

**MOUNT SI LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

411 NE 8TH ST  
NORTH BEND, WA 98045

**Special Points of Interest:**

- Sept. 5th—Labor Day Holiday (office closed)
- Sept. 11th—Mt. Si & ELCA Day of Service. Following 9AM Worship, potluck & service projects
- Sept. 18th—Return to two Worship Services at 8:15 & 10:45AM and Congregational Forum between services



**Summer Worship  
Schedule**  
**9:00AM Worship  
through Sept. 11**  
**Two Worship Services  
Resume Sept. 18**

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# Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

## September 2016

**From Pastor Larry's Desk.....**

### **I Was A Stranger and You Welcomed Me**

*Larry E. Thomas, Interim Pastor*

*Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."*

Matthew 25:35



In 1975, in the aftermath of the fall of Saigon and the end of the Vietnam war, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) recruited local Lutheran pastors to provide initial screening for people who were interested in sponsoring Southeast Asian refugees. Refugees were arriving by the thousands at Camp Pendleton in Southern California and LIRS needed sponsors, pronto. At the time, I was the pastor of Shepherd By The Sea Lutheran Church in Malibu, California. While I spoke by telephone with three families and interviewed two, none of the Malibu area families ended up sponsoring any refugees. Things changed when we moved to San Diego.

In January of 1976, I began my new call as the Associate Pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in San Diego, California. Over the course of the next six years, OSLC sponsored three refugee families. Our congregational refugee resettlement committee eagerly and energetically undertook the myriad tasks of assisting newly arrived refugee families. Committee members helped our refugee families find housing, obtain used furniture, and assisted them with setting up their kitchens with pots and pans, dishes and silverware. The sisters and brothers at OSLC took Jesus at his word and lovingly welcomed our refugee/strangers with open arms.

I can still remember meeting with the Cao family the morning after they arrived in San Diego. Myself, Rev. Norlan Hanson (the senior pastor) and Tam Tranh, a Vietnamese refugee who worked for LIRS and translated our conversation, met together with the Cao family in the church library. Mr. and Ms. Cao, and Ms. Cao's sister had been boat people who had escaped from North Vietnam. En route to Thailand, their boat got caught in a storm. Their fellow travelers asked them to pray to God. "What's God?" Mr. Cao, asked. "God is who you ask to protect you when you're in trouble," Mr. Cao told us. Concluding his story, Mr. Cao said, "We are looking forward to learning more about God."

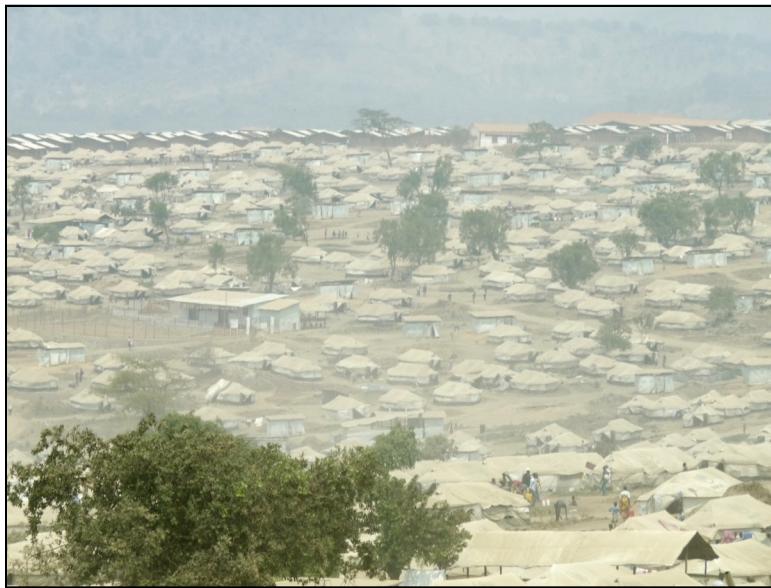
On August 4, 2016, I visited the Mahama Refugee Camp in Eastern Rwanda, near the Tanzanian Border. The Mahama Refugee Camp opened in April, 2015, to serve refugees from Burundi who have fled the country due to election related violence. In cooperation with Rwanda, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) administers the camp together with a variety of NGO's including Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) World Vision, and Save the Children.

The Mahama Refugee Camp is the home to approximately 50,000 Burundian refugees of whom 13,000 are children. Visiting Mahama was a powerful, humbling, and sobering experience. During our tour of Mahama, I asked Gerald, our ADRA guide, if I could ask one of the refugees a couple of questions. "Sure," Gerald replied. "Sir, why did you leave Burundi?" I asked. He replied, "I was tortured; they told me if I stayed, I'd be killed, so I left." "What is your hope?" I asked the refugee. He said, "That things will settle down in Burundi and I will be able to go home."

I don't mind telling you that visiting The Mahama Refugee Camp (see photo below), remembering my 1970s experiences working with Southeast Asian refugee resettlement, and reflecting on the current anxious state of Western nations re: refugee resettlement really got me to thinking. Jesus was constantly telling people not to be anxious, not to be fearful and not to worry, but we still worry, we're still afraid, and we are subject to all manner of anxiety. The immobilizing power of anxiety is not the way of Christ. Faithfully following wherever God is leading us, is the way of Christ. Feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, providing water for the thirsty, clothes for the naked, and welcoming the stranger, is the way of Christ.

According to an August 4, 2016 article by the Christian singer/songwriter David Crowder in the magazine, *Relevant*, there are 21.3 million refugees worldwide. Half of them are children. "Many of them are brothers and sisters, with no home, no stability, and no hope. Nearly 34,000 people are forced to flee their homes each day because of conflict."

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) is still faithfully working to "welcome the stranger" and help refugees and displaced peoples find safe and secure homes. If you sense the Holy Spirit's tug, or pull, or movement, and want to learn more about LIRS, or, learn how you can become a foster parent for immigrant youth, or, if you want to write to your senator or congress person re: support for Syrian refugees, or if you want to make a donation to the good and godly work of LIRS, check out the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service website at [lirs.org](http://lirs.org). Thanks for caring.



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### **Sunday, September 18 @ 9:45 am: Open Forum / Table Talk**

Following 8:15AM worship, please join together with Pastor Larry and members of the Transition Team on Sunday morning, September 18 @ 9:45 am. We'll present updates on the work of the Transition Team and invite input and feedback from Mt. Si Lutheran Church members and friends on our transition process and preparation of Mt. Si's Ministry Site Profile. We've got questions, and we're counting on you to give us some answers!

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### **Monthly Interfaith Dialogues Saturday, September 17, 2016 / 9:00 – 10:30 am**

You are invited to gather together with neighbors of the Muslim Association of Snoqualmie Ridge to begin a series of interfaith dialogues beginning on Saturday, September 17, from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. The first gathering will be at the Snoqualmie Mosque, 35324 S.E. Center St. Unit G. Bldg. C, Snoqualmie. Coffee, tea, and breakfast snacks will be served. Once people have gathered, we'll settle into small conversational groups. Each month there will be a faith-related theme to prompt our speaking, listening, and connecting. September's discussion theme is "Neighbors."

Over time we hope to include the whole range of Snoqualmie Valley's faith traditions and communities. October's interfaith dialogue will be at Snoqualmie United Methodist Church, 48701 S.E. River St., Snoqualmie on Saturday, October 22, from 9:00 – 10:30 am.

# Parish Education News!

Our Sunday School season kicks off this month. Come check us out! There are classes for all ages, so there is sure to be something that will meet your needs! Check the schedule below:

- \*Children's Sunday School: 9:30-10:30 AM
- \*Teen Time Schedule: 9:45 Ready! 9:50 Set! 10:20 Go!
- \*Adult Education Hour: 9:45-10:30 AM

## Sunday School Staff for the 2016-2017 School Year:

Preschool: Nancy Flanagan and Rosemary Hanson  
Kindergarten/First Grade: Lisa Sampson and Debbie Jones  
Second/Third: Courtney Adams and Ann Bartlett  
Fourth/Fifth: Kim Buckmaster and Joanne Chase  
Teen Time: To be determined  
Adult Education Hour: Pr. Larry & Sue Shardelman

## Adult Forum for Fall

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 25, the adult group will read and discuss the book, **Mudhouse Sabbath** by Lauren Winner. Pastor Larry and Sue Shardelman will be leading these discussions. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the library for lively conversation & fellowship. We meet at **9:45 am**.

We have purchased 15 copies of the book to sell at a discounted rate. Please contact Sue if you would like to have one of the copies.

**Book Description:** *Lauren Winner converted from Orthodox Judaism to Christianity in early adulthood. Soon after her conversion, she noticed that Christianity lacked much discipline or emphasis when it came to performing rituals, so integral to the Jewish faith. "This book is about those things that I miss," she writes. "It is about Sabbaths and burials and prayers, rituals Jews and Christians both observe.... Jews do these things with more attention and wisdom not because they are more righteous nor because God likes them better, but rather because doing, because action, sits at the center of Judaism. Practice is to Judaism what belief is to Christianity. Your faith may come and go but your practice ought not to waiver." She organizes her chapters according to the rituals and values that both religions share--such as prayer, candle lighting and weddings--and discusses how Christians could deepen these rituals by taking a few lessons from the Jews.*

## Schedule Notes

September 4<sup>th</sup>: Labor Day Weekend

September 11<sup>th</sup>: "God's Work, Our Hands" Day of Service

September 18<sup>th</sup>: First day of SS for children (adults please attend congregational discussion re: interim next steps. We will meet in fellowship hall)

September 25<sup>th</sup>: First day for adult discussion group

October 2nd: World Communion Sunday, no Worship Service & no Sunday School at MSLC

**"God's work. Our hands." Sunday**  
**Sept. 11, 2016**



*9:00AM Worship followed by potluck & service projects. Watch for sign up sheets on how you can help with this amazing day of service! T-shirts are available for \$6.00. Questions: Speak to Courtney, Adams, Coordinator*



## We're Looking For A Pianist for 8:15 am Traditional Worship Service

Mt. Si Lutheran Church is looking for a pianist to play for the 8:15 am traditional worship service beginning Sunday, September 18, 2016. The job description is pretty simple: play three Sundays a month for the 8:15 am traditional worship service (September through May.) For more information, contact Larry Thomas, Interim Pastor @ [ledgarthomas@gmail.com](mailto:ledgarthomas@gmail.com)



**Office Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for office volunteers for Sept. 12-16, 2016. We will have limited office coverage during this time to accommodate the volunteer's schedules (probably 9AM-Noon). If you can commit to one day or several days, please give Sheila Rodriguez a call at 888-1322. Thank you!



## Confirmation @ Mt. Si Lutheran Church 2016-2017

If your daughter or son is in the 6th, 7th, or 8th, grade and would like to enroll in Confirmation class, please contact Pr. Larry Thomas, Interim Pastor at [ledgarthomas@gmail.com](mailto:ledgarthomas@gmail.com) or by telephone at (425) 802-1212. Confirmation class days, time, and curriculum will be decided on in conversation with students, parents, and Pastor Thomas.

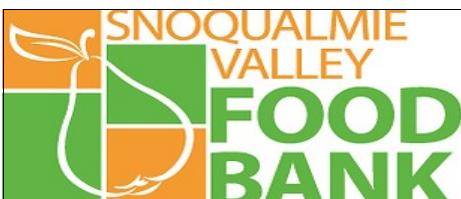


**Acolyte Training**—If your third grade (or older) daughter or son would like to be trained as an acolyte to serve at either the 8:15 or 10:45 am worship services, please contact Pastor Larry at [ledgarthomas@gmail.com](mailto:ledgarthomas@gmail.com) or by phone at (425) 802-1212.



**We look forward to a new school year.** Bless all schools, colleges and universities that they may be respectful places for discovery and the pursuit of wisdom. Guide and guard them as they begin a new academic year. We lift up the important work of campus ministers as they offer safe space and provide nourishing communities of faith. We especially lift up those serving on our Washington State campuses: Pastor Elizabeth Rawlings (UW), Pastor Joel Langholz (WWU), Pastor Shelley Bryan Wee (EWU), and Pastor Randall "Nick" Nicolai (WSU). We celebrate with Pacific Lutheran University as they welcome their new campus pastor, Pastor Jen Rude. (Refer a student here: <http://lumin-networkreferral.org/>)

**Snoqualmie Valley School District classes began on Aug. 31st. Please keep all teachers, parents, and students in your prayers for a blessed school year!**



**Community In Action**  
[www.snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org](http://www.snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org)

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

### 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 Library in North Bend

### 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  
122 E 3rd St North Bend, WA 98045

# Meet your 2016 Council Members

<b>President</b> Heidi Dukich 2018 (2) Email: hedukich@hotmail.com	<b>Vice President</b> Jack Boller 2018 (2) Email: jborler2@comcast.net	<b>Secretary</b> Nancy Flanagan 2017 (1) Email: nf2469@gmail.com	<b>Treasurer</b> Annual Renewal Jeff King Email: jeff_king_pnw@yahoo.com
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Paul Ritzenthaler 2018 (2) Email: paul.ritz@comcast.net	<b>Council Corner!</b>		

Submitted by Heidi Dukich, Church Council President

Our church committees have been busy. Here is a brief look at what they have been up to:

- **Transition Team** is up and running and are holding regular meetings.
- **Stewardship and Finance** committee is busy completing the change of bank accounts and all that goes along with that from Bank of America to Umpqua Bank. If you have questions about a direct deposit please contact S & F committee members, Tom Chase or Jack Boller. In addition, the committee is diligently working on the budget for next year so we are ready for the congregation to vote on November 6th.
- **Building and Grounds** committee held a congregational meeting on July 31, 2016 to vote on the future of the parsonage. The majority vote was to sell the parsonage to Life Enrichment Options (LEO). The committee has met with LEO and LEO would like to move forward with the offer. B & G is looking into contacting an attorney to help with legal documents for our church.
- **Parish Education** ran a very well organized and planned VBS. The Egyptian theme was colorful, fun and inviting. (see VBS update below)
- **Backpacks and School Supplies** ministry filled 300 packs and distributed them at the food bank before school started. (see pg. 10)

## Upcoming things to be aware of:

\*We are looking for a musician for the 8:15 a.m. service

\*God's Work, Our Hands on September 11th. This is a great opportunity to have families volunteering together and get to know other church members.

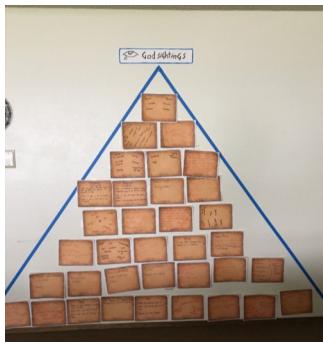
\*Two services starting September 18th & Congregational Forum between worship services.

\*World Communion Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016. Please note, there will be no Worship Service or Sunday School at Mt. Si. We will worship together at Snoqualmie United Methodist Church at 10:30AM followed by a lunch at St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Snoqualmie.

\*Congregation meeting and potluck lunch November 6<sup>th</sup>

It is exciting to part of such a dynamic church with many opportunities to get involved. Please consider how you can share your time and talents as we head into the Fall season.

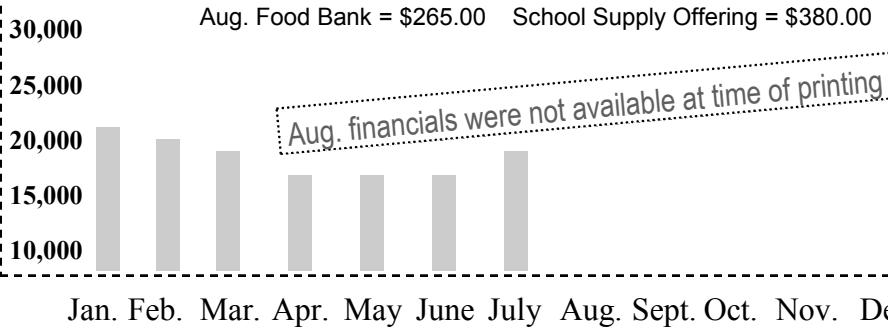
Don't forget, your council members are your elected officials that you have entrusted with the workings of your church. Feel free to contact them to discuss issues that you feel are pertinent to the life of your congregation.



**V.B.S. Update:** Thanks to everyone who helped with this summer's VBS or donated much needed supplies! The theme was "**Joseph's Adventures in Egypt**" and we all had a great time learning about Joseph as well as some Egyptian history! About 30 kids came each day to dress up as Egyptians, sing and dance, hear Joseph's stories in our Egyptian palace, and shop at our Egyptian marketplace. Special thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who made it all possible! As one parent commented: "This was the highlight of my kid's summer!" I received many other positive comments, and I know I speak for all of the volunteers when I say a good time was had by all! Special thanks goes to **Debbie Jones**, VBS Leader & Coordinator; **Vicki Wallentine**, for fabulous Egyptian decorations; and all of the characters & market place helpers! **THANK YOU!**

## 2016 Monthly Giving

**2016 Approved Budget = \$240,206**



You may contribute to the newsletter by submitting your articles to the church office by email, snail mail, or a simple phone call. The Deadline for submissions is the THIRD MONDAY of each month, except when earlier deadlines are required due to holidays, etc.



### Automate Your Giving

Are you interested in automating your giving to the church? Through the Simply Giving program your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account or credit card. Forms are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall or contact the office. Forms should be returned to the church office with Attn: Financial Secretary.



### Opportunities to Serve, Reach Out and Grow in Grace

All Committees will meet on the second Tues. of each month at 6PM to share a meal and discuss church goals with other ministries, then break into their individual committees. Anyone interested in hearing more about a committee is welcome to come and check it out. A free will offering is taken to go towards the meal.

Council meets at 7PM the third Tues. of the month.



**WORLD  
COMMUNION  
SUNDAY**

All are invited to join us as we celebrate World Communion Sunday together! On Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016, Mt. Si Lutheran Church will join with Snoqualmie United Methodist Church, Fall City United Methodist Church, and St. Clare's Episcopal Church

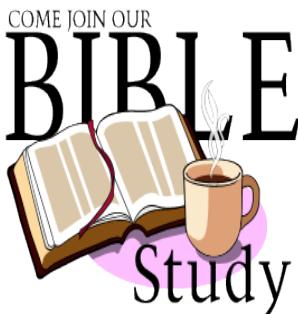
**DATE: Oct. 2, 2016**

**WORSHIP TIME: 10:30AM**

**PLACE: Snoqualmie United Methodist Church,  
3807 SE River St., Snoqualmie WA  
Lunch at St. Clare's Episcopal Church following  
(donations towards lunch appreciated)**

**Please note:** This will be our only worship service on Oct. 2nd, so please mark your calendar to attend worship at Snoqualmie United Methodist Church. An offering will be taken and will benefit Congregations for the Homeless.

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



### Men's Saturday Breakfast Bible Study

Sunday. All men are welcome. For more information, contact Paul Ritzenthaler at 425 888-5294. Location: Mt. Si Golf Course

Come join the men at 8AM and review the Sunday readings and lessons for that

### Bible Study for WOMEN

The Monday Women's Bible Study Group is studying the Book of Luke. Please join us every Monday a 12:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Grace Culver at 425 222-7515 or Betty Shardelman at 425 888-0772.

# 2016 V.B.S. EGYPT



Songs



Games







## Backpack/School Supplies Project

We had another wonderful and successful Backpack/School Supply Drive! Once again, Mt Si Lutheran Church sponsored this event with the help of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Snoqualmie United Methodist Church, Cascade Covenant Church, St. Clare's Episcopal Church, People of Snoqualmie Valley, Thrivent for Lutherans, Office Depot, Fred Meyer, Target, & QFC. We filled 300 backpacks for children in the Snoqualmie Valley School District. The backpacks were distributed at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank on Aug. 17th & 24th. The children were so excited to have a new backpack with supplies to start the new school year. Snoqualmie Valley Alliance Church also handed out new shoes for each child signed up! Thanks to everyone who participated with this project and all of those who donated school supplies, shoes, and funds to purchase supplies. Thanks for assisting me again with this ministry for the children in need in our community. ~Janey Benson





Hello Synod Friends!

Thank you for your prayers of support for our synod Voting Members to the Churchwide Assembly last week. It was a full week of business, worship and learning!

Thank you to our delegation for taking time from their summer to prepare and attend this important gathering of our church:

Pastor Priscilla Austin (Immanuel, Seattle), Ms. Hannah Berg (First, Bothell), Pastor Tor Berg (First, Bothell)  
Dr. Franklin Chu (Bethany, Bainbridge Island), Sister Liz Colver (Catacomb Churches), Mr. Noah Foster-Koth (Faith, Seattle),  
Pastor Ivar Hillesland (Church of the Apostles, Seattle), Synod VP Georganne Robertson (Queen Anne, Seattle), Mr. Rod Schofield (Christ, Ferndale), Bishop Kirby Unti (Holy Cross, Bellevue)

Here is a (brief) summary of the actions taken by the 2016 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may find more information via the link at the end.

CHICAGO (Aug. 16, 2016) - Voting members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) approved a number of key actions during the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly held in New Orleans Aug. 8-13. The assembly is the highest legislative authority of the church.

The 945 voting members:

- Elected William B. Horne II of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Clearwater, Fla., vice president of the ELCA. Horne was installed during closing worship Aug. 13.
- Accepted the "Declaration on the Way," a unique ecumenical document that marks a path toward greater unity between Catholics and Lutherans. At the heart of the document are 32 "Statements of Agreement" that state where Lutherans and Catholics do not have church-dividing differences on topics about church, ministry and the Eucharist. The document also presents the differences that remain.
- Approved AMMPARO - the ELCA's strategy to Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities. The ELCA developed this strategy based on commitments to uphold and guarantee the basic human rights and safety of migrant children and their families; to address the root causes of migration in countries from Central America's Northern Triangle and Mexico and the treatment of migrants in transit; to work toward just and humane policies affecting migrants in and outside the U.S.; to engage as a church with all of its companions, affiliates and partners to respond to the migration situation and its causes; and to advocate for migrant children and their families.
- Approved the Ministry of Word and Service roster. Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, ELCA associates in ministry, deaconesses and diaconal ministers will be a single, unified roster of Ministry of Word and Service. The accompanying constitutional amendments related to the roster were also considered and approved by the assembly.
- Approved the 2017-2019 budget proposal. The budget includes a 2017 current fund spending authorization of \$65,296,005 and a 2017 ELCA World Hunger spending authorization of \$24.8 million; a 2018 current fund income proposal of \$64,057,220 and a 2018 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$25 million; a 2019 current fund income proposal of \$64,151,175 and a 2019 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$25 million; and authorizes the Church Council to establish a spending authorization after periodic review of revised income estimates.
- Approved various memorials - or proposals - from the ELCA's 65 synods. In addition to memorials considered "en bloc," the assembly separately approved the following: deepening relationships with historic Black churches; toward a responsible energy future; repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery; peace with justice in the Holy Land; justice for the Holy Land through responsible investment; African Descent Lutherans; call to discernment on U.S. foreign and military policy; welcoming refugees; and supporting military personnel, veterans and their families.
- Elected members to serve on: Church Council, Portico Benefits Services, Mission Investment Fund, Augsburg Fortress, Committee on Appeals, Committee on Discipline and Nominating Committee.

Adopted amendments to the ELCA Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions.

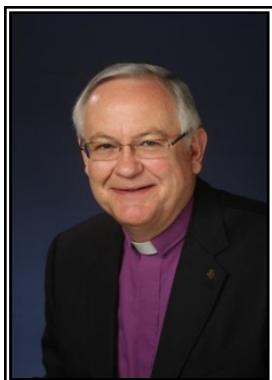
Legislative updates are available at [download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Legislative%20Updates%20for%20the%202016%20Churchwide%20Assembly.pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Legislative%20Updates%20for%20the%202016%20Churchwide%20Assembly.pdf).

Susan Berg, Communications, NW Washington Synod of the ELCA



# The Spirit

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## Don't Miss the Gifts of Fall

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Bishop

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...*  
--Ecclesiastes 3:1

I love the summer! Summer comes with longer days and wonderful displays of sunshine. It is the season to sit out on the back deck with drink in hand and, when the sun sets, light the outdoor fireplace. Summer is when we launch the boat and spend time on the water. It is when we try to grab a week at Chelan and a few days at the beach.

I used to think that things slowed down in the summer. I am not sure this is true but summer time does have a different rhythm to it. There is something that is so kind about summer.

This is why I cling to summer and resist the fall. In the Fall the days grow shorter. The mornings are cold. It is hard to know what to wear. What works well in the morning needs to be shed in the afternoon. Fall is when the fog settles thick and some days it refuses to depart.

Fall does have its special gifts. The excitement of Husky Football and the return of the Seahawks. When I was a kid it meant new school clothes and listening to my corduroy pants make noise as my legs scraped together. And there is a smell in the air that happens only in the fall.

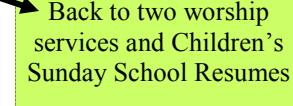
Fall colors compete with the burst of spring flora. It was my mother's favorite time of the year. It was one of the last joys she experienced in her life.

I like the crispness of Fall. It wakes one up without the piercing pain of winter. Winter is what I dread. It can be summed up in one word, dark. What makes it worse is you then have to add cold and wet. The three combined I don't find friendly. The best that winter has to offer is fresh fallen snow, a rare phenomenon in Puget Sound - and of course my daily ritual of gathering at the fireplace.

I count the days of winter hoping they will pass. Unfortunately, the more I count, the longer winter seems. Each day brings a kind of effort with it. Winter is the longest season of the year. Winter hangs on and only reluctantly yields to spring. Spring is a season of delight. It begins for me on the first early morning when I hear a bird song. The birds are Spring's prelude. Spring is when I believe that life once again will mean me well. Spring is when death gives way to life and life abounds.

I thank God for the seasons, even winter. How boring life would be to live with but one season. There would be nothing to look forward to and nothing to overcome.

May you be blessed with a wonder-filled fall. For the church it is a time to be gathered again. It is a time to return. It is a time to regain our balance and enter the journey of another year.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Mt. Si Lutheran				
				1 7PM AA	2 (office closed)	3 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
<b>4 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00AM Worship 10:00AM Fellowship Coffee Hour 	<b>5 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (OFFICE CLOSED)</b> <b>Labor Day</b> 	6	7	8 7PM AA	9 (office closed)	10 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
<b>11 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00AM Worship followed by: <b>ELCA Day of Service Potluck &amp; Service Projects</b>  	12 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	13 6:00PM All Ministries meet for meal and group discussions	14	15 7PM AA	16	17 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
<b>18 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:15AM Traditional Worship & 9:15-10:30 <b>Congregation Forum between worship services</b> 10:45AM Praise Worship 	<b>19 12:30PM Women's Bible Study</b> 5:30-7:30PM G.S. Troop #43665 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 	20 7PM Council meeting	21	22 7PM AA	23	24 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
<b>25 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:15AM Traditional Worship & 10:45AM Praise Worship 9:30-10:30 AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee 2-4 Teen Closet Sorting	26 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	27	28 4-6PM Teen Closet	29 7PM AA	30	<b>Oct. 1</b> 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course



## Flower Chart for the Sanctuary



DATE	NAME	IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF
Sept. 4	Judy Stoddard	In Loving Memory of Grandmother, Emma Willard
Sept. 11		
Sept. 18		
Sept. 25		

FLOWERS NEEDED FOR THE ALTAR



If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2016**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.

## Worship Assistants for September



SUNDAY SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 9:00AM	Sept. 4 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Summer Worship	Sept. 11 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Summer Worship	SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 8:15AM & 10:45AM	Sept. 18 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Sept. 25 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Usher	9:00AM Only	9:00AM Only	Usher		
9:00AM	Bob Bartlett Mark Imsland	Herman Schlaht Mike Kober	8:15AM	--- Ushers needed ---	
10:00AM	Coffee Hour Fellowship	Potluck & ELCA Day of Service MSLC Projects	9:30AM	Coffee Hour/Fellowship & Sunday School	
			10:45AM	Mike Hanson Tom Chase	Ed & Jane Benson
Counters	Dan Luke	Nancy Flanagan	Counters	Ann Bartlett	Ed Benson
Communion Assistants			Communion Assistants		
9:00AM	Courtney Adams	Rick Rodriguez	8:15AM	Inge Burnside	Kay Boyle
			10:45AM	Rosemary Hanson	Joanne Chase
Lector			Lector		
9:00AM	Terry Adams	Peggy Halferty	8:15AM	Tom Burnside	Pat Palmer
			10:45AM	Suzy Cassidy	Joan Guenther
Music Leader	Jack Boller Abbie Grimstad	Dave Spurling	8:15 Cantor/ Music Leader		

**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.**



# September Birthdays!



NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
Declan Haycox	2	Sylvia Evans	16
Alisha Oster	3	Patricia Prewitt	18
Bob Bartlett	6	Sam Luna	19
Alice Donohue	8	Rose Wildes	20
Alysa Lilleberg	8	Lenard Benson	25
Stefan Van Handel	8	Kim Buckmaster	25
Mae McLean	10	Kyley Anna Hayes	26
Kailie Graciidis	11	Rodney Thompson	27
Heidi Dukich	12	Lorraine Wilkerson	27
Jane Benson	14		



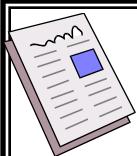
## Anniversaries!



Chris & Lisa Sampson	Sept. 2
Stephen & Tammy Lilleberg	Sept. 4
Paul & Heidi Dukich	Sept. 8
Charles & Jenny Lynch	Sept. 22
John & Erica Haycox	Sept. 25
Jim & Carol Reitz	Sept. 29



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](mailto: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](http://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 9:30-10:30. 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](mailto: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**

### Summer Sunday Worship Schedule (May 29-Sept. 11)

9:00AM Worship

10:00AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Fifth Sunday of the Month will be Healing Sunday

### Sunday Worship Schedule (Sept. 18)

8:15AM Traditional Service

9:15AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour

9:30-10:30AM Sunday School

9:45-10:30AM Adult Christian Ed

10:45AM Praise Service

Fifth Sunday of the Month will be

Healing Sunday



**Larry Thomas—Interim Pastor**

Sheila Rodriguez—Administrative Assistant

Heidi Dukich—Council President

Andy Velebir and Carol Reitz—Worship & Music

Carol Reitz & Rachel Combs—Piano

Sue Oster—Custodian

Jeff King—Treasurer

Leslie Hatling—Financial Secretary

Church Office Hours: M-F 9AM-12:30PM & 1:00-3:30 PM  
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