



Upcoming WINTER Events

Holy Holly Days
December 6th
Downtown NB

Old—Fashioned Downtown Festival right in the center of historic North Bend.

Enjoy an evening of roasting marshmallows, opportunities to see Santa, watching the tree lighting ceremony and local organizations hosting old-fashioned crafts for children.

This event runs from 5-8pm

Mt Si Lutheran will have a booth up. If you want to help, ask Pastor!

Women's Christmas Brunch—December 7th, 10am

Women of all ages welcome to celebrate the Christmas season at the annual Women's brunch. Please bring a dish to pass along with an ornament to participate in the ornament exchange. There will be beautiful quilts raffled off along with other goodies...plus we will welcome the ladies who run the Trail Youth ministry in the valley! You don't want to miss this event! See you there :)

Caroling at the SVFB
December 18th
3-5pm

Want to bring some cheer to kids and their families? Come on over to the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank on December 18th at 3pm to help us carol and lead a craft for the kids. Santa will be arriving by firetruck...Pastor Krista will bring caroling books for us. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Eve Worship
7pm & 10pm

We will once again hold two worship services on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 7pm and 10pm. The services will include Scripture, Music and Holy Communion. This is a great service to invite friends and family to. Vivian will be reaching out to secure additional serves on Christmas Eve. If you are willing to serve, you are welcome to reach out to her.

Christmas Day Hot Meals, December 25th @ NBCC

We have been granted permission to serve Hot Meals on Christmas Day at NBCC. Normally they are closed on Christmas. However, our volunteers said they wanted to serve, so we will be there to spread some Christmas cheer! We will put together special goodie bags to give away to those who come for a meal.



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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.

Mt Si GOOD NEWSletter

DECEMBER 2019

WORSHIP FOR DECEMBER

~Dec. 1

9:30am Children and Youth led Worship

Advent Festival Following

~Dec. 8

8:15am Worship

9:35—Education

10:45am Worship

~Dec. 15th

8:15am Worship

9:35—Education

10:45am Worship

~Dec. 22nd

8:15am Worship

10:00am Pageant and Worship

~Dec. 24th

Christmas Eve Worship

7:00pm & 10:00pm

~Dec. 29th

8:15am Worship

9:35—Education

10:45am Worship



Pastor's Note

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

Welcome to Advent and all the hustle and bustle that goes along with it. Some thrive in the chaos of the season and others of us struggle to catch our breath. Some, like my dad, are already playing Christmas Music and are happy if the season lasted all year long. Others, however, just wish folks could wait a little bit and let us ease into the season, since, in truth, Christmas is the season after Dec. 25th, not before... Families are figuring out how to fit all the traditions they love while considering new traditions out of desire or necessity. Some of us will have a first Christmas without someone who was always there before and that can be a painful experience or, depending on the relationship, a freeing experience.

What I would ask each of us to consider during the next month and into the new year is how we might be attuned to those around us and their experience of this season. Let us soak up the joy of one person and acknowledge the tears of another person and be challenged by the traditions of that person over there... I would hope that we are always paying close attention to how others around us are doing, how they are feeling and coping

with their day to day lives... I would hope that in doing this we are motivated by Christ's call to serve one another and love our neighbor. I bring this to our attention for this season because I find that people can be more vulnerable during this time of year. So I would encourage us to find that tiny bit of extra patience, that small piece of compassion and extend to those around us AND extend it to yourself. Be kind to yourself in this season. You know what this season means for you, what it brings to the surface, both good and bad. As the dates pile up and the activities increase, please, take care. If going to everything gives you joy and life; go for it! If making sure you have time for personal devotion and prayer is key, make time for that even if it means missing something else.

I know this is a season that we are supposed to give, give, give to others, but, don't be afraid to give to yourself to. I pray that worship here is one way to give to yourself. I pray that one of the many Bible Studies might be a way to give back to yourself. This is a season we seek to give space to the anticipated Savior of the world. May we have the space to hear Jesus once again give us the gift of forgiveness, the gift of life, the gift of hope, the gift of reconciliation, the gift of a Messiah...and, as we are able, may we, by the Spirit's calling, point others to the gifts of Jesus.

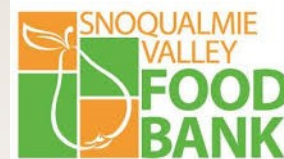
Peace, P. K.

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We are looking for hands to help feed our neighbors in need each fourth Wednesday of the month at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. Our next day to serve is **January 22nd** The food of the month we are collecting is:

Chili

UPCOMING
COUNCIL
EFFORTS TO
LOOK OUT FOR

Council What you need to know!



Mark your Calendars...February 2nd is our next annual meeting following one Worship.

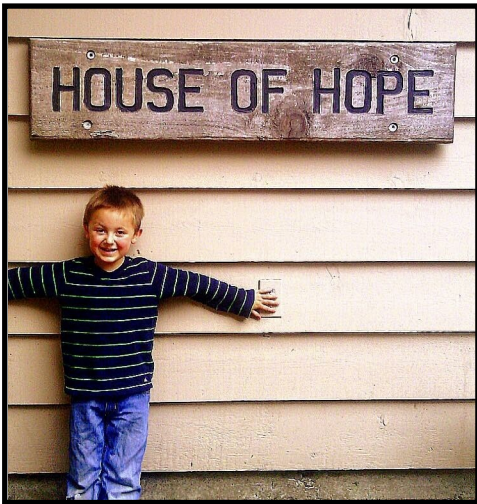
“SERVING—REACHING OUT—GROWING IN GRACE”

Season’s Greeting, Advent is always a special and magical season. We begin just before Advent looking at what we are thankful and grateful for in our lives as we celebrate and enjoy Thanksgiving. Though the years events are not always joyful and beautiful we can hopefully find a few beautiful moments to hold onto and look upon fondly. Advent reminds us of God’s gift of Jesus, was what we needed in our lives. We get to recall and embrace what we have be called to do in Christ’s name.

As I look back on 2019, we have much to look back on with joy. We have done amazing work this year reaching out and serving our Snoqualmie Valley community. It has been a life changing experience serving as council president. Our family is truly blessed to be apart of such a caring and loving community.

As we look forward to 2020, we are excited to have 5 new members join our church council, Jack Boller, Peggy Halferty, Rick Rodriquez, David VanHandel and Jeff Yocom. A great thank you to those who have served the last few years Debbie Spurling, Debbie Jones and John Keiser. Your faith filled dedication to our Mt Si family is such a blessing. We have abundant work ahead of us that will be our focus over the next year. This will include tackling many struggles and issues that are needing special attention including our financials, our continued outreach to the community and our evangelism.

Happy Holidays of Faith, Hope & Love,
Erica Haycox and Family



Giving Tree

House of Hope/ Mammas Hands is an amazing organization that provides refuge for women and children in need of a roof over their head and resources for a better life. Currently, there are 8 families -8 moms and 22 children! Once again, this Christmas Mount Si will be putting up a Giving tree with gift tags to help the families enjoy a very Merry Christmas. As of December 1st tags will be available on our Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall. We invite you to choose a tag and purchase the gift indicated. Please place all purchased gifts, unwrapped with the original tag attached under the tree no later than Dec.17! Thank you for helping make someone’s Christmas extra special this year

Children and Adult Education

Sunday School Update! SPARK!

Spark my world with stories of love,
Spark my world with stories of peace,
Stories of Jesus bringing light to the world.
Spark my world with joy.
S-P-A-R-K!

It’s hard to believe that it is Advent time! As we enter into this time of Advent we are excited to explore the Spark Curriculum lessons and travel together with the rest of the church anticipating the season that leads us into the miracle of Christmas. So, of course, our theme is “*Anticipation & Expectation!*” It’s a very busy month with so many fun activities! Don’t miss them!!

Please join December 1st with One **Worship service at 9:30** with the youth leading much of the service. (Those participating should arrive 15 minutes earlier.) The theme is “*Servant Leadership*” Kids will be sharing what they learned the past weeks during Sunday school.

December 1 st	One service 9:30 Advent Festival to Follow! 10:30-12:00 The Names of Jesus!
December 8 th	Angels Visit- SS 9:35
December 15 th	Mary Visits Elizabeth SS 9:35
December 22 nd	Christmas Pageant! Following 8:15 service! Watch for ways your child can participate!
December 29	Boy Jesus in the Temple! John G. 9:35
January 5 th	One worship Epiphany! 9:30

*Just a reminder that we are collecting money and food (peanut butter, jelly, and after school snacks) for the **Fall City Food Pantry** as our Sunday **school offering** throughout the month of December.

**Don’t forget to check out our Sunday school bulletin board in fellowship for all the latest news!



Advent Festival December 1st

Following worship @
9:30am

All are welcome as we gather to explore the names of Jesus while creating our advent wreaths, crafts, and learning about 8 different names for Jesus. All ages encouraged to come and play and fellowship together!

Christmas Pageant & Worship December 22nd 10am in the Fellowship Hall

This year the children, youth and adults are working to put together a Christmas Pageant with the title, “What do we name the baby?” We will meet Mary and Joseph just after the birth of Jesus. A choir of angels is standing by and three wise angels listen in to Mary and Joseph’s conversation about what to name the baby. This will be a fun and informative pageant for all ages! Once the pageant is complete we will move into worship with prayers and communion. We will still have an 8:15am worship as well.

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



Martha O'Dell	Dec. 3	Michael Harding	Dec. 22
Lauralee Ritzenthaler	Dec. 4	Chris Sampson	Dec. 24
Joshua Stone	Dec. 12	Don Oster	Dec. 26
Ed Benson	Dec. 14	Haley Chase	Dec. 30
Zowie Karren	Dec. 14	Nate Chase	Dec. 30
Eric Kober	Dec. 17		
Jack Boller	Dec. 20		
Lissa Lynn	Dec. 21		
Kay Boyle	Dec. 22		



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God's work. Our hands.



December 2019
Recently I had a meeting at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. As I walked on campus I had to take a deep breath. You see, I had to prepare myself for how much different Luther Seminary is now then when I was a student almost thirty years ago. When I attended Luther, there were 800 students on campus. Lots of faculty. Almost everyone lived on campus. The cafeteria was stuffed full with people. On Wednesdays you had to arrive early for chapel or you wouldn't be able to find a seat. This is not what Luther is like now.
And so I take a breath. And I miss what used to be. I have the same experience when I drive past a soccer field and see kids playing. I have an urge to stop and watch the game. (I need to tell you, this is very strange for me to WANT to watch youth soccer.) Back when I had kids playing soccer I often complained that I was too hot or too cold or too wet or I had laundry to do or ... whatever ... and now when I drive by I

think, "Oh, I just want to watch kids play soccer." Obviously, it is not that I want to watch youth soccer. It is that I miss having younger kids at home. And so I take a breath. And I miss what used to be. So often we look backwards and hold something up as "the best time" and wonder how to get back to that place. And this is understandable. As humans we need to acknowledge the grief that we are carrying. If we don't do this careful and important work, grief can fester and come out as anger or apathy or just become so deeply imbedded we are unable to live in the present or into the future. We in the synod office have been wondering how to acknowledge this grief about "what once was" in order to move forward into the future. We're wondering if some sort of get-together or some holding space would be helpful to talk about this. One suggestion is to collectively read Bishop Michael Girlinghouse's book, Embracing God's Future Without Forgetting the Past. I have started reading it and find it a useful and lovely book. I would be interested in hearing if you would be interested in reading this

discussing it. Going back to that visit to Luther Seminary, while I took a deep breath and prepared myself for things "not as they once were," when I arrived on campus and listened to students, after I talked with administration and professors, after worshipping together in chapel, I realized that God is acting and moving in the life of Luther. Through the new webtools at Faith+Life, through the correct sizing of their campus, through their new pathways towards MDIVs, through their emphasis on student formation and, especially, through their listening, they are dancing with the Spirit in this new day. Dear Beloveds of God, I encourage you to have deep, sometimes hard, conversations about who you have been and who you are called to be. I encourage you to tell the stories of your life and your congregation. Record them. Remember them. And I encourage you to dream into the next stories of your place. What is next? For this is what we trust and hold: So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5:17

In God's Peace and Joy,



John & Lissa Lynn	Dec. 07
Andy & Linda Velebir	Dec. 11
Mike & Rosemary Hanson	Dec. 15
Abe & Mary Abrahamson	Dec. 22

Children, Youth and Family Updates

Greetings I cannot believe that December is almost here! I often refer to Advent as the Great Adventure! I hope we can all see this time of year through the eyes of innocence and wonder as though we are hearing the story for the first time. Wait and see what the magic of God's promise will bring. Are we all not experiencing varying degrees of fear and angst much like those throughout history? To better understand the fulfillment of Christ we must understand the rulers and kings within the historical context. Both the kings of the Jews as well as the kings of regions where the Jews lived. The tyranny of the Romans by King Herod during the time of Jesus' birth is significant and the survival of Jesus is a miracle. Even as we live in wealth and many freedoms others in the world experience great oppression and we must be vigilant to stand up as representatives of Christ's leadership as a just ruler. In advent we will meet many wonderful characters who will reveal great things to us. Take the opportunity to consider the story from a childlike point of view.

Upcoming Events

Youth Christmas Party TBD – we will once again be having a Christmas party that the youth will be planning during their Christmas break.

Compline December 29 – This is an open invitation to all ages! We will be going into Seattle for dinner, a little adventure, and compline! Meet at the church for carpooling at 6pm

and return by approximately 10:30pm. For more details about compline be sure to look at their website and or ask John or Pastor Krista. <https://saintmarks.org/worship/compline/>

CYF Director, John Grebe



amazon smile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Super Exciting News!
The church is now signed up with amazon smile! When you shop through amazon smile 0.5% of what you spend will go to the church. So when you go to shop on amazon instead of typing in 'amazon.com' you will need to type in 'smile.amazon.com' and select "Mount Si Lutheran, North Bend" as your designated charity or go to our website and select the Amazon smile link on the front page. For the phone app, only android has it. Amazon's website has directions on how to get it on your iPhone.



FLOWERS

Date	Name
Dec. 1	
Dec. 8	Pastor Krista
Dec. 15	Rosemary Hanson Happy Anniversary
Dec. 22	

Worship Assistants

Dater	Ushers	Lector	Communion	Acolyte
Dec. 1 9:30am				
Dec. 8 9:30am				
Dec. 8 10:45am				
Dec. 15 8:15am				
Dec. 15 10:45am				
Dec. 22 8:15am				
Dec. 29 8:15am				
Dec. 29 10:45am				

SUNDAY
READINGS FOR
DECMEBER

Dec. 1st Children
and Youth Led Wor-
ship @ 9:30am

Texts—re-cap of last
three lessons

Dec. 8th—An Angel
Visits

Luke 1:26-38

Isaiah 11:1-10

Dec. 15th—Mary
Visits Elizabeth

Luke 1:39-58

Isaiah 35:1-10

Dec. 22nd—Jesus is
Born

Luke 2:1-20

Isaiah 7:10-16

Dec. 24th—
Christmas Eve Wor-
ship Services

7 & 10pm

Dec. 29th—Boy Jesus
in the Temple

Luke 2:41-52

Our Theme for
December

Anticipation

And

Expectation

Women's Ministry Christmas
Brunch

‘Everything Evergreen’

Saturday, December 7th
10am-12pm

*Enjoy an evergreen brunch
with amazing ladies.

*Tonya Guinn with
Trail Youth will be
the guest speaker

*Ornament Exchange

*Raffle for a beautiful
Christmas Quilt
by Sue Oster

Please bring a brunch
item to share*



Prayer Chain Update:

Please contact Nancy Flanagan for all prayer chain requests and
updates : nf2469@gmail.com

December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Children and Youth Led Worship 10:30am Advent Festival	2	3	4 <i>Dinner and Faith is on break until January!</i>	5 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 11:30am Bday Luncheon 7:00pm Thirsty for Theology	6 1:30-6:00pm Kid's Club 4-8pm Holly Days	7 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride 10am-12pm Women's Christ- mas Brunch
8 8:15am Worship 9:35am Education and Coffee Hour 10:45am Worship Advent 2	9 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	10 7pm Council Meeting	11 6-8pm BSA #456	12 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 6pm AA Bible study 7pm AA	13 1:30-6:00pm Kid's Club	14 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride 10-11am Pageant Practice
15 8:15am Worship 9:35am Education and Coffee Hour 10:45am Worship Advent 3	16 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	17 6pm PE Meeting	18 6-8pm BSA #456 3-5pm Caroling at SVFB	19 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 6pm AA Bible study 7pm AA	20 1:30-6:00pm Kid's Club 5:30-6:30pm Pageant Practice	21 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
22 8:15am Worship 10:00am Pageant and Worship Christmas Pageant Advent 4	23 12:30pm Women's Bible Study 6-9pm Girl Scout Leaders Meeting	24 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service 10:00pm Christmas Eve Service -Office Closed-	25 8am-12pm Hot Meals <i>Merry Christmas!</i> *Office Closed* -Office Closed-	26 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 6pm AA Bible study 7pm AA Pastor Out of Town	27 *No Kid's Club	28 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
29 8:15am Worship 9:35am Education and Coffee Hour 10:45am Worship 6pm CYF Compline Event	30 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	31				