



PASTOR'S NOTE

Blessings Dear Siblings in Christ,

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

For a good portion of July we will be looking at Paul's letter to the Colossians in Sunday worship.

Paul S. Berge writes, "Colossians is very carefully composed so that its message would be easily recalled after it was read aloud in the Christian community. Through a series of sections arranged like concentric circles, the first half of the letter draws readers into the center, and the second half draws them from the center through the complementary sections to the conclusion of the letter. The entire composition of the letter is brought to a focus in the central proclamation of the sovereignty of Jesus Christ over all the powers of the universe. Centered in Christ's death and resurrection, the letter proclaims the message that believers have been made alive together with Christ."

Colossians contains what is known as the "Christ Hymn" in Col. 1:15-20. This hymn or confession names Christ, Jesus, as the "first born of all creation" and the "first born of the dead." These descriptions of Jesus underpin the claim that Jesus has authority over all powers in creation. The author of the letter then teaches us that Jesus, who has power over all things, fully unites with his followers through baptism and faith.

The letter is written to bring hope to all believers.

I encourage you to take the time to read Colossians in the next few weeks. As you read through the text consider the following questions:

1. What word, phrase or image is standing out for you?
2. What is being taught about who Jesus is?
3. What is being taught about who we are as Christians?
4. What hope do I see in this text?

As you close your time of reading, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the words you read and the wisdom given by the Spirit through the words.

I pray this text is a blessing to you in the coming month.

Here is a verse that stood out to me as I read through this letter again.

"As you therefore have received Jesus Christ the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." Col 2:6-7

Amen! Thanks be to God!

Peace, Pastor Krista



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Bishop's Letter on last page—*great read!*
- Council Report pg. 3
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“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Re-joice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone.”

Philippians 4:4-5

Mt Si Financial Summary

Jan-May Budget =
\$81,227
Jan-May Giving =
\$69,151
Jan-May Exp. =
\$76,873
net income/loss =
-\$7,722

*since we print the newsletter prior to the end of the current month, the newsletter reporting will always be one month behind.



SUNDY ADULT EDUCATION

On break for the summer!

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

All ladies are welcome to participate. The Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall each Monday at 12:30pm. They are studying the book of Joshua. If you have any questions, please reach out to Vivian Waid.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Each Saturday @ 9am the men gather 9:00am Little Si restaurant in North Bend for breakfast and Bible Study. The Study focuses on the readings for the upcoming Sunday worship. Reach out to Dave Spurling or Ed Benson for details.

THIRSTY FOR THEOLOGY

This group meets to discuss various theological topics. This is a low key group that welcomes open minds and hearts. We tend to laugh a lot and rarely get to an answer outside of our grounding in Christ and his abundant grace and mercy. Please bring a beverage of choice to the gathering. We meet at the parsonage next to the church. Reach out to Pastor with any questions.

Our next gathering is on **Thursday, July 7th@ 7pm**

Topic of conversation: Leslie and Bud—God moments on the El Camino and how we might be a waypoint for Spiritual connection in the Valley



Wild Church Renton is inviting us to participate in their gathering July 14th , 4:30pm @ the Twin Falls Trailhead

Kids and Adults welcome! We will begin in the parking lot with prayer

and scripture and then walk the trail with questions to ponder. We will stop for communion and sharing and then hike back.

What is Wild Church?

Wild Church is an emerging movement in churches around the world to recognize and learn to participate in the kindred interconnection of all beings, elements, and places. We gather to connect with nature as a community. Our hope is that our experiences will move us to care for creation and deepen our faith in the Creator. All ages welcome--this will be especially kid-friendly with plenty of time to wander and wonder! See you there!

COUNCIL REPORT

Greetings from your council.

Because our income is not meeting our monthly expenses, council has begun exploring ideas for sources of income beyond our traditional giving. One idea we discussed is to possibly rent out space that we are not currently using. This could include some of the unused Sunday school rooms as well as outdoor space. We are looking for more ideas and will be discussing this with the Stewardship and Finance Committee at our next council meeting. If you have any ideas on how we might get more income without losing our non-profit status please let us know.

On May 21 Pastor Krista, John Grebe, Ed Benson, Dave Spurling, and I attended a meeting of the East King County Cluster of our Synod to begin to identify how we might team up to better use our resources. We were joined by representatives from Sammamish Hills, St. Andrew's, Cross of Christ, Our Savior, and St. Luke's. We each presented things we are doing well and are known for in our community, things we don't do so well, and things we are in fear of. In opening remarks we were reminded that our churches are to be about our mission and not about individuals. We recognized that most of our churches were concerned about dropping memberships and income. Committees were formed to have further discussion about executive leadership, finances, family and youth ministries, and music. We will keep you all informed as things develop.

On June 4 Pastor Krista, Lisa Sampson, Kaelynn Samson, and I attended the synod assembly. The theme of the assembly was "Abounding in Hope". There was an emphasis on opening up to and accepting diversity in our communities. We elected officers and board members. We passed a resolution to add language to the Portico health insurance program for Pastors to allow mental illness to be considered a disability. We also passed a resolution to formally acknowledge that we are on ancestral lands of Native Americans and will strive to work with the various tribal communities in our region to preserve those lands. In the budget we passed for the Synod there is a line item for "rent" being paid to the Duwamish Tribe for the land the synod offices are on. I reached out to the Snoqualmie Tribe through a program that they have for getting community recognition of their ancestral lands and told them that we acknowledge we are on their ancestral lands. I asked if there was anything we could do to help preserve the lands. They have not replied.

As I mentioned last month, council has decided that we will have a paint party this summer. We will be asking for volunteers to paint around the windows and trim on all of our buildings. We will decide on a date once we are more certain of having dry weather.

For concerns or questions about facilities and programs please contact a council member.

Jack Boller

Ways to Give



If you purchase from Amazon:

1. Set up Amazon Smile
2. Select Mount Si Lutheran as a beneficiary.

We will receive a percentage as a donation from Amazon to Mt Si. See our website for links and more info.

Make a gift online through our website:
www.mtsilutheran.org/onlinegiving

Thank you for your continued generosity.

-Treasurer

*"You show me
the path of
life. In your
presence
there is full-
ness of joy"
Ps. 16*



SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 7TH-10TH

We are planning a church trip for all ages to Holden Village October 7-10th.

We would leave very early on the 7th to catch the ferry to the village and arrive back in North Bend late on the 10th.

Registration is available in the Narthex. Cost is listed on the form.

Questions? Ask Pastor!

GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts Leaders will be meeting at the church on the third Thursday of each month

AA

AA will be meeting again at the church every Thursday evening from 7:00pm to 9:30pm



BACK TO SCHOOL 2022-2023



BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION
at Mt Si Lutheran Church,
Tuesday, August 23rd 3pm-6 pm &
Wednesday, August 24th 11am-3pm.

*Signs ups for helping with distribution will be posted in early August or you can contact Erica Haycox.

This year we **do not** need physical supplies. We are seeking monetary donations. We need \$500 to offset the costs this year.

Vacation Bible School July 24-28

6-8pm daily

*Experience a
tropical island getaway!*



Registration is on our website: <https://www.mtsilutheran.org/vbs>

We have room for 50 students, so please invite
your friends and register early!

Team Members Needed for a Quest to Adventure Island!

Teenagers & up! We need you to join us on our way to Discovery on Adventure Island VBS! We especially are in the need for Island Guides to shepherd explorers safely between stations & 1-2 people to run the registration table each night.

There's a job for everyone!

Contact: Courtney Adams courtneymadams@hotmail.com /425-749-9996 to sign up for opportunities to serve, lead, and most of all, HAVE FUN at Discovery on Adventure Island!

FAITH FORMATION

I am writing this on the Summer Solstice and enjoying the extra daylight. One of the great joys I experience in children and youth is their inquisitive nature. Recently at Farmer's Market a young girl told me the thing she likes most about God and Jesus is the fact that God takes care of the good and bad.

This made me think about our human nature and desire to know right from wrong which translates into a desire to control all things in our lives. This led me to contemplate judgement and the burden we carry when we try to control others with religion.

It is one thing to have good judgment and it is another to want to be in control. As I reflected on this it occurred to me that a judge must also assign punishment in the act of passing judgement. This seems like a heavy burden to carry around and one has to wonder on whose or what authority is the judgement determined.

Another thought occurred to me regarding this burden, in taking on this role. There has to be a persistent fear of being called out for judgement for the actions and punishment doled out by a judge.

Truly the more we take on the burden of control the more we feel out of control. We risk losing sight of relationships with each other. Setting ourselves free from this burden allows us to increase our understanding and tolerance for others.

John Grebe
Director of Children, Youth, and Families

Si View Farmers Market

Each Thursday throughout the summer we have a booth to provide kids with an opportunity to make a craft.

We have developed some great relationships because of this interaction.

We would love to have you come and volunteer.

We need from between 3:30 and 8pm

Look for a sign up in the Narthex or as John Grebe for more details.



July 10

Sundae Sunday

1, 2, 3... oh wait that wasn't ice cream that the owl ate, it was a Tootsie Roll Pop.



Come join us because some traditions just shouldn't fall by the wayside! We are having our end of the year ice cream social after church, we hope to see you there with a smile!

Join us as we explore the Quest for God's Great Light!

Saturday July 16th

VBS work party
9-12

Come help us turn MSLC into
an island paradise !!

Sunday, July 17th meeting for
VBS volunteers after the church
service 11 -12

Snacks & goodies provided!

Updates to events are communicated through Constant Contact and an email list of families and friends, if you are not on this list but would like to be included please let John Grebe know.

JULY BIRTHDAYS



Denise Stone 7th
Tom Burnside 10th
Shelley Harding 20th
Rosemary Koukol 20th
Ingid Garhart 25th

JULY ANNIVERSARIES



Tom & Joanne Chase 1st
Don & sue Oster 30th

*If we missed your birthday or anniversary,
please reach out to the office so we can make
the correction.*

One Year Later....Almost....

We are so excited to invite you to our backyard to celebrate!

Thank you for all your wonderful support last year as we celebrated our wedding online.



It was a wonderful day, but we missed seeing you all face-to-face.

Now it is time to celebrate! Please join us for food, festivities and fellowship on:

**Friday, August 12th
from 5-9pm @ Mt Si Lutheran**

We will have lots of fun activities for all ages and dedicated folks to help watch over young ones if you desire.

Pizza from our pizza oven and other yummy food and delicious beverages will be provided.

Please RSVP using the QR code below or email Pastor Krista directly and let her know.



QUILTING GROUP *On break for the Summer!*



All are welcome to come and help tie quilts together with yarn as a group on Mondays and/or make quilt tops and bottoms at home between each Monday meeting. We appreciate any donations of any size sheets or fabric at least 10 1/2 inches wide. Happy quilting! The quilts go to Lutheran World Relief and go to disaster areas all over the world.

Mt Si Lutheran @ the Downtown Block Party!

Saturday, July 16th, 12pm

Mt Si Lutheran will have a booth at this fun, lively annual festival right on Main Street in downtown North Bend. We will offer free crafts, goodies and share about who we are at Mt Si Lutheran. We would love your help! Sign-up in the Narthex or contact Pr. Krista.



The Sunday flower chart is in the Narthex

(area outside sanctuary)

You are welcome to sign-up for a Sunday to provide one vase of flowers for the altar.

JULY

SUNDAY LESSONS

July 3

First Lesson: Ps. 66:1-9
Gospel Lesson:
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10

First Lesson: Luke 10:25-37
Gospel Lesson:
Colossians 1:1-14

July 17

First Lesson: Luke 10:38-42
Gospel Lesson:
Colossians 1:15-28

July 24

First Lesson: Luke 11:1-13
Gospel Lesson:
Colossians 2:6-15

July 31 VBS Sunday

First Lesson: VBS Lessons
Gospel Lesson: VBS Lessons

Staff Updates and New Office Hours

We were blessed to find Kathleen T. back in October of 2021. She has been an invaluable staff member and I am so thankful for her hard work and dedication to the role of Office Secretary.

Kathleen is moving out of the area and will no longer be in the office as of June 1st. However, Kathleen will continue creating our bulletin, newsletter, worship slides and weekly News from the Pews from her new residence until such a time as we hire someone new. Kathleen's new contact email is: mtsi.assistant@gmail.com

Other responsibilities will be picked up by Pastor and volunteers.

During the month of June, the office will be open on Monday ONLY from 10-12pm. Pastor will be in the office during that time to take phone calls and drop-in visits. Pastor is available at other time by appointment. Please direct general church questions to Pastor during this transition. Thank you!

BISHOP'S LETTER

July 2022

It was a joy and delight to gather for the 2022 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly, “Abound in Hope!” With over 330 people in attendance, the atmosphere was warm, inviting, celebratory, and festive. We had not gathered in-person since 2019 and it was so good to be together again.



We sang, we clapped, we listened, we learned, we prayed, we worshiped, we spoke, and we did the business of the Church. Through all of it, we trust and know that the Holy Spirit is moving and dancing in the Northwest Washington Synod. I invite you to watch the entire synod assembly here on our YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/watch?v=0POcXh9IZvY&t=6s or the highlights that are hyperlinked below. (You will also find each of the individual videos on the synod website here: www.lutheransnw.org/synod-assembly.)

During the day, we played four “Stories of Hope” videos from congregations in our synod.

Learn more about these ministries:

- Monroe Congregation Partnership vimeo.com/714332195/0b6b67b19b
- Faith Lutheran, Everett vimeo.com/714332202/ca4c6b5029
- Lutheran Church in the San Juans vimeo.com/714332210/3310c53d2c
- Prince of Peace, SeaTac vimeo.com/714335177/aefc3769a3

We lifted up congregations and rostered ministers who were celebrating milestone anniversaries:

- Shepherd of the Valley, Maple Valley celebrating 50 years of ministry
- Faith Lutheran, Redmond celebrating 75 years of ministry · Watch the Rostered Minister Celebration Video here: <https://vimeo.com/717125144>

We gave thanks to one congregation and two SAWCs (Synodically Authorized Worshipping Communities) for their faithful ministry who entered legacy through closure or merger:

- Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Issaquah - merged with Our Savior Lutheran Church, Issaquah
- Seattle Taiwanese Lutheran Fellowship, Seattle - closed
- Reborn Fellowship, Shoreline - closed

We discussed and passed three resolutions which have now been referred to the ELCA Memorials Committee for consideration by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly this August. These resolutions are linked below – you may also find them on our synod assembly webpage. · Reparations and Land Return Memorial · Audit of ELCA Constitutions and Bylaws · Portico Review to Grant Disability Status to Persons Experiencing Mental Illness

In the Bishop’s Report, the synod staff and I lifted up our priorities and values for this next year. Find details in the videos below and in my written Report of the Bishop. · Established Congregations and New Expressions of Ministry - <https://vimeo.com/716119337> · Transitions - <https://vimeo.com/716116325> · Legacy - <https://vimeo.com/716125835> · The LiVE Project - <https://vimeo.com/716102514> · Synodically Authorized Ministers (www.youtube.com/watch?v=0POcXh9IZvY&t=8s at 2:27:23) · Justice, Equity, and Belonging (www.youtube.com/watch?v=0POcXh9IZvY&t=8s at 2:28:45)

The Synod Assembly was a wonderful time together. As I look forward to this next year, I am thankful to God for the Spirit of love and grace that permeates this synod. I am thankful for the synod staff and for synod council. And I am thankful for you - dear Beloveds of Christ in the Northwest Washington Synod. I am grateful to be on this journey with you.

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee