

MOUNT SI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

MAY/JUNE 2013

Special Points of Interest:

- May 12th—Happy Mother's Day
- May 16th-18th—NWWA Synod Assembly in Lynnwood
- May 19th—12:30PM CROP Hunger Walk
- May 27th—Memorial Day Holiday (offices closed)
- June 9th—Sunday School Staff Appreciation and Last Day of Sunday School/Sundae Sunday
- June 14th—6-8:30PM Snoqualmie Valley Girl's Choir Concert
- June 16th—Happy Father's Day & Graduate Recognition Sunday
- June 23rd—One Summer Worship Service at 9:00AM

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From Pastor Mark's Desk.....

Trip to China

It is amazing to be able to see the Holy Spirit at work among us. I'm sure it happens all the time and we fail to see it. But when we're able to clear our eyes and pay attention, seeing God at work in the world is amazing. Sometimes it takes a departure from your everyday context to strip away all the distractions, to clearly see God at work. Traveling in China is certainly a break from my everyday reality and because everything is so different I pay attention to the world around me in ways I take for granted at home. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to travel to China a second time. The first time was exciting and amazing and full of the shock and wonder of seeing new things. The second time was equally exciting but different. I was able to move beyond the initial culture shock more quickly and get my bearings a bit quicker. Our trip the second time included some of the same places we'd visited last year as well as some new places for us.

I really enjoyed seeing the pastors and lay leaders we'd met last year. I think it showed them that we are really serious about being supportive and in relationship with them. It was fun to share stories and experiences and see what they'd been up to in the last year. Churches have been built and rebuilt, churches have been planted, and leaders have been trained. On a Thursday afternoon we stopped by a small church that had recently been planted. They'd rented a small garage storefront in the midst of the little town center. The space was small, concrete, and otherwise not noteworthy. Yet, on that random Thursday afternoon most of the congregation had walked into town to see us. On the chance we'd stop by about three hundred people had gathered to be together, sing hymns, and meet us. They jammed into this small space sitting on 2x4 boards as pews. A small tinny speaker blared out the hymn leaders voice in the dimly lit space—and it was alive. A small nondescript storefront was transformed into the kingdom of God.

We visited the church we worshiped with during our last visit near Xichong. They had sustained serious damage during the 2010 earthquake. Through their offerings they'd raised enough money to repair the cotton warehouse turned sanctuary. A church in town had an opportunity to expand their building and mission in the city. So they gave the money they'd raised to help them build and expand. Again, they raised money to fix their building, and again they heard of another project that needed to be funded—so again they gave their money away. Finally, they'd raised more money and were getting ready to break ground. They've worked with an architect and engineers, designed the church, and are re-building their building.

Over and over again we heard storied about the power of prayer, witnessed the vitality of the Chinese Christian Church, and saw God at work. It is powerful and inspiring to see God at work in China. It helps remind me of what God is doing in our midst. Our culture and context is very different from China but God is doing incredible work in us and through us too! With our community garden, our work with the food bank, the winter shelter, teen clothing bank, and on and on, we see God at work in our midst. Every time we gather for worship, study, and prayer, God is with us. Every time we throw ourselves into service in the community, God is with us. And like Mary who ran from the empty tomb to find the disciples, we too shout, "I have seen the risen Lord!" The Spirit leads us and guides us and calls us to work in the world. In our actions our faith is formed and trusting in the Spirit our lives are renewed.

Be bold, be brave, be aware. Trust that God is at work in the world and at work in you. This summer enjoy time with your friends and family in the splendor of God's creation. Go to church, be generous givers, and love your neighbor as your self. You, my faith family, are incredible and I give thanks to God for the privilege of serving the Kingdom with each of you.

Peace, Pr. Mark





Welcome to the Book of Faith page. The purpose of this page is to share all things related to the Book of Faith focus at Mount Si Lutheran. Stay tuned each month, and prepare to share your input as we together do what the above tag line says, “Open Scripture and Join the Conversation”.

PAUL & THE CHURCH—PART 3

Over the last several months we have been looking at what it means to be the Church. We are currently exploring various aspects of Paul's image of the Church as the Body of Christ. Last time we discussed the fact that Christ is the Head of the Body. This month's article will focus on a second characteristic of the Body of Christ—the importance of unity.

Unity is a critical component of the Body of Christ. Without unity in the early Church, the gospel would not have been spread in the beginning or down through the ages, and there probably wouldn't be a Christian Church today. There are two types of unity which are important for the Body to function properly: 1) Vertical unity—refers to the right relationship every believer must have with God. We must be united with Christ who is the Head of the Church (as we discussed last time). 2) Horizontal unity—refers to the relationship between believers. Unless we are united with one another, the Church can't impact the world as God intended. In addition, horizontal unity with other believers requires all members to be vertically united with God.

To unite means to join together, make or become one, combine, consolidate. Unity then is a spirit of oneness and common purpose that happens when individual parts are joined together to constitute a whole. This unity of the whole allows greater impact and effectiveness for accomplishing the common purpose(s). This is what Paul was envisioning when he used the image of the human body to describe Christian unity. Joining together many varied parts creates a Body that works for the common good and has the best resources to accomplish God's mission in the world.

The early followers of Christ experienced a strong sense of unity with one another, and the Church saw dramatic growth and expansion (see Acts 2:42-47). In fact “the early church survived incredible persecution and achieved amazing things. Why? Because they understood the need to value each other, and to sacrifice personal interest for the sake of the whole. As isolated, self-reliant, self-promoting individuals they would have been destroyed by the overwhelming force of their enemies” (Word for You Today, March 13, 2013).

All believers are joined together into one Body through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. “For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another” (Rom. 12:4-5). Even though we may have vastly different backgrounds, all believers are still united in the One Body of Christ. “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:28).

Of course, this is the ideal. In reality, as the Church spread geographically in the early years, greater differences were encountered which challenged this ideal of Christian unity. Some of the differences at that time were: religious background (Jews vs. Gentiles), culture, ethnicity, and language (Israelite, Roman, Greek, Egyptian, etc.), social status, gender roles, etc. In our own time, we face many similar challenges to Christian unity: many denominations; a pluralistic religious culture in America with many religions outside of Christianity; many culture, ethnic, and language differences; socioeconomic status, gender, lifestyles, etc.

In spite of these obvious human differences, Paul raised up the importance of a unified Body of Christ. So what are the characteristics of Christian unity, and how are they accomplished? Paul gives us great instruction in his letters. Let's take a look at a few passages that discuss Christian unity. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul establishes that we are one body made up of several parts, and that God arranged the members according to his own design to accomplish his desired purposes (See 1 Cor. 12:12-27).

Ephesians 4 gives us a wonderful description of the Church. Hear what Paul has to say about our call as members of the Body of Christ. “I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace...Putting away falsehood let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another...Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you” (Eph. 4, selected verses).

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Parish Education News!

Our Sunday School year is coming to a close. No Sunday School May 26th and last day is June 9th with Sundae Sunday. We have classes for ages 3-103, so there is sure to be something that will meet your needs!

***Children's Sunday School is 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 2012-2013 School Year:

Opening Music—Earl Wildes

Preschool & Kindergarten —Rosemary Hanson/Nancy Flanagan

1st & 2nd grade—Debbie Jones

3rd & 4th grade—Anne Bartlett/Courtney Adams

5th & 6th grade—Kim & Mike Buckmaster/Joanne Chase

Teen Time—Lauren Frerichs & friends

Adult Education Hour—Pastor Mark/Sue Shardelman/Heather Griffith

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One of the best descriptions of how to attain Christian unity is found in Colossians 3. "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him*" (Col 3:12-17).

What would the Church of today look like if we gave serious attention to Paul's call to unity in Christ's Body as outlined above? Do we even consider unity a positive value to strive for, or do we prefer our differences? Why or why not? What can we do to help promote Christian unity in the Church today—as individuals and as a congregation? We all need to do our part as members of Christ's Body. Ask God to show you where you need to put in more effort.

Schedule Notes

Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

June 9th—Teacher Recognition Sunday. Teachers will be recognized during both services for their faithful service throughout the year. If you would like to show your appreciation for a special teacher, please feel free to bring a personal note, a hug, etc. Our teachers put in a lot of time throughout the school year to nurture the faith of their students. They deserve to receive our appreciation.

June 9th—Sundae Sunday—last day of Sunday School for the children.



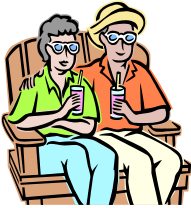
June 9th—Sunday School Staff Recognition and Appreciation

Please join us as we recognize the following Sunday School Volunteers for another wonderful year of faithful service. **Earl Wildes, Nancy Flanagan, Rosemary Hanson, Debbie Jones, Ann Bartlett, Mike & Kim Buckmaster, Courtney Adams, Joanne Chase, Lauren Frerichs, Sue Shardelman, Heather Griffith and Pr. Mark Griffith. Special thanks to Courtney Adams and Joanne Chase who have faithfully co-led the Sunday School for the past six years.** God bless you all for providing our children a full faith experience with ***Grow, Proclaim, Serve!*** and helping the children to develop the skills to unlock the Bible and grow their faith by leaps and bounds!



Sundae Sunday Last Day of Sunday School June 9th at 9:30AM

I Scream! You Scream! We all Scream for Ice cream! It's hard to believe but Sunday, June 9th will be our final day of Sunday School! It's been another wonderful year! We will celebrate that day with a short lesson and ice cream Sundaes and all the fixings during the Sunday School hour. We hope to see all the kids there so we can share some ice cream & say good-bye for the summer!



Senior Fellowship—Monday, June 17th We will not meet in May but watch the news bulletin for our June program. Hope you can join us for good conversation and delicious goodies to share. If you have any suggestions for Senior Fellowship activities or programs, please call Joyce Ayers at 425 865-9853 or Genada Lynn at 425 831-5816.



The Mount Si Helping Hands Food Bank—May's "food of the month" is Dry Cereal and Juice, and June's "food of the month" is Canned Meat. Please look for a collection box in the Fellowship Hall. They also encourage fresh produce and dairy donations to be dropped off at the food bank during the following drop off hours: Mon. 10AM - NOON, Tues. 9AM - 10:30AM, and Wed. 9AM -NOON (nonperishable items may be dropped off until 6:30 PM). If you would like more information on helping at the Food Bank, please call Heidi Dukich at 425 888 -0096. The Food Bank now has the ability to accept donations on-line using your credit card; simply go to MTSIFOODBANK.ORG and select "Make a Donation" located on the right side on the page. You will be redirected to donation page. Thank you for your continued support.



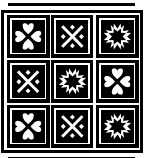
LIBRARY NEWS—Our display table has a variety of books new to our library which we hope you will find interesting: the man who stayed behind by Sidney Rittenberg and Amanda Bennett—This is an historical book of Sidney Rittenberg's life; an atheist, 35 years as a Communist in China and a Jew who lives on Fox Island. Then Sings My Soul — 150 of the world's greatest hymn's stories. Boundaries—When to say Yes, When to say No; To take control of your life. If you have questions, please check with Connie, Joyce or Sue. **Library Request:** The Library Committee is looking for new members. Interested? Talk to Connie Som, Joyce Ayers or Sue Oster.



The School Supply Drive will be in full swing again this summer so please watch for the apple tree going up in the Narthex in July! Backpack filling will be on August 18th after church this year, if you'd like to mark your calendars. More info to follow in July or talk to Joan Ritland or Sheila Rodriguez.



ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN 2013—During the 5 weeks of Lenten soup suppers, Mt. Si Lutheran was able to collect a total of \$136.50. This donation will go towards the purchase of insecticide-treated mosquito nets and education to protect families from malaria, help provide medicine to treat people infected with malaria, and to train a village health team to help treat and prevent malaria in their community. Thank you to all who helped with "noisy" and "silent" donations.



Blessing of the Quilts--On Sunday, April 28th, Mt. Si Lutheran blessed the handmade quilts that will be shipped to LWR to bring warmth and comfort to those in need. 91 quilts will be sent this month. Thank you to Barbara Touchette, Nancy Anderson, Jane Benson, Kay Boyle, Leslie Hatling, and Pat Palmer for your time and talents to create the beautiful quilts displayed on the pews. Blessings to all of you for your faithful service of helping others.



Community Meals

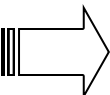
hosted by: North Bend Community Church:
146 E 3rd St North Bend, WA 98045
(425) 888-2711

:: EVERYONE IS WELCOME :: Come enjoy a delicious meal and great fellowship::

Monday Evening Meals: Monday evenings between 8:00PM – 9:00PM.

Friday Evening Meals: Friday evenings between 5:00PM – 6:00PM.

Please come enjoy a meal. Community is often built around meals so this will be a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the fabric of our community around a shared meal.



If you would like to provide a meal please sign up by going to TaketHEMEAL.com webpage (see link below) <http://www.taketHEMEAL.com/meals.php?t=MUNY4143>. If you have any questions, please contact Michael & Michelle Walter at mm.walter@centurytel.net.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24 -25

Meet your 2013 Council Members

President John Cassidy 2013 (1) Email: john-cassidy@live.com	Vice President Rick Rodriguez 2013 (1) Email: rsnmrod@mac.com	Secretary Courtney Adams 2014 (1) Email: courtneymadams@hotmail.com	Treasurer Annual Renewal Paula Hower Email: pjhower@comcast.net
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Submitted by John Cassidy, Church Council President

Peace and blessings to all. I was privileged to bring the Good News a few weeks back while Pastor Mark was shepherding Christianity in China. The sermon text for that Sunday was from the gospel of St. John, ch. 20.

Doubt is such a curious thing. With the events of last week still in our memory, for many doubt creeps in. Imagine an 8-year old being asked by his parents "What would you like to do today?" "I want to watch the runners cross the finish line." Imagine the parents anguish: "If only we had stayed home....God, how can you let this happen?"

Similar stories were repeated later that evening at MIT, the next day near Waco, Texas and this after the news of a major earthquake in China.

But amid the chaos and evil there was order and good. Folks like you and me banded together to assist law enforcement in hunting down the perpetrators. In the aftermath of the Boston bombings simple folks like you and me put fears aside and aided the injured.

This is God's world and sometimes it just doesn't make sense. But He is ever-present. Sometimes we just have to look harder to find Him. And like Thomas, He will meet us in our doubt.

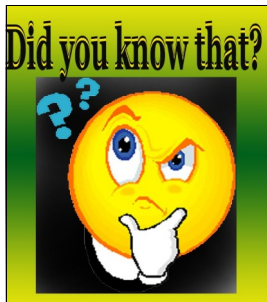
The church garden is nearly ready for planting. Thanks to Beth Luna and Terry Adams for their work in keeping our living testament thriving. The building and grounds folks have once again done a beautiful job of planting, trimming and pruning (where have we heard that before?). The steeple team is busy preparing the replacement. The parking bumpers look great, too!

We can make a difference if we want to. Next time you get into an elevator, instead of reaching for the cell phone to check those all important texts and emails, make eye contact with someone and tell them "Hello".

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.

Summer Worship Schedule at Mt. Si Lutheran Church--June 23rd

This summer we will have one worship service at 9:00a.m followed by a coffee hour/fellowship time. I am excited about this opportunity to have our entire congregation worship together. While I appreciate our two expressions of worship, it will be nice to make a change just for the summer time. The change will take place on June 23rd--Sept. 1st, so come to church at 9:00a.m. and join us in the fellowship hall afterwards for coffee and fellowship. Pr. Mark



Mount Si Lutheran Church's Rich History Trivia

Dedication of the lectern, pulpit, baptismal font and altar. All were built by Ernest Johnson, an early member of the church. Each piece

was paid for by member donations. Costs to build these pieces: Altar \$48.35, Baptismal Font and Alter rail \$27.81, Pulpit \$20.98, Lectern \$5.63, Candelabra and Candle Sticks \$16.00.

- **December 24, 1957** Rev. Paul R. Gerlach leaves Mount Si Lutheran.
- **February 2, 1958** Rev. Armin Reitz installed at Mount Si Lutheran.
- **February 8, 1959** Two lots east of the church are purchased for \$2000 for parking and future expansion.
- **June 14, 1959** 10th Anniversary observed.
- **November 11, 1962** The congregation votes to purchase a new pipe organ.
- **November 18, 1962** The stained glass window above the altar is dedicated. It is paid for by Memorial funds at a cost of \$460. The window is installed with the help of a Puget Power Lift Truck.

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.



Office Volunteers Needed:

We are looking for office volunteers for May 10-24. We will have limited office coverage during this time to accommodate the volunteer's schedules (probably 10AM-Noon). If you can commit to one day or several days, please give Sheila Rodriguez a call at 888-1322. Thank you!



Viola Marshall, widow of Fred Marshall and mother of Marjie Kinch, long-time member of Mt. Si Lutheran Church, and beloved friend to many, passed away on Sunday, March 24, 2013.

Fred and Viola were both very involved in the early beginnings at Mt. Si Lutheran. Memorial services will be announced in the future. Please keep Viola's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to send a condolence card, please call the office for an address of her family.

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



Men's Saturday Breakfast Bible Study

Come join the men at 8AM and review the Sunday readings and lessons for that Sunday. All men are welcome. For more information, contact Paul Ritzenthaler at 425 888-5294.
Location: Mt. Si Golf Course

Bible Study for WOMEN

The Monday Women's Bible Study Group is studying 2 Timothy. Please join us every Monday at 12:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Grace Culver at 425 222-7515 or Betty Shardelman at 425 888-0772.

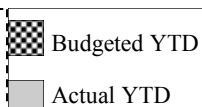
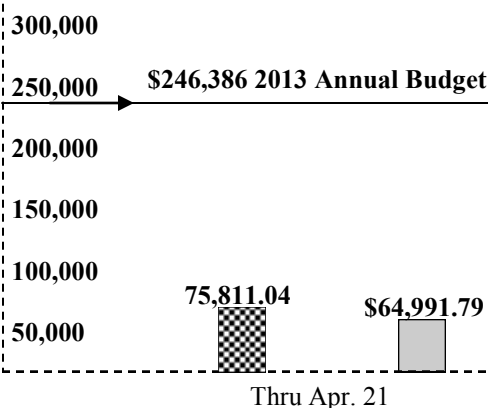
Mother's Day
May 12



Father's
Day
June 16th



2013 Budget vs Actual



April Finances and Attendance

YTD= YEAR TO DATE

Sunday Worship Attendance 275 (thru Apr. 21)

Budgeted YTD	\$ 75,811.04
Given YTD	\$ 64,991.79
Food Bank Offering	\$ 182.78 (Apr.)
Food Bank YTD	\$ 1,323.91
Sunday School Offering (Sept.-present)	\$ 552.65

\$ Needed to reach budgeted \$ YTD = \$10,819.25 (under)

Thought You'd Like to Know...

2013 UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

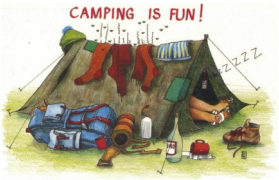
Summer is rapidly approaching, and we want to let you know about multiple events planned for all the congregation so you get them on your calendar.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER



Like Drive-Thru, but not really!

Progressive Dinner, August 3: Council is once again sponsoring a summertime Progressive Dinner. It will be from 5pm to 9pm, and it's for families, couples, singles---everybody at Mt. Si. Joe and Denise Stone have already spoken for the dessert course, but other courses are seeking hosts, and all course hosts will be looking for cooks to bring dishes; i.e. salad/appetizer; entrée/sides; & dessert. Plan on a fun evening of food and fellowship, plus there will be blue grass entertainment during dessert. Contact Bob Bartlett to sign up to host a course, and keep an eye out for the sign up sheet to get your spots reserved.



Camping Weekend, Aug. 15-18: We now have campsites for 36 campers reserved at Salmon La Sac Campground for Thursday-Sunday, August 15-18. This is a great campground 1 ¾ hours from North Bend just over the Cascades in Central Washington. Put this on your calendar, and plan on a great weekend of family camping, hiking, and water play. We'll share a couple of meals plus have a Saturday evening service. Get this on your schedule. What?—don't have a tent? Let us know because there are certainly some spare tents and other gear others will be happy to share. Look for more details and sign-up sheet in coming months.



Saturday Evening Service/Potluck, September 7: We're once again planning a late summer potluck and service at Snoqualmie's Centennial Park. You'll have the opportunity to eat and visit prior to a twilight service lit by lanterns in the park. Expect games and activities for kids, and maybe a few board games for those of us who can't keep up with the kids!



**All are invited to our Spring Concert:
Saturday eve, June 14, 2013 at 7pm
at Mt Si Lutheran Church**

411 NE 8th Street
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Upcoming Events



Snoqualmie Valley CROP Hunger Walk—May 19, 2013

Impact your community and the world. Walk with us!

Local details:

Location: Meadowbrook Farm Interpretive Center

1711 Boalch Ave., North Bend, WA

Walk: 12:30 p.m.

Community BBQ to follow (Mt. Si has been asked to bring juice & bags of chips)

Participating churches are: Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Mt. Si Lutheran (ELCA), Snoqualmie United Methodist Church, & St. Clare's Episcopal Church.

If interested in walking and getting pledges, please speak to Pr. Mark or Sheila Rodriguez.

Pledge forms are available in the church office during office hours

CROP Hunger Walk Carwash

Please come out to support this effort to raise funds at the car wash!

Date: May 18th Time: 10AM-2PM Place: Les Schwab in North Bend

HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE

JUNE 2, 2013 at 6:00PM

Sunday, June 2nd at 6:00PM, the High School Baccalaureate will be held at Snoqualmie Valley Alliance Church at 36017 SE Fish Hatchery Rd Fall City, WA. This program is a religious celebration honoring our seniors' commencement. All parents and graduating seniors are invited to participate.



2013 Graduates Recognized on Sunday, June 16th

This summer, Mount Si Lutheran recognizes our 2013 graduates who have worked hard to accomplish their goals.

On Sunday, June 16th, at the 10:45AM service, we will celebrate the achievements of four high school graduates and one college graduate. We are thankful to God for guiding these wonderful saints in their journey and for leading them on to what's ahead. Listed below are the names of those who will be recognized on June 16th. The Graduate families will host a reception during coffee hour between services. All are welcome.



Nick Adams from Mount Si High School—*Nick will attend Washington State University in Pullman, WA*

Jordan Aune from Mount Si High School—*Jordan will attend Washington State University in Pullman, WA*

Stuart King from Mount Si High School

Victoria Spurling from Mount Si High School—*Victoria will attend Columbia Basin College in the Tri-Cities - working on a degree in International Studies.*

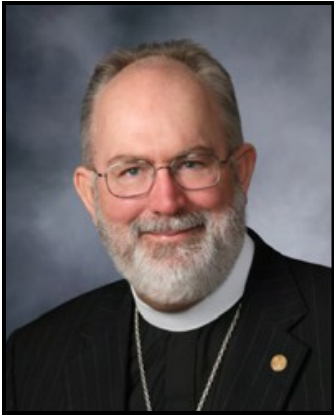
Katie Luna from Washington State University—*Katie graduated from WSU with a BS in Kinesiology. Upon graduation Katie will be working at Peak Sports and Spine Physical Therapy at Snoqualmie Ridge as a Physical Therapy Aide. Katie also received a Personal Training Certification from the National Academy of Sports Medicine and will be working on a part time basis as a Personal Trainer at Anytime Fitness at Snoqualmie Ridge.*

Katie plans to work for a year and then go back to school to earn a doctorate in Physical Therapy.



The Spirit

News for the congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



In Christ The Future Is Known **by The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, Bishop**

Always being made New, this phrase will serve as the theme of our Synod Assembly and of the 25th Anniversary commemoration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We know that we are in a time of rapid transition. Much of the ways we used to function as a congregation, synod or Churchwide Organization is under question today. Can we still do it that way? What will the church look like in the future?

This year, as we elect a new bishop, makes this theme very real for this synod. We will have a new leader. We will still be the same people. We still live in the same communities. Much of our world is changing. We had hoped that the church would be a place where we could count on the sameness of the past. But God does not work that way.

As followers of Jesus we should recognize that the gospel turns the old world upside down. We are being made new each day. Our reality as Lutherans is that we seemed surprised when this new thing happens. God is at work in our lives and in the world to do a new thing. God uses grace to build a community of faith. God calls us to share this newness not just for ourselves but also for the neighbor. We are forgiven not by our being good, but by God's grace apart from our goodness.

I want to propose that we should expect new things to happen among God's people, in church. We ought to provoke each other into living new lives. The old constant in our lives and in the church's life is that we are being made new. Even in the face of death we are given new life. That is the reality of our world in Christ.

Much of our anxiety is due to our fear of the unknown. In Christ the future is known in this promise that we will be a new creation. I don't know all of what that means. I do know that the future is in God's hands. That is the newness that gives life and hope to the world. That is the work of God through the church. God is doing a new thing. That would be you.

Please keep these people and needs in your prayers:

Lord Jesus Christ, you stand before us in all circumstances of life asking that we care for one another. We give you thanks for the men and women who have offered themselves to the care of your church as our next bishop: Kathleen Anderson, Wayne Bacus, Chris Berry, Karen Bloomquist, Ruben Duran, Eric Finsand, Julie Hutson, Rick Jaech, Marvin Jonasen, Ron Moe-Lobeda, David Parks, Jane Prestbye, Jeff Russell, Paul Sundberg, Kirby Unti, and Deanna Wildermuth. Be with them and with their congregations during this time of discernment. Bless each of them with your grace and commitment, and be with those who are preparing to be voting members of our assembly. Lead us all to be committed disciples for you. AMEN.

2013 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly And Bishop Election

This year's Northwest Washington Synod Assembly will take place the afternoon of Thursday, May 16, through Saturday, May 18, at the Lynnwood Convention Center, Lynnwood. Our theme is: *Always Being Made New. 25 Years Together In Christ.* If interested in attending, please contact John Cassidy or Pastor Mark.

You Are Invited

A Thank You Celebration For Bishop Chris Boerger

Trinity Lutheran Church, 6215 196th St SW, Lynnwood

Thursday, May 16, 2013

5 pm — Hors d'Oeuvres Buffet

6 pm — Thank You Program

7 pm — Worship

ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson Preaching;

Bishop Chris Boerger Presiding

Family & Youth

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May 2013



*Thank you for your generosity at this year's Easter breakfast!
We raised over \$650 for the family mission trip to the Lummi Indian
Reservation this summer!*

May High School Youth Events

Game Night

@ Church 5/9, 6-8pm

*Indoor & Outdoor games,
delicious treats, fun friends...
what more could you ask for?!*

Dinner & Devotions

@ Lauren's, 5/13, 6-8pm

*We'll make dinner together and talk
about who we are, how we know, and
who we're trying to be!*

Indian Fry Bread Fundraiser

Thanks for your donations on April 14th! Some
of you asked us to make it again, so we are!!!

Thanks for supporting the family mission trip.
Sunday, May 19th between services

Cupcakes for sale!

The elementary aged youth are serving cupcakes
on Sunday, May 5th, to raise money for orphans
with special needs in Guatemala!



Make a donation and teach the kids about
giving and serving!

Rally in the Valley



Wed, May 22

**High school youth from
churches in the valley are
gathering for an evening of
worship. Mike Rorback,
chaplain for the UW Men's
Basketball team, will be the
main speaker!**

Stay tuned for details!

Lummi Indian Reservation

July 21st-26th, Bellingham, WA

Family Mission Trip

Ages 10 & up are welcome!

(10-13 must come with a parent, 14 & up can come unaccompanied)

Last chance to sign up!!!



Spend a week this summer living, learning, and serving on the Lummi Indian Reservation near Bellingham! Projects will include home repair, day camps, and more. In the evenings we'll enjoy campfires on the beach and time with the Lummi people learning from their traditions & culture!

Total cost will be \$295/person, but fundraisers will be available to help lower that amount! For more info, visit

Lutherwood's program website:


<http://www.camplutherwood.org/programs/lummi/index.shtml>



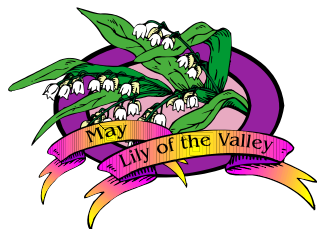
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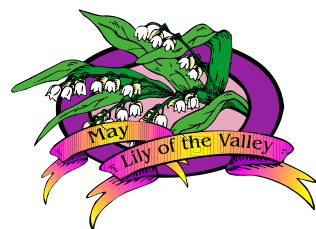
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5 Capecake Kids Fundraiser after each service Middle School Youth Group	6 	7	8 Sno-Valley Teen Closet 	9 HS Game Night 6-8pm	10	11
12  Mother's Day	13 HS Youth Dinner & Devotions 6-8pm 	14 Evangelism 6:30pm Council 7pm	15	16	17	18 CROP Walk Car wash 10-2 @ Les Schwab 
19 Indian Fry Bread Between Services! CROP Walk 12:30pm	20 	21 FAMILY TIME 3:30-4:30	22 Rally in the Valley Interfaith HS Youth Worship Service	23 	24	25 May Youth Weekend (HS) Camp Lutherwood, Bellingham May 24-26th Jfolden Service Learning Weekend
26	27 Memorial Day 	28	29	30	31	

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			1 6:30-7:30PM Cub Scout Den #4	2 4-5:30PM G.S. Tr.#42488 4:30-6:30PM Girls Choir 7PM AA	3 12:45-2:45PM G.S. Tr. #42506	4 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
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26 Holy Trinity-The First Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 Traditional Worship 9:30-10:30AM Coffee Hour (NO Sunday School) 10:45AM Praise Worship	27 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY (offices closed) 	28 9:30AM Quilters 1PM Staff Meeting	29	30 Noon ELCA Pastors' study 4:30-6:30PM Girls Choir 4-5:30PM G.S. Tr.#42488 7PM AA	31 12:45-2:45PM G.S. Tr. #42506	June 1 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course



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May 12	Lenard & Joy Benson	In Loving Memory of their son, Carl Benson and Mother's Day
May 19	Shardelman Family	In Loving Memory of husband and father, Merle
May 26	Ed & Jane Benson	In Honor of their wedding anniversary

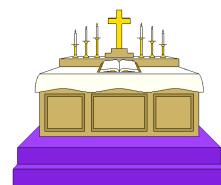


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Worship Assistants for May



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Usher				
8:15AM	Bert Sievertson Herman Schlaht	Mike Kober	Bert Sievertson Herman Schlaht	Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler
9:30AM	Sunday School & Coffee Hour Fellowship			
10:45AM	Ed & Jane Benson	Bob Bartlett Mark Imsland	Tom Chase Mike Hanson	Bob Bartlett Mark Imsland
Counters	John Cassidy Kay Boyle		Ed Benson Linda Luke	Bob Bartlett
Communion Assistants				
8:15AM	Courtney Adams	Dave Franson	Kay Boyle	Inge Burnside
10:45AM	Rosemary Hanson	Debbie Spurling	Rosemary Hanson	Joanne Chase
Lector				
8:15AM	Terry Adams	Suzie Franson	Betty Shardelman	Tom Burnside
10:45AM	Joan Guenther	Linda Velebir	Ed Benson	Suzy Cassidy




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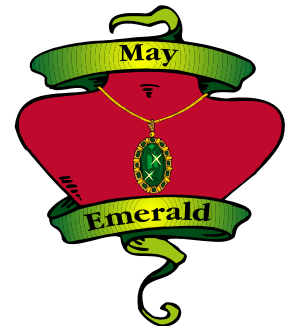
NAME	DATE
Tom Chase	1
David Wilkerson	1
Alex Adams	8
Dan Luke	14
Paul Ritzenthaler	20
Dick Nelson	24
Suzie Franson	26
Manoah Weber	26
Jim Garhart	30



Anniversaries!




Mike & Kim Buckmaster	May 1
Dan & Linda Luke	May 1
Gary & Freda Daubert	May 7
Paul & Etta Katocs	May 9
Charles & Pat Thomas	May 19
Ed & Jane Benson	May 26
Kelly & Beth Luna	May 28



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June 2013

Save the date for VBS!

August 4-8
6-8pm



Invite your friends & neighbors!

This year's theme is Kingdom Rock! Think kings, queens, lions, knights, banners, horses, goblets, whatever! Start putting aside possible decorations!

Calling all youth, families, and people who love youth and families!



June 9th, 12pm

All are welcome to come talk about what Youth and Family Ministry will look like this summer! Please come!

No commitment is required, but there will be opportunities to take leadership and volunteer!

Middle School



Midday Movie

Thursday, 6/13, 2-4:30pm

BROOMBALL!!!

Sat 6/15, 7:30-10pm

What is it?! Broomball is a cross between hockey and soccer, played on an ice skating rink while wearing tennis shoes. It's tons of fun for everybody!

All high school youth and fun-loving parents are invited to come play! We'll play at Castle Ice Arena and stop for a snack together on the way home.

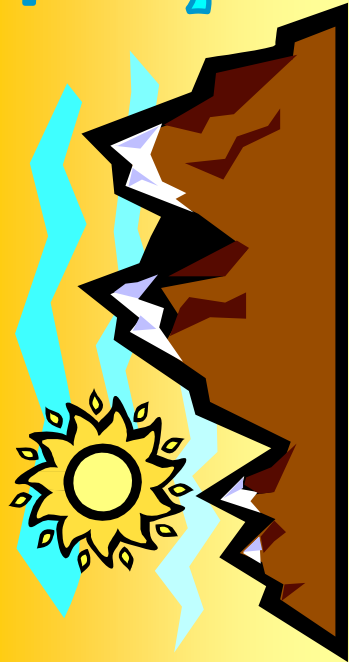


Stay connected to Family & Youth Ministry!



"Like" Mt. Si Lutheran Youth on Facebook to see pictures, invite your friends to events, and more





Check out the website, www.mtsilutheran.org, for calendars, pictures, permission slips, and VBS registration!

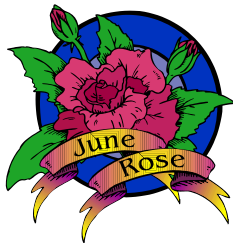


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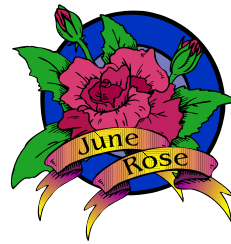
Mount Si Lutheran Church
Family and Youth Calendar of Events

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2 Baccalaureate @ SVU 	3	4	5	6	7  Mt. Si High School Graduation	8
9 Summer Family & Youth Idea Swap & Meeting 12pm	10	11  Last Day of School (SVSD)	12	13 Middle School Midday Movie! 2-4:30	14	15 Broomball @ Castle Ice Arena for HS Youth 7:30-10pm
16 Father's Day & Graduate Sunday	17 	18 Family Time 3:30-4:30pm	19 Youth Craft Table at Food Bank (11am-noon)	20 	21	22
23 Mission Trip Mtg. 10:00am	24 HS Youth Movie Night 	25	26	27	28	29
30 HS Youth to Seattle Compline Service 7-10pm	1	2	3	4 	<div> <p>For more information contact: Lauren Frerichs <i>Director of Family and Youth Ministry</i> lauren@mtsilutheran.org or 253-347-2182</p> </div>	

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9 Third Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 Traditional Worship Sunday School Staff Appreciation and Last Day Sunday School & Sundae Sunday 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Coffee Hour 10:45AM Praise Worship Noon Family & Youth Meeting	10 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	11 1PM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Evangelism Meeting 7PM Council Meeting	12	13 Noon ELCA Pastors' study 2-4:30PM MS Midday Movie 4:30-6:30PM Girls Choir 7PM AA	14 6-8:30PM Snoqualmie Valley Girl's Choir Concert at Mt. Si Lutheran Church	15 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 Traditional Worship Graduate Recognition Sunday (reception between services) 9:30-10:30AM 10:45AM Praise Worship 	17 12:30PM Women's Bible Study 2PM Senior Fellowship NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 	18 1PM Staff Meeting 3:30-4:40PM Family Time 7PM Parish Ed mtg.	19	20 Noon ELCA Pastors' study 7PM AA	21	22 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 2PM Memorial Service for Fred & Viola Marshall with reception to follow
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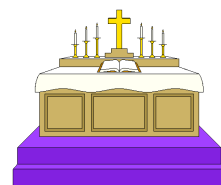


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June 2	Auxter Family	In Honor of Ian's 9th birthday
June 9	Vivian Waid	In Loving Memory of her husband, Jim Waid
June 16	Mt. Si Lutheran Church	In Honor of all 2013 Graduates
June 23	Kay Boyle	In Honor of their 49th wedding anniversary
June 30	Stone Family	In Honor of Megan's 20th birthday



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Sadie Griffith	7	Tiana Graciidis	22
Inge Burnside	9	Grady Guenther	24
Heather Griffith	9	Julie Imsland	25
Herman Schlaht	11	Susan Schuba	30
Elizabeth Prewitt	13	Megan Stone	30

Anniversaries!




Rick & Sue Van Gerpen	June 6
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Joe & Denise Stone	June 14
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Lenard & Joy Benson	June 19
Lawrence & Kay Boyle	June 20
Ronald & Joan Ritland	June 29



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~SERVING~

Mount Si Lutheran is a Christ centered community in service to others.

~REACHING OUT~

We are following Christ's Great Commission,
bringing others to Christ through our love,
our faith, our hope and our actions.

~GROWING IN GRACE~

As we grow in understanding of God's unconditional
acceptance and forgiveness, we encourage others to grow
in the biblical principles of faith, hope and love.

THE VISION OF MOUNT SI LUTHERAN IS:

To develop ministries that encourage individual and group
involvement in service, outreach and spiritual growth.

These ministries follow the Six Marks of Discipleship:

1.~Prayer

2.~Worship

3.~Reading the Bible

4.~Serving at and beyond Mount Si

5.~Spiritual Relationships

6.~Giving of our Time, Talents and Resources

We are a Christ Centered Community Located near Mount Si

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:15AM Traditional Service

9:15AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour

9:30-10:30AM Sunday School

9:45-10:30 Adult Christian Ed

10:45AM Praise Service

Fifth Sunday of the Month will be Healing Sunday



Pastor Mark Griffith

Lauren Frerichs—Director, Family & Youth Ministry

Sheila Rodriguez—Administrative Assistant

John Cassidy—Council President

Andy Velebir and Carol Reitz—Worship & Music

Brittney Hower—Piano

Joan Moe—Custodian

Paula Hower—Treasurer

Joan Guenther—Financial Secretary

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

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