighteen months of life together in Christ. Thanks to the children for the banner and the pictures and the drawings. Thanks for the super duper bag of popcorn and the chocolate cake and the flowers. Thanks for the hugs, the laughter and the tears. Blessings to you as you transition (one more time!) and prepare yourselves for the arrival of Pastor Krista and Gods new beginnings and fresh starts.





Parish Education News!

Our Sunday School theme is 'Going Deep Blue'! Our Sunday school hallway has been transformed into an underwater adventure! Come check it out! We invite everyone to join us as we dive deep into the Bible. This weekly adventure teaches kids to be Jesus' disciples with exciting animated videos, new music & worship, active games and more.

*We are still on the lookout for someone to help us with opening music and help us with special events throughout the year! NO experience necessary -If interested see Courtney Adams or Debbie Jones!

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

No Sunday School
Dec. 3, 17, 24, 31
Resume Sunday
School Jan. 7, 2018

***Children's Sunday School 9:30-10:30 AM**
***Submerge Teen Time 9:45 Ready! 9:50 Set! 10:30 Go!**
***Adult Education Hour 9:45-10:30 AM**

Sunday School Staff for the 2017-2018 School Year:

Preschool—Nancy Flanagan/Rosemary Hanson
Kindergarten/First grade—Debbie Jones/Peggy Halferty
Second/Third grades—Courtney Adams/Lisa Sampson
Fourth/Fifth grades—Kim Buckmaster/Joanne Chase
Submerge Teen Time—Erik and Jenna Rhyne
Adult Education Hour—Dan Luke/Marlin Olson

Church office will
be closed Dec. 22nd,
25th & 26th and
Jan. 1st, 2018

Schedule Notes

Adult Forum dates to be announced.

Dec. 3rd—Annual Advent Festival following one worship at 9:30AM, please join us for our Advent Festival with activities for the whole family! No Children's Sunday School or Adult Forum.

Dec. 17th—Children's Christmas Program—The program will be at 9:30AM between worship services. We will need lots of help, so contact Debbie Jones or Courtney Adams. No Sunday School or Adult Forum.

Dec. 24th & 31st—No Children's Sunday School or Adult Forum



Advent Festival—Dec. 3rd

Everyone is invited to join us Sunday, December 3rd for our Annual Family Advent Festival sponsored by the Parish Education Committee. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:30AM worship service. There will be the opportunity to make an Advent wreath, prepare Christmas crafts, share delicious goodies, and fellowship with friends ~ including **Pastor Krista** as this is her first Sunday with us! We will learn more about the Season of Advent ~ what it means and how it applies to our lives today. It will be a joyous time to unite together and begin the season of preparation together ~ waiting for Christmas and all the Glory that accompanies it. We will also have the opportunity to help decorate the church and grounds for Christmas. If you have any questions about this event, please see Courtney Adams. Hope to see everyone there!

****If you are interested in lighting the Advent candles and reading a prayer, please contact Sheila Rodriguez in the church office.**



A Celebration of Life Sat., Dec. 23, 2017 at 1:00PM Mount Si Lutheran Church

Sue Shardelman, longtime member at Mount Si Lutheran, beloved daughter, sister, aunt, Sister in Christ, passed away peacefully at home with family around her on Friday, November 24, 2017. Sue would have turned 56 on Dec. 5, 2017. Sue had been in the hospital since mid July battling numerous medical conditions and came home on Hospice care two weeks ago. There will be a memorial service at 1:00PM on Sat., Dec. 23, 2017 at Mount Si Lutheran Church. Reception to follow. The family would like to sincerely thank all who have supported them these past months with prayer, providing meals, and visiting Sue in the hospital. Thank you all for continuing to be God's hands to our family! ~ The Shardelman Family



Thank you to all who donated for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox campaign. Because of your generosity, we collected 38 gift-filled shoeboxes. Special Thank you to Joanne and Tom Chase for overseeing this effort for many years at Mt. Si.

Meet your 2017 Council Members

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| President Heidi Dukich 2018 (2) Email: hedukich@hotmail.com | Vice President Jack Boller 2018 (2) Email: jboller2@comcast.net | Secretary Nancy Flanagan 2017 (1) Email: nf2469@gmail.com | Treasurer Annual Renewal Jeff King Email: jeff_king_pnw@yahoo.com |
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| Michael Hanson 2017 (2) Email: mrhanson@centurytel.net | John Keiser 2019 (1) Email: johnm@johnkeiser.com | Dan Luke 2017 (1) Email: loked1@mac.com | Paul Ritzenthaler 2018 (2) Email: paul.ritz@comcast.net |
| Debbie Spurling 2019 (2) Email: angeltender@hotmail.com | <h2 style="color: green; margin: 0;">Council Corner!</h2> | | |

Submitted by Heidi Dukich, Church Council President

Greetings and peace to you all from your Church Council.

Excitement in the air as we celebrate the Advent season and welcome Pr. Krista Mendoza as our new pastor beginning December 1st.

On November 19^h, we held a congregational meeting to vote on the 2018 Proposed Budget and appoint four new Church Council members. The congregation voted to approve the 2018 Budget as presented. The congregation also voted to appoint members Erica Haycox, Terry Adams, and Ed Benson to serve three of the four positions available and to allow council to appoint the last council position. Serving on council is an important part of church work and I thank Erica, Terry, and Ed for their commitment to serve. If you are interested in serving on Council, please speak to the Executive Committee, or any Church Council member. We would like to fill the last vacancy by the Dec. 12th council meeting if possible. I would like to acknowledge my appreciation to Courtney Adams and Mike Hanson for each serving on council for the last six years. Their insight and contributions of time and talent will be missed. I am also ending my 5 years of serving on council. Thank you for your trust in me to lead these last two years as president. During that time our church faced many challenges that provided me an opportunity to learn more about our faith family, church dynamics, church business, and grow as an individual and in my faith.

Please review the church calendar for activities, service schedule and the many ways you can share your time and talents with our church.

Peace and blessings to you, Heidi Dukich

Other dates to keep in mind:

- December 1st—Pr. Krista begins her ministry at Mt. Si Lutheran Church
- December 3rd—Advent Sunday—9:30AM Worship. We welcome Pr. Krista to Mt. Si Lutheran and everyone is invited to participate in the Annual Advent Festival in the Fellowship Hall
- December 9th—Women’s Christmas Brunch in the Fellowship Hall from 10:30AM-12:30PM
- December 16th—Service of Installation for Pastor Krista Mendoza at Mount Si Lutheran Church at 1:30PM with reception to follow
- December 17th—Two Worship services. Children’s Christmas Program at 9:30AM between worship services
- December 24th—9:30AM Worship with Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at 7:00 Praise & 10:00PM Traditional
- December 31st—9:30AM Worship ~ First Sunday after Christmas/New Year’s Eve

2018 Synod Assembly? We will NOT be "assembling for business" in 2018.
 Instead, plan to invite folks from your congregation to attend one of two gatherings for fellowship, learning, and conversation: June 2 at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church (Bellevue) ... OR ...
 June 9 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Marysville).

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

HERE'S THE NEWS



Acolyte Training—If your third grade (or older) daughter or son would like to be trained as an acolyte to serve at either the 8:15 or 10:45 am worship services, please contact Sheila Rodriguez at 425 888-1322.



Chronic Conditions Support Group (CCSG) This group is for anyone coping with a chronic condition. Whether dealing with arthritis, migraines, Parkinson’s, cancer or other illnesses, participants are invited to share their stories and challenges. The group is also open to caregivers and people with age-related health issues. Each group-facilitated meeting will include prayers, Bible readings, helpful resources and pertinent topics such as “Staying Optimistic in the Face of a Chronic Condition.” We also will include activities such as journaling, crafts and local outings. We meet on a Saturday from 10:00-11:30AM in the

Library and coffee and tea are provided; snacks are welcome. If you are interested in finding out more, please call Susan Olds at 425-888-0281 or Sheila Rodriguez at 425-888-1322. December date to be announced.



8:15AM Pianist Needed: Mt. Si Lutheran Church is looking for a pianist to play for the 8:15AM traditional worship service. If interested, or know of someone, please contact Andy Velebir at (425) 457-6373 or email Andy at: amvelebir@comcast.net.



Previously Valley Renewal Center

Our mailing address is:

Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services

7829 Center Blvd SE #239, Snoqualmie, WA 98065

<http://www.svshelterservices.org/>

Are you in need of shelter? Please call or text 425.505.0038

Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services' mission is to help people reclaim their lives. We provide life-changing services to those experiencing homelessness by working with our communities to provide emergency shelter, social services, and connections to permanent housing. We believe deeply in the power of relationships and work to meet people exactly where they are.

Volunteer Training:

Dec. 9th at 10:00AM at North Bend Library
Jan. 10th at 6:30PM location TBD

Go to their website and sign up to provide meals or speak to Courtney Adams if interested.

2017-2018 Shelter Season Locations:

Nov. 18th-Jan. 16th—Snoqualmie United Methodist
Jan. 17th-Mar. 2nd—Sallal Grange, North Bend
Mar. 3rd-30th—Fall City United Methodist Church



Community In Action

www.snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org

Help us maintain a healthy community and provide food to our neighbors in need. Be part of a

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

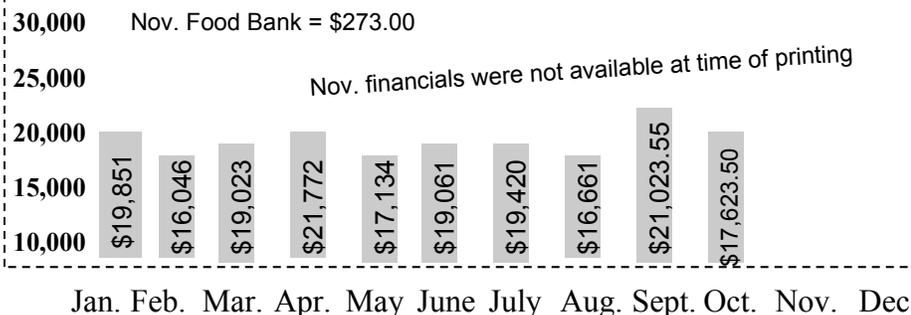
FOOD DONATIONS
Non-Perishable Donations
Monday & Tuesday 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
Wednesday from 9 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.
Perishable Foods
Monday & Tuesday 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.
Wednesday from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Bring donation to food bank located at

F.Y.I.

You may contribute to the newsletter by submitting your articles to the church office by email or a simple phone call. The Deadline for submissions is the 3RD MONDAY of each month, except when earlier deadlines are required due to holidays, etc. Call 425 888-1322

2017 Monthly Giving

2017 Approved Budget = \$277,055



Automate Your Giving

Are you interested in automating your giving to the church? Through the on-line giving program your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account or credit card. Just go to www.mtsilutheran.org and click on Giving. If you have questions, please speak to Leslie Hatling, Financial Secretary.



4Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Please prayerfully consider serving as Usher, Lector, Communion Helper, Acolyte, Sound Tech, or Counter. Training can be provided. Please speak to Sheila Rodriguez, Admin. Assistant.

Is Serving as Worship Assistant Really a Ministry? Absolutely!

Volunteer Opportunities



Ushering is a public ministry of hospitality and evangelism. In a real and vital way, ushers are the "welcoming committee" here at MSLC.

The Lector is the minister who brings the Word of God to life for all to hear. This calling requires preparation so that the readings can become a vehicle for sharing the Word with God's people.

Communion Helper also serves a vital and holy ministry. They assist the Pastor with distributing the "bread" and "wine" to those wishing to receive Holy Communion.

Acolyte is an ancient Greek word meaning helper or follower. Acolytes help shape the worship experience by lighting and extinguishing (putting out) the altar candles.

Those wanting to assist as Usher, Communion Helper, Lector, or Acolyte, will need some instructions. Please contact the church office if interested in being trained.



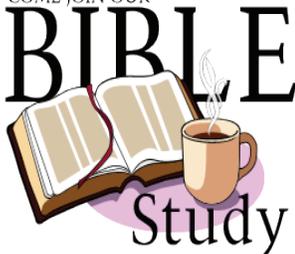
Christmas and New Year Blessings to all of you from the staff at Mt. Si Lutheran

In Christ,

~Pastor Krista Mendoza ~Leslie Hatling
~Sheila Rodriguez ~Jeff King
~Sue Oster

Bible Study News...there's one for you!

COME JOIN OUR



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 Ritzenthaler at 425 888-5294.

Bible Study for WOMEN

Monday Women's Bible Study Group. Please join us every Monday at 12:30PM in the Fellowship

Hall. For more information contact Grace Culver at 425 222-7515 or Laura Ritzenthaler at 425 888-5294.

In The News!



Mt. Si Presents a Children's Christmas Program—Dec. 17, 2017

We are excited to have another special Christmas program, titled "The ABC's of Christmas," performed by the children at Mt Si Lutheran. The dress rehearsal is on Saturday, December 16th from 10AM-12Noon and the performance is on Sunday, December 17th between the first and second service at approximately 9:30AM. The coffee hour will be right after the program. We will not have Sunday School that day but will have some special treats for the children.

Please join us on Sunday Dec. 17th! Stay after the first service or come a little early if you usually go to the second service. Any questions please contact Debbie Jones or Courtney Adams



Sunday, December 24th
One Worship Service at 9:30AM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services
@ 7:00PM & 10:00PM



We will have one 9:30AM Worship and we offer two candlelight services at Mount Si Lutheran Church on Christmas Eve. The 7:00 p.m. Worship will be with special music from the praise team. The 10:00 p.m. Worship will be a more traditional worship service. Each service will reflect the joy of the Messiah arriving in our midst and we will celebrate the gentle rule of Christ that begins with a baby on Christmas morning! Please invite family, neighbors, and friends to join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior—Jesus Christ!



All contributions will need to be received by Dec. 28, 2017 to be recorded on your 2017 Mt. Si Contribution Statement. Any checks received after Dec. 28, 2017 regardless of the date, will be recorded on your 2018 contribution statement. The last deposit for contributions will be made on Dec. 28, 2017.

Any purchases you have made for Mt. Si, but are not asking for reimbursement, must still be on your Mt. Si contribution statement in order to be a tax deduction. To get those purchases/expenses on your contribution statement, please fill out an "Unreimbursed Expenditures" form and turn it in to Leslie Hatling by Jan.15, 2018. Forms are available on the table by elevator in the Narthex, or from the office.

**2018 Offering Envelopes will be available in the Narthex soon. If you do not have offering envelopes and would like them, please see Leslie Hatling, Financial Secretary, and let her know if you want weekly or monthly envelopes.



Christmas Eve—Dec. 24, 2017
 9:30AM Worship
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at 7PM & 10PM
 Church office will be closed Dec. 22nd, 25th, 26th

First Sunday after Christmas—Dec. 31, 2017
 9:30AM Worship
 Church office will be closed Jan. 1, 2018



What's Coming Up?



Mount Si Women of Christ Christmas Brunch



"A Cookie Cutter Christmas"

14 | praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. Psalm 139:14

What? Women of all ages are invited to join together for a festive celebration of Christmas! Come for food, fellowship, games, door prizes, and a drawing for a hand-made quilt!

When? Saturday, December 9 from 10:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

Where? Mount Si Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

What to bring? A friend and a brunch dish to share!

A freewill love offering will be collected for the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank

Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall

We hope to see everyone there!

Any questions? See Courtney Adams or Sheila Rodriguez



House of Hope Giving Tree

Once again the Mt. Si Women of Christ are honored to sponsor a Christmas Giving Tree for the women and children living at the House of Hope/Mamma's Hands houses. Please watch for ways we will be able to support them this year. Questions? Ask Courtney Adams



**Happy
50th
Anniversary**

The congregation is invited to celebrate Mike and Rosemary Hanson's 50th wedding anniversary.

Where: Mt. Si Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

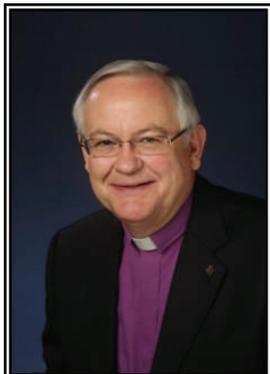
When: Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017

Time: 12Noon to 3:00PM

Lunch and cake provided. No gifts please.

The Spirit

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Longing for the Light

By the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop

We are living during the wet and rainy winter of the year that longs for the light to return to the world. A cold world that has seen far too many mass killings, sexual assaults, bullying, war and murder.

One of the things I admire most about Luther was his capacity to embrace the winter of his own life by acknowledging his own personal depravity. It was in coming face to face with his own shadow that he discovered the light of God's grace.

I have always counted it a great gift that I had the privilege of doing my Clinical Pastoral Education under the supervision of Dr. William A Miller. Bill wrote the book, "Making Friends With Your Shadow" where he makes the case that all of us have a shadow side to our lives. The classical understanding is that our shadow side is opposite and equal to what we display in public..

This is why it is so shocking when we discover the shadow of someone we hold in high regard.

When people refuse to own their shadow and reveal it to the light it grows in intensity. We see this in the "goody two shoes" types who are often the most critical of their neighbors while appearing to be without fault. Such people work over time suppressing the full truth of their lives and often act in secret.

Jesus was very clear about the importance of knowing your own shadow. He would say things like, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone." Or he would say, "Remove the log from your own eye before you remove the speck from your neighbors."

The church ought to be the one place in the community where we can struggle more honestly about the challenges of being human. It ought to be a place that both helps us come to grips with the all of what it means to be human and holds us accountable for addressing our whole lives in healthy ways.

If acknowledging one's shadow improves the likelihood that one will not act on isn't it equally true that church and country must do the same? I think the answer to this is Yes.

This is why the churches of the Northwest issued a letter of apology to the tribes for the horrible and unjust ways we have treated these brothers and sisters.

This is why the 500th Commemoration of the Reformation was a time for Lutherans to confess the horrible ways Luther depicted the Jews and for contributing to the violence that spread across Europe.

It is why delegations from the United States have gathered at Hiroshima and Nagasaki to commit to one another that never again will we unleash such deadly force upon another.

If we take seriously the Lutheran understanding of Saint and Sinner than we need to take more seriously how this same tension manifests itself in corporate ways as well as individual ways.

These are challenging times that we are living in. If we want to change let's begin with ourselves and own the truth of our own short comings. It is not just the other who needs to see the light. We all do.

The light came into the world and the darkness could not overcome it. This is the true gift of Christmas.

Come Lord Jesus!

Mount Si Lutheran Church Prayer Chain

A. For the congregation:

1. Prayer requests need to be kept confidential. If the person would like to have their name printed on the Sunday bulletin, please let someone from the prayer chain know, and we can pass that information onto Sheila and the Pastor.

3. PLEASE inform the prayer chain of updates. Those who are praying like to hear how these "little stories" conclude and if we need to continue in prayer.

B. For the prayer chain participants:

This new prayer chain will become effective as of December 1, 2017 and will be updated next December. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Flanagan, 425-891-2210.

Day

Pat Thomas 888-0861
Joy Benson 888-2745

Evening

Grace Culver 222-7515

Email

Grace Culver (tooters4you@earthlink.net) Pastor Krista Mendoza, Etta Katocs, Leslie Hatling, Lorraine Wilkerson, Suzy Cassidy, Sue Oster, Paul and Laura Ritzenthaler, Courtney Adams, Dave Spurling, Kay Boyle, Connie Som, Dory Aune, Jane Benson, Inge Burnside, Dana Koukol, Betty and Sue Shardelman, Sheila Rodriguez, Ann Keiser, Nancy Anderson, Nancy Flanagan

*And He shall live;
And the gold of Sheba will be given to Him;
Prayer also will be made for Him continually,
And daily He shall be praised.*

Psalm 72:15

God 
Answers
Prayers

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---|-----------|--|---|--|
|  | | Mt. Si Lutheran | | | 1 Welcome! Pr. Krista Mendoza arrives | 2 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course |
| 3 First Sunday of Advent We Welcome Pr. Krista!  One Worship Service at 9:30AM <i>Advent</i> followed by Advent Festival | 4 12:30PM Women's Study | 5 6:15-7:45PM Boy Scout Den #5 | 6 | 7 4-5:30PM GS Troop #42902 6-8PM AA | 8 Set up for Women's Christmas Brunch  | 9 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 10:30AM-12:30PM Women's Christmas Brunch |
| 10 Second Sunday of Advent 8:15AM Traditional Worship 10-10:30AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour 10:45AM Praise Worship | 11 12:30PM Women's Study | 12 9:30AM Quilters 7PM Council Mtg. | 13 | 14 6-8PM AA | 15 EARLY Newsletter Deadline  | 16 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 10AM-Noon Rehearsal for Program 1:30PM Pastor Krista's Service of Installation with reception |
| 17 Third Sunday of Advent 8:15AM Traditional Worship 9:30AM Children's Christmas Program 10AM Coffee Hour Fellowship 10:45AM Praise Worship 12Noon-3:00PM 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Mike & Rosemary Hanson | 18 12:30PM Women's Bible Study 5-8PM Boy Scout Special Event | 19 9:30AM Quilters 6:15-7:45PM Boy Scout Den #5 | 20 | 21 4-5:30PM GS Troop #42902 6-8PM AA | 22 (office closed) | 23 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 1:00PM Celebration of Life for Sue Shardelman |
| 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve One Worship Service at 9:30AM  Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 7PM & 10PM | 25 Holiday (office closed)  | 26 Holiday (office closed) | 27 | 28 6-8PM AA | 29 | 30 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course |
| 31 First Sunday after Christmas One Worship Service at 9:30AM  | Jan. 1 Holiday (office closed)  | 2 6:15-7:45PM Boy Scout Den #5 | 3 | 4 4-5:30PM GS Troop #42902 6-8PM AA | 5 | 6 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course |



Flower Chart for the Altar



| DATE | NAME | IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF |
|---------|------------------------|--|
| Dec. 3 | Pat Palmer | In Honor of Bernice Prindle's birthday |
| Dec. 10 | | |
| Dec. 17 | Mike & Rosemary Hanson | In Honor of their 50th wedding anniversary |
| Dec. 24 | Susan Olds | In Celebration of Christ's birth |
| Dec. 31 | | |



If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2018**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.

Worship Assistants for December



| SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 8:15AM & 10:45AM | Dec. 3 First Sunday of Advent 9:30AM ONLY | Dec. 10 Second Sunday of Advent | Dec. 17 Third Sunday of Advent | Dec. 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:30AM ONLY Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 7:00 & 10:00PM | Dec. 31 First Sunday after Christmas 9:30AM ONLY |
|---|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Usher | | | | | |
| 8:15AM | 9:30AM Flanagan Family | Koukol Family | | 9:30AM Susan Olds & David Scott-Risner | 9:30AM Flanagan Family |
| 9:30AM | Advent Festival | Coffee Hour & Sunday School | | 7:00PM Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler | Coffee Hour/ Fellowship |
| 10:45AM | | Ed & Janey Benson | Mike Hanson Mark Imsland | 10:00PM | |
| Counters | NEEDED | Janey Benson | NEEDED | NEEDED | NEEDED |
| Communion Assistants | | | | | |
| 8:15AM | 9:30AM Inge Burnside | Courtney Adams | Rick Rodriguez | 9:30AM Inge Burnside | 9:30AM |
| 10:45AM | | Debbie Spurling | Rosemary Hanson | | |
| Lector | | | | | |
| 8:15AM | 9:30AM Tom Burnside | Terry Adams | Deb Mach | 9:30AM Tom Burnside | 9:30AM Susan Olds |
| 10:45AM | | Linda Velebir | Suzy Cassidy | 7:00PM R. Hanson, M. Hanson, E. Benson, Shaanlee Litwin 10:00PM P. Halferty, J. Boller, T. Burnside, J. Keiser; C. Adams, T. Adams | |
| Cantor/Music | Andy Velebir Suzy Schuba | Warren Wambsganss Suzy Schuba | John Cassidy Suzy Schuba | 9:30AM Dave Spurling Suzy Schuba | Jack Boller Suzy Schuba |

Worship Assistants

If you are interested in assisting on Sunday mornings as Usher, Communion Assistant, Lector, or Acolyte, please call the office and speak to Sheila Rodriguez. She would be happy to add your name to the Worship Assistants list.

Please consider helping with the Sunday coffee hour at Mt. Si. It's a wonderful way to welcome and show fellowship to our members and guests. A sign up sheet is available during coffee hour.



December Birthdays!



| NAME | DATE | NAME | DATE |
|----------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Martha O'Dell | 3 | Madison Lilleberg | 20 |
| Lauralee Ritzenhaler | 4 | Lissa Lynn | 21 |
| Sue Shardelman | 5 | Kay Boyle | 22 |
| John Auxter | 10 | Giles Franson | 23 |
| Joshua Stone | 12 | Deb Mach | 24 |
| Ed Benson | 14 | Christopher Sampson | 24 |
| Zowie Karren | 14 | Don Oster | 26 |
| Eric Kober | 17 | Haley Chase | 30 |
| Jack Boller | 20 | Nate Chase | 30 |



Anniversaries!



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|---------------------------|---------|
| Brian & Tammy Hayes | Dec. 2 |
| Dave & Suzie Franson | Dec. 3 |
| John & Lissa Lynn | Dec. 7 |
| Doug & Paula Jones | Dec. 10 |
| Andy & Linda Velebir | Dec. 11 |
| Michael & Rosemary Hanson | Dec. 15 |
| Abe & Mary Abrahamson | Dec. 22 |



Please call the church office at 888-1322 and let us know if we skip your special day.



Read All About it!!

If you have any questions regarding the newsletter, please call the office and speak with Sheila Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant at 425 888-1322, or via email at mtsilutheran@mtsilutheran.org. We would love to include special interest articles, i.e. awards & recognition for sports or academics, special events or gatherings, etc. The **GOOD NEWSletter** is your newsletter, so be sure to share your comments, suggestions, and articles! Visit our website: www.mtsilutheran.org.



Hospitality Coffee Hour Fellowship and Worship Assistants

We like to encourage a combined fellowship/coffee hour between services in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15-10:30.AM We need volunteers to sign up for hosting the coffee hour. There is always a sign up sheet at the coffee hour. Sue Oster is our coordinator for the coffee hour fellowship. If you would like to help with our coffee hour fellowship, please contact Sue at 425 888-4056 or soflicka@gmail.com Also, if you are interested in being a worship assistant, please call the office at 888-1322. Mt. Si needs you!

Mount Si's Mission and Vision Statement

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.

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

Sunday Worship Schedule

- 8:15AM Traditional Worship
- 9:15AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour
- 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School
- 9:45-10:30AM Submerge Teen Time
- 9:45-10:30AM Adult Christian Ed
- 10:45AM Praise Worship



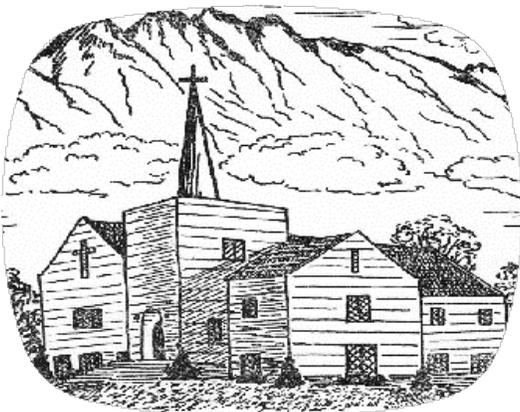
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