

Mt Si GOOD NEWSletter

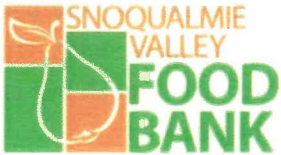
AUGUST 2019

SERVING AT THE SV FOOD BANK

We need your help! The last few months we have struggled to find volunteers to serve at the SVFB on our assigned day—The Fourth Wednesday of each month from 9am-12pm. If you want to know more please call the office.

**Next Day to Serve:
AUGUST 28TH**

**Food of the Month:
Canned Fruit**



Worship Assistant Schedule

If you wish to lector, assist at communion or acolyte, please sign-up on the sheets provided in the Narthex.

If you wish to be an **Usher—Vivian Waid** is now coordinating our ushers and will be calling you! If you want to be on her list, please let her know!



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Summer Worship
9:30am

Pastor's Note

Grace and Peace to you all from our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen!

This summer has been a great one for our congregation in terms of getting out into the community and meeting our neighbors. We have met with 60-80 kids and their parents each week at the Farmers Market and met with over 250 kids and their parents at the North Bend Block Party. In the next couple of weeks we will meet teens as we host the Laser Tag for the Festival at Mt Si and participate in the Festival parade on Aug. 10th. At the end of July we saw 50+ kids attend VBS and had an incredible time diving into the land of Narnia. We have been told by countless people in the valley how much this congregation is known for VBS. And let's not forget the community garden and the over 103 pounds we have already donated this season. In addition we are in the midst of collecting and distributing over 300 backpacks for local school kids.

Whew! There is always a lot going on with picnics, outdoor worship, an upcoming concert on Aug. 7th @ 7pm, a bike ride and more. I give thanks for the volunteers who are making mission and ministry happen for the sake of God's kingdom. This

summer has been a time of planting a lot of seeds and we will continue that work throughout the year. As we do that we also need to be watching for where those seeds start to grow. As people who live in the valley I encourage you to listen carefully to your neighbors and watch for where the Spirit is offering up opportunities for us to welcome and serve.

I think the biggest mistake we make when we think about why we go out into the community is to imagine that we doing this so we can keep paying the bills...yes, we want our church to grow, but we go out into the community for another reason...we go out because we love Jesus, we trust the promises of Jesus and we want others to know about Jesus. If that ends with someone being a member here, great. If not, that's ok. We were asked to be disciples who tell people about Jesus, not be disciples who have the biggest membership roster. Let's keep our focus clear and trust that Jesus is walking with us on the way.

Peace, Pastor Krista



UPCOMING
PROJECTS TO BE
LOOKING OUT
FOR

1. **Little Free Library** for the community has been built and will be installed within the next month near the front door. Thanks to Marlin Olson who helped Pastor build it!

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

3. **Wheelchair seating** in the sanctuary...we are looking into how to best create some space for wheelchairs and walkers in the sanctuary without disturbing the layout too much.

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

Council

What you need to know!



We are celebrating reaching our goal of \$100,000 towards the roof! We are still accepting donations to pay ourselves back 100%



Greetings from your church council. With many folks away on vacation and some council members with important family matters to attend to, we did not meet in July on our scheduled date. We did, however, conclude our discussion regarding the letter sent to the congregation about a proposed scheduled change in the Fall to Spring, which would include committing to a 9:30am single service the first Sunday of each month.

We heard from about 15 church members regarding the letter and heard a lot of support for the proposal. We also heard from a few folks who were concerned about having so many single services. Overall we heard support for the idea of having children and youth help lead worship on these Sundays.

“SERVING—REACHING OUT—GROWING IN GRACE”

Council has chosen to move forward with this experiment for this coming year and then re-evaluate the schedule for future years. We truly hope that keeping a consistent schedule will help lessen confusion and will provide an opportunity for some great fellowship together. On the next page you can learn more about what these single services will look like. We realize that not everyone will be happy with this decision. We hope that folks can come together and really support our children and youth through this unique worship opportunity. If it doesn't work out, we can always modify our plan. Thank you to all who shared their thoughts with us regarding this topic. We truly appreciate your input.

As council meets in August we will be looking ahead to our upcoming budget and November annual meeting

to approve a new budget. Please look for the stewardship article to learn more about our August stewardship focus!

Most of all, a big thanks to all the volunteers who are stepping up with all our summer activities a success. We are so blessed to have dedicated members who truly want to serve, reach out and grow in grace.

We have lots of summer fellowship activities lined up for August in case you don't have anything to do! Check out the last page for more information!

Enjoy the beautiful weather and God bless.

- Council Leadership





Children, Youth and Family Updates

Sometimes I get a little startled when I am writing a newsletter article because I look at the dates and think, it can't possibly be that time of the year yet. Often, I am trying to plan ahead by a month at least if not more. This can be detrimental if I am not paying attention in the present. It is a good reminder to slow down and consider what is happening here and now. In this moment I am preparing for VBS which is in a few days but by the time you read this it will have already

happened. I like the quote from Kung Fu Panda "There is a saying: yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but **today is a gift**. That is why it is called the "present."

This may seem like a cliché but it has significant wisdom. If we do not take time to absorb the present we loose track of our history because we were too distracted to enjoy it. Increasingly I have become aware of how much technology invades our lives. We are at first tempted by the features of time

management, photography, communication, and other time-saving tools. Unfortunately, it seems to be having the opposite effect by overstimulating the frontal lobe with instant gratification. I am guilty of this and will be trying to cut back on my use this next month. One of the techniques we use at Waterhouse Center is to ask people to put away their phones while on the course. It helps that our cell signals are weak. I hope as I practice this, I will recognize more readily ways I can connect with others. I am grateful that connecting with others is the most important part of my ministry with you!
- John G.



AUGUST MONTHLY GATHERINS

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 August 27th @6pm. All women of the church invited!

Thirsty for Theology Thursday is meeting @ 7pm, August 1st at John Cassidy's home. Please call the office for an address.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped pull together and lead VBS this year!

We had a great turn-out with 54 kids showing up and learning of Jesus through the land of Narnia.

We had so many great group leaders including many of our own youth who really stepped up to help out. We had 7 youth helping! Thanks! Our adults were amazing aswell leading and guiding our time together. What a great VBS! Until next year

Worship Assistants

FLOWERS

Date	Name
Aug. 4th	Pastor Krista
Aug. 11th	
Aug. 18th	
Aug. 25th	

Date/Time	Lector	Ushers	Communion	Acolyte
Aug. 4th 9:30am	VBS	VBS	Courtney Adams	VBS
Aug. 11th 9:30am	Tom Burnside		Inge Burnside	NEED
Aug. 18th 9:30am	NEED		NEED	NEED
Aug. 25th 9:30am	NEED		NEED	NEED

Counters

Aug. 4th	Aug. 11th	Aug. 18th	Aug. 25th
NEED	NEED	NEED	Terry & Marlin

Ushers—Ushers—Ushers

Ushers! Please note that Vivian Waid will not be calling you to sign you up to serve as ushers for the coming months. If you want to be on her list, be let her know!

Stewardship in August!



Gathering Together to look at the future and Grow in Grace

During the month of August the Stewardship and Finance team are working to create opportunities for conversation around financial stewardship. We would love to see you at one or all of these events!

On August 4th during the coffee hour Pastor will have some info cards on each table regarding where we are with our current spending vs income and how close we are to spending what we projected in

our budget. We will also share the final number for what we raised for the roof.

On August 11th Pastor will take time during coffee hour to have a devotion/conversation around stewardship and money. We will also share what we have done with the new Evangelism/Outreach budget so far in 2019. Afterwards all are welcome to set-up school supplies!

On August 18th, during coffee hour Pastor would like to talk to folks about pledging and mention a few areas we would like to be able to increase our budgets so we can better serve the congregation and community. Pastor will also talk about Give Plus and how you can register via Servant Keeper to see your biographical and giving information. We will hand out pledge cards on this day.

ALSO on Aug 4th, 11th and 18th we will have some stations set-up to work with each member to go over your bio info in Servant Keeper to make sure it is as up to date as possible before we talk about the financial side of Servant Keeper on the 18th.

These Sundays are all part of a process that we hope will help the Stewardship and Finance team develop a sound budget for 2020. We also hope that this process can answer questions and help the whole congregation think more deeply about the impact their giving has on the life of the congregation. We are so thankful for your generosity and the spirit of giving that is strong in this congregation! And, as always, we remember that giving is not just money. We give back to God all that we have, which includes our time and talents.

See you in August!

- Stewardship Team

GOD'S WORK.

OUR HANDS.

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 8TH

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

We are currently beginning to plan for the 3-4 service projects on this day!

Would you like to help plan this day of service or do you have a great idea of a project we can do in the community or at the church? See Pastor Krista or Courtney Adams.

**God's work.
Our hands.**

August 2019

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 11am—BD Luncheon 6-8—VBS 7pm—Thirsty Theology @ The Cassidy home	2	3 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
4 9:30am Worship 11:30am Movie and Lunch @ the parsonage	5 12:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Personnel Meeting	6	7 6-8pm BSA #456 7pm Matsiko Children's Choir concert	8 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 4-8 Farmers M 6pm AA Bible study 7pm AA	9 6-8pm hosting Laser Tag @ Festival at Mt Si	10 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride 10am Memorial 10:30 Parade! (line up at 10am)
11 9:30am Worship Stewardship Fellowship after worship *Backpack Preparation 	12 10-1 Fill School Backpacks  12:30pm Women's Bible Study	13 7pm Council Meeting	14 8:30-6:30 Distribute Backpacks  6-8pm BSA #456 6:30pm Dinner and Faith	15 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 4-8 Farmers M 6pm AA Bible study 7pm AA	16	17 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
18 9:30am Worship Iron Horse Trail Biking Trip @ 11:30am	19 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	20 7pm Parish Ed. Meeting	21 8:30-6:30 Distribute Backpacks  6-8pm BSA #456 6:30pm Dinner and Faith	22 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 4-8 Farmers M. 6pm AA Bible study 7pm AA	23	24 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
25 9:30am Worship 11:30am All Church picnic and fun @ Rattlesnake Lake	26 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	27 6pm Women's Ministry Gathering	28 9-12 SVFB 8-12 Hot Meals 6-8pm BSA #456 6:30pm Dinner and Faith	29 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 4-8 Farmers M. 6pm AA Bible study 7pm AA	30	31 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
 Pastor on Vacation Aug. 25th-31st						

HAVE QUESTIONS?
PLEASE TALK TO A
STAFF MEMBER
OR COUNCIL
MEMBER

Birthdays and Anniversaries



ANNIVERSARIES

Dave and Debbie Spurling Aug. 5th
Jim and Nancy Flanagan Aug. 12th
Jeff and Valerie King Aug. 18th
Terry and Courtney Adams Aug. 19th
David and Lorraine Wilkerson Aug. 20
Mark and Julie Imsland Aug. 27th

Pat Palmer August 1st
Rick Rodrigues August 2nd
Katherine Yocom August 3rd
Grace Culver August 5th
Rosemary Hanson August 5th
Sydney Yocom August 5th
Erica Haycox August 7th

BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Jones August 10th
Laura Ritzenthaler August 16th
Ernie Pyle August 20th
Sue Oster August 25th
Ralph Freeman August 27th
Kay Kober August 27th
Shirley Forgey August 30
Paul Dukich August 31st

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



Broken Vessels By Bishop-Elect Shelley Bryan Wee

Today in the mail I received a surprise gift of pottery. Two vases and a cup. All beautiful. All treasured. But the most beautiful one has a crack on the top. I worried that it had cracked during the shipping process so I texted my friends who had sent it asking if I should be concerned. One of them replied, "Earthen vessels that we are, with maybe a crack that God can make beautiful. "I confess that

I'm feeling a little cracked right now. As excited as I am for this new call as Bishop, and as excited as I am to work with rostered ministers and congregations in this synod and in the wider church, there is a lot to process and learn. I feel the weight of responsibility and expectation. But today, looking at this cracked vase, ruminating on my friend's words, I am awash in grace. You see, it is so easy when we look at ourselves or our world, to only concentrate on what seems broken. Sometimes we only see the imperfect and despair. We wonder what is wrong with this world, with society, with church, with ourselves. But what if it is exactly this brokenness that shows God? What if this crack is where the Spirit enters in? Maybe it is in this very vulnerability when we can finally catch a glimpse of who God is and who we

are. I know that just as I have some anxiety about beginning a new call and what the future holds, there is anxiety in your lives, too. I understand both the difficulty and anticipation of moving into the future together. But as I quoted Acts 17 during the synod assembly, I say to you again, "For in God, we live and move and have our being." And this is where we begin and end—in God, with one another, trusting in the love that comes from Jesus. For this is who we are: Cracked earthen vessels open to the calling of the Spirit. As I begin this new call as Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod, I call on all of us to be trusting, accepting, vulnerable, and hopeful, as we anticipate the dance of God's Holy Spirit—cracked beautiful vessels that we are together. In God's Peace and Joy, Bishop-Elect Shelley Bryan Wee



Calendar Changes for Fall-Spring

Here we go! We are trying something new and for some that will be exciting and for others it will be frustrating. Together, I trust we can be patient and kind to one another as we experiment this year with a new calendar. Please mark your calendars right NOW with the following dates

- September 8th
- October 6th
- November 3rd
- December 1st

These are the ONE service Sundays from Sept.-Dec. The ONE service time will be 9:30am. These services will be supported by our children

and youth. What does that mean? Those children and youth who wish to will be our lectors, ushers, communion assistants and acolytes. They will also help sing some of our music and offer special music from time to time. They may offer a skit or special re-telling of the Gospel Lesson. Pastor Krista will still present the sermon unless she has otherwise worked with the older youth to present a special sermon. The format of the service will follow the traditional Lutheran liturgy format so that we have a chance to teach our children and youth what each part of the liturgy means. For example, what is

the purpose of the Kyrie and what does Kyrie eleison mean? Or, why do we sing "Lamb of God" before communion in a traditional Lutheran Liturgy. Perhaps some of us big kids will learn something too! The music will be a blend of hymns, kids songs and contemporary music. The purpose of these Sundays will be to teach and grow our children and youth into confident worship leaders and participants and give them an opportunity to teach the big kids what they are learning about Jesus! The Sunday school teachers are eager to move forward with this idea and we humbly ask for your support of this experiment.

CHILDREN AND ADULT EDUCATION



NEW Curriculum!

The Parish Ed team, Sunday School teachers and staff worked to select a new curriculum for our children, youth and adults next year for Education and Worship! We will use the lessons that the classes will be learning about during our worship so we can grow together in our understanding and love of the Bible! We are very excited to unite the lessons we

teach in class and the lessons we hear in worship. We hope this will be a blessings to everyone in the church— young and old.

The letter that went out to the congregation shared the lessons we are planning on. What we have done now is create a theme for each section. In September our theme will be: Created and Called as we look at the stories of Adam and Eve, Moses' birth and the Burning Bush. In October our theme will be: Thanksgiving and Abundance as we look at the desert journey, Deborah and Joshua. These themes will be incorporated into our 9:30am worship on the first Sunday of each month and our fellowship time together.

For the **Adults**. In September we are going to try something new. We will have discussion cards out at each Fellowship hall table. Pastor Krista, at about 9:45am will invite those in the Fellowship hall to take just 5min to listen to a brief intro and then invite folks to engage the questions at their table for about 10min. Pastor will then invite folks to share what they discussed and close with a prayer. If you wish to discuss further at your table you may do so, or may go back to socializing. In December we will do a book study in the Library for those who wish to participate. We will adjust as needed! - Parish Ed. Team

Fellowship, Food, Friendships

From Sept-June 2019-2020 we will be holding regular fellowship events following our one worship service. Our first event is a very familiar one. We will be again celebrating God's Work Our Hands Sunday on **September 8th**. There will be multiple service projects and goodies to eat. In **October** we will share in World Communion Sunday with fellow Christians in the valley. In **November** we will hold a Thanksgiving fellowship alongside our Annual Budget Meeting.



In **December** we will continue our tradition of holding an Advent Festival for all ages! We hope these fellowship times will foster new relationships and strengthen existing friendships. Our Fellowship times will follow our themes for the month/season. Be on the look out to see how you might help at these events!

Let's see how the Spirit will move among us as we celebrate and give thanks to God, together.

Amen!



Block Party
2019

Upcoming August Events

**August 4th—VBS
Sunday & Movie Day
@ the Parsonage**

**August 7th—7pm
Matsiko Children's
Choir Concert**

**August 9-10th—
Festival @ Mt Si
Laser Tag and Parade**

**August 18th - Bike
the Iron Horse Trail
with Mt Si Lutheran!**

Are you ready for VBS Sunday! The children and adults who put together VBS will be sharing what they learned and teaching us some new songs and old favorites. After worship we will have our regular coffee hour. Following that all are welcome to head over to the parsonage for some lunch and to watch The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe! Movie will start about 11:30am. Please bring \$5 if you can to chip in for lunch.

Come listen to an incredible children's choir made up of orphaned children from around the world. They will be selling handcrafted items from their home countries and taking a love offering during the concert to support their work. This is open to all in the community—
Please spread the word!!!!



Hear the Joy • See the Hope • Feel the Love

On Aug. 9th from 6-8pm John G. and Pastor Krista will welcome youth from the community to a FREE laser tag event at the Festival at Mt Si that we are sponsoring. Pastor and John will hand out prayer squares made by Leslie and olive wood crosses to those youth that want them as a way to let them know they are loved and supported!
On August 10th we are participating in the Parade!!! Line-up at Torgerson park no later than 10am! Everyone from Mt Si is welcome to walk with the float.

Details forthcoming! Please sign-up in the Narthex if you wish to ride. We plan to ride 22miles of the trail. We will carpool up to the start location and end in North Bend where we will have cars ready to pick us up. Questions? Talk to John Grebe!



**August 25th—
Church Picnic and
Fun @ Rattlesnake**

Let's have a picnic! After church on August 25th bring your own lunch up to Rattlesnake Lake where we will eat together and play together at the lake. We will bring some games, but if you have a favorite water toy or land toy, please bring it along! We will meet at the lake about 11:00am! Sign-up in Narthex

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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